



## NEWSFLASH

JANUARY 2023

### 1 Greetings Message from Joint Coordinators

#### New Year message for ICDF 2023

As we welcome in the new year, it's an exciting time for all of us to reflect on the past and look ahead to the future. We've come a long way as an international fellowship of dancers and artists, and we know that 2023 holds so much promise for us all.

As we move forward, we want to remind you that the ICDF is here to support and encourage you in your artistic and spiritual journey. We are committed to providing a community where you can connect, learn and grow together. As an ICDF member, you have access to a wealth of resources and support to help you grow, whether it's through your local Fellowship, our online community, our training programs or our mentorship opportunities. We are here to help you achieve your goals and reach your full potential as a dancer.

During the course of this year, we will provide opportunities to come together as a dance community and experience the beauty and power of dance and art in new ways. We've planned events, workshops and opportunities for information sharing that will inspire and uplift you. The calendar of events has been included in this Newsflash for you to diarise the dates and invite all dancers to participate.



Liesl Townsend



Sue Sutherland

One of the things we're most excited about is the announcement of the Host Country for our next ICDF Conference in 2025. We can't wait to share the details with you, and we know that it will be an event you won't want to miss. Please read on for that announcement!

Our word of encouragement to you as we begin this new year, is from Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Let us rest assured that God has plans for us and that He will surprise us with His goodness in this coming year.

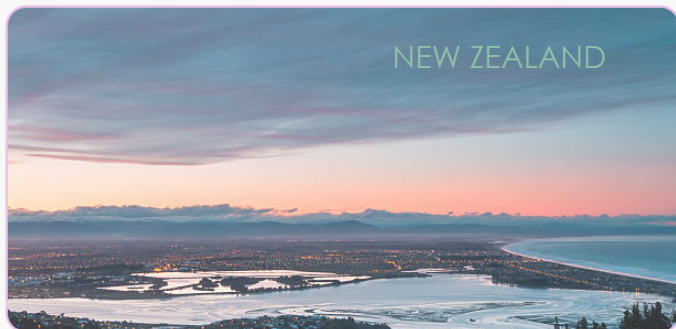
We are grateful for your support and are excited to see what God has in store for all of us in the coming year. Let's dance and create with purpose and passion in 2023!

*Liesl & Sue*



## 2 Announcement

Next ICDF Conference 2025



### AOTEAROA HAERE MAI - COME TO NEW ZEALAND!

With prayerful consideration Belinda Andrews and the ICDFANZ Aotearoa New Zealand leadership team have agreed to accept the challenge to host the next ICDF International Conference in 2025.

We are so excited to invite you to come to  
**Christchurch, New Zealand!**

*E ngā mana, e ngā reo, e ngā karangatanga  
maha, tēnā koutou katoa  
Haere mai, haere mai, haere mai  
Ki a koutou ngā tāngata auaha o te Karaiti,  
nau mai, haere mai  
Haere mai ki Aotearoa  
Haere mai ki te hui 2025 o te International  
Christian Dance Fellowship.  
Kia ora tātou katoa*

[Greetings to people of all languages throughout  
the world

Welcome, welcome, welcome  
To you, the Christian creatives, welcome  
Welcome to Aotearoa New Zealand  
Welcome to the 2025 conference of the  
International Christian Dance Fellowship  
Warmest acknowledgements to you all]

New Zealand is in the Southern Hemisphere located  
in the South Pacific Ocean. The spirit of our nation  
is pioneering, and our spiritual mantle is JOY.

After ICDF was birthed at the 1988 CDF Australia  
national conference attended by several  
international delegates, Aotearoa New Zealand was  
the first country to start a new Christian Dance  
Fellowship on 5 November that same year.

### A BRIEF HISTORY OF ICDFANZ

CDFNZ (Christian Dance Fellowship of New Zealand)  
founding scripture:

*'Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue  
shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and  
streams in the desert. The burning sand will become a  
pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs.'*  
**Isaiah 35:6-7a**

From 1988 CDFNZ grew, flourished and reached a  
membership of approximately 400 members; but  
then gradually diminished until in 2004, CDFNZ was  
pronounced as inactive. Some twelve years later in  
2016, a new meeting was held to re-ignite the  
Christian Dance Fellowship of New Zealand. A new  
formation committee gathered together and a new  
National Coordinator was appointed. A new name  
was then adopted to reflect a move forward in the  
fellowship, ICDFANZ (International Christian Dance  
Fellowship of Aotearoa New Zealand). ICDFANZ is  
now a growing fellowship with members from many  
Christian denominations and different creative arts  
practices throughout New Zealand.



**You are invited to come and join us at the next  
ICDF International Conference in 2025 in  
Christchurch, New Zealand.**

*Belinda Andrews,  
ICDFANZ National Coordinator  
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## 3 CALENDAR

Annual Calendar of Events

### ICDF CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2023

DATE	EVENT / ACTIVITIES
Monthly	Newsflash: Events & News
25 March	1 <sup>st</sup> ICDF Magazine for 2023 – Including various ICDF Networks
29 April	ICDF Full Day Workshop: International Dance Day
22 - 28 May	ICDF Dance Week
30 June	2nd Magazine for 2023 – Including news from ICDF Countries
22 July	1 <sup>st</sup> Country Leaders Meeting - East*
5 August	2 <sup>nd</sup> Country Leaders Meeting - West *
25 September	3 <sup>rd</sup> Magazine for 2023 - Including various ICDF Networks
30 September	ICDF Full Day Workshop
4 - 18 November	ICDF AGM via email ( Voting on Telegram )
16 December	4 <sup>th</sup> Magazine for 2023 - Including news from ICDF Countries

**\* 1<sup>st</sup> Country Leaders Meeting - East**  
Countries included in this meeting  
**Asia - Europe - Africa**

**\* 2<sup>nd</sup> Country Leaders Meeting - West**  
Countries included in this meeting  
**Americas - Caribbean - Pacific**

## NEW ZEALAND

