

# 2014 NATIONAL INTERFAITH FORUM



**27-29 June 2014 | DUNEDIN**



**The 2014 National Interfaith Forum from Friday 27th to Sunday 29th June celebrates the unity in diversity of our interfaith organisations and is being hosted by the Dunedin Interfaith Council at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Fenton Crescent, St Clair, Dunedin.**

Everything you need to know to be able to register for the Forum and enjoy your stay in Dunedin is provided in the pages of this booklet. It is also posted online at: [www.interfaith.org.nz](http://www.interfaith.org.nz)

We encourage you to also check [www.DunedinNZ.com](http://www.DunedinNZ.com) and other sources of information about Dunedin City and the Otago region. You are also welcome to email any enquiries to: [dunedininterfaith@gmail.com](mailto:dunedininterfaith@gmail.com).

On your arrival at the 2014 Forum venue please first check in at the registration/information desk which will be open from 9am on Friday 27th June and between sessions throughout the Forum.

## **TIPS TO ENJOY YOUR DUNEDIN VISIT**

June can be warm or cold or wet or dry in Dunedin, even all in one day, so layering clothes is a good idea. Bring something winter warm for the mornings and evenings and if walking to the Forum venue add a cosy hat, scarf, gloves and perhaps a fold-up umbrella. Near the Forum venue at St Clair beach there are cafes and a boutique hotel offering refreshments, light snacks and full restaurant meals. The main shopping streets of Dunedin City with their designer boutiques, department stores and cafes are a 10 minute drive from the Forum venue by car or local bus. Buses regularly travel down Forbury Road below the Forum venue from St Clair to the city and you can pay when you board.

## **RELIGION AND FAITH INFORMATION DISPLAYS**

A special feature at the 2014 National Interfaith Forum will be information display tables hosted by different Faiths for browsing between Forum sessions. If your Faith community would like to host an information table write to [dunedininterfaith@gmail.com](mailto:dunedininterfaith@gmail.com) by 1 May 2014.

**Please note:** Due to limited space Religion/Faith communities are encouraged to coordinate with each other as there will only be room for 'one' information display per religion/faith. Acceptance is based on achieving the widest variety of displays so Forum participants can enhance their knowledge of the religious diversity in New Zealand. For example, your Forum hosts decided there will be one 'umbrella display table' for information about Christianity at the Forum, rather than individual ones for different denominations.





## 2014 NATIONAL INTERFAITH FORUM REGISTRATION

*Registration is now open!*

Early Bird Registration Fee per person if paid by 30 April 2014 = \$50.00  
Registration Fee per person if paid after 1 May 2014 = \$60.00

**Meals:** Dinner on Friday, and lunch and dinner on Saturday are included in the registration fee. Meals are vegetarian and suitable for vegans. Morning and afternoon refreshments are also included in the registration fee.

**Please Note:** No 'caffeinated' drinks (tea or coffee) will be served on site at the Forum venue out of respect to our Mormon Church hosts and it is not appropriate to bring any to the Forum venue. There will be a range of other hot and cold refreshment drinks provided.

### **Registration Cancellations and Refunds:**

If you cancel coming to the Forum after paying the Early Bird Registration Fee a full refund will be provided. For cancellations made from 1 May 2014 to 20 June 2014 refunds will be minus 20%. After 20 June 2014 no refunds can be provided. For all cancellation enquiries contact: [dunedininterfaith@gmail.com](mailto:dunedininterfaith@gmail.com)

### **Airport Pick-ups and Transport**

Dunedin Airport is located approx 30 kms south of Dunedin. Your Forum hosts offer transportation from the airport to your accommodation or the venue by mini van or car. Please book in advance by providing your name, flight number and arrival time (contact: [dunedininterfaith@gmail.com](mailto:dunedininterfaith@gmail.com)).

### **Other transport options from the airport are:**

- Super Shuttle 0800SHUTTLE (748885) One person = \$30, two people = \$40, three people = \$50
- Southern Taxis (Ph (03 476 6300) operate an exclusive rank directly outside the main terminal building. You can contact Southern Taxis for pre booked special prices. A non exclusive rank for all other taxis firms operates outside the terminal building on the opposite side of the road.

Taxi fares to Dunedin City from the airport range from \$80 - \$90.



# SPECIAL OVERSEAS GUEST SPEAKER AT THE 2014 FORUM

## The Rev. Dr. Lord Leslie Griffiths

Lord Leslie is currently the Superintendent Minister of Wesley's Chapel, the Cathedral of World Methodism in London, England and a member of the House of Lords. As a regular columnist and BBC broadcaster, Dr. Griffiths has spoken extensively on various educational and social subjects, including interfaith relationships, euthanasia, the church and civic society, and international affairs, including the complex world of international finance. We look forward to hearing his viewpoint about our Forum theme and about interfaith activities in the UK.



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## CALL FOR WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

You are invited to host a Workshop presentation about one of the listed topic themes. Workshop presentations need to: incorporate a spiritual dimension or faith perspective related to the topic, be no longer than 50 minutes duration (including any Q and A time) and preferably be a collaborative process with opportunities for participation by workshop attendees. You are also welcome to join with others to host a Workshop topic. *The topic themes are:*

1. Ethics in Practice
2. Environmental Issues
3. Promoting interfaith harmony in our communities
4. "Our (faith) traditions share a common message of love and compassion, patience and tolerance" (quote from Dalai Lama)
5. Encouraging New Zealanders to be more inclusive and accepting of religious diversity
6. How faith contributes to personal transformation and the betterment of the world
7. Encouraging multi-Faith education in New Zealand.

*If you would like to present a Workshop please forward an outline summary of your chosen topic by 30 April 2014. We encourage presenters to consider creative concepts and approaches for Workshops. Send your Workshop outline summary by 30 April 2014 either by email to [dunedininterfaith@gmail.com](mailto:dunedininterfaith@gmail.com) with 'Workshop Presentation' in the subject line or by post to Dunedin Interfaith Forum, P.O. Box 212, Mosgiel 9053. You will be notified if your Workshop presentation is accepted.*



# PROGRAMME OUTLINE

*The full programme will be available when you arrive to register at the Forum venue*

## Friday 27 June 2014

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| 9am         | Registration/Information Desk opens at Forum venue.   |
| 2.30pm      | Official Opening and Welcome to the 2014 National Interfaith Forum by His Worship the Mayor of Dunedin City, Dave Cull. |
| 3pm -3.30pm | Opening messages followed by theme address from our overseas guest speaker Lord Leslie.                                 |
| 4pm – 5pm   | Panel Session: Theme addresses by representatives from New Zealand’s five Interfaith Councils.                          |
| 7pm- 9pm    | Social gathering and music presentations.   |

## Saturday 28th June 2014

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| 9am - 9.20am     | Multi-Faith Devotions.   |
| 9.30am – 10.30am | Workshops.   |
| 11am – 12 noon   | Panel Session: ‘How faith contributes to personal transformation and the betterment of the world’.                           |
| 2pm-3pm          | Workshops.   |
| 3.30pm-4.30pm    | Open forum consultation time.  |
| 6pm-7.30pm       | Forum Dinner with after dinner speakers: ‘How interfaith involvement changes our world view’ followed by an Interfaith Quiz. |

## Sunday 29th June 2014

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| 9am -10am      | Multi-Faith Devotional Programme.   |
| 10.30-11.30am  | Forum closing addresses: ‘What do we learn from engaging with those of other faiths?’ |
| <b>12 noon</b> | <b>2014 National Interfaith Forum closes.</b>   |





## ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

There is a variety of accommodation near the Forum venue. The listed accommodation is moderately priced and may provide a discount if you mention you are attending the National Interfaith Forum. Please make your accommodation bookings directly with them.

### **Dunedin Holiday Park** (cabins, lodges, motel suites)

41 Victoria Road, St Kilda, Dunedin.

Freephone: 0200 945 455 [www.dunedinholidaypark.co.nz](http://www.dunedinholidaypark.co.nz)

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### **Beach Lodge Motels** (character, older style but very clean rooms)

38 Victoria Road, St Kilda, Dunedin

Freephone: 0800 104 481 [www.beachlodgemotel.co.nz](http://www.beachlodgemotel.co.nz)

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### **Adrian Motel**

(very modern motel, each room has kitchenette)

101 Queens Drive, St Kilda, Dunedin (also has an entrance on Victoria Road).

Freephone: 0800 455 200, [www.adrianmotel.co.nz](http://www.adrianmotel.co.nz)

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### **The Esplanade Motel and Apartments** (1-2 bedroom units, sleeping 1-8 people)

14 Esplanade, St Clair, Dunedin 9012

Freephone: 0800-377-233, [www.esplanade.co.nz](http://www.esplanade.co.nz)

or Email: [bookings@esplanade.co.nz](mailto:bookings@esplanade.co.nz)

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### **Apartments at St Clair** (one and 2 bed apartments)

15 Bedford Street, St Clair, Dunedin

Freephone: 0800 262 674, [www.st-clair.co.nz](http://www.st-clair.co.nz)

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### **Beach Haven Bed and Breakfast** (Hosts: Joy and Murray)

55 Bedford Street, St Clair, Dunedin.

Phone: (03) 455-5388, [www.beachhavenbedandbreakfast.co.nz](http://www.beachhavenbedandbreakfast.co.nz)

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### **One higher priced option is 'Hotel St Clair'**

(Winner Best New Zealand Small Hotel) with luxury suites and apartments, restaurant and café facilities and sea views at 24 Esplanade, St Clair, Dunedin.

Phone: (03) 456 0555, [www.hotelstclair.co.nz](http://www.hotelstclair.co.nz)

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*Note: Dunedin Interfaith Council members are offering a limited number of bed and breakfast billets in their homes. Contact: [dunedininterfaith@gmail.com](mailto:dunedininterfaith@gmail.com) and place "Billet" in subject line.*

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