

## **The Gathering 2010 – Information Pack**

The Gathering is fast approaching and we're looking forward to meeting with everyone in the still beautiful and very shaken (North) Canterbury region.

This information pack should give you all the details you're needing to prepare for the Gathering, plus readings that will help your thinking around the journey we want to take you on over our 5 days together.

Please take time to prepare, read, pray, think and dream about this significant time together.

**Where:** Boys Brigade Waipara Riverside Park, Darnley Road, North Canterbury

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**When:** Friday 24 September – arrive after dinner (between 8.30pm – 9.30pm) till lunch time on Wednesday 29 September.

**What to Bring:**

- Personal Effects
- Keep in mind, Spring weather in North Canterbury can be 'fresh'
- Sleeping Bag, Pillow and Towel
- Plates, Cutlery, Tea towel (It is a BB camp!)
- Gear for the Hot Springs Hanmer excursion on Monday
- Work clothes, there will be potential for tree clearing etc for the 'keen'

### **Gathering Threads**

We have split the Gathering into a number of threads

***Organic Thread*** - things that are planned or put in place but will organically develop, depending on where people want to take them.

***Engagement Thread*** – where we listen, learn, are challenged, challenge. Developing concepts and thoughts that aim to teach and grow members.

***Business Thread*** - AGM, accounts info and general information sharing that needs to happen over the Gathering.

***Active Thread*** - getting out and about, with options to play, socialise or just relax. Hanmer Springs will be part of this.

***God Thread*** - helping us to connect with God on a deeper level in a corporate setting.

### ***Guests during Engagement Thread -***

**Marcus Akuhata-Brown** grew up on the East Coast of the North Island of New Zealand. His father is from Te Whanau o Tuwhakairiora of Te Araroa on the East Cape, also the tribes of Ngai Tahu and Kahungunu. His mother is a fifth generation New Zealander with European ancestry.

An experienced educator and gifted communicator, Marcus has led a number of innovative programmes around the world.

In New Zealand his work has focused on addressing the learning and developmental needs of youth at risk and young offenders. From 1996 to 2004 Marcus travelled all over the world as a diplomat, international representative and delegate to multilateral meetings. Marcus was a Director on the international board of CIVICUS as well as being an ex-officio member of the Commonwealth Youth Caucus.

Marcus founded Tukaha Global Consultancy in 2000 and currently divides his time between speaking and consultancy work, land development activities in his tribal area and studies through Te Wananga o Raukawa, a tribal university.

**Mike Crudge** is Assistant Minister at Oxford Terrace Baptist Church in Christchurch. Prior to this he spent 5 years on staff at Carey Baptist College. He is currently doing post graduate studies in Communication with research interest in the church's future place, purpose, and function in society. He was born in Motueka where he can be found every summer, walking, and hope to marry into a central Otago vineyard family.

### ***Via DVD -***

**Rob Bell** - Nooma presenter and well-known heretic, guilty of shameless use of the word 'sex' in a book title to increase sales

**Brian McLaren** - writer, preacher, and discoverer of a hidden Jesus message. Acknowledged father figure of doctrinally questionable emergent movement

**Tony Campolo** - speaker, spitter, writer, and spokesperson for social gospel

## **Gathering Programme**

Below is the programme for the four full days we are together.

**Friday night** we will have a series of Organic Thread activities, but ask that you are at camp by 9.30pm.

**Wednesday morning** will be based on where we've got to over the week, then where to from here. There will also be opportunity for you to put your new ideas and initiatives to the MLT and Board. Yes and cleaning.

## **Daily Programme:**

8 - 9am	Breakfast
9:15am	Organic Thread - Members stories
9:30am	Engagement Thread
	Refreshment break during morning
12:45pm	Lunch
1:45pm	Business Thread
2:45pm	Active Thread
	(Monday - Hanmer from 12:45pm, back for dinner)
	Refreshment break and free time from around 4.45pm
6pm	Dinner
7:30pm	God Thread
8.30pm	Organic Thread

We have talked with a few people about child minding during sessions. Please let us know if you have suggestions, ideas or can offer something for our tamariki.

Please contact the Gathering organizing team if you have any questions  
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Look forward to meeting you all in two weeks.

The Gathering organizing team