



## **STRATUM** *dates*

### **Tuesday 28 March**

Introduction  
6-9pm, Neligan House

### **Friday 28 - Sunday 30 April**

Retreat I

### **May monthly meeting**

Neligan House

### **June monthly meeting**

Neligan House

### **Friday 28 - Sunday 30 July**

Retreat II

### **August monthly meeting**

Neligan House

### **September monthly meeting**

Neligan House

### **Friday 27 - Sunday 29 October**

Retreat III



Anglican Diocese  
of Auckland

# **STRATUM**



*Formation for Lay Ministry*

**2023 PROGRAMME**





## From Bishop Ross

*Effective ministry definitely requires some skills. But even more important is formation for ministry. It is in this hard work that we come to understand ourselves in relation to God who calls us and to the people with whom we minister. Formation doesn't happen in an isolated way, but in the context of a community. Some of the key strategic priorities for the Diocese are developing mature discipleship, finding ways for people to express their gifts in ministry, and resourcing leaders. Stratum seeks to do all these things. It was run for the first time in 2019, and represents our commitment to enabling the ministry of lay people within their worshipping communities and the wider Diocese.*

*"Having a safe space to be myself and to meet such a wonderful group of people who I could be real with, who I could journey alongside and connect with."*

– PAST PARTICIPANT

## WHO IS IT FOR?

*Stratum* is a seven month programme for people involved in significant Anglican lay ministry such as Children and Families Workers, Pastoral Care Coordinators, Preaching and Worship Leaders. The group size is limited to twelve.

## WHAT IS IT ABOUT?

*Stratum* is not a series of skills-based workshop. It is a formation programme which invites participants to deepen their understanding of themselves in relation to God and others.

The programme is shaped by some key principles:

- Exploring the role of Scripture and Worship in ministry
- Deepening Discipleship through spiritual practices, challenging our assumptions about God, self and others.

- Mining the depths of our Anglican tradition
- Shaping community through relationships of care
- Growing Ministry Competencies – leadership, conflict, boundaries, accountability
- Mission and Ministry in Context

## WHO'S INVOLVED?



*Stratum* is facilitated by Karen Spoelstra, Diocesan Lay Ministry Developer and two Anglican lay leaders, Chris Clarke (CEO Wilberforce Foundation for faith-based not-for-profits, past CEO World Vision, leadership coach and preacher), and Andrew Saunders (leadership consultant, coach, supervisor and spiritual director; past University of Auckland chaplain and secondary school leader).



*"This has been an amazing time of growth and refreshment for me."*

*"[The facilitators] were able to create a place of safety, grace and encouragement"*

– PAST PARTICIPANTS

## WHAT IS THE COMMITMENT?

*Stratum* will meet once a month over seven months. Of these eight gatherings, three will be weekend retreats, and the remaining five will be Tuesday evenings. It is expected that participants will do their best to attend all gatherings.

Participants will be expected to undertake active reflection on their ministry in response to the work done together at *Stratum*. They will be expected to participate fully in gatherings, sharing their learning as well their challenges.

The cost for each participant is \$1,200, split between the Diocese, Ministry Unit and Individual.

The Diocese will sponsor \$600, and ask the Ministry Unit to pay \$400 and the participant \$200. Some further sponsorship may be available. Please contact Karen Spoelstra if these costs are prohibitive.

## HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

There are only 12 places available for *Stratum*. Applicants need to have the support of their Vicar and be able to commit to the process.

If you are interested in receiving an application form for *Stratum*, please email [karen.spoelstra@aucklandanglican.org.nz](mailto:karen.spoelstra@aucklandanglican.org.nz) or download one from the Diocesan website, [www.aucklandanglican.org.nz](http://www.aucklandanglican.org.nz)

**Deadline for completed applications: 3 March 2023**

**For more information, email:  
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