

## Registration Form

Costs: \$110 per person. It includes workshop costs, light refreshments. Children free.

For accommodation information see back section.

Use a separate form for each person; copies of this form are acceptable.

Make cheques payable to Aspiring Faith Community and post with your registration.

Name: .....

Address: .....

Phone: .....

Email: .....

Send your registration and cheque to:

Aspiring Faith Community Registrar  
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18 Rata Street  
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by 30 November 2009

Day registrations available at  
\$25 per day



## Aspiring Faith Community

The Aspiring Faith Community was set up in 2001 by the Upper Clutha Presbyterian parish to facilitate education and community outreach.

Its purpose is to offer lifelong learning experiences leading to personal, social and spiritual transformation. Through the January Summer School and other shorter seminars, participants will deepen their understanding of the Christian faith in relation to contemporary Aotearoa New Zealand.

For further information contact:



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Phone: 03 443 1044  
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## Accommodation

Participants will need to arrange their own accommodation and meals.

The Mt Aspiring College hostel has several 3 bedroom self-contained units available on a first come basis. All rooms are twin at \$70 per night; \$35 per person per night when sharing. Contact the Registrar for details.

Lake Wanaka Visitor Information Centre arranges tourist accommodation for motels, hotels, lodges, B & B and Homestays, Backpackers and Holiday Parks.

They can be contacted as follows:  
Phone: 03 443 1233,  
Email: [info@lakewanaka.co.nz](mailto:info@lakewanaka.co.nz)

To rent a house contact any Real Estate firm in Wanaka.  
The Visitor Information Centre has contact details.

Lake Wanaka  
NEW ZEALAND

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# Summer School WANAKA



## A New Exodus? From Militarism and Consumerism to Building Just and Peaceful Communities

17-22 January  
2010



Upper Clutha Presbyterian Parish

# A New Exodus?

## From Militarism and Consumerism to Building Just and Peaceful Communities

An opportunity to combine a summer holiday in Wanaka, one of the most beautiful areas in New Zealand, with a forum to learn, share and discuss.

### The Summer School

Begins Sunday evening 17 January 2010; ends 12.30pm Friday 22 January. Seminars and workshops each morning from 9am to lunch time with afternoons free to enjoy Wanaka and its surrounds. Two evening sessions are open to the community at large.

Aspiring Faith Community invites all interested people: church members and leaders, members of the public and families to explore and reflect on the Christian faith in relation to some current issues in society.

### Programme

The current economic crisis has thrown governments into turmoil. What are its causes and its effects? Despite calls for change, our priorities don't seem to be shifting. We continue to be tempted to think that consuming will make us happy. What can theology say in today's material world? Where are the imaginative solutions? Do we need a new exodus toward a new economic model?

In particular, how do we deepen community and build mutually across boundaries of difference? Who is our neighbour in this complex twenty first-century world? How do we understand identity, belonging and community in making sense of where we are and creating positive, peaceful connections with those around us? Why is 'the church' not more involved in these issues?

Our fifth summer school will look at such questions, with a focus on finding a way towards greater understanding and forming constructive responses.

### Topics

**Professor Andrew Bradstock's sessions will explore the current economic crisis and some of the lessons we might learn from it.**

What are the roots of the crisis we find ourselves in? What consequences has it had? What opportunity does it provide for fresh thinking about economic issues? How can theology contribute to debates about the kind of economy – and society – we want the other side of recession? Does the crisis

have a 'spiritual' as well as 'economic' dimension? Is this the moment for an 'exodus' from an economy not serving the interests of all to one with a stronger community focus?

Andrew Bradstock holds the Howard Paterson Chair in Theology and Public Issues and is Director of the Centre for Theology and Public Issues at the University of Otago. He has degrees in Theology and Politics from UK universities and from 1990-91 was a Postdoctoral Fellow in Church History at the University of Otago. He then returned to England and taught Theology in several institutions before becoming Secretary for Church and Society with the United Reformed Church from 2000 to 2005. From 2006-8 he co-directed the Centre for Faith and Society at the Von Hügel Institute, St Edmund's College, Cambridge. He has extensive experience of working with UK politicians to develop links between Parliament and the churches and other faith communities. As well as developing and teaching papers on public theology Andrew is creating the Centre for Theology and Public Issues at Otago which will seek to raise the profile of public theology in New Zealand and make a significant contribution to public discourse and policy.

**Professor Kevin Clements' sessions will look at how we can bring love and compassion into the political arena.**

Who do we include and exclude from our communities and for what reasons? What is the meaning of compassion and how do we build it into political decision making? What would a living, loving, reconciling community look like in terms of joining peace, justice, compassion and truth? Can 'love' work as a political principle in this neoliberal age? How do we enter into the mystery of suffering while still retaining a capacity for effectiveness?

Kevin Clements is the Foundation Chair of Peace and Conflict Studies and Director of the New Zealand Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies at the University of Otago. He is also Secretary General of the International Peace Research Association, and prior to taking up these positions was Professor of Peace and Conflict Studies and Foundation Director of the Australian Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies at the University of Queensland. He has held posts in the USA, Hong Kong and the UK and is a former Director of the Quaker United Nations Office in Geneva and Head

of the Peace Research Centre at the Australian National University in Canberra. He has advised the New Zealand, Australian, British, Swedish and Dutch governments on conflict prevention, peace, defence and security issues and is currently advising the German Government and the OECD on States and Violence. He was a member of the New Zealand Government's Defence Committee of Enquiry in 1985. He has written or edited seven books on conflict transformation, peace-building, preventive diplomacy and development with a specific focus on the Asia Pacific region.

### Theological Reflections

Peter Stuart from Wellington will offer some biblical reflections on human nature and the powers which prevent us from becoming who we really are. He will also consider the relationships between principalities and powers, and wisdom and simplicity.

Peter is a retired Anglican priest whose main ministries have been as university chaplain, parish priest and Diocesan Canon theologian. He is still heavily involved in theological education.

Dr John Peet will talk about the Think Tank paper *Strong Sustainability for New Zealand: Principles and Scenarios*, that has been published by Sustainable Aotearoa New Zealand Incorporated (SANZ).

John is a member of SANZ and worked with the group in preparing the paper. He lives in Christchurch and was one of our speakers at the 2008 Summer School.

Robert Montgomery will give a talk on The power of Environmental symbols - drawing on images in the Old Testament and Maori mythology.

Monty lives in Dunedin and presented a workshop at the last Summer School.

### Workshops

Along with further discussion with speakers, there will be a chance to dabble with paint, or try your hand at photography.

### Children's Programme

There will be no formal children's programme but if you have children who require care please contact the registrar.