

AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND ASSOCIATION FOR BIBLICAL STUDIES 27th ANNUAL MEETING

Dates: 2–3 December 2024
Host: Carey Baptist College – Te Kāreti Iriiri o Carey
473 Great South Road, Penrose, Auckland
Dual mode (in-person and via Zoom)

CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2024

We invite proposals for presentations at the 2024 Annual Meeting of the Aotearoa New Zealand Association for Biblical Studies (ANZABS).

Proposals are invited for either of the following two streams:

Paper stream Papers of 20-minute duration, which will be followed by 10 minutes of discussion. There is no conference theme, so we welcome any topic and method related to biblical literature and its reception. As a rule of thumb, presenters talk at about 100 words a minute so a 20-minute paper should equate to roughly 2,000 words.

Hui–Talanoa stream:

'Interweaving Biblical Hermeneutics in Aotearoa and Oceania'

We welcome 20–25 minute presentations on the topic of the interpretation and deployment of biblical texts by the Indigenous peoples of Aotearoa, the Pacific, and beyond—past and present. Among the questions you may wish to consider are: How did Māori and Pasifika receive and understand the biblical texts, refracted as they were through the mediation of nineteenth-century British and European cultures? What role did interpretation of biblical texts play in the struggle against colonization, as well as in Indigenous missionary and religious movements? How do contemporary Māori and Pasifika (groups or individuals) interpret biblical texts or engage with them via the arts, literature, film, politics, etc? How do modern readings and uses of the Bible by Māori and Pasifika compare with earlier readings and uses? How else might the Bible be interpreted or used in the future by Māori and Pasifika? Focus can be on specific texts or wider interpretive strategies.

When you submit a paper or hui–talanoa proposal, please include

1. your preferred stream: paper or hui–talanoa
2. a title
3. an abstract (100–150 words)
4. name(s) of presenter(s) and (if applicable) institutional affiliation(s)
5. whether you will attend in-person or via Zoom

All proposals should be sent to Deane Galbraith at: deane.galbraith@otago.ac.nz **Proposals should be received by 27 September 2024 – though early proposals are most welcome!**

Further details on registration and conference arrangements will be sent out in early October. Registration (including morning and afternoon teas): \$50 waged, \$25 online and waged, free for unwaged—payable at the conference by EFTPOS. In addition, an optional conference dinner will be held on the Monday evening, cost to be announced. We will be sharing the venue with the Systematic Theology Association in Aotearoa New Zealand (STANZ) conference, and attendees will be able to attend sessions from either conference.

Please share this call for papers widely, and do especially encourage graduate students to consider offering a paper.

We look forward to seeing you at Carey Baptist College – Te Kāreti Iriiri o Carey.

Deane Galbraith
(on behalf of the ANZABS Executive)