



What is Voting Membership of Scripture Union in NZ?

Scripture Union in NZ (SUNZ) is a movement of the global Scripture Union organisation. As such we acknowledge and align ourselves with the International Aims, Belief, and Working Principles which can be seen on the SUNZ website: <http://www.sunz.org.nz/donate-now/aims-belief-and-working-principles/>

Why become a voting member of SUNZ?

Membership is a way of partnering with SUNZ in ministry to the children and young people of our nation. In addition it is a way of aligning with the mission statement of SUNZ and its values.

Our Mission:

We work with Churches to create opportunities for Children and Young People to Discover and follow Jesus, Grow as leaders, and Influence our world.

The values:

Biblical: Our work is based on Biblical principles and prayer. We are committed to helping people open the Bible for themselves in life changing ways.

Relational: We follow God's example in developing caring relationships between our staff, volunteers and the people we work with, as the starting place for sharing faith.

Collaborative: We work to build effective partnerships to equip and enable volunteers and people across the denominations to follow God's calling.

Relevant: We aim to impact children and young people within New Zealand's diverse cultures with the gospel in ways that are transformative and respectful.

Voting Membership is not governance, but supports it, creates a level of accountability, and keeps us connected to communities across New Zealand. Voting Membership provides an opportunity to attend the Annual General Meeting of SUNZ and contribute to discussions, vote on appointments, and be involved in decision making for ministry. In between those meetings, we'll make sure we communicate regularly on developments in the movement.

Voting Membership is entirely optional, but we hope to grow the number of members over time to undergird the leadership offered by governance and staff.

Criteria for membership?

A member of Scripture Union may be:

- a. Members of the National Board, and the President.
- b. Volunteers and supporters of Scripture Union.

c. Staff of Scripture Union

- Membership is offered, but you must respond to the invitation.
- Members will be required to indicate their acceptance of the Scripture Union Statement of Faith.
- You can become a member by expressing your interest
- The board receives and confirms applications for membership.
- Members will be required to affirm the continuation of their membership every three (3) years.

Please note:

- For couples, membership is individual so you will need to complete each of your details separately.

The Benefits of membership.

- Adventure magazine
- Participation in the Annual General Meeting and voting for governance roles
- Identification with a community of people committed to regular Bible reading

The Process. (What do I do next?)

- Read and complete the application forms.
- Email or post them to SUNZ.
- The board will consider applications for membership at its next meeting.
- Your membership will be confirmed in due course.

Nga Mihi Nui I Kind Regards



Hilary Hague

National Director
Scripture Union in NZ



Neil Walbran

Chair of the board
Scripture Union in NZ

SUNZ Statement of Faith

Revelation	We at Scripture Union New Zealand believe in and trust one God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Spirit speaks supremely through Jesus the Christ, God's living Word. God's written word, the Bible, is the ultimate source of authority concerning God's being, His standards for how we should live and His activity in the world. On the basis of the Bible we affirm the following:
Creation	God created the world for us to live in and created us for relationships of love and freedom – with God, others, ourselves, and the created world, of which we are to be careful custodians. God created us in His own image so that we might choose to know God with our minds, trust Him with our hearts and participate with Him in fulfilling His purposes for creation. As members of families and communities we are to love, and live in peace with, one another.
Fall/Sin	Ignoring God's goodness towards us, humanity rejected God's loving rule and rebelled against His purpose for the world. This has led to brokenness, alienation, suffering and death – with each other, creation, and with God. All of us have fallen short of God's plan and standards for our lives.
Plan of Redemption	But God has acted in human history to restore us to our true humanity, dignity and freedom as His children. Even though we were helpless and deserving of judgement, God lovingly chose to redeem us through the perfect work and sacrifice of His Son, Jesus.
Incarnation	In Jesus, God came to us as a human being, like us in every single way yet without sin. Through His ministry, Jesus established God's rule and reign showing us who God truly is, who we truly are and the true nature of God's Kingdom.
Death and Resurrection	Through suffering and dying upon the Cross as our representative and substitute, God has dealt with the power and penalty of our sin. By raising Jesus bodily from death, God has demonstrated His power to heal our brokenness and restore the world. Jesus has won victory over sin and death giving hope to those who believe both in the present and in eternal life with God as king.
Holy Spirit	God has made the death and resurrection of Jesus a living reality for each of us personally through the work of the Holy Spirit who leads us to faith and empowers us for witness and service as part of God's worldwide family, the Church.
Our Response	<p>Therefore, in partnership with local churches, we are committed to participating in God's mission through the power of the Holy Spirit to bring the knowledge of these things to people in ways they are best able to understand and respond to.</p> <p>We do this confidently, knowing that God calls and equips us for this task, in the joyful anticipation that God will finally fulfil His purposes for creation through Jesus Christ at His promised return.</p>



Application for Scripture Union Membership

Your title:

Full first name and surname:

Your full postal address:
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Your street address (if different to the above):
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Email address (if used)

Telephone (landline and/or mobile)

I agree with the Statement of Faith and I wish to become a member of SUNZ

Signed.....

Date.....

Please send to Scripture Union, PO Box 760, Wellington 6140 or email info@scriptureunion.org.nz

Official use only

Date received at National Office/application acknowledged

Date sent to Board Chair

Date of Board meeting at which application considered

Date of commencement of membership