

100 Year Anniversary Focus

On 22 September 1924, the Spiritualist Church of New Zealand Act was passed. This Act contains the Seven Principles and the Constitution as it was then and was passed in order to give safety and security to both spiritualists and spiritual churches in New Zealand.

In 100 years many things can change and grow. In order to allow our organisation to reflect these changes, in 2017, with the help of lawyers, a new constitution was written. This was needed to better reflect the meaning of the Act in today's society. There was a recognition that a spiritual person is no longer always part of a spiritualist church and that living spiritually can follow many different pathways. To acknowledge this, our current organisation has expanded welcoming in individuals who follow the tenets of the Seven Principles in their daily life as well as spiritual churches and centres.

On 22 September 2024, we would like to acknowledge those who worked so hard to have this Act passed and the growth and development of spiritualism in New Zealand since that time. It is our aim to have as many different organisations and individuals doing something to celebrate this day and to give the public of New Zealand an opportunity to learn more about spiritualism and what living a spiritual life means. And in order to commemorate this day in the future, we will also use this celebration to launch a National Spiritual Day to be celebrated every year in the future, on this date.

We encourage anyone who would like to share in the joy of celebrating this with us, to contact Amanda at registrar@spiritualism.org.nz to explore the many different ways that you can become involved.

Project Scope

Who

- Any and all people with an interest in living spiritually in general and Spiritualism in particular.

What

- A celebration of the 100-year anniversary of the Spiritualist Church of New Zealand Act as at 22 September 1924.

Where

- In person within your local spiritual community, or spiritualist church or centre.
- Virtually via Zoom with Spiritualism New Zealand.

When

- 22 September 2024

Why

- To acknowledge those who worked so hard to have the Act passed, and the growth and development of Spiritualism in New Zealand since that time.

How

- Facilitating conversations via Zoom to generate interest in the celebration.
- Encouraging and supporting individuals and groups to plan local activities.
- Coordinating national communication and promotion strategies.
- Launching a National Spiritual Day to be celebrated annually on 22 September.

Activities Suggested (to date)

Either National or Regional

- Expert panels
- Debate/ sharing beliefs
- Organise an exhibition (possibly a touring one) of spiritual art
- Podcasts
- Spiritual radio

National

- Nationwide meditation sending love and healing to self and the whole of NZ
- Global moment of healing when every stops at a certain time and sends out good stuff together
- Collate a book (possibly online version) of stories, photos and history of spiritualism.
- Merchandise – T-shirts, pens,
- Promotion on social media
- Information on the history of spiritualism onto our website
- Webpage advertising all regional events

Regional

- Advertorials/articles in local papers to educate the public
- Interviews on local radios
- Billboard advertising
- Services describing the history at churches and centres
- Healing/mediumship events

Suggested Agenda for the next meeting

22 November 7.30pm

1. Defining the roles of the regional coordinators and national coordinator
2. Creating a list of 3 to 4 ideas that are easy for a church, centre or group to implement for the celebration.
3. Create a skeleton of what would be involved in each of the activities in number 2.
4. Discuss what would be good to offer on a national level for people who are unable to make it to a physical location. A nationwide meditation on 22 September, online discussion forum and interviews leading up to the 22nd.
5. Possible co-ordinators for the regions (please talk to people in your areas and bring suggestions to the meeting).