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CHAIRS BLURB

Kia ora PCSN whanau. As always, it is my privilege to pause to connect, and to share some thoughts to encourage, and inspire faith in our work environment. Many other organisations are jealous of what we have. I am often reminded of the wisdom of those who have gone before us and laid the foundation for the PCSN network which we now gain the benefits of. It's important that we value, respect and look after this space.

So what does faith at work, or for that matter, faith in Police look like? I guess a simple answer is that it should look the same as at home, in your family, at church, or wherever. Because Jesus lives inside each of us, it would most simply be described as Jesus turning up at work. How does that sit with you? A friend once said that there are two main versions of Christianity; the lukewarm flat lemonade version which is insipid and leaves no mark, and the champagne version that inspires, impacts and changes the atmosphere of the places that it walks. I figure that if we read our Bibles we become familiar with the champagne version of Christianity that Jesus exemplified. It's difficult to read your Bible and stay lukewarm.

I like 2 Timothy 3 v 5 which warns us about a version of Christianity that has a form of godliness but denies its power. Christianity is supposed to make a difference – and the fruit of this is described as love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. No one makes laws against such positive impacts (see Galatians 5 v 22-23).

Often we know how we should be living for God, but life has become so overwhelming, all-consuming and busy – that we just end up trying to get by and survive. We end up living in our own strength because time with God is like a dream that is always just beyond our fingertips.

In 2 Chronicles 14-16 we read of King Asa who did what was good and right in the eyes of the Lord. Yet when an enemy nation came against him, he panicked and purchased a military alliance with another king. Upon hearing the news of Asa's coalition, his enemy retreated. Asa had figured out the solution and won the battle. His plan had worked – or so it seemed.

Then God sent the Prophet Hanani to rebuke King Asa. Why? “Because you have relied on the King of Syria and have not relied on the Lord your God” (2 Chronicles 16 v 7). As a result, God judged King Asa saying that he would continually have wars from that time onwards. The question is, are we making the same mistakes as King Asa – are we trying to find the solutions to all of our problems and busyness by looking to ourselves, working things out in our own strength, or are we relying on God and seeking Him for the strategies and solutions to the issues that we face? How many battles do we continue to fight simply because in our busyness, we have never paused to seek God for the solutions. Sorting things out in our own strength never works and always brings consequences.

And yet jump forward a couple of chapters to 2 Chronicles 20 and you’ll find King Jehoshaphat, who likewise faced a vast army coming against him. But rather than drowning in fear and responding with his own wisdom and strength, he called the people together to seek God and pray for direction. And God promised He would fight the battle for them and gave them a strategy. They trusted God and brought about a complete victory, which brought great blessing.

The point is that God has the strategy for whatever problem you are facing – examples are littered throughout scripture. His strategies often don’t make sense to us, such as the battle for Jericho, Gideon’s 300 etc, etc, but God is always enough. He is just looking to see if we trust Him, or are we running ahead to solve things in our own strength?

There is a dark and troubled world all around us – we work in it every day. We can run after politicians, propaganda, personal image consultants, social media influencers, psychiatrists, or our own prowess, but none of them have the solutions. To be honest all of these problems are too big – too big for us, too big for Police, too big for society and too big for the Government. But not too big for God! Without God we have no hope. But with God, we are able. In fact, the crazy truth is that you are the solution – Jesus inside of you, working through you, flowing out of you, is the solution to all of the world’s ills – to all of the issues going on in your work environment, and beyond.

“For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline”
2 Timothy 1:7

This is why life is so challenging, because the enemy has an assignment against you. He knows Christ in you is the solution, so he has made you the problem. He knows he needs to occupy you and shut you down. He needs to keep you busy, distracted, deflated, discouraged and sidelined, so that you don’t walk in your God called destiny. We end up being taken out like King Asa. King Asa partnered with fear and lost everything. Jesus did not give us a spirit of fear – but of power, love and sound mind (2 Timothy 1 v 7). King Jehoshaphat partnered with God and was victorious.

It is important to understand who we are: we are sons and daughters of the Most



High God, we are royalty, priests, chosen, God's special possession – to declare His praise and release His light into the darkness around us (1 Peter 2 v 9). Jesus warned us of the coming challenges and hard times, but He also gave us the keys to overcome through trusting in Him, who defeated the enemy for us – He overcame so that we could overcome (John 16 v 33). We are called to overcome the darkness of this world through walking with Jesus and carrying His light. We get to demonstrate the better way for the world to follow and to point people at the answers through living victoriously in the midst of challenges. I want you to understand – you are the message – Christ in you is the solution. And only He has the strategies to bring healing, hope and restoration to the world we walk in.

This isn't optional (like a light you turn on and off) – this is who you are. Jesus is the light of the world and He lives inside you,

and you are His vessel that He shines through – and which He wants to shine out from. That means we make visible, tangible, measurable differences, impacts and influence in the environments that we are in. In 2 Corinthians 3 v 2-3 we are told that we are the ongoing letter of Christ being written in front of an unbelieving world. You are the living message of God. When people watch your life, what is the message that they read? Does it point to Jesus?

“... in the world you shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.”

John 16:33

Whether you choose to accept this or not, people are reading your life – where is it pointing them?

Every interaction you have with others is a message to them – is it a message of impatience, frustration, anger, fear or self-absorption? Is it a message that only touches on the news, weather or sport, or does the message of your life point people at the hope and love of Jesus? God is pursuing every human being on earth, and He is looking to use you and me as His arms, feet and voice. Give Jesus permission to interrupt you and use you. This is not someone else's job. God has gifted and called each one of us. Make yourself available to Jesus for Him to use you daily, because life is ministry and you carry a message of hope to a hurting and dying world.

Jesus was also affected by busyness and distractions. He had days when he was worn out, tired and run down by all the demands on Him. How did He manage



this? He got up early while it was still dark and went out to a quiet place to spend time with His Father (Mark 1 v 35). That was His place of refuelling. When offered a different refuelling strategy by His disciples, Jesus said, “I have food you know nothing of” (John 4 v 32). He was feasting on time with His Father and being about His Father’s business. That was His strength. God is love and we can’t love this world effectively unless we plug into the source.

lean into Jesus and let Him show you the strategy. When you sit with Jesus and fill up on His presence, He equips you to carry His message effectively to the world. So go and build on the foundation of time in His presence.

Go and be the message.

“And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and he prayed.”

Mark 1:35

You are God’s message to the people around you, and how you live, act and respond to the same challenges that others face, communicates either that there is a better way in the God you profess, or you are just the same as them. Fill up each day with Jesus, so that there is an outflow of His message from your life. Don’t be like King Asa and spend your strength trying to do everything –

***Blessings,
Jon McKenzie - PCSN Chair***

A Testimony: The Abyss, The Shepherd, The Way

I am living proof that no one is beyond the reach of God's grace. My name is Jamie Woods. I'm a Detective Inspector with 22 years in Police, 19 years in CIB, and I am currently a Field Crime Manager for Wellington District. I've investigated homicides, transnational organised crime, and some of the darkest evils in our communities. But for most of my life, the greatest battle was the one inside me.

I grew up in state houses in the bad part of town. My family broke apart when I was young. Generational addiction ran through my family. I became a heavy drinker very early in life. As an adult, I was a functioning alcoholic — drinking every weekend, often mid-week, sometimes taking days off work. I thought I was successful, but actually I was a terrible husband, father and friend. I was impatient, harsh, and absent with my two boys. I got annoyed at their smallest needs. I didn't listen when they wanted to share their day. Family decisions revolved around alcohol.

My wife — who had prayed for me for years — endured a marriage hanging by a thread. Financially, we were destroyed. Property developments failed in the market crash. Banks called in loans. A massive statutory debt grew.



Bankruptcy was imminent — which would have ended my career and life. My work was crumbling under criticism for the first time and I was being reduced in rank. I had failed as a man, and I knew it. I reached the end of myself.

One Saturday, with everything collapsing, facing the abyss, I climbed into our filthy above-ground pool — green water, dead bugs, live bugs, slime and debris. Floating there, I confronted the truth: I was arrogant, conceited, a failure as a father and husband. Then a strong, authoritative voice spoke clearly in my head: **“Go to your room, get on your knees and pray to Jesus!”**

I was so broken that I ran inside, still covered in filth, fell to my knees and prayed with everything I had. Through sobs and deep spiritual pain, I confessed everything. I surrendered my life unconditionally to Jesus Christ. I asked Him to save me and my family. I promised to change and stop drinking. In that moment of total brokenness, I gave myself to Him.

What happened next still amazes me. Within **seven days**, miracles unfolded:

- A bank approved a refinance when everyone had declined – even loan sharks.
- A near six-figure statutory debt was completely written off after the Holy Spirit gave me the exact words during a phone call.
- My job and rank were restored.
- Our family came back together with new hope.

Exactly one week later, I floated in the same pool – now crystal clear and warm – smiling with a peace that only God can give.

The big miracle was still coming. I had tried countless times to quit drinking in my own strength. I had heard Jesus gently say, “Trust in Me, I will walk with you.” Finally, I stopped relying on myself. I prayed with total desperation and surrendered the addiction completely. When I said “Amen,” the desire, the craving, the bondage – it was all gone. From that moment, I have never drunk again. Complete freedom in Christ (John 8:36).

I am a new creation. The old Jamie – selfish, arrogant, and broken – no longer exists (2 Corinthians 5:17). The Holy Spirit has changed me from the inside out. I now have patience, presence, capacity and love for my family that I never had before. My wife and boys see a completely different husband and father. We go to church together. I pray multiple times a day.

My career has been restored and promoted under God’s hand.

I have been elevated in numerous ways which I do not deserve. I’ve learned to listen to the Holy Spirit. He has guided me in remarkable ways – including a high-risk police operation that rescued an entire family from horrific gang violence. It was an event my wife had prophesied. I’ve prayed for healing in my office, ministered to strangers on the street, and watched families reconcile across generations. I’ve seen salvations and freedom released in people’s lives.

One transformed life really can change a family – and generations to come. My son Sam wrote in a school project: “He’s the best dad ever... God made him completely stop drinking... He is sharing the word of God.” **That is the power of Jesus Christ.**

I still walk through valleys, but now I walk with the Shepherd. The peace in my heart is not based on circumstances – it is permanent because it comes from Him. If you are battling

addiction, facing financial ruin, struggling in your marriage, or feeling like you’ve reached the end of yourself – I want you to know there is hope. Jesus is still saving, delivering, restoring, and calling people today.

I pray my story encourages you to surrender fully to Him. The enemy wants to destroy your family through addiction and shame, but Christ has come to give you life – and life more abundantly (John 10:10).

All the glory belongs to my Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Jamie Woods

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TO SUPPORT

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PCSN Poster Competition

Create. Inspire. Support.

We are seeking a fresh vision for our PCSN posters to go up at RNZPC and in Police Stations around New Zealand.

Can you help to design a new poster?



About PCSN

We still have people who have been in the Police for many years who have **never heard about the PCSN**.

Historically there have been PCSN posters put up in some areas, but they have become **outdated and need to be refreshed**.



What We Need

We are seeking a fresh vision for our PCSN posters to go up at RNZPC and in Police Stations around New Zealand.

Your design should:

- ✓ **Grab attention**
- ✓ **Have our emblem**
- ✓ **Have our website <https://www.pcsn.org.nz>**
- ✓ **Include the concept 'to support & empower' staff in their faith**



Our Purpose

To support and empower staff in their faith.

PCSN exists to encourage, strengthen and walk alongside our Police family in faith — wherever they are on their journey.

“ Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. ”

- MATTHEW 5:16



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How to Enter

Email Entries to

jmc923@police.govt.nz



Entries Close

20th September 2026



Guidelines

- Open to all Police and families
- Multiple entries allowed
- High resolution digital file (PDF, PNG, JPG).
- By entering, you give permission for your design to be used by PCSN.



Learn more about PCSN:

<https://www.pcsn.org.nz/>



**Together in Faith
Stronger in Service**



“Encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.”

— 1 Thessalonians 5:11

N.C.G BLURBS

The National Co-ordinating Group (NCG) is like the Eldership of the PCSN, and is currently made up of seven serving staff who oversee the spiritual direction and mechanics of the PCSN. These are the people who commit to ensuring that the vision of the PCSN is continued so that the following generation of staff can enjoy the benefits of what we have experienced thanks to those who carried and looked after the original vision of creating a safe place for faith to be fostered in our work environment. So here's a bit of a blurb about what God is doing in the lives of some of the wider crew so that you can get to know the hearts of those who serve you in this space, but firstly we are stoked to start by introducing and welcoming our newest NCG member Lane Demchy.

Lane Demchy (Taumarunui):

Jesus said that we are to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. As I pondered what I would contribute to this edition of the PCSN newsletter, I couldn't shake that. There's every likelihood that this perspective has been shared before – but it's what I've been given. So I share it now. What does 'being salt and light' actually look like in a Police workplace. A question I keep coming back to is this: If we weren't there, would anyone notice the difference?

When you're cooking a meal, salt might only be a tiny part of the ingredients, but if you leave it out, you notice pretty quickly. The flavour just falls a bit flat. Salt enhances things. I think Christians are supposed to be a bit like that in the environments we work in. Is our workplace better because we're in it? Around the smoko room table, in the patrol car, in the office, in the way we talk about people, in the way we handle pressure - what are we contributing? Are we adding encouragement, perspective and calmness? Or are we just joining in with the negativity and glass-half-empty conversations that can easily creep into Police culture? It's easy to become cynical over time – we work in what can be a very negative environment. That's why the presence of Go(o)d people matters. People who bring God given peace, hope and encouragement into a room without making a big scene about it.

The thing about salt though is that you only need the right amount. Too much salt can wreck a meal just as quickly as none at all. Life's a bit like that too. Some situations call for courage and boldness. Challenging behaviours. Praying with someone. Speaking openly about faith. Other situations only need a small amount. Quiet encouragement. Listening properly to someone. Being patient. Staying calm when others aren't. Sometimes people notice Christ more through consistency than through words.

But none of that happens if we stay silent all the time. I think one of the challenges for Christians in Police is courage. The courage to pray with someone when you feel prompted to. The courage to offer hope when everyone else is speaking negatively. To stand apart from gossip and cynicism. The courage to let people know, respectfully and naturally, that your faith in Jesus is actually real and shapes the way you live. Jesus also said we are the light of the world. Even a small light in a dark place helps people see where they're going. It helps people avoid obstacles, and gives direction. People should notice something different about us because, the way we carry ourselves affects the atmosphere around us.

I also just want to say thank you to those of you who have shared stories recently, of exercising your Christian faith in the workplace, as you live out being the hands and feet of Jesus. Stories of loving the unlovely. Taking a risk by praying with somebody in the cells or in the interview room. Showing grace where maybe it wasn't expected. I'm genuinely encouraged from hearing those stories, and they challenge me to do the same. And the more I do it, the easier and more natural it becomes.

One highlight for me recently, in seeing God's faithfulness when we take those small risks, was inviting a senior gang member along to a Bible study with me. I actually dressed it up more as "come meet some good dudes" than "come to Bible study," but he agreed to come along. He's now part of the "Bruthas in the Truth, Jesus our Lord and Saviour" men's group. What a privilege it is to walk alongside somebody on that journey. To see people who once were lost beginning to be found. To be able to shine a bit of light onto the path as somebody walks towards the cross. That's the thing about salt and light. It doesn't always look dramatic. Often it's just ordinary Christians quietly influencing the environment around them over time.

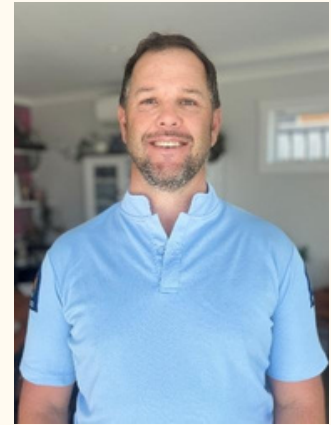
But sometimes it does require stepping out courageously and taking a risk. Because if we never take those opportunities, we can very easily become Christians whose faith is completely invisible in the places God has actually put us. Maybe that's the challenge for all of us. When we turn up to work, are we making the place better? Would people notice if the salt was missing? Would the room be darker if we weren't there?



Ryan Palmer (Hastings):

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1v 9

Police work takes courage everyday. Not just *physical* courage in dangerous situations, but *emotional* courage in difficult conversations, *moral* courage when standing for what is right, and *spiritual* courage when the job becomes heavy.



There are times in Police work where fear, pressure, frustration, and fatigue can creep in. We show up on people's worst days. We carry responsibility, make difficult decisions, and often step into chaos and crisis while others are running away from it. In those times, being courageous can feel like something we have to do by ourselves.

What stands out to me in Joshua 1 v 9 is that God doesn't just tell Joshua to "be courageous" and leave him to figure it out alone. The reason Joshua can be courageous is because God promises to be with him wherever he goes. - *"...for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."* Joshua was stepping into uncertainty and leadership that felt overwhelming. God didn't promise him an easy path — He promised His presence with him.

The same applies for us everyday! God is present in the patrol car at 3.00am, at difficult family harm jobs, during tense negotiations, in times requiring patience and restraint, and even afterwards, when the weight of the job follows us home. Being courageous as a Christian in Police doesn't mean never feeling fear, pressure, stress, uncertainty, or worn down. It means continuing to act with integrity, compassion, and faith even in those moments.

Sometimes courage looks like standing up for what's right, showing kindness when it would be easier not to, supporting your team, staying professional under pressure, or simply continuing faithfully when you're tired. It can be a lot! But remember, we don't do it alone. God goes with us into every shift, every callout, and every challenge. As Christians in Police, we are called to be both strong and courageous enough to face darkness, yet humble enough to carry the light of Jesus into it.

Mel Moemua (Wellington):

As we head into half of the year already, there's a book in the Bible that I've studied some of the scriptures on which is taken from 2 Corinthians 5:11-21. This was a letter written by Paul the Apostle and Timothy to appeal to the church of Corinthians about the importance of being God's ambassadors and finding freedom in Christ. It outlines the importance of realising that you are made a new creation in Him. You do not live in your old ways, so stop trying to live out of your old ways. Instead, surrender to God and allow Him to transform your heart day by day, allowing the Spirit of God to dwell in you and reside in you. John 15 v 4 says "remain in me and I will remain in you".

In a way, it reminded me about us being God's ambassadors in the workplace. You see, now that we are created anew in Christ, with this comes obligation to be a representative of Christ wherever we go, including our workplace. What does this look like? Well, it's to show the fruits of the Spirit as mentioned in Galatians 5 v 22-23 "But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!"



It's also to ask God daily to renew and position your heart to allow God to change you so that others can see CHRIST in you.

Reflective questions:

- Who has God placed in your life in this season who needs to know Jesus?
- Are you living as an ambassador of Christ?

Mark Sanders (Tauranga):

A couple of weeks ago I went out to an area where some local homeless were set up. I hadn't been there for a while and most of them had set up in an unusual place being outside the old Mount Police Station with blankets on top of the concrete as their bed. I spoke to the first guy in his late 30's who's been on the street for years. He had gone from a business owner to the street, where its suspected getting hooked on drugs was the reason for his demise.

I then went to the fella next to him who is well known to staff, so I wasn't sure if he would appreciate my visit. To my surprise he was good to talk with. During the conversation he said one of the local church's had been helping him. This might well explain the reason for friendly conversation along with him not being arrested for a while. I'm praying that God can work through the Church he's attending to help him turn his life around.

Next I went to another fella who I hadn't met before. He's a 70 year old sleeping on a park bench. We were talking away then next thing he said, "I'm a Christian", and then he went on to tell me a bit of his background. For a person who is sleeping on a wooden bench I've never met someone so positive about his current situation. He's not attending a church but does watch clips online he tells us. I said to him, "Maybe God's sent me here today to see if I can help you."

I left the area, but within a few hours a disorder job involving homeless persons in that area was called in. I returned to the location, and spoke to the informant who pointed out the two involved. One was the 70 year I had spoken to earlier. He was very upset and leaving the area.

I went and spoke to the instigator who I recognised as another homeless person from Tauranga. While asking him what had been going on I noticed a chain around his neck with a cross on it. While he was talking to us he said that he was 'a Christian' although his actions didn't seem to add up with what he was saying.

What I found interesting on reflection was that at no stage did I say anything about Christianity or church prior to talking to any of these men. You wonder if some folk see a bright light shining from you at times! Psalm 119 v 105 says “Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light for my path.”

As a foot note, a few hours later I saw God intervene and bring justice for the instigator. Proverbs 21 v 15 says, “Justice is a joy to the godly, but it causes dismay among evildoers.”



Fa'apaia (Putts) Autagavaia (Auckland):

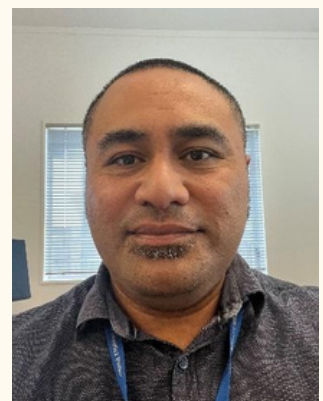
Consult God in everything: Have you made decisions or agreed to something without consulting God or seeking His counsel? Have you said ‘yes’ to help someone and then wished you’d said ‘no’ because you had a hundred other things to do? Do you consult God about every decision you make? Sometimes I do and sometimes I don’t. And when I don’t, I know about it because it doesn’t work out well.

In Joshua Chapter 9, the inhabitants of Gibeon heard of what Joshua had done to Jericho and Ai, that they had resorted to deception to save themselves (v3). They didn’t want to be defeated like the others Israel had defeated, so they pretended to be ambassadors from a very far away country, when they were only a day’s walk away (basically neighbours). When asked by Joshua, they told him that they had heard of the name of God and His fame and all that He did in Egypt. They said they had come from far away and had brought fresh provisions, but were now mouldy (v5), wineskins that were now old because of their long journey, and the deception continued...

They sought a covenant with Joshua and the Elders, **but they did not ask counsel of the LORD (v14)!** Believing their story, Joshua made a covenant of peace with them (v15). Three days later the deception was discovered, and the Israelites could not defeat the Gibeon people because of the covenant Joshua made and they live with the results of that to this day.

Joshua 9 serves as a good reminder for us to always seek counsel of the LORD before making decisions or coming into any agreements. You may be deciding where to go to next in your police career, maybe heading over to Australia, taking promotion, whatever the case may be, I encourage you to seek counsel of the LORD! Consult Him at every step of the way. David said, “**Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path**” (Ps 119 v 105).

May the LORD hear your prayer as you seek His counsel!



Bruce Ward (Christchurch):

Recently I was listening to a podcast that talked about there being five Gospels. Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. What could the fifth be? As I listened the speaker explained that we as Christians are the fifth Gospel.

In mulling this over the thought occurred to me that this was very true. After 27 years in the Police and proclaiming myself as a follower of Christ, one very important lesson I have learnt is that I am a minority within the workplace. My colleagues are watching to see if what I say and do matches my beliefs as a Christian.

It is easy enough to walk in your faith when life is smooth, but a lot harder when you are under stress or dealing with difficult offenders or those we work closely with. What we say and how we talk about others will be observed more closely than non-Christians.

During my time as a Police Officer, I have had to go to a colleague and apologise for something I said or that was not true. This has not been easy, but the Holy Spirit has spoken to me quietly, impressing on me what I needed to do, and I have done so. On occasions this action has opened the door to witness to the offender or work colleague.

We are called to be a light in a dark world and to walk in God's light. Isaiah 2 v 5 says, "Come oh house of Jacob let us walk in the light of the Lord." I know there have been times when I have not done so and more than a few times a non-Christian work mate has reminded me of the fact.

For so many people we may be the only contact they have with the Gospels. Do not underestimate your ability to share the good news with those you meet even in the smallest way. There have been parents in my office talking about their child offender and as they are leaving, they have asked if I was a Christian, without me even going near the topic. Obviously they can see it on my life. Learn to listen to the Holy Spirit and He will guide you.

A Bible verse I enjoy is Roman's 12 v 9-10 which says, "Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil and cling to what is good." Is it easy? No and I will not always get it right. The importance of our Christian faith is persevering to the end and never giving up.

God bless Bruce



Conference News

12-14th March 2027



We are excited to confirm that the **PCSN Conference is all go for 12-14th March 2027 in Napier**. The team have been working away in the background for some time with planning and preparation and so we are genuinely excited with the awesome line up of speakers, theme, fellowship and fine food in a fantastic location.

An amazing team has been working hard through all of the organisation and planning to ensure that registration and travel costs are kept to the absolute lowest level. We have some innovative plans coming together in this regard which we hope will bless and empower as many to come as possible to attend – this will be announced in the near future. Keep your eye out on the monthly updates.

In the meantime we would love to have you start planning to join us and encourage you to look at booking leave and making travel plans, so that you are best placed to attend. It is always disappointing to have people say in the last few weeks leading up to conference that they wanted to come but couldn't get leave – plan now – we've all been told to put in leave plans so give the bosses what they want 😊

This isn't a Ned Flanders retreat but a vital place to inspire you in your faith and work. Conference is inspiring, empowering and often life changing. Feedback from the last conference at Whangaparaoa in 2025 was awesome, with many saying it was beyond expectation. Often staff say they weren't too fussed or motivated about getting to conference, and then after going to one they wonder why they haven't gone sooner.

Start planning now, make this a priority and block these dates out on your calendar – you won't regret it. And shoulder tap some mates – a group is always the best way to enjoy a roadie.

Here's what you need to know:

- Conference Date – **Friday 12th to Sunday 14th March 2027**
- Conference Location – **Engage Church, Napier**
- Theme – **"Courageous"** – called and equipped to be salt and light.
- An opportunity to be inspired (in a time where staff are getting caught in negative mindsets around pay, resourcing, their value etc), we can lead something different – the world is looking for heroes – we are called to be role models, we are the message bringing Jesus love, hope and light to a dying world and His light into darkness.
- Speakers are confirmed as **Tak Bhana, Kahui Winiata and Jamie Woods** (check out the mini bios beneath)
- Accommodation will be through a range of options including at Police Association Holiday homes, Billeting, Napier Holiday Park, and local Motels. There are billeting options with Napier/Hastings staff attending conference.
- Book flights/travel, and arrange your accommodation early to get the best deals.
- Welfare financial support will also be available on application to the NCG – the message is, 'we want you there'.
- Registrations will open shortly on line at: <https://www.pcsn.org.nz/event>
- If you can help with donations of items than can be used in gift bags or are interested in supporting through general donations please send us a message.

Speakers:

Tak Bhana is a dynamic preacher and author who hosts Running with Fire – a ministry that reaches thousands globally each week. He has an infectious joy, enthusiasm and deep passion for prayer, unity, seeing the gospel change lives, cities, and nations, seeing the rapid growth of the Kingdom of God, and people running with the fire of God in their lives.



Kahui Winiata-Topi was a gang president, drug dealer and addict in 2015 when Police went to his address with a warrant to remove his son. That decision caused Kahui to spiral resulting in him drowning himself in drugs and alcohol to build the courage to take his life. And then a Christian Officer returned to see if he was alright. That started him on a journey that led him to Jesus. Kahui is now a community leader, digital marketing mentor, and Christian minister who carries a passion for bicultural ministry that bridges faith and culture. He regularly preaches, facilitates community outreaches, and ministers to gang whānau.



Jamie Woods is one of our own. A Detective Inspector with 21 years in Police (18 in CIB). He has led investigations into everything from homicides to transnational organised crime and covert policing, asexual assault and child protection and seen some of the most depraved, cruel and violent offending and evil that exists. Jamie loves sharing how he thought he had it all, but ended up in a dark pit, and Jesus came and rescued him (see a brief version of Jamie's journey to Jesus in this newsletter).



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what's on

We want to start noting what is going on in the districts, such as prayer meetings, breakfasts, BBQ's etc so others know what is on and can come, or can be inspired to do something similar in their area: Please let us know if you are doing something that you want listed here. Starting with what we know:



CURRENT GATHERINGS:



ARU - Prayer & Fellowship @ ARU at 323 Great South Road Auckland - 7.30am Tuesdays

Contact: Matt Tailby and Marius Germishuyzen



PNHQ - Prayer Meeting @ Level 10, PNHQ, Wellington - 12.00pm Wednesdays

Contact: Iopu Vaasili and Tony Pugh



Whakatane - Weekly Prayer Meeting (4.30pm Wednesdays) and Monthly Fellowship Breakfasts

Contact: Jono Buckley, Whare Wikeepa and Jon McKenzie



Christchurch - Monthly Fellowship Breakfasts

Contact: Bruce Ward (see right photo inset)



Hawkes Bay - Family Fellowship Gathering - once a term

Contact: Ryan Palmer



Prayer Corner

Prayer is the powerhouse of our faith and the gift God gave us to partner with Him. Let's join with God and lift up to Him our nation, our work and each other in prayer, because collectively this is the power to change the world:

New Zealand Police:

"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." – Hebrews 10: 24-25

- Let us continue to **pray for our Nation, the Police staff** and the roles, responsibilities and duties that each of us hold in this Organisation.
- **Commissioner and Commissioners' Office, Executive Leadership Team** and all leaders down through the reporting lines.

Our People:

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope." – Romans 15:13

- Let's keep our **frontline staff** in prayer for protection and covering over them.
- Friends of PCSN: prayers for our **retirees** and **supporters** of PCSN.
- Prayer for our **Police Chaplains** across the country for bold faith, wisdom and courage!
- Prayer for **Area Reps** and **PCSN members**, yes **YOU!** because you matter to us 😊 – for all our members to be encouraged in their faith at work.
- **Staff welfare and wellness** – this is important, we need prayer covering for our staff and their families who are currently experiencing issues with their mental/physical/emotional and spiritual health. And a special prayer for those who reach out for prayer covering through the PCSN network.
- All the planning for the next **PCSN Conference in Napier, 19-21 March 2027.**

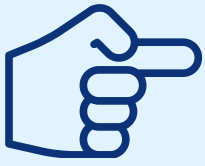
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- "It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed." – Deuteronomy 31:8
- Continued prayer for:
- **Jon McKenzie** – Chairman of the PCSN – prayers of wisdom, direction, leadership and discernment.
- **Mark Sanders** – who provides administrative and advisory support for the chairman, PCSN committee and members.
- Other **PCSN national committee members** who also provide support, and sound advice; Bruce, Fa'apaia (Putts), Ryan, Lane and Melizza.
- Our **Area Reps** who provide the point of contact for staff around the nation.

The National Coordinating Group (NCG) are here to support you in whatever way they can. Please get in touch with us if you need extra prayer, support or just a chat about life! Thank you all for being a part of this amazing journey, and remember if you ever need encouragement, support or prayer, then reach out through our website, Area Reps or to any of our NCG 😊. Stay blessed and stay safe.



News Briefs



SOME NEW AND ONGOING UPDATES TO BE AWARE OF:

- We have just topped up the **PCSN coins** again as these continue to sell well. They are available through The Cop Shop for \$25 or follow the link on our PCSN website <https://www.pcsn.org.nz/merchandise> (these have been a huge help to fundraising and to cover costs).
- **PCSN pins** are back in supply after another order was completed. These look great on your vest (see pic at the bottom of this page). These are available to order through the PCSN website <https://www.pcsn.org.nz/merchandise> (we suggest a koha of \$5-\$10)
- New **PCSN magnets** are a cool addition to supplement our branding. These look exactly like our logo on the back of the Bible above and are available for free through The Cop Shop, Area Reps, or the NCG.
- Out of the first 7,500 **Police Bibles**, 5,500 have gone out of storage to Police staff around the country. We have finally found private storage for the new batch of 5,000 Bibles for Police. Big ups to Graham & Leigh Tennent who own Roof Logic and have very generously offered to store 4 pallets of Bibles for free. Another pallet is being stored in Auckland for the recruit wings starting up there - big thanks to Shaun Cooper (ex Police/NCG member)
- Have you got your own free Police Bible? If not, order one through your local Area Rep or from the PCSN website at <https://www.pcsn.org.nz/bible>
- The **PCSN Instagram** account is up and running. This is still developing, but we would love to have you sign up and become connected in that space with us – follow the link [PCSN NZ \(@pcsnnz\)](https://www.instagram.com/pcsnnz) - [Instagram photos and videos](#) or go to Instagram and search 'PCSN NZ' and start following us. If you have something you would like to submit for the PCSN Instagram page either email us emma.oxley@police.govt.nz or direct message the Instagram page. A huge thanks to Emma Oxley for getting this off the ground.
- Do you have a work related story or testimony to share, or news of something faith based going on in your neck of the woods that you would like to share?
- Developments in relation to arranging a Police Bible app for our Police iPhones is still a slow work but progress is being made.
- We are still looking for Area Reps in a number of Stations and Areas....could that be you? Touch base with Mark Sanders for further details at mark.sanders@police.govt.nz
- The website has periodic updates and is a good place to point people at who are wanting to know more about the PCSN – check us out at www.pcsn.org.nz
- Are you on the PCSN email database yet? To have your name added to the PCSN's database, so you will receive newsletters and monthly PCSN updates email: jonathan.mckenzie@police.govt.nz
- Are you wanting more regular faith-based emails with relevant and encouraging work-related devotional type material? Then email: jonathan.mckenzie@police.govt.nz





The NCG: Shaun, Jon, Mel, (with Michael Jones), Bruce, Putts, Mark Shaun, Frank (retired), Jon, Mel

WHAT IS THE PCSN AND WHO ARE THE NCG?

The Police Christian Support Network (PCSN) exists as a voluntary network within Police to support and empower Christian staff in the NZ Police. This occurs through a range of forums including email, newsletters, Area Reps, conferences, fellowship, prayer, coffee, breakfasts, BBQ's, friendship, chats and support.

The National Coordination Group (NCG) provide oversight of the network and are committed to a vision of growing and strengthening the network. NCG members are:

- Detective Sergeant Jon McKenzie (Chair) – Whakatane
- Constable Mark Sanders (Deputy Chair) – Tauranga
- Senior Constable Bruce Ward – Christchurch
- Melizza Moemua – PNHQ
- Detective Putts Autagavaia – Auckland
- Sergeant Ryan Palmer – Hastings
- Sergeant Lane Demchy - Taumarunui

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- Instagram: 'PCSN NZ'

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We are always on the look out for 'even better work stories.' If you have an interesting story or testimony which you would like to share please email to: jonathan.mckenzie@police.govt.nz

