

It's on again: Waikanae 2014

The theme this time:

STIRRED, NOT SHAKEN

Standing within the turmoil of our times

“... stir up the gift of God, which is in you by the laying on of my hands” (2 Tim 1:6) | “... be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled ...”(2 Thes 2:2)

The apostle Paul, knowing the importance and long-term value of such work, expended huge amounts of energy in “strengthening the disciples and encouraging them” (Acts 14:22; 20:1), comforting and urging (1 Thes 2:12), strengthening their faith (Acts 15:32). Four of the key areas he continually hammered in his letters were:

Accord, Diversity, Hope and Fellowship

These are the topics we're planning to raise at Stirred, Not Shaken.

We're all time-poor, so there's no assigned pre-reading. If, however, you'd like to enhance your contribution to the event, check out the suggestions below.

The annual Waikanae weekend has become a valued and rather unique spiritual gift of GCINZ, affording a chance for a very large slice of the church to come together, in one accord, from diverse backgrounds, to rekindle their hope together in tangible fellowship. It's a buzz in every sense. Everybody knows everybody else ... or very quickly will! Fun, food and fellowship – in the Presence of the Author of accord, diversity, hope and fellowship.

Come prepared to participate: to stir up and to be stirred up.

See you there!

Suggested Personal Preparation:

- Familiarise yourself with New Testament references to “accord” (KJV) – try to derive a meaning from context
- What does it mean: to be the ‘household of God’? What can you draw out of Ephesians 2 about this?
- 1 Cor 13:13 – Why is love (AGAPE) cited as the ‘greatest of these’?
- Rom 8:15; Gal 4:6 – How does the “Abba” cry play out in your own walk with God?
- Familiarise with New Testament references to “fellowship”. Viewing them together, what are some characteristics of fellowship that take it beyond friendship?

These are not specific discussion topics at the weekend (yet). But they will certainly prompt and inform your contributions to the discussions we have planned.