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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT 2027

Equipped to thrive: Ongoing learning and development
for Christian leaders and churches.



**ACROSS AOTEAROA
NEW ZEALAND**
Locations vary by workshop



IDEAL FOR
Pastors, Elders, Ministry Leaders
and Emerging Leaders



DATES
To be advised

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The following is a summary of the Carey Centre for Lifelong Learning professional development options for 2027.

Leading Congregational Systems – Level 1 with Glenn Melville

Leading congregational systems utilises Bowen Family Systems Theory (BFST) as a way of understanding how congregations function as an emotional system. With this knowledge, pastors can learn how to be less reactive, make principle-based decisions, navigate conflict, and facilitate change.

The workshop will include teaching sessions on BFST, and time spent in cohorts of 3-4 who will meet with a facilitator. Each participant will have the opportunity to present their family genogram and two critical incidents from their ministry.

Through these workshops and on-going cohort experiences, participants will gain insights by learning with others who share their unique vocational challenges and joys.

Dates: April 7-9th

Location: Christchurch, Te Waiora House - Hororata

Cost: \$700 includes accommodation and meals

Leading Congregational Systems – Level 2 with Glenn Melville

This workshop will build on the foundations of Bowen Family Systems Theory (BFST) laid in the Level 1 workshop.

Like the Level 1 workshop, there will be teaching sessions on BFST, and time spent in cohorts of 3-4 who will do case study work with a facilitator. Each participant will also revisit their family genogram and explore new insights.

A pre-requisite for participation is having attended the Level 1 workshop, participated in a BFST intensive as part of Carey's pastoral leadership course, or providing evidence of experience with BFST in other contexts.

Dates: August 4-6th

Location: Auckland, St Francis Retreat Centre (Hillsborough)

Cost: \$700 includes accommodation and meals

Romans in a Day with Jonathan Robinson

A chance to engage the most challenging and influential of the New Testament letters with the help of one of our own home-grown New Testament Scholars.

Over the day you will gain an overview of the whole letter and the way the different parts connect. We will take deep dives into some specific passages and the background knowledge that helps us interpret them more accurately. We'll get insight into some of scholarly conundrums in this letter (but we won't get hung-up on them). And we'll discuss real-life application of some of the key themes and messages of this amazing letter that ultimately points us towards a life transformed by the saving power of Jesus at work in our lives by the Spirit! The aim of this day will be to inspire and encourage you in your own faith and give you tools and insights that you can use as you read Romans and the rest of the Holy Scriptures.

Dates and locations:

20th February – Invercargill

29th May – Tauranga

14th August – Christchurch

Note: These are in-person only events. Morning tea provided. BYO lunch.

Making Sense of the Old Testament with Paul Jones

The Old Testament can feel like a difficult collection of ancient stories, laws, and prophecies. Yet it makes up 78% of our Bibles(!) and is vital for understanding God's purposes throughout history — and for us today. This workshop will give you tools to read the Old Testament with greater confidence, enabling you to grasp the big-picture and apply helpful interpretive principles to difficult passages. Together we'll discover how the Old Testament still speaks with clarity and relevance as Christian Scripture for the church in Aotearoa. Whether you're new to the Bible or have been reading it for years, this course will help you make sense of the Old Testament.

Dates and locations:

3rd April – Otago/Southland

7th August – Auckland

Note: These are in-person only events. Morning tea provided. BYO lunch.

Introduction to Biblical Preaching with John Tucker

Are you interested in preaching, but never had any formal training? Are you a seasoned preacher, and you're wanting to develop emerging preachers in your church? Or do you simply want to sharpen up your own preaching skills? If your answer is yes, then this practical, and interactive training workshop is for you. It will provide a basic introduction to the principles and practices of preaching sermons that are both faithful to Scripture and engaging for listeners.

Dates and locations:

13th March – Kamo (Northland)

10th April – Nelson

Note: These are in-person only events. Morning tea provided. BYO lunch.

Becoming more Intercultural with Tim Palmer

Join a range of contributors in this interactive workshop, exploring what it means to become more intercultural. This conversation is designed for leaders from multi-cultural churches and will also be helpful for ethnic migrant churches and mono-cultural settings. We will explore the concept of intercultural church from these different starting places and consider practical ways to nurture this vital conversation in your own setting.

Contributors include:

Josie Te Kahu (TBC) - Kaiarahi-a-Rohe mō Te Tai Tokerau, Northland Area Leader, and Kaikohe Baptist Church. Josie reflects on foundational aspects of our bicultural journey that define the intercultural church conversation in Aotearoa, New Zealand.

Santhosh George - Ormiston Baptist Church, which was planted 13 years ago with a clear purpose to be multicultural at every level of ministry and leadership. Santhosh continues to reflect on the lessons learned through this journey, and what an intercultural future may look like.

Lydia Chen - Agape ministries, and Northshore Chinese Baptist Church. Lydia has a leading role with a next generation church plant from an Asian cultural perspective. Agape ministries also works with immigrant churches to explore what it means to become more multicultural and intercultural.

Date: 13th April 2027.

Location: Carey Baptist College, Greenlane, Auckland.

Finishing Well: Preparing for Life Beyond Pastoral Ministry

As pastors draw closer to retirement, several questions emerge:

- "Who am I when I'm no longer a Pastor?"
- "What will I do when I'm no longer a pastor?"
- "Will I have enough money to retire?"
- "How do I transition well?"
- "What happens to my ministry, relationships and sense of purpose?"

This 1-day workshop seeks to address these questions and help pastors (and their spouses) develop a retirement/transition plan.

Date: July 21st

Location: Carey Baptist College, Greenlane, Auckland

(note: this workshop will be offered in Christchurch in 2028)