

In December 2024, Chairs representing several Support Ministries in our CCCNZ/Open Brethren heritage movement of churches met with the Board of Pathways College of Bible and Mission. They emphasised the need for well-trained leaders within our churches and highlighted the importance of aligning Pathways College of Bible and Mission with our churches to address this need and see an increasing number of students from the movement attending Pathways College of Bible and Mission in future years. All attendees communicated a desire to work together to collectively review and implement theological training to better address the needs of our movement of churches.

A joint formal commitment was made by the Pathways Board and the Chairs present to work together, using the joint expertise and resources available, to empower Pathways College to be the lead trusted adviser and provider of theological education and missionary training for the Open Brethren heritage/CCCNZ movement in NZ.

A small team of experienced people has been assembled to prayerfully develop this initiative further. This will include exploring if effort can also be directed towards enhancing other key areas of support such as improved alignment between various groups.

Work will begin very early in 2025 and further information will be made available as plans develop. In the meantime, your prayers for wisdom for all involved in this initiative are valued, together with questions or feedback that you may have.



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