



CONNECT 2025 PROGRAM OPTIONS

Registration Notes

You will receive a list of registered people - mark their names off on arrival and check dietary info is correct. For any new registrations direct them to the rego page for your venue

Welcome & Opening Prayer

10 mins

You could include housekeeping/safety information relevant to the host venue, acknowledgement of country, prayer and the Would You Rather icebreaker

Giveaways

6 giveaways choose times throughout the day to give them away. You could create fun challenges or giveaway according to newest to the team or earliest to register.

Our Connections & Idea sharing

25 mins

An opportunity to meet people from other churches and share ideas
Includes a 12 square people bingo and posters for sharing ideas
Finish with the video Our Connections

Worship Stations

20 mins

Connect is about investing in you as leaders so we want to provide space for worship, prayer and personal discipleship. The worship resource is focussed on Psalm 145 with 4 simple stations - only a few additional resources required

Keynote from Richard Black

50 mins

Richard Black from Mind Health New Zealand explores anxiety, factors that have contributed to the rise of anxiety and tools to reassure and empower people. Video is 25 minutes and then time for discussion and reflection.

Workshops

50 mins

- Embracing Neurodiversity - Supporting kids and teen with ADHD/Autism (video + scenarios)
- Fostering Friendship - (video + questions to workshop together)
- Small Groups that nurture faith - (video + questions to workshop together)

Eating together

45 mins

A relaxed space for connection. \$18 per person available for food and any table lollies etc you choose to include.
Could start with morning tea and then have a lunch break before workshops. Or one long foor break after the keynote or start with dinner if you are meeting in the evening.

Team Time

20- 30 mins

Dreaming and planning time as a team

A time for those from the same faith community to gather together. Also those who may have come on their own can gather with those who are also the only ones from their faith community at Connect.

Using the provided questions handout or your own questions facilitate a time to help ground some of the experience of the day into their local context and to provide an opportunity to commit to practical next steps when people return to their local context.

Sending & Closing Prayer

10 mins

This is a time of blessing and sending those who gathered with you. Please encourage those connections which may have only begun or perhaps deepened to continue beyond this event. Those connections will strengthen each of our local faith communities as we continue to encourage, support and share ideas.

Sample outlines

9:00-2 will work with larger groups

Space for extra games for giveaways more team and reflection application time

| Time | Program | Length | Person | Resources |
|-------|---|------------------|--------|--|
| 8:45 | Registration | 30 mins | | Rego sheet/ pens/ QR code to rego site |
| 9:15 | Welcome & Opening Prayer | 5 mins | | Welcome slide |
| | Icebreaker would you rather | 5 mins | | |
| | 1st Giveaways | 2 min | | Giveaway 1 and 2 |
| 9:30 | Conversations & Connection | 25 mins | | handout and posters |
| 9:55 | Explain workshops & intro Worship experience | 30 mins | | background music station supplies |
| 10:25 | Keynote from Richard Black | 50mins | | Video - Richard Black |
| 11:15 | Giveaway x 2 & Group Photo using a large group game like elimination scissors paper | 5-10min | | Giveaway 3 & 4 Camera for photo |
| 11:25 | Food Break | 45 mins | | |
| 12:10 | Workshops - include transition | 50min- 1 hour | | video & handouts |
| 1:10 | Giveaways | 5 min | | Giveaway 5 & 6 - Powerpoint welcome slide |
| 1:15 | Team Time | 30 min | | |
| 1:45 | Sending & Closing Prayer | 10 mins | | |

9:30-1:30 will work with small groups

Tight timings no extra games for giveaways, shorter reflection application time

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| 9:30 | Welcome & Opening Prayer | 5 mins | | Welcome slide |
| | 1st Giveaways | 2 min | | Giveaway 1 and 2 |
| 9:40 | Conversations & Connection | 25 mins | | handout and posters |
| 10:05 | Explain workshop options Worship experience | 30 mins | | background music station supplies |
| 10:35 | Keynote from Richard Black | 50mins | | Video - Richard Black |
| 11:25 | Giveaway x 2 & Group Photo | 5 min | | Giveaway 3 & 4 Camera for photo |
| 11:30 | Food Break | 40 min | | |
| 12:10 | Workshops - include transition | 50min- 1 hour | | videos and handouts |
| 1:10 | Giveaways | 5 min | | Giveaway 5 & 6 - Powerpoint welcome slide |
| 1:15 | Team Time | 15 min | | |
| 1:30 | Sending & Closing Prayer | 5 min | | |