The Use of the Bible in New Zealand History

In July, a very successful International Society of Biblical Literature Congress was held in Auckland. A number of other academic societies also held their annual conferences alongside this congress. On behalf of the Religious History Association, Peter Lineham and I gave a public lecture on “Aspects of Religious Identity in New Zealand”. We chose to examine “The use of the Bible in New Zealand history”. This seemed to be a very appropriate lens through which to look at religious history in this country, given the nature of the sponsoring conference.

The importance of the Bible, its translation and distribution as part of the Protestant missionary enterprise has received some recognition. Peter’s own work, *Bible and Society* and his two chapters in *Mission and Moko: The Church Missionary Society in New Zealand 1814-1882*, has made significant contributions in this area. Judith Binney’s publications on Te Kooti and Rua Kenana; *Like Them That Dream: The Maori and the Old Testament*, and *Mana From Heaven*, by Bronwyn Elsmore; and Keith Sinclair’s *Kinds of Peace* pointed to the ways in which the Bible was used by Maori religious leaders and their movements to give meaning to the social and cultural dislocation which they were experiencing. The Bible provided a very potent example for Wiremu Tamihana Tarapipipi Te Waharoa of kingship, which he adopted and adapted to Maori circumstances. In 1858 the first Maori King was acknowledged when Wiremu Tamihana placed his own Bible on Potatau Te Wherowhero’s head, a ritual that has been observed with Potatau’s successors.

When we come to the use of the Bible by Pakeha settlers and their ministers, there appears to have been little research and few publications to draw on. There is much that we could learn about the nature of Christianity in New Zealand from examining the texts used by clergy for sermons on significant occasions. What Biblical verses did ministers preach on and how did they use them during crisis moments in New Zealand history, for example, the wars of the 1860s, the First and Second World Wars, the 1919 Influenza Epidemic, the Great Depression, the Waterfront Dispute, the Vietnam War, and the Springbok Tour?

There are tantalising examples, such as John Whiteley’s use of Biblical texts to justify his position over the sale of the Waitara block in 1860 and to rebuke Wiremu Kingi and Maori for their intransigence in the face of the “powers and authority of the Queen and the Governor”. The Bible has been used by opponents and proponents for diverse causes such as women’s suffrage, pacifism and militarism, prohibition, and homosexual law reform. Colin McCahon draws on the Bible in many of his paintings. The Bible-in-Schools campaign drew on Protestant energies for more than half a century.

Peter and I scratched the surface. A detailed study of the use(s) of the Bible in New Zealand history could provide fresh insights into the diverse nature of Christianity and its impact in this land.
RECENT PUBLICATIONS

New Zealand History (Compiled using Endnote: Chicago 14th A)

Baker, Cherie Violet Dorothy. *My Journey, My Dream*. Porirua: National Pacific Press, 2007. [The autobiography of the Rev. Canon Cherie Baker, one of the first women to be ordained to the priesthood of the Anglican Church. The author traces her story from her earliest days growing up in wartime Britain to her later settlement in New Zealand and the pioneering life she has since led in this country.]


Barr, Colin. “‘Imperium in Imperio’: Irish Episcopal Imperialism in the Nineteenth Century.” *English Historical Review* CXXIII (2008): 611-50. [Includes the story of the New Zealand Irish episcopate. Donald Akenson, with reference to the New Zealand context, noted that ‘One must constantly remember that what the British thought of as their colonial empire, was simultaneously, the spiritual empire of the Irish Catholic church’.”]


Boast, Richard. *Buying the Land, Selling the Land: Governments and Maori Land in the North Island, 1865-1921*. Wellington: Victoria University Press, 2008. [The church is virtually absent in this very valuable study, reinforcing the claims made about their ‘Loud Silence’ on land alienation in this period. The decline of evangelical / humanitarian influences are noted and the contribution of schools such as Te Aute in producing Maori leaders acknowledged although the recognition of people like Samuel Williams and John Thornton is missing.]


Callister, Sandy. *The Face of War: New Zealand's Great War Photography*. Auckland: Auckland University Press, 2008. [“Callister’s discussion is the first to argue for the importance of New Zealand photography to the history of war, but also examines in depth the contradictions of war photography: as a site of remembrance and forgetting; nation and sacrifice; mourning and mythology; subjectivity and identity.”]


Goldsmith, Paul, and Bassett, Michael. *The Myers*. Auckland: David Ling, 2007. [Includes numerous references to the Myers’ Jewish background with Kenneth Myers of the third generation providing ‘the family’s last link with the Judaism of its ancestors’].


Grimshaw, Michael and Morris, Paul, ed. *Waiting for Godzone, Landfall 215*, May 2008. [“In *Landfall* 77 (March 1966) Charles Brasch published a symposium on ‘Religion in New Zealand.’” (See *New Zealand Religious History Newsletter*, No 19, August 2006, p.1) “The following forty years have seen religious and spiritual themes become ever more important in New Zealand writing and art, in part associated with the Pakeha responses to Maori and Pasifika cultural renaissance. This new exploration of Pakeha spirituality alongside the revival of Maori Tikanga creates a new timely space for engaging with spirituality and religion as integral dimensions of the heritage of our country. *Landfall* 215 considers this new re-engagement from a variety of perspectives, including, what we call landscape paganism, bi-cultural wairua and hip-hop. These spiritual resources, located in our expressions of literary and artistic culture, once again have the power and potential to ‘determine the uses’ to which we put our nation’s physical resources.”]


Haworth, Geoffrey M.R. *Marching as to War? The Anglican Church in New Zealand during World War II*. Christchurch: Wily Publications, 2008. [This book provides the first detailed assessment of a New Zealand church in a time of war. It is comprehensive, covering bishops, chaplains, the Church Army, women, ecumenism, parish life, pacifism and Anglican theological thinking. The book is enriched by some great photographs.]


Morrison, Hugh. “‘In Seeking the Welfare of Others We are Benefited Ourselves’: The Reflexive Impact of Overseas Missions on Churches in Aotearoa-New Zealand up to 1945”, Stimulus 16, no. 3 (August 2008), 30-37.


Paterson, Lachy. “Maori ‘Conversion’ to the Rule of Law and Nineteenth-Century Imperial Loyalties.” Journal of Religious History 32, no. 2 (2008): 216-33. [This article compares Maori conversion to the Queen’s Law with their conversion to Christianity arguing that it “was partly due to their own, now Christianised, worldview, but it was also due to how the colonial authorities presented the principles of Law to them”.]

Phillips, Jock, and Hearn, Terry. Settlers: New Zealand Immigrants from England, Ireland & Scotland 1800-1945. Auckland: Auckland University Press, 2008. [“This book explores the question of who were New Zealand’s Pakeha ancestors…. It looks at such issues as the geographical origins of the founding ancestors, their occupational and class background, their religions and their values. Did our forefathers and mothers come from particular areas of Britain, did they tend to practise certain occupations, were they Catholics or Protestants, working people or aristocrats?”]


Pool, Ian, Dharmalingam, Arunachalam, and Sceats, Janet. The New Zealand Family from 1840: A Demographic History. Auckland: Auckland University Press, 2007. [A few brief references to the influence of religion on family demographics. For the years 1916 to 1986 the conclusion is that, “Taken together for adherents to religion, it does seem that there were differences (between churches), but not as marked as might be expected.” p.150.]


Strevens, Diane. *MacKillop Women: The Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart, Aotearoa New Zealand, 1883-2006*. Auckland: David Ling, 2008. [$40 + $5.50 for p & p. Books can be ordered from: The Secretary, Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart, 50 Holgate Road, Kohimarama, Auckland 1071. In 1883 three young Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart arrived in Temuka, South Canterbury, to teach in the parish school. One hundred years later, the Sisters of St Joseph - affectionately known as the "Brown Joes" - were teaching in Catholic primary and secondary schools from Panguru in the north to Balclutha in the south. Their story covers these early years, when the sisters coped cheerfully with spartan living conditions and few teaching resources, and charts the changes in religious life set in motion by the Second Vatican Council. The past forty years have seen the sisters respond to the needs of a changing world by gradually moving out of work in Catholic schools into a range of diverse ministries.]

Tennant, Margaret. *The Fabric of Welfare. Voluntary Organisations, Government and Welfare in New Zealand, 1840-2005*. Wellington: Bridget Williams Books, 2007. [This 274 page book is the first major study to foreground the role of voluntary welfare in New Zealand’s past. It has extensive discussion of the role of religion and the churches in sections which include rescue work and moral reform, prisoners’ aid work and the male role in ‘rescue’, city missions, religious sisterhoods, orphanages and residential homes for the elderly, and the role of individual religious conscience as a motivating force in the voluntary sector.]


Tremewan, Peter. “Missionary Contacts between New Zealand and New Caledonia in the Nineteenth Century.” In *New Zealand – New Caledonia: Neighbours, Friends and Partners*, edited by Stephen Levine and Frédéric Angleviel. Wellington: Victoria University Press, 2008. [“French warships stationed in Akaroa, New Zealand, regularly visited French mission stations in the Pacific islands, including New Caledonia, providing them with logistic and military support. A French religious order, the Marists, founded the Catholic missions in New Caledonia and New Zealand in the nineteenth century. This explains how some French Catholic priests played significant roles in both countries. But it was not just Catholics. The Anglican Bishop of New Zealand, after visiting New Caledonia on a British warship, worked actively there as an extension of his work in New Zealand, sending missionaries and bringing young Kanaks back to Auckland to be educated.”]


Welch, Pamela. “Constructing Colonial Christianities: With Particular Reference to Anglicanism in Australia, Ca 1850-1940.” *Journal of Religious History* 32, no. 2 (2008): 234-55. [Argues that settler churches should not been seen “as transplants … but as variants of their churches of origin”. Examines Australian Anglicanism in particular but makes some references to New Zealand.]


New Zealand Parish History


Roome, Debbie. *The Ongoing Story: the Story of How Burnside Elim came to be and the Faithful Men and Women of God who have served here over the years*. Christchurch: Burnside Elim Community Church, 2007.

Ross, David, comp., ed. *Our Church in our Communities: Stories of the Life of Parishes in the Wellington Presbytery since 1840*. [A book of stories about the life of Presbyterian and Uniting Parishes in the Wellington Presbytery. 190 A4 pages, costs $15 plus $1.50 postage. All parishes have their story included. To see or buy a copy contact David Ross, (04) 971-6024]

St Andrew’s Parish 40th Anniversary. Wellington: St Andrew’s Parish, 2007. The Anglican Parish of St Andrew’s, Newlands: 40th Anniversary 1992 to 2007.]

St. James’ in Action: the Anglican Parish of Lower Hutt with St. James’ Church, Lower Hutt, All Saints’ Church, Belmont. Lower Hutt: Anglican Parish of Lower Hutt.


Book Reviews


### THESES AND RESEARCH ESSAYS / DISSERTATIONS (RE/D) COMPLETED 2004-2005

Buckley, Barry. Catholic Military Chaplains in World War Two. MA., Massey – Albany.

Lousberg, Marjan. Dr Edward Shortland. PhD Otago University. [Wove Shortland’s Anglican humanitarianism into his ethnography and racial politics.]


Williamson, Dale. The Charismatic Movement within the Anglican Church of NZ. PhD, Otago.

### THESES IN PROGRESS

Bateman, Grace. Religion and childhood in southern Dunedin. MA, Otago.


*Bueltmann, Tanya. Patterns of Scottish Settler Identities in New Zealand, c.1840-1920: From Social Memory to Diaspora. PhD, Victoria.*

*Davis, George. Twentieth Century Anzac Commemorations: Australia and New Zealand. PhD, Otago.*


*Gray, Penny. A Social History of the New Zealand Salvation Army Homes for Unwed Mothers, 1890-2006. MLitt, Auckland.*

*Harland, Jill. Immigration Study of Orcadians and Shetland Islanders to Colonial Settlements. PhD, Otago.*

*Horn, Gerard. The Scale and Characteristics of Irish Protestant Migration to New Zealand to c.1920. PhD, Victoria.*


Larcombe, Giselle. Biography of Father Antoine Marie Garin. (1810-1889) PhD for the French programme of the School of Languages and Cultures of the University of Canterbury.


*Lubecke, Antje. Presbyterian Missionaries and Photography. MA, Otago.*


Joseph, Tokerau. Leadership in Multi-Cultural Presbyterian Parishes in NZ. PhD, Otago.


(*from the *New Zealand Journal of History*, 41 no. 2 (2007): 231-34. Note: some of these might have been completed since this list was compiled.)

### CURRENT RESEARCH AND WORK IN PROGRESS
Colin Brown
Colin gave a talk on “Anglican Crises: Is it Different this Time Round?” at Theology House, Christchurch in March. He is currently working on family history.

Tim Cooper
Tim is currently supervising the doctoral theses being prepared by John Tucker and Tokerau Joseph.

Alison Clarke
Ali Clarke is currently completing research for a book on childbirth rituals in nineteenth-century New Zealand, for which she was delighted to receive a New Zealand History Research Trust Fund Award. She continues to work part-time at the Hocken Collections.

Janet Crawford
Janet has returned to New Zealand after working in Melbourne as Dean of the United Faculty of Theology.

Allan Davidson
Allan, together with Peter Lineham, gave a public lecture to the International Society of Biblical Literature Congress in Auckland in July on “The Use of the Bible in New Zealand History”. He is working on a chapter for the Anglican Auckland Diocesan History which he is also editing.

Frank Glen
Frank recently spent time in Europe - Baltic States, Russia and Poland. He attended a Christian Cadet Officers Conference in Lithuania and the celebrations (taking the prayers etc) at Menin Gate and Messines for the 90th ANZAC commemoration on the Western Front. Frank’s book, *Australians at War in New Zealand* is being republished in a new edition. He has finished his manuscript on the Revd Ian Ryburn, “Pastor to a Spy Cell, his theology and its consequences”.

Laurie Guy
Laurie has almost completed a draft of his book, *Salt in Society: Church Voices on Public Issues in New Zealand 1840-2000*. He hopes this will be with a publisher in 2009. If any reader had significant personal experience of some of the crucial developments of the last generation (e.g. attending a United Women’s Convention or being involved in Bastion Point or anti-rugby-tour protest) Laurie would welcome hearing from you.

Earle Howe
Earle is one of the authors for the history of the Anglican Diocese of Auckland. He is researching for and writing a chapter on Te Haahi Mihinare to 1928. He has also completed writing *Of Superior Stock*, a brief biography of George and Margaret Kissling, CMS missionaries in Sierra Leone and NZ. This work is in the final stages of preparation for publishing by the Anglican Historical Society as an Occasional Paper.

Stuart Lange
Stuart is close to finishing his doctoral thesis on mid-Twentieth Century evangelical Protestantism in New Zealand: “A Rising Tide: the Growth of Evangelicalism and Evangelical Identity among Presbyterians, Anglicans and University Students in Mid-Twentieth Century New Zealand, 1930-1965.” Three early chapters focus on the pre-war ministries of Thomas Miller and William Orange and the SCM/EU schism, and how those helped give rise to the Protestant evangelical renaissance represented by such groups as the Westminster Fellowship, the Evangelical Churchman’s Fellowship and the IVF. The thesis relates the New Zealand movement to the international developments and related historiography.

Giselle Larcombe )
I’m in the final stages of my PhD thesis, entitled ‘Antoine Marie Garin: A Biography’ (Univ of Cant, Dept of French). It’s due to be submitted by 31 January 2009. I’ve presented at a number of conferences on Father Garin, the most recent being the Australian Society of French Studies annual conference in Melbourne in July where I focused on the value of missionary records as a historical source – ‘The “minor” genres and missionary biography: the writings of Father Garin’.

**Peter Lineham**

Peter gave the keynote address for the Association for the Study of Religion’s conference at Rotorua in July, on the subject: “Can Religion survive Religious Diversity?” in which he evaluated the rival sociological theories of Rodney Stark and Steve Bruce in the context of New Zealand history. He is currently writing his chapter of the history of the Anglican Diocese of Auckland and some other minor contributions. Peter contributed to the recently aired TV3 documentary on “The Life of Brian [Tamaki]” and is a regular public commentator on New Zealand religious affairs.

**Peter Matheson**

Peter has had recent publications on Thomas Müntzer and Argula von Grumbach. His major critical edition of Argula is undergoing revisions before publication. He is finishing for the American periodical on Early Modern Women a considerable piece of work, essentially his translations of some of Argula’s household correspondence. Peter has recently conducted a short course for Otago medical students on post-renaissance Utopias. His recent contribution to the NZ Presbyterian Research Unit is listed below.

**Hugh Morrison**

In February I took up a position as Lecturer in Social Sciences in the University of Otago College of Education. Ongoing involvement includes the Auckland Anglican Diocese History project; writing chapters on South Pacific Christianity (for an SPCK publication) and on missions in Oceania 1910-2010 (for the *Atlas of Global Christianity*). I will also be involved in the following projects:

1. A longer-term study that will focus on the relationship between children, education, missions and empire in late 19th and early 20th century New Zealand (with the aim of placing this within the scope of wider comparative studies of selected Pacific Rim settler societies)
2. Editing a collection of Australasian mission history conference papers
3. Converting my PhD thesis on the New Zealand Protestant missionary movement into a best-seller book!!
4. Initial participation with a University of Otago research group exploring the links between Tuhoe and the New Zealand Presbyterian Church.

**Jessie Munro**

*Letters on the Go: the Correspondence of Suzanne Aubert*, edited and translated by Jessie Munro, is now with Bridget Williams Books, to be published in early to mid-2009.

**Lachy Paterson**

At present I am undertaking research on the women workers (deaconsesses, nurses and teachers) of the Presbyterian Maori Mission. This work is being done with the mana of Te Aka Puaho, and in conjunction with Rev Wayne Te Kaawa and Te Wananga-a-Rua. The aim is to produce a book on these women, as well as several other academic outputs. I am also finishing some research into the Te Aute College Students Association and Ngati Porou, and how they reacted to the Boer War.

**Simon Rae**

In the last few years (since I ‘retired’ in mid-2005) I have been following up a new line of interest in the Dutch intercultural theology (re-oriented missiology) line and introducing a course in Otago University in 2008. I have published off-shore – a chapter in a Festschrift on ‘Traditional Religion as a Resource for Christian Theology’ (Karo and Maori themes); Paul Trebilco and I jointly wrote a commentary on *I Timothy* contextualised for Asian readers; I have translated Karel Steenbrink’s *De Jezusverzen in de Koran* (2006) and the ET is being considered by ISPCK in Delhi, and the decade-long *History of Christianity in Indonesia* (Karel Steenbrink and Jan S. Aritonang, eds) is still being
considered by Brill's, mainly because we gave them 900 pages when they wanted 500! I compiled the section on Sumatra and wrote on the mission to the Toba Batak and Karo communities.

I was recruited for a secondment to Gadjah Mada University, Yogyakarta, Indonesia, and had a 6 week ‘scoping visit’ in October / November 2007 and am going back for 2nd semester 2008 to the Centre for Religious and Cross-cultural Studies, in the Graduate School, Gadjah Mada University.

Diane Strevens
Diane’s history of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart has been published and is being launched on 17 August 2008.

John Stenhouse
With Murray Rae, Lachy Paterson, Hugh Morrison, and Kathy Irwin, John is part of a research group working on J.G. Laughton, the Presbyterian Maori Mission and Maori Christianity.

Margaret Tennant

Peter Tremewan
I am supervising Giselle Larcombe’s PhD thesis “Antoine Marie Garin: a biography”. Father Garin features moderately prominently in a joint paper by my wife and me which was scheduled to be published by Kakapo Books in London last month: Christine and Peter Tremewan, “The Maori voice, 1840-1860: letters, newspapers and the manuscript recording of tradition and change”. (Publication details not available yet.)

Geoff Troughton
My PhD thesis on ‘Jesus in New Zealand, 1900-1940’ was submitted in October 2007, and successfully defended at the end of February 2008. Between those times I was appointed lecturer in Religious Studies at Victoria University of Wellington, where I am currently teaching classes in religion and politics, religion and ‘disenchantment’, and religion in New Zealand. I am contributing a chapter to the Auckland Diocesan History project.

Richard Waugh
Richard has recently returned from his Beeson Pastor Program at Asbury Theological Seminary in the USA. His DMin. dissertation topic is entitled “Discover Your Wesleyan DNA” and includes a five part seminar teaching the key features of the Wesleyan theological worldview.

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<td>The conference will seek to address some of the issues and challenges that are reflected by the increasing diversity of New Zealand society. In the past, much of the thinking and talking about religion in New Zealand concerned Christianity. Today it includes Buddhism, Islam, Baha’i, Hinduism and many others. Some of the questions raised from this growing diversity are how various religious practices are accommodated in public institutions such as schools and universities, and how to cope with the fear of religious conflict. The Uni-Diversity conference will see to address some of these questions in the presentations of both international and local speakers from a variety of perspectives. For more information and for the programme please visit the conference website: <a href="http://www.multifaith2008.ac.nz/multifaith/">http://www.multifaith2008.ac.nz/multifaith/</a></td>
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The theme offers the opportunity for a broad range of papers on areas such as:
- Historiographical issues and debates associated with doing New Zealand religious history
- Opportunities and difficulties of doing religious history of other places from within the New Zealand context
- Papers about specific topics based on research that is being undertaken or has been recently completed in the area of New Zealand religious history

For further information contact Allan Davidson at ak.davidson@auckland.ac.nz

3-4 April, 2009
St John’s College, Auckland,

Selwyn Symposium
Marking the Bicentennial of the Births of Bishop George Augustus Selwyn and Sarah Harriet Selwyn.

A number of scholars with interests in the Selwyns, the events and movements in which they were involved, and the nineteenth century context which shaped them and to which they contributed have been invited to make presentations to the Symposium. The organisers are looking for contributions which are based on primary / original research. This event will be an opportunity for a thorough examination of aspects of the Selwyns’ contributions. Some of the events in which Bishop Selwyn participated or with which he has been associated, such as his role in the New Zealand wars, were controversial. We hope that a critical, yet sympathetic engagement with the past will help illuminate the Selwyns’ successes and achievements as well as mistakes and failings.

For further information contact Allan Davidson at ak.davidson@auckland.ac.nz

24-25th of August 2009
Dunedin.

500th Anniversary of John Calvin’s Birth

2009 will be the 500th anniversary of John Calvin’s birth. To mark this occasion the Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership and the Theology and Religious Studies Department of the University of Otago are organizing a two-day conference focusing on Calvin’s legacy on church and society. The conference will feature two international keynote speakers – Professor Randall Zachman (from the University of Notre Dame) and Professor Elsie McKee (from Princeton Theological Seminary) – as well as local contributors. The venue will be Knox College, which is most appropriate given the fact that 2009 will also be Knox’s centennial year.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES


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<td>We especially seek proposals that explore the ways that Christianity’s expansionist impulses have shaped the structure and exercise of political, cultural, economic, and social power by states and empires, as well as the ways that such entities have shaped the people, institutions, and cultures of Christianity. As 2009 is the 500th anniversary of the birth of John Calvin, we also seek proposals on Calvin’s life, thought, and influence. <a href="http://www.churchhistory.org/montrealcallforpapers.html">http://www.churchhistory.org/montrealcallforpapers.html</a></td>
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**HISTORICAL SOCIETIES AND ARCHIVES**

**Anglican Historical Society** (Subscription $15.00p.a. Contact: Earle Howe, PO Box 230002 Botany Downs, Manukau 2163.)
- Newsletter 40. Margaret Alington, “Meeting Frederick Thatcher”.

**Catholic Archivists’ Report on Conference 2008**
An enthusiastic group of 70 archivists from all corners of New Zealand gathered 9 – 12 March at the Mercy Centre in Thorndon, Wellington, for their biennial conference. The participants represented a very wide background: 15 religious congregations; archives of the Dioceses of Auckland and Christchurch and the Archdiocese of Wellington; 2 parish archives; National Council of St. Vincent de Paul; and 12 Catholic colleges.

Other invited archivists came from a wide background of organisations which included both the Presbyterian Church and a Presbyterian college; the Anglican Diocese and a primary school; the NZ Church Missionary Society; the Salvation Army; the Quakers; Wellington and Lower Hutt City Councils; National Council of Women; Vintage Car Club of New Zealand; NZ Defence Force; Te Rununga O Raukawa; Hutt Valley District Health Board; Southern Bays Historical Society; and 4 public libraries.

Margaret O’Sullivan welcomed Dianne Macaskill, Chief Archivist, Archives NZ. Her opening address reiterated the benefits of working together and sharing of knowledge, as many of those present worked alone and faced huge workloads, often with few resources and inadequate facilities.

The convenor, Sr. Stephanie Kitching, rsm, introduced Archbishop John Dew who officially opened the conference on Monday morning. He described his delight at finding information on his grandfather and stressed the phrase known to many of those present: *Archives are the footprints of Christ.*
Presentations given by experts in their field reflected the magnitude of the archivists’ challenges: Archives NZ’s standards for archival storage and access (Evelyn Wareham, Archives NZ); managing and planning archival storage (Sandra Falconer, Archives NZ); and serving the needs of both internal and external creators and users (Joanna Newman, Wellington City Archives). Sir Arthur G. Doughty, a former Dominion Archivist of Canada, 1904-1935, was cited to much agreement: Of all national assets, archives are the most precious; they are the gift of one generation to another and the extent of our care of them marks the extent of our civilization.

Over Monday and Tuesday participants were offered a wide ranging selection of inter-active workshops from local experts. These covered managing photos, maps and objects; oral history; disaster preparedness; using PastPerfect and other archival databases; digital preservation; the care of historic church textiles; the care of art works; setting up a school archive; tips for looking after community archives; and appraisal and disposal of archives. The plenary session was led by Sr Catherine Shelton, rsj, and 2 off-site visits were well-attended at Te Papa Archives and the Film Archive.

The next conference will be held in about 3 years, possibly in Wellington with its central location and state archival facilities. Several regional workshops have been held over the last year and have been enthusiastically attended. The Wellington Sole Archivists’ Group continues to meet each month at Mercy Centre, Thorndon. Contact Ken Scadden, Manager, Marist Archives 04-471-0600.

The John Kinder Theological Library, St John’s College, Auckland
http://www.kinderlibrary.ac.nz/
The library has acquired this significant collection of correspondence and photographs. Clive Mortimer Jones was Vicar of Kaikohe when he first arrived in New Zealand and was later Vicar of Cambridge. The collection has the reference KIN8.

The New Zealand Baptist Research & Historical Society (Contact: PO Box 12-149, Penrose, Auckland.)
The second issue of Backstory 2007, the Society’s Newsletter includes articles on A.H. Collins and Thomas Weston (see under New Publications above – P. Larking and R. Kerr). Items from the Archives include T.W. Adams’ account of the origins of the Greendale Church and the Baptist Canterbury Association, and “A Wartime Assembly Christchurch 1942” from the NZ Baptist.


New Zealand Presbyterian Research Network
Heritage, Context, Congregations “Telling the Presbyterian Story”
Peter Matheson presented a paper to the Network in May 2008 based on the following abstract:
“A generation ago, Ian Breward set the agenda for religious history in NZ, broadening the vision enormously, and opening up new perspectives and fields of interest. Today we have all the benefits of that. We enjoy vastly better libraries and archives and historical research has raced ahead. Superb material is coming out on regional history, for example. We are also in the midst of a resurgence of interest in spirituality. Yet few of our general histories have taken this aboard yet. What should be our research priorities in the years to come, so we can continue to regain the central ground, and demonstrate the key role of the churches in our social, cultural and political history? One way of illustrating this is to look at a key figure in our social and cultural history (and also important politically) as well as ecclesiastically: the redoubtable campaigner, the Rev Dr James Gibb.”

Jennie Coleman, presents a paper to the Network, 14 August 2008 entitled “Plain Faith in Canterbury: emergence of religious identity in the Lincoln District.” This presentation traces the patterns and dynamics of pastoral care and spiritual nourishment in an evolving settler community. From unsectarian beginnings to distinct denominational identities, this process reflects a particular community’s response to the establishment of sectarian worship in their midst.

Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand Archives
The collections held in the Archives Research Centre are from the General Assembly, General Assembly Committees, Foreign, Home and Maori Missions, Local and National Presbyterian Women’s and Youth organizations, Parishes and Presbyteries from around New Zealand, particularly from Otago and Southland, Knox College, Knox Theological Hall and School of Ministry, the Presbyterian Synod of Otago and Southland, the Otago Foundation Trust Board, and the personal papers of Ministers and prominent Presbyterian Laymen and Women from throughout New Zealand. We also hold a large collection of Photographs, Cine film, Lantern slides, Slides, Audio/Video tapes and Plans.

**Religious History Society**


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**Wesley Historical Society** ([http://www.methodist.org.nz/index.cfm/Wesley_Historical_Society](http://www.methodist.org.nz/index.cfm/Wesley_Historical_Society))

Annual Subscription to Wesley Historical Society $30.00. Treasurer, Mrs Ruth Blundell, 29 Layton Rd., Manly, Hibiscus Coast 1463.)

*Journal 2007* includes articles on

- The Methodist Mission to workers on the Main Trunk Line by Douglas Burt (see above)
- “Irene Eva Cronwell née Shoosmith” by Stan Goudge, pp.32-35
- “Spiritual Journey” by Graham Whaley, pp.44-51.
- “The Marsden Cross Heritage Centre and Chapel”, by Patrician Bawden, pp.52-60.

**WEB SITES**

**The Blain Biographical Dictionary of Anglican Clergy**

The *Blain Biographical Directory of Anglican Clergy in the Pacific* includes biographical information on clergy and deaconesses of the Anglican Church in New Zealand, Polynesia, and Melanesia. For privacy reasons the cut-off date is an ordination date in 1930 and no living people are included. A completely-revised version is available online at this address: [http://anglicanhistory.org/nz/blain_directory/](http://anglicanhistory.org/nz/blain_directory/)

Please note that the directory itself is an Adobe Acrobat file of 3.6 megabytes. It is 1182 pages long, and almost every entry has been updated since the previous version. This version supersedes a previous online version.

**Early New Zealand Books Project** [http://www.enzb.auckland.ac.nz/](http://www.enzb.auckland.ac.nz/)

The Early New Zealand Books Project has been developed by staff at the University of Auckland Library. It aims to provide the keyword-searchable text of significant books published about New Zealand in the nineteenth century. The items below are of particular interest to historians of religion. The list of available books is much more extensive than this list. The books are listed by date of publication.

1832 - Earle, A. A Narrative of a Nine Months’ Residence in New Zealand, in 1827
1835 - Yate, William. An Account of New Zealand [2nd ed.]
1844 - Coates, D. The New Zealanders and their Lands
1846 - Fitzroy, Robert. Remarks on New Zealand: in February 1846
1847-1851. Selwyn, G. A. New Zealand
1852 - Barrett, A. The Life of the Rev. John Hewgill Bumby
1855 - Taylor, Richard. Te Ika a Maui
1874 - Carleton, H. The Life of Henry Williams, [Vol. I.]
1876 - Davis, C. O. The Life and Times of Patuone
1877 - Carleton, H. The Life of Henry Williams [Vol. II.]
1878 - Buller, James. Forty years in New Zealand
1888 - Colenso, William. Fifty Years Ago in New Zealand
1890 - Colenso, W. The Authentic and Genuine History of the Signing of the Treaty of Waitangi
1895 - Wohlers, J. F. H. Memories of the Life of J.F.H. Wohlers
1902 - Hadfield, O. Maoris of Bygone Days
1903 - Clarke, George. Notes on Early Life in New Zealand
1927 - Butler, John. Earliest New Zealand: the Journals and Correspondence of the Rev. John Butler
1928 - Grace, T. S. A Pioneer Missionary among the Maoris 1850-1879
1932 - Elder, J. (Ed.) The Letters and Journals of Samuel Marsden

Ecclesiastical History Society
Links to websites relevant to ecclesiastical history
Includes: Societies and other professional bodies, Networks, Seminars, Events, Gateway and Primary Text Sites, Libraries. http://www.ehsoc.org.uk/Links.htm

Marist Studies http://mariststudies.org/docs/Main_Page
Girard Contents is the key focus of the site, the translation into English of Lettres reçues d'Océanie the collection of letters from the Marist General Archive in Rome, the critical edition of which Fr Charles Girard SM has made available. Clisby Contents is the set of translations by Br Edward Clisby FMS which has been privately published under the title Letters Received from Oceania ColinSup Contents is a collection of documents for the study of the generalate of Jean-Claude Colin. Colin is a major recipient of the letters of the missionaries and this collection includes many of his replies to those letters. The name of this comes from the way Colin, as Superior General, used to sign his letters - Colin Sup.

Papers Past http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz is an online resource of 19th-century New Zealand newspapers and periodicals. From the New Zealand Advertiser and Bay of Islands Gazette in Northland to the Mataura Ensign in Southland, featured publications offer an insight into life as our ancestors knew it. A new feature allows website visitors the option of full text searching for many of the publications. In time, the entire collection of digitised newspapers will have the search facility, as well as the existing access through browsing by newspaper title and date. The collection covers the years 1840 to 1915 and includes publications from all regions of New Zealand. Among the papers recently indexed are: Grey River Argus – http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/cgi-bin/paperspast?a=d&cl=CL1.GRA&e=-------en--1----0-all
New Zealand Tablet – http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/cgi-bin/paperspast?a=d&cl=CL1.NZT
Tuapeka Times – http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/cgi-bin/paperspast?a=d&cl=CL1.TT
West Coast Times – http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/cgi-bin/paperspast?a=d&cl=CL1.WCT

New Zealand Electronic Text Centre http://www.nzetc.org/
The lists below are an edited selection of items with special reference to religious history. The more extensive lists are well worth perusing.

**Autobiography; Biography; Journals; Correspondence**

http://www.nzetc.org/tm/scholarly/subject-000007.html

- Earliest New Zealand: The Journals and Correspondence of the Rev. John Butler by R.J. Barton
- Extracts from a Diary during Heke’s War in the North in 1845 by Reverend Robert Burrows
- Journal of researches into the natural history and geology of the countries visited during the voyage of H.M.S. “Beagle” round the world, under the command of Capt. Fitz Roy, R.N. by Darwin, Charles
- Life and Work of Samuel Marsden by J. B. Marsden
- Notes on Early Life in New Zealand by George Clarke
- The Autobiography of a Maori by Reweti T. Kohere
- The Early Journals of Henry Williams by Henry Williams
- The Life and Times of Patuone, the Celebrated Ngapuhi Chief by C. O. Davis.
- The Story of a Maori Chief by Reweti T. Kohere
- Through Ninety Years, 1826-1916: Life and Work Among the Maoris in New Zealand: Notes of the Lives of William and William Leonard Williams, First and Third Bishops of Waiapu by Frederic Wanklyn Williams
- We Will Not Cease by Archibald Baxter

**New Zealand History**

http://www.nzetc.org/tm/scholarly/subject-000001.html

- New Zealand World War II History (54 works)
- New Zealand World War I History (5 works)
- New Zealand Wars History (20 works)
- From Tasman To Marsden: A History of Northern New Zealand from 1642 to 1818 by Robert McNab
- New Zealand’s Burning — The Settlers’ World in the Mid 1880s by Rollo Arnold
- Settler Kaponga 1881–1914 — A Frontier Fragment of the Western World by Rollo Arnold
- Temperance and Prohibition in New Zealand by Rev. J. Cocker, J. Malton Murray
- The Farthest Promised Land — English Villagers, New Zealand Immigrants of the 1870s by Rollo Arnold
- The Long White Cloud: Ao Tea Roa by William Pember Reeves
- The Past and Present of New Zealand with its Prospects for the Future by Richard Taylor

**New Zealand Diversity**

Te Korowai Whakapono: National Interfaith Network Aotearoa New Zealand

http://www.hrc.co.nz/home/hrc/introduction/tengirathenzdiversityactionprogramme/tekorowaiwhakapononationalinterfaithnetwork.php

The National Interfaith Network, Te Korowai Whakapono is a network of the New Zealand Diversity Action Programme. Its purpose is to facilitate cooperation and exchange between faith communities and government in New Zealand and in the Asia Pacific region in the furtherance of peace, security and harmonious relations.

**NZHistory.Net.NZ**

http://www.nzhistory.net.nz/

Pages tagged with: missionaries - http://www.nzhistory.net.nz/tags/missionaries

Pai Marire

Pai Marire (goodness and peace) was one of several Maori Christian faiths to emerge in the 19th century. Like many others, it was closely tied to issues of land and politics.

Samuel Marsden conducts NZ’s first Christian service

At Ohi Beach in the Far North, Marsden preaches in English to a largely Maori gathering, launching the Christian missionary phase of New Zealand history.

Background to the Treaty

The Christian missionaries

The Christian missionaries of the pre-1840s have been described as the ‘agents of virtue in a world of vice’, although they were not immune to moral blemish themselves.

Exploring New Zealand’s interior
After charting the coastline, European surveying and exploration of the interior were a fundamental part of the settlement process, defining the boundaries of ownership, and identifying resources, useable land and access routes.

**Overview - a frontier of chaos?**

The experiences of the explorers Abel Tasman, James Cook and Marion du Fresne had convinced many Europeans that New Zealand was a dangerous place.

**Taming the frontier? - the British Resident**

The ritual killing by Pai Marire followers of missionary Carl Völkner in 1865 shocked many people. The government used the event as a reason to take harsh action against Pai Marire in general.

**Land and ideals - background to the Treaty**

By the later 1830s the British government grew concerned about how land was obtained from Maori. Action was needed, it decided, to protect the interests of Maori from the worst ravages of European impact.

**Captain Stewart and the Elizabeth - a frontier of chaos?**

In 1830 Captain William Stewart of the brig *Elizabeth* entered into a commercial arrangement with Ngati Toa leader Te Rauparaha to ferry a taua (war party) of 100 warriors from their base on Kapiti Island to Banks Peninsula to undertake a surprise attack on northern Ngai Tahu.

**Men of vice or virtue? - missionaries**

Thomas Kendall established the first mission school, but he was later suspended after admitting an adulterous affair with a Maori woman.

**Matene Te Whiwhi**

Matene Te Whiwhi, about 1870. Henare Matene Te Whiwhi was of Ngati Raukawa and Ngati Toa. As a young man he lived through the turmoil of his people’s migration to the Cook Strait region. This may have formed the major theme in his life – the preservation of peace.

**The first execution - capital punishment**

On 7 March 1842 Maketu Wharetotara, the 17-year-old son of the Nga Puhi chief Ruhe of Waimate, became the first official execution in New Zealand.

**Wesleyans and Catholics - missionaries**

How Maori responded to the arrival of Wesleyan and Catholic missionaries in the Bay of Islands

**Doing God’s work - pre-1840 contact - NCEA Level 3 history**

Henry Williams believed that too much time and energy had been devoted to teaching ‘useful arts and agriculture’ as a prelude to conversion. He wanted the mission to spend more time on spiritual teaching.

**Printing the word of God - missionaries**

From the mid-1830s the printed word became a new weapon in the campaign to bring Christianity to Maori.

**Carl Völkner**

Missionary Carl Völkner, 1858

**Wesleydale mission station at Kaeo**

Painting of Wesleydale, New Zealand’s first Wesleyan mission station, established at Kaeo in 1823

**Classroom ideas - missionaries**

Ideas on how to use the Missionaries feature in history and social studies

**Map showing missionary influence**

Map showing zones of influence of different missionary groups

**Samuel Marsden’s first service**

Russell Clark’s reconstruction of Samuel Marsden’s first service in New Zealand at Oihi Bay, Rangihoua, Bay of Islands, on Christmas Day, 1814

**Death of Carl Völkner**

‘Savage Dance, Pai Marire - Volkner’s Death Mar. 21st 1865’. This appeared in the *Illustrated London News* in July 1865.

**Rangihoua missionary settlement**

A fanciful painting of the missionary settlement and Nga Puhi village at Rangihoua in the Bay of Islands, home of Ngapuhi chief Ruatara

**Sugar Loaf Rock missionary station**

The missionary station at Sugar Loaf Rock, near New Plymouth, 1861

**Samuel Marsden**

Convict artist Joseph Backler’s painting of Samuel Marsden shortly before his death in 1838

**Bishop Pompallier**

The Catholic mission fuelled fears of French plans to annex New Zealand, but the number of French missionaries and mission stations remained heavily outnumbered by the Protestant faiths.

**Thomas Kendall with Hongi Hika**

Missionary Thomas Kendall is painted with Waikato and Hongi Hika in London in 1820. In 1815 Kendall wrote the first book to be published in the Maori language.

**Henry Williams**
Missionary Henry Williams, about 1865
Horotutu, Bay of Islands, 1859
This sketch shows Henry Williams’s house and premises from behind Horotutu, Bay of Islands, March 1859.
Henry and William Williams
Painting of Henry and William Williams demonstrating the power of God’s word
Further information - missionaries
Publications and links with information about pre-1840 missionaries

New Zealand Humanities Research Network issues a monthly posting of upcoming New Zealand conferences and calls for papers featured in the events calendar of the Humanities Research Network. This calendar can be used when planning events, to avoid clashes, or to take advantage of visiting speakers and audiences. Further details on these events can be found at www.humanitiesresearch.net, in addition to a full listing of seminars, workshops, public lectures and festivals. To notify the Network of an event you would like included in the calendar, contact the site administrator: admin@humanitiesresearch.net.

Project Canterbury http://anglicanhistory.org/
The New Zealand site has the following listings: http://anglicanhistory.org.nz/index.html

Individuals
George Augustus Selwyn

Texts
The Blain Biographical Directory of Anglican Clergy
This database, compiled by the Reverend Michael Blain, lists more than 1,500 Anglican clergy ordained before 1931 who served in New Zealand, Polynesia and Melanesia.
An Account of New Zealand and of the Formation and Progress of the Church Missionary Society’s Mission in the Northern Island By the Rev. William Yate London: R.B. Seeley and W. Burnside, 1835. [external link]
Treaty of Waitangi--Missionaries and Settlers [external link]
Journal of the Visitation Tour, from August to December, 1843 To which is Prefixed an Extract of a Letter from the Bishop to a Friend in England.
Journal of the Visitation Tour, from December 1843, to March 1844, Including an Account of His Visit to the Southern Island.
A Letter from the Bishop of New Zealand, Containing an Account of the Affray between the Settlers and the Natives at Kororareka.
A Journal of the Bishop’s Visitation Tour through His Diocese, Including a Visit to the Chatham Islands, in the Year 1848.
A Letter to His Grace the Duke of Newcastle, Secretary of State for the Colonies, &c. &c. &c. on behalf of the Melanesian Mission of the Bishop of New Zealand, and also on behalf of Missions to the Aborigines of Australia. By Lewis M. Hogg. London: George Bell, 1853.
Untitled article on Maori Bible translation From The Church Journal, New-York, Wednesday Evening, November 10, 1858.


Church Building at the Antipodes From *Mission Life*, Vol. IV (1873), page 144.


The Project Canterbury Oceania Site has the following acquisition:

Swabey, Francis Edith. “Elizabeth Colenso: Her work for the Melanesian Mission”, 1956 [http://anglicanhistory.org/oceania/colenso1956.html] [It is rather a fascinating read, and covers CMS Maori missions, the Melanesian Mission on Norfolk Island (and the MM-CSM relation), relations between the MM and the “Norfolkers” (for example, social life, disease, economics, etc.)]
Religious Diversity in Aotearoa New Zealand

The listing below does not claim to be comprehensive. It indicates a range of websites available on some New Zealand religious groups.

The Apostolic Church Movement http://www.apostolic.org.nz/
Brethren (Open) http://www.brethren.org.nz/
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints http://www.ldschurch.org.nz/
   Includes a Church History site but little about New Zealand.
The Exclusive Brethren Christian Fellowship http://www.theexclusivebrethren.com/
Destiny Church http://www.destinychurch.org.nz/content/view/48/79/
   Section on History
Elim Church New Zealand http://www.elim.org.nz/
Life (Christian Life Centre) http://www.lifelive.co.nz/
   Section on History
   Section History
Seventh Day Adventists http://adventist.org.au/

The Federation of Islamic Associations of New Zealand http://www.fianz.co.nz/
   Section on history.
New Zealand Sikhs http://www.sikhs.co.nz/
   The History section includes W.H. McLeod, Punjabis in New Zealand
      http://www.sikhs.co.nz/nzhistory/index.shtml
Zarathustrian Association of New Zealand http://www.zanz.org.nz/

Back issues of all the Religious History Newsletters Issue 1, 1987 – Issue 20, 2006 can be found on the University of Auckland’s Research Space website:
http://researchspace.auckland.ac.nz/handle/2292/1961

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