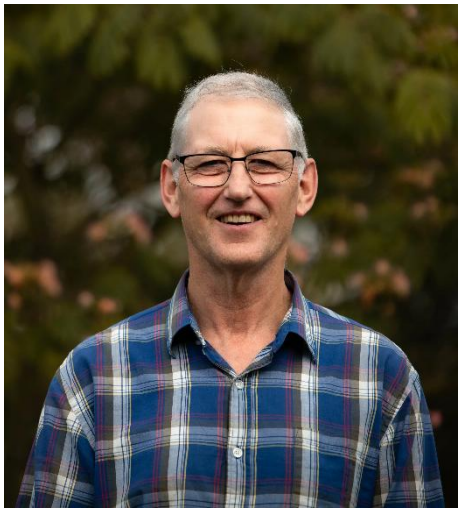
Te Raranga Steering Group



Donald Scott - Chairman

Born and raised in the remote hills of Southern Hawkes Bay.
Early years spent farming and shearing which was the context for coming to faith at the age of twenty-three – where a change of direction led to work in a church pastoral role.
Retired from leading a local church in Christchurch for twenty years. Now privileged to work across the wider church.
Passionate about unity and our bi-cultural journey as a nation.
A proud father of four and grandfather of six gorgeous mokopuna.



Mike Stopforth

Married to Jacinta and have four adult children.
Born in Hokitika and had seventeen great years there.
Following university, travel and further study began work in youth ministry and then onto a team leadership pastoral role.
Love being on a journey of mission and discipleship and helping others in that journey.

Allen Hou

Born in Taiwan and came to this beautiful land in 1998.
Completed postgraduate studies in Engineering, then realised God had other plans for me.
Been in church ministry since 2010.
Married Yi Xing in 2015.
Became dad to Eliya in 2020.
My heart is to see immigrants and their children blessed – and for them to be a blessing in this land.



Ben Truman

Dean of Anglican Christchurch Cathedral
Has a whole lotta love for:
Jesus and His church …
His wife Johannah and their three small boys …
His old hometown (Greymouth) and his new hometown (Ōtautahi) …
Building up the Cathedral and the Kingdom of God.





Nigel Ripley – Operations Manager
Lead Pastor at Legacy Community Church since 2004, after 12 years in youth work in east Christchurch.

Of bi-cultural descent and upbringing and married to Mana, with four children, one son-in-law, and one grandchild.

Passionate to see the body of Christ grow towards unity in maturity with all our diverse parts honoured and working together.