

## How Can I Be Involved?

- ✓ Volunteer to be part of the participating churches' leadership team
- ✓ Help to plan fundraising efforts to support Faithworks
- ✓ Spread the word and recruit youth and adults to take part in a course or learning event
- ✓ Set up or join a support group for Faithworks in your congregation
- ✓ Become a learner yourself when Faithworks is up and running!



## Expressions of Interest

If you would like to be on our e-mail list to receive news and updates, fill in this form and give it to your minister/parish leader, or e-mail the information to: **Faithworks,** [lydiafullerj@gmail.com](mailto:lydiafullerj@gmail.com)

Name:

E-mail:

Phone:

I am interested in:

\*Receiving news about Faithworks ☐

\*Being part of the leadership team ☐

\*Joining a course or learning event ☐

\*Helping with Publicity and/or IT ☐

\*Joining a parish support group ☐



***An innovative new initiative in faith formation and faith development for adults and youth, initiated by Presbyterian affiliated churches in Hamilton***



## What is Faithworks?

*Faithworks is a joint initiative of parishes with Presbyterian affiliations in Hamilton – though it is ecumenical in its orientation. It will hopefully be launched in early 2026. Its motto is “CONNECTING FAITH AND LIFE.” It will offer a variety of learning opportunities: short courses, with separate tracks for adults and youth (these will be once-weekly for durations of 5-6 weeks); Saturday or weekend workshops or retreats; and a Monday-Friday (daytime) Summer Gathering for all ages.*

*The attached Survey indicates learning topics already suggested, but input from prospective participants will help to shape the curriculum, and space for your suggestions is included in the Survey. Please tear off the Survey and turn it in as guided by your parish leaders.*



## How will it operate?

- *Faithworks will be physically based at St Andrews Presbyterian Church, due to its central location and extensive facilities, but some learning events may be held at other participating churches.*
- *The leadership team consists of volunteer representatives from participating parishes, including a separate youth council.*
- *There will be a suggested minimal fee for each course or learning event, to cover the costs of course materials, publicity, and other operating expenses, but participants can offer a koha based on their own needs.*
- *All learning events will be open to the public and ecumenical in nature.*
- *The teaching-learning approach will be interactive and focus on making real-world connections between content and application.*



## Sample Courses

**Doing Theology:** What does it mean to 'do' theology where we are today?

**Being Church:** What has 'church' meant in the past, and what can it mean for us today?

**Living Worship:** What are the essentials of worship, and how can we bring worship to life?

**Feasting on the Word:** How can we make scripture come alive, following the Lectionary?

**Learning from History:** How can Christian history offer insights for the life of faith today?

### FOR YOUTH:

**Expressing Faith:** How can we as youth express our faith through music and other arts?

**Being a Christian Teen in a Secular Society:** How can we be faithful amidst peer pressures?

**Being in Relationship:** How does God want me to love myself, family, friends, & others?

**Welcoming All:** How can we practice Christian hospitality with ALL people?

**Loving the World:** How should we respond to issues like climate change, injustice, & war?