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Reaching students for Christ; changing students for life.

About TSCF

Total staff: 42

- 8 national/support staff
- 21 field staff
- 10 associate staff
- 3 secondments, 2 of which are overseas

Number of student groups nationwide: 28

- Approximately 1200 regular attendees, of which 10% are international students.
- In a year, we see 3000 students.
- Regions: Auckland, Palmerston North, Waikato, Bay of Plenty, Wellington, Canterbury, Lincoln, Otago.

2017 income and expenditure

Annual income: \$1,958,222

Annual expenditure: \$1,926,589

TSCF was established in 1936 and is a founding member of the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students. IFES now comprises 149 national member movements.

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Our vision

TSCF's vision is to help thousands of students become servant leaders of character through the transforming gospel of Christ. Following personal conversion and guided by biblical wisdom, they will integrate faith, study, work and life, and bring cultural renewal to New Zealand's tertiary institutions.

TSCF's four aims

True Witness: The gospel calls Christian students and graduates to a unity of speech, actions and character that grabs the world's attention and asks everyone to respond to the good news. TSCF pursues true witness through its training, resources and holistic approach to discipling student leaders.

Undivided Life: Reconciliation is at the heart of the good news. The gospel "undivides" the fragmentation of daily living, the dissolution of community, gender, ethnicity, and denominations. It calls for redeemed and redeeming relationships, which only the risen Christ makes possible.

Deep Thought: The scriptures shine light on how to think about every area of life, from studies and career to lifestyle, morality and social justice. Staff workers provoke deep thought in students and graduates, from one-to-one conversations to training events with respected teachers.

Global Reach: Generations of TSCFers have brought the gospel to their corners of the globe, whether in New Zealand or in far-flung lands. With the influx of international students, many from places where the gospel is barely known, the world has come to us. A global perspective and calling begins long before graduation. In our events, in our partnership with other mission organisations, and especially in our participation with IFES, TSCF shares a gospel with global reach.

TSCF's basis of belief

The Basis of Belief comprises the evangelical truths of the historic Christian faith, including:

- There is one God, who is three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God is the creator and sustainer of all things.
- God, in revealing himself, inspired the Holy Scriptures so that they are entirely trustworthy and have supreme authority in matters of doctrine, faith and conduct.
- We all were made for fellowship with God, but disobeyed him. So we all have become sinners, guilty in God's sight, under his wrath, and alienated from him.
- Jesus Christ, God's own son, became truly human. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.
- Jesus Christ took the sin of the world on himself when he died on the cross as our representative and substitute. This is how God showed his love for us and provided the only way for us to be forgiven and reconciled to him.
- Jesus of Nazareth was raised from the dead by God.
- The Holy Spirit brings us to trust Christ and repent of our sins, lives in us, and develops our new life in Christ in the fellowship of the Church.
- Jesus Christ, the living Lord, will return in person as Judge and King.

Values

1. Confessional

We are united in the truth and want clarity on essential biblical doctrines. Our leaders are professing Christians. We have a Basis of Belief, and most of the student groups have a membership clause.

2. Missional

We are unashamed of and united in the gospel. Mobilising people into mission on campus is our main agenda.

3. Evangelical

4. Relational

5. Inclusive

We are inclusive of different cultures, ethnic backgrounds, genders and all ages. We are positive about bi-culturalism and multi-culturalism. The Treaty of Waitangi is between Maori and the British Crown on behalf of current and all future settlers, whether temporary or permanent.

6. Partnership

We are positive about inter-church involvement and recognise that some of the biggest hurdles are overcome when people see we are uniting people for mission on campus.

7. Holistic

The gospel has implications for the whole of life.

8. Student leadership

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9. Creativity

We connect with design, arts, music and architecture students, encouraging graduates to network in creative industries.

10. Fun

While fun is not one of our aims, it is a value. We want to do everything in a way that celebrates life and find ways to make our time together fun.

11. Generosity

We do not just think about ourselves as a movement. Students have a history of showing generosity in their relationships with our partners, particularly around the Pacific.

12. Kiwi

We want to positively shape what "Kiwi" means.