

The Exclusive Brethren who separated from the Open Brethren in 1848 and adhere to a rigid code of practice that among other things restricts the contact their members can have with those outside their group. The Wellington Exclusive Brethren has over 300 members who at present use temporary premises in Linden as their Church. It has a high security fence and no signage on the premises. Exclusive Brethren children attend Westmount schools. The Johnsonville School has about 100 students. Education is conducted as per the New Zealand curriculum.

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Exclusive Brethren are banned from watching television, listening to the radio and using the internet. Exclusive Brethren separate themselves from others because the rest of the world is wicked. They congregate every Sunday in their meeting rooms to celebrate the Lord's Supper and to preach the Gospel. The Exclusive Brethren have tight control of their members' behaviour and the leader is regarded as the supreme authority.

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