

CONFERENCE CALL FOR PAPERS:

“PEACE, NOT WAR, SHALL BE OUR BOAST”

HISTORICAL, THEOLOGICAL AND CONTEMPORARY PERSPECTIVES ON PEACE AND CHRISTIANITY IN NEW ZEALAND

Victoria University of Wellington, 18-20 November 2015

What is peace? What place does it have in Christian life and witness? How have New Zealand Christians thought about peace historically? To what extent, and in what ways, have they sought to be peacemakers? What contributions have New Zealand churches made?

This conference will provide a forum for critical reflection on Christian contributions to peace and peacemaking in New Zealand. It will provide an opportunity to evaluate Christian contributions historically, and to think theologically about the relationship of peace to Christianity. In addition, the conference aims to stimulate thinking about the character and significance of peace in the life and vision of churches in New Zealand.

We welcome papers addressing a broad range of themes related to peace and Christianity in New Zealand, including the following:

- Case studies of individuals, traditions, churches and organizations
- Limitations or ambiguities in Christian precept and practice
- Christian pacifism and opposition to war
- Violence and nonviolence
- Māori Christianity and peace
- State and society
- Global connections and perspectives
- Social, cultural and environmental perspectives
- Interactions of peace and justice
- Peacebuilding initiatives
- Theological and biblical reflections
- Interfaith connections and connections with secular agencies
- Peace, women and gender

Please email a title and abstract (up to 250 words) along with a brief biographical statement including any affiliation by **15 July 2015** to the conference organisers: Geoff Troughton (geoff.troughton@vuw.ac.nz), and Chris Marshall (chris.marshall@vuw.ac.nz).

A publication is anticipated. Intending authors will need to submit manuscripts by **31 October 2015**, with acceptance subject to peer review. Author guidelines will follow upon acceptance of abstracts.

The conference will be hosted by Victoria University of Wellington, with support and assistance from: *The National Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, University of Otago; The Religious History Association of Aotearoa New Zealand; The College of St John the Evangelist, Auckland.*

You are invited to circulate this call for papers widely.