

“ I applaud Elevate for the excellent work they are doing in helping the local church understand issues around faith and disability. It concerns me greatly that almost an entire segment of our population seems to be absent from our churches. Why is this? I strongly encourage pastors and church leaders to attend this seminar – it will be a beneficial day in which we will be both challenged and encouraged to create more inclusive communities of faith. ”

**Charles Hewlett, Carey Baptist College**

“ It is humbling and inspiring to observe the work of ELEVATE with people with disabilities. They are a great encouragement and resource for the Church and challenge us to reflect on whether we are as inclusive and loving towards people with disabilities as Jesus would be. ”

**Glyn Carpenter, National Director, NZ Christian Network**

“ This great event deserves our full support. ”

**Graeme Lee**

ELEVATE Christian Disability Trust  
in partnership with Laidlaw College proudly present:

# BEYOND DISABILITY

The unique role of the Church

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**Think differently.**

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Are you a leader who wants to foster more belonging in the church?

This dynamic event is for you:  
22nd May 9:30 - 4pm at The Life Church,  
60 Rockfield Rd, Penrose, Auckland

# What the conference is all about:

**One in every five New Zealanders has a disability and yet they are underrepresented in many of our churches. How should we respond?**

This don't-miss conference has been designed especially for church leaders, pastors and ministers. Brimming with insightful biblical perspectives and practical ideas, together we'll look at ways to create more welcoming, inclusive churches for people with disabilities.

## Why come?

If you've longed for the Church in New Zealand to put faith and ethics into action, to be more relevant to the needs of the community, and to bring hope where it's needed most, this is for you. Whether you're starting on the journey or some way down the track, you'll leave with a coherent theology and valuable resources to include more people with disabilities in the rich tapestry of church life.

**Don't miss this important event!  
Register today!**

## Our Key Speakers:



**ROD THOMPSON**

National Principal/ CEO of Laidlaw College, Auckland and a former Presbyterian Minister in Australia.



**IMMANUEL KOKS**

Lecturer in Biblical Theology at Laidlaw College, with a personal experience of disability.



**GEOFF WIKLUND**

Pastor at Eden AOG, Auckland, Spiritual Advisor to ELEVATE Christian Disability Trust and National Representative for Promise Keepers NZ.

## REGISTRATION

*Please tear off and return.  
Registration closes Monday 12th May*

Attendee Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title/Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Denomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate if you have any special dietary requirements:

Do you have any other special requirements we need to consider for your attendance?

## SURVEY

*Your feedback will help us better understand church needs in NZ*

**1. Do you have people in your congregation with a disability?**

Please tick one:

Yes  No  Unsure  If yes, what percentage? \_\_\_%

**2. What is the level of awareness in your church around the needs of people who have a disability?**

Please tick one:

Poor  Fair  Moderate  High  Excellent

**3. How well do you think the church in NZ is meeting the needs of people who have a disability?**

Please tick one:

Poor  Fair  Moderate  High  Excellent

**4. In your view, could your church do more to help people with disabilities feel that they belong?**

Please tick one:

Yes  No  Unsure

*Please mail to:*

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