

# Thought Matters Conference

## HOSPITALITY



ENGAGING THE OTHER

29 Sept–01 Oct 2017

BOOTH COLLEGE OF MISSION,  
UPPER HUTT, NEW ZEALAND.

PROGRAMME

## Keynote Speaker

**Andrew Shepherd**—Mirrors, Screens and Photographs: Facing the Other in an 'Age of Terror'

## Plenary Sessions

**Catherine Philpot**—Hello from the Other Side

**Terry Grey**—Strangers and Foreigners in the Hebrew Bible: Obligation & Social Liminality

**Lynette Edge**—Limited Welcome: Is Inclusion Possible for Sexual Offenders in Australian Corps in a post Royal Commission Culture?

**Malcolm Irwin**—Defanging Dracula: How Not to be a Good Neighbour

**Stephen Oliver**—Beyond the Beatitudes: Hospitality as Peace-Making

**Hana Seddon**—Manaaki: An Indigenous Theology of Hospitality

## Concurrent Sessions

**Andrew Wilson**—The Art of Hospitality: A Critique of The Church Growth Movement

**Marcus Hutchins**—Helpful & Unhelpful Understandings of the Other

**Caleb Smith**—Never Read the Comments: Christian Hospitality & the Online World

**Brooke Prentis & Sandra Crowden**—Learning to be Guests of Ancient Hosts on Ancient Lands

**Liam Glover**—Hospitality Beyond Church

**Fepulea'i Ulua'ipou-O-Malo Aiono & Ann-Rita Ngatae**—Solo on Sundays: A Pasifika Hospitality Journey

## Special Event

**Conference Dinner**—featuring the book launch *Saved to Save and Saved to Serve: Perspectives on Salvation Army History* by Major Harold Hill

## A SHORT INTRODUCTION TO OUR KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr Andrew Shepherd has twenty years experience facilitating learning in the areas of theology, ethics and environmental studies. He has teaching and research roles with a range of NZ and US tertiary education institutions, including being a current Research Affiliate with the Centre for Theology and Public Issues, University of Otago. His present day-to-day role is as the Co-Director of the Christian conservation organisation A Rocha Aotearoa New Zealand. His recent publications include: *The Gift of the Other: Levinas, Derrida, and a Theology of Hospitality* (2014); *Taking Rational Trouble over the Mystery: Reactions to Atheism* (edited with Nicola Hoggard Creegan, 2013); and *Creation and Hope: Anticipation and Promise in Aotearoa* (edited with Nicola Hoggard Creegan, forthcoming). He lives with his family in the Makarora valley, on the doorstep of Mt Aspiring National Park. As well as outdoor adventuring, as a family they enjoy sharing their home and the beauty of the surrounding area with an array of friends, guests and strangers who pass through their lives.

## 'THOUGHT MATTERS' CONFERENCE

**Thought Matters** is the annual conference organised and facilitated by The Salvation Army Tri-Territorial Theological Forum (TTTF). The TTTF exists to facilitate theological discussion which informs ministry practice. It is composed of representatives from each of the contributing territories—Australia Eastern, Australia Southern and New Zealand, Fiji and Tonga.

**Thought Matters** is a forum for exploration and discussion. While this conference is supported by territorial leaders in each of the three contributing territories, it is not a forum for debating or deciding official policy or positions. This conference is put on by The Salvation

Army for Salvation Army purposes. Registration is open to anyone who is willing to engage in constructive dialogue on this basis.

## EXPECTATIONS OF DELEGATES

The **Thought Matters** conference is a safe and respectful space for theological conversation. The aim of the conference is to explore ideas rather than convince others of the rightness or otherwise of any particular position.

In line with the purpose and culture of the conference it is expected that all delegates will be respectful in their conversations with others, honest and fair in their representations of conference content to others, and respectful of the right of others to hold different views of scripture, theology and ministry. Therefore delegates are expected to demonstrate grace and compassion in all conversations during and associated with the **Thought Matters** conference.

Copies of papers will be released by the **Thought Matters** organising committee through the journal and the **Thought Matters** Facebook page.

If the conference organisers consider that your conduct is not meeting these expectations, we will discuss this with you. If an appropriate resolution is not reached we reserve the right to cancel your registration. You would then be required to leave the conference.

## VENUE

The conference will be held at **Booth College of Mission, Upper Hutt**. Booking accommodation is your own responsibility and is not included in the conference fee. Accommodation is available on-site at a special conference rate (per night including breakfast) of **NZ\$30** per room in two- and three-bedroom units. There are also a range of reasonably priced motels within walking distance of the college campus. See the website for more information and booking details.