



It's a dangerous business going out your door.

There's no telling where you might be swept off to.

Be it Youth Ministry in Middle Earth?

The Wesleyan Methodist Church of New Zealand is currently recruiting a National Youth Consultant to work with its local churches to sustain vibrant, growing youth ministry in New Zealand.

You'll be someone with many of the following characteristics:

- An experienced youth ministry practitioner, well qualified and preferably ordained
- Cross-cultural experiences really stimulate you
- Developing leaders is a passion area for you
- You'll have experience in creating training programmes
- Team building comes naturally for you
- You have a knack for helping others get the best out of their youth ministry settings
- You're not a one trick pony – you "get" a range of youth ministry paradigms
- You'll have a track record of identifying potential pastors and leaders who are in ministry today

The role is currently sized as a half time position. There are opportunities to apply for compatible ministry work within New Zealand or to seek work in regular employment. As a developing church movement, we're looking for someone prepared to help raise funds to get deployed on the mission field.

The full Position Description is available on request.

Please register your interest by 20 September 2015. Contact the National Superintendent Rev Dr Richard Waugh at natsuper@wesleyan.org.nz

Here's what some people who have served with us in New Zealand have got to say:

"Serving with the WMCNZ has been the highlight to date of my sixteen years in ministry! Driven by multi-ethnic opportunity and the plethora of diversity represented in the Body of Christ, every day presents a new challenge. Ministry is never boring at the "ends of the Earth" as people are hungry for truth and breakthroughs happen daily in conversation, shared meals, playing sport, and worshipping together. I have literally been all over the world and I have yet to experience ministry as dynamic and enjoyable as my time in New Zealand."

Rev Josh Bowlin, (former National Youth Consultant, Wesleyan Methodist Church of New Zealand) and now campus pastor at Celebrate Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

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Serving in Middle Earth...



"My wife and I spent 8 years calling New Zealand home and experienced a blessed time of exceptional ministry, personal growth, professional development, and the passionate pursuit of Christ. God had a clear purpose for our lives and our time in NZ was an integral part of understanding that journey. The church in NZ is doing great things for Christ and represent Him well in a country where many claim no religion at all."

Rev Drew Donovan, (former Youth Pastor, East City Wesleyan in Auckland) and now Youth and Young Adults Pastor at Moncton Wesleyan.

"While working with young adults as well as youth, God burdened my heart for the call to "go, and make disciples" to be realized in our generation in New Zealand. My year in New Zealand was one of the most spiritually formative years of my life. I will never forget it and the relationships I made there in ministry continue to thrive and guide me in the way of the Kingdom today."

Pastor John Gorveatte, (former intern at East City Wesleyan in Auckland) and now Pastor of corporate worship at Stoney Creek Community Church near Detroit.

"I highly recommend the experience of working with the Wesleyan Methodist Church of New Zealand! The community of believers will quickly become a home away from home, with their welcoming smiles, service, and generosity. Their mentoring and encouragement has and will continue to set ministers in good stead for the future. You may go with the intent of being a blessing, but you will no doubt be far more blessed by the community of believers there."

Annie (Wright) Els, (formerly at East City Wesleyan in Auckland) and now teaching in Marion, Indiana.

"New Zealand was the perfect place to be stretched while serving. The diversity of people, walks of life, outdoor opportunities, and inclusive nature of the leadership in the Wesleyan church make it a life-changing experience. For those who love being relational and creating new ways to share the gospel, New Zealand is that place. The Body of Christ in New Zealand is a creative talented insightful group of servants that punch far above their weight class in terms of presence and loving the community. I recommend New Zealand for the committed and consistent Christian, because New Zealand doesn't need people who are faint of heart."

Brent Dongell, (formerly Assistant Pastor at cession|community in Auckland) and now Program Director of Student Ministries at Kingswood University.



"My time serving the church in New Zealand has been invaluable to me. In many ways, I believe the church in New Zealand occupies a cultural space that the church in America will occupy in twenty or thirty years' time. Serving in New Zealand opened my eyes to the challenges of ministering in a largely non-Christian society, and allowed me to address those challenges in a forward-thinking, creative, and hopeful manner. Because New Zealand is such a multi-cultural nation, I have also been blessed to experience first-hand multi-cultural churches, another area that I believe represents the future of the church in America."

Pastor Logan Hoffman, (former Assistant Pastor, The Well Christchurch) and now Resident Pastor at College Wesleyan, Marion, Indiana.

*"Someone else always has to carry on the story."
- J.R.R. Tolkien, The Lord of the Rings*