

A SPECIAL UPDATE FROM THE NAVIGATORS OF NEW ZEALAND



THE NZ NAVIGATORS

Renew
2022
NATIONAL GATHERING

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JOIN US FOR THE '22 GATHERING

BY SIMON CAYZER, NATIONAL DIRECTOR

Our best days spiritually can be ahead of us. This reflection, based on 2 Corinthians 4:16, "Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day", encouraged me recently. Our hope as believers is that we are heading for a wonderful future, made even more attractive considering the uncertainty and weariness associated with our challenging times. Some people have described the current environment as a wilderness.

The good news for us is that living in a wilderness is not a new experience for the people of God. It is also no barrier to God who causes new life to spring up in the harshest and most barren places; 'See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.' (Isaiah 43:19).

Renew is the exciting theme for our National Gathering on October 7-9 in Christchurch at Rangi Ruru School. Part of this renewal comes from being together and hearing from God together. More than ever, we need to be renewed in God, renewed in our vision, and empowered by God's Spirit to faithfully be salt and light for Jesus right where God has placed us. We are praying that God will speak to us from the Scriptures and by His Spirit to renew, inspire and empower us in our times.

Would you pause now to pray with us for our 2022 Gathering? We have requests below that we'd like to seek God together with. Also, if you're planning on joining us this year please visit [navigators.org.nz/events/renew22/](https://www.navigators.org.nz/events/renew22/) to register. This will help us with our final plans for our upcoming time together.

We look forward to seeing all of you soon as we seek renewal from God at our 2022 National Gathering.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE '22 GATHERING

✔ FOR GOD TO RENEW US INDIVIDUALLY AND CORPORATELY

✔ FOR GOD TO REMOVE BARRIERS FROM PEOPLE COMING

✔ FOR GOD TO GIVE US 'EARS TO HEAR' WHAT HE SPEAKS

✔ FOR GOD TO SHARPEN OUR VISION FOR REACHING OTHERS

REGISTER HERE AT: [WWW.NAVIGATORS.ORG.NZ/RENEW22/](https://www.navigators.org.nz/renew22/)

A NAVIGATORS DISCIPLESHIP TOOL: [Q] WHO/WHAT IS A LABOURER?

Jesus told his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few" (Mt. 9:37). As Navigators, we long to see this spiritual harvest. In fact, our calling focuses on this idea of raising up a new generation of labourers for this harvest. The calling of The Navigators is, "to advance the gospel of Jesus and His Kingdom into the nations through spiritual generations of labourers living and discipling among the lost."

Where do we begin to grow as a labourer who advances the gospel? Consider this resource as a map to live out the practices of a labourer and how to begin to deeply invest in the spiritual lives of others you care about. Our prayer is that as you follow Jesus and grow in skill as a labourer, you will learn how to help others right where you are to follow Jesus Christ.

LABOURING BEGINS WITH HEART CONVICTIONS

HEART for God and compassion for people who are lost without Christ motivates our labouring. "We love because God first loved us" (1 John 4:19). Labourers have a 'heart for the whole person' and 'compassion for the vulnerable and broken' (Navigators Vision). Matthew 9:36-38, Isaiah 61:1-3

CONVICTION that God wants to reach people through every believer in Jesus with the gospel. Sharing the gospel and making disciples is something God calls each one of us to. The good news is that Jesus promises to be with us and empower us to be His ambassadors. Matthew 28:18-20, John 15:1-8, 2 Cor 5:18-21

Out of these heart convictions, a labourer is someone who demonstrates the following practices:

6 PRACTICES OF A LABOURER

How are you doing in each of the following practices? Is the Holy Spirit prompting you to grow in any of these areas? If so, what is a good next step, and who could you do this with?

TOGETHER
Labourers work together and need one another
Philippians 1:27, Heb. 10:24-25
Paul urged the Philippians to be "striving together as one for the faith of the gospel." (Phil 1:27). As faith in The Navigators expressed in the Vision, "Both personally and in Vision, "Both personally and in Vision, committed communities, they (labourers) seek to know and pursue the purposes of God." For labourers, faith communities are not the ultimate goal – they are a means to advance the Gospel of Jesus and His Kingdom into their relational networks and the nation.

JESUS
Labourers walk with God.
Philippians 3:8-10
Labourers have a passion to know, love, and become like Jesus. They walk faithfully, humbly, and obediently with God. Their ministry to friends and family overflows from their relationship with God.

WORD
Labourers know and live out of the Scriptures in their daily lives.
2 Timothy 2:15; 3:16-17
Labourers are marked by 'deep engagement with and obedience to the Word of God' (The Navigators Vision). They know how to read the Bible, study it, talk about it, live it out in their daily lives, and pass it on to others.

AMONG
Labourers are faithfully present like salt and light among people who are lost to God.
1 Peter 2:12
Labourers intentionally love, serve, and share the gospel with their lives and their words. Like Jesus, they intentionally seek out relationships with people who don't yet know Jesus, looking to help them move closer to Christ as Saviour and Lord.

PRAYER
Labourers persevere in prayer for others.
Colossians 4:2-6
Labourers realise that coming to believe in Jesus and experiencing spiritual transformation is the work of God's Spirit. Labourers play a key role in praying personally for and with fellow labourers.

DISCIPLESHIP & GENERATIONS
Labourers intentionally share faith AND invest in the faith journeys of others.
Matthew 28:18-20, 1 Thess. 2:8
Out of love labourers intentionally invest their lives into the spiritual growth of others, life to life. Anything that helps others move closer to Jesus is part of making disciples. Labourers help others catch a vision for investing in the spiritual growth of friends. This creates a ripple effect of new spiritual generations who follow Jesus and are committed to making disciples.

FOR MORE RESOURCES TO HELP YOU ON YOUR JOURNEY VISIT: navigators.org.nz

THE '6 PRACTICES OF A LABOURER'

LABOURERS LABOURING ARE CENTRAL TO OUR CALLING AND OUR VISION

Last year our National Leadership Team worked together on bringing clarity on what it looks like to 'Labour' in God's Kingdom and to answer the question, "What do labourers do?" This is tremendously important for us in our work. Our Navigators calling statement focuses on successive generations of labourers being the means of advancing the gospel of Jesus and His kingdom into Aotearoa New Zealand and the world.

The 6 Practices will be part of our program at the National Gathering. We encourage you to use this tool with those you are helping in their walk with God to bring clarity on how God could use them as labourers right where they are.

Visit navigators.org.nz/resources/6practices to download a pdf of this great resource.

PROGRAM UPDATE FOR RENEW '22

As 'Renew' is the theme for our National Gathering on October 7-9, our content and workshops will help us to seek and hear from God in this area. Liana Flanagan and Simon Cayzer will be our main speakers.

FRIDAY NIGHT	Session #1: Welcome & intro from Simon and Navigators International President Mutua Mahiaini via video
SATURDAY	Session #2: Renewed in God - Workshops - Lunch Session #3: Renewed in Vision - Workshops - Free time - Shared dinner
SUNDAY	Session #4: Advancing the work: What God has been doing through the Navigators in Aotearoa New Zealand and the Asia-Pacific region. Session #5: Renewed in Pursuit - Lunch

WORKSHOP TOPICS WILL INCLUDE...

- SPARKING FAITH CONVERSATIONS with the people God has placed you amongst.
- FAMILIES ON A MISSION - infusing your day-to-day family life with a kingdom mindset
- RENEWING OUR MINDS - eliminating distraction for the sake of our souls
- GROWING GOD'S KINGDOM in your workplace
- EXPERIENCING GOD in dry and difficult times

And more...including an awesome kids' program for ages infant-Year 8 aimed at getting your kids excited about walking with God and living on mission!



To Know Christ, Make Him Known, & Help Others Do the Same.

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