

GROWING TOGETHER

THE INTERNATIONAL RURAL CHURCHES ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL QUADRENNIAL CONFERENCE 2018



15-21 APRIL 2018, LINCOLN, NEAR CHRISTCHURCH, NEW ZEALAND

Lay and ordained rural church leaders are invited to be inspired, encouraged and equipped to face the challenges and opportunities of rural mission and ministry.

Working with fellow practitioners from around the world, with a learning community approach at its core, participants will consider together the 'What is?', 'What could be?' and 'What will be?' for their rural church context. Prayerful reflection in country / region small groups will be inspired by stories and worship from different countries. Key note addresses will offer practical guidance on reconciling communities and collaborative ministry.

Participants will leave with action steps for their area, a set of resources for mission and poverty reduction, new friends and a network offering ongoing support.

WHY ATTEND?



- Take part in a rural church learning community, reflecting with others on your context, and experience an approach that could be adapted to your country.
- Gain insights into collaborative multi-church ministry drawing on the New Zealand experience.
- Gain insights on community reconciliation.
- Receive all the materials required to develop a local learning community approach for your country / area.
- Receive materials for rural poverty reduction, mission and evangelism.
- Be part of an international forum sharing rural resources and case studies.
- Be part of a worldwide fellowship and grow international and ecumenical partnerships.
- Enjoy outings and share in cultural activities.
- Deepen fellowship by joining optional pre- and post-conference tours.

Note that as well as the main conference there is a young adult (16-25) stream.

IRCA is an ecumenical international fellowship that grew out of a meeting of rural church leaders in 1993. The organisation is administered by Germinate: The Arthur Rank Centre in the UK with an independent international steering committee.

For full details including timetable, speakers, cost and booking see:

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