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**The Methodist Church of New Zealand
Te Hahi Weteriana O Aotearoa**



“Our Church's Mission in Aotearoa New Zealand is to reflect and proclaim the transforming love of God as revealed in Jesus Christ and declared in the Scriptures. We are empowered by the Holy Spirit to serve God in the world. The Treaty of Waitangi is the covenant establishing our nation on the basis of a power-sharing relationship, and will guide how we undertake mission”.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

February is always a significant month for Methodists.

Many parishes and congregations hold a covenant this month. It is an opportunity to renew commitment as individuals and faith communities, and to listen for what the Spirit is saying to us now.

Induction services, which recognise the beginning of new ministries, and therefore of new relationships are also occasions for pausing to reflect on commitment and mission.

In the last few weeks I have participated in the following Installation and Induction services:

Nigel Hanscamp, Superintendent, Evangelical Network

Trevor Hoggard, Co-Superintendent, Manukau District

Mary Caygill, Principal, Trinity Methodist College

John Murray, District Superintendent, Waikato / Wairiki District

Michael Greer, Superintendent, Christchurch Methodist Mission

Kathryn Walters, Superintendent, Christchurch Central Methodist Parish

The congregations in Matamata, Pakuranga, Pitt Street, Durham Street and the people of Waikato Rohe offered warm hospitality to all who attended.

The inauguration of the Tongan congregation in the Dunedin Methodist Parish, and the handing over of the St Kilda Church for their use, is significant for both the parish and for Vahefonua Tonga 'o Aotearoa.

In addition, District Superintendents have been officiating at Inductions in Districts.

Please remember all new ministries in your prayers, as people settle in to new appointments.

While the Church has been busy with its life, as a nation we have been concerned with the Waitangi Day observance and the many issues which the day draws to our attention.

It is much easier to listen and give credence to the voices which support our own politics, prejudices and fears than it is to take seriously those which challenge and disturb. Some recent writing which takes a 'post colonial' view reminds us that it's important to apply some analytical tools to what we see and hear. These include asking whether it is the voice of the 'coloniser' or the 'colonised', who is telling whose stories, who has most power and control in the situation, who is absent or missing from the story, whose voices are not heard. While this is drawn from a method for biblical interpretation, I have found these to be useful tools to also apply to media reporting. You might also find them useful.

Grace and peace to you.

Lynne

VICE-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope you have all had a great holiday break and those that did not get away have a spell booked in for later in the year. Jackie and I got to the beach on two occasions this year enjoying a time of relaxation, sun and salt water. Isn't it funny that the two simple items of life, salt and light, are the ones we seek when we need to wind down and recharge our batteries. To those presbyters, deacons and their families who have shifted house as a result of the call of the Church, I wish to give a big thank you from the membership. With out this sacrificial gift we could not effectively cover the changing pastoral needs of our large family.

Over January and February I have seen different parts of our Church in action as well as the work of some of our ecumenical cousins. I have two instances to share that tell some of what being Christian really means.

The first was the sermon that I heard at Ratana at the birthday celebrations of their founder. When I say "heard" I really mean heard as it was spoken in English. Amongst other things this 40 year veteran priest spoke of the need for the passing on of the faith to the next generation. He apologised to the youth of the Church for failing to teach them all the language of their ancestors, (which explains the use of the English language), but before the pakeha readers get all smug about this admission, he also spoke of not passing on the meaning of the symbols of their denomination. At this point I realised that the Priest wasn't just talking about Ratana he was speaking to every Christian community. How many of you have heard the young people talking of our boring services and questioning why we carry out strange rituals? I challenge all adults to think about how they explain the Methodist doctrines to our children and youth and to question themselves over whether they do tell them why we do things. This includes the reason for the language used. He also talked about the need to mentoring to take place between young and old. So adults make your selves available one on one with a young person and tell the stories of our faith, that is if you want the Methodist tradition to be passed on, evolve and draw young people in.

The second was an E Mail I received from Beverley Osborn apologising for not saying goodbye to Jackie and I after her induction. The reason was that she was doing what every member of our Church is called to do. As we went into Beverley and John's induction service a young man came into the Church in need. Beverley takes up the story. "I had to take off my district hat and put on the parish pastoral one in a big hurry to try and help a young man in dire trouble. He had wandered in from the street just a few minutes before the service began. So I didn't get to offer you the bag of tomatoes from my garden that was sitting in the car and nor did I get any conversational time. The good thing was that by the time I took the young man home, he was actually starting to look his age (tertiary student) -- instead of like a grief-stricken guy of at least 40. He's got plenty of tomatoes to eat too!"

This is the Church we should be. Telling the stories of the faith journey to the next generation and being outward facing and available to those in our community in needs. Both of these tasks were what Jesus showed us when he was here on Earth all those years ago and are still relevant today.

David

FROM THE GENERAL SECRETARY'S DESK

The President has made the following appointments:

Rev Brian Turner to the New Brighton Union Parish
Rev Gerald Gardiner to the Dargaville Methodist Parish
Rev Laurie Barber to the Opotiki Union Parish
Mrs Petra Barber as lay supply to the Opotiki Union Parish
Rev Terry Wall to the Orakei Methodist Parish (beginning June/July 2004).

Conference has asked Parishes to consider the following resolutions during 2004

QUESTION 32(b): CONFERENCE OF CHURCHES IN AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND

2. Conference encourages parishes to plan for ecumenical celebrations of the *Decade to Overcome Violence: Churches seeking reconciliation and peace* at the time of Pentecost 2004 (30 May).
3. As an expression of commitment to the *Decade to Overcome Violence: Churches seeking reconciliation and peace*, all parts of the Methodist Church be encouraged to declare their places of worship, meeting and administration to be "violence free" through the adoption of a violence free charter.

QUESTION 32(c): CHRISTIAN WORLD SERVICE

5. Conference encourages parishes to participate in the Christian World Service youth programme.
6. Conference encourages parishes to participate in the *Trade for People, Not People for Trade* campaign and the campaign for cancelling Third World debt.

QUESTION 32(d): INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS CHURCHES AGENCY ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES

1. Conference commends the Churches Agency on International Issues for producing its resource for churches on the Israel/Palestine conflict and encourages its use for study in parishes.
6. Conference encourages parishes to use the *Hot Topics* papers which will feature significant international issues during 2004.

Jill

CONNEXIONAL BITS 'N PIECES

Website

Who reads the website: In the week ending 26 January 2234 pages were viewed by 1104 unique visitors. These people came from the USA (261), NZ (110), Korea, Canada and there were even visitors from the Czech Republic and cote D'ivoire.

The most common search for the week was Te Taha Maori. People also looked at Archives, Information Leaflets and e-messenger. There was even an unsuccessful search for 'wassup'!.

Nearly every Parish now has a web entry and more detail will be added.

David Bush

Webmaster Email: d.bush@netaccess.co.nz

Computer Programme – Problems and Assistance

We still have a few cd's available that assist with reading some of the latest software that the Connexional Offices uses in communications to the Connexion. The cd also includes other useful programmes. These are available free of charge from the Connexional Office – you can email vikif@methodist.org.nz to order a copy.

For those of you who would like the latest version of Adobe Acrobat (this enables you to read .pdf files) it can be downloaded from their website <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>. (just click on this link and it will take you straight there)

New Email Address

John Murray – Executive Officer Taiwi Strategy & Stationing and District Superintendent would like to advise his new email address – j-murray@xtra.co.nz (n.b. this has been included in the appropriate sections in the Amendments to the Green Pages)

Membership Card 2004

The Certificate of Membership 2004 template is now available from the Connexional Office.

Information Leaflets

The following Information Leaflets have been updated and are available from the Connexional Office. These can be downloaded from the web – www.methodist.org.nz Administration Division / Information Leaflets.

- No. 81 Insurance Fund Handbook
- No. 109 Handling Conflicts of Interest
- No. 172 Disciplinary Procedures
- No. 173 Denomination Copyright Licence

BOUND COPIES OF CONFERENCE REPORTS AND DECISIONS

These will be sent out as soon as they are returned from the Printer. Hopefully this will be by the end of February. If you haven't ordered a copy and would like one they are available for \$50.00. Please contact Viki on (03) 366 6049 or email vikif@methodist.org.nz.

WHAT'S AVAILABLE FROM THE CONNEXIONAL OFFICE?

Available
on Disk

SERVICES

A set of 8 Services:	\$10.00/set	✓
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>An Order of Holy Communion for Informal Occasions</i> - <i>Baptism Service</i> - <i>Communion Beyond the Gathered Congregation</i> - <i>Covenant Service</i> - <i>Induction of a District Superintendent</i> - <i>Induction Service of a Presbyter</i> - <i>Thanksgiving for the Life and Birth of a Child</i> - <i>Order of Service for Confirmation</i> 		
Individual Services (per copy)	\$2.00	
• Holy Communion Service – Small Print	\$2.00	
• Holy Communion Service – Large Print	\$4.25	

RESOURCES

• Funeral Resource	\$6.50	✓
• Marriage Kit	\$2.00	✓
• Law Book (+ LF Courier pack)	\$50.00	✓
• Reports and Decisions of Conference (loose leaf)	\$35.00	
• Reports and Decisions of Conference (bound)	\$50.00	
• Reports and Decisions of Conference (previous years) (<i>subject to Availability</i>)	\$10.00	
• Year Book/Decisions	\$10.00	
• Year Book (Addresses only)	\$5.00	
• Lectionary	\$2.00	

STATIONARY

• Tax Receipts - per 100 (incl pp)	\$2.50
• Pastoral Cards - per 100	\$2.70
• Marriage Register (+ Postage/Courier)	\$30.00
• Church Electoral Roll	\$6.00
• Letterhead (per ream) (+ Postage/Courier)	\$41.25
• Labels - per page	0.45

Items available on disk can be emailed at no charge

Several items can be placed on the same disk at a total cost of \$5.00

FREE OF CHARGE

- Information Leaflets (also available on our website www.methodist.org.nz)
- Confirmation Certificates
- Baptismal Certificates (Adult & Child)
- Thanksgiving for the Birth of a Child Certificates
- Books of Removal (transfer of members)
- Vehicle Log Books (Methodist Ministers)
- Forms GST/1
- Membership Card (template available to photocopy your own)

Unless stated, postage or courier costs included in the price

Courier Costs (excl GST)

A5 \$2.50 **A4** - \$4.20 **F/S** - \$5.60 **L/F** \$8.00

ANNIVERSARIES, REUNIONS & UPCOMING EVENTS

TRANS TASMAN RURAL MINISTRY CONFERENCE 2004

Recapturing Passion for the Local Church

The next Trans Tasman Rural Ministry Conference will be held in the beautiful Clare Valley, South Australia, from September 27th - October 1st, 2004. Trans Tasman Rural Ministry Conferences are held every four years alternating between New Zealand and Australia. The last one was held in Northland in 2000. The Clare Valley is set in the mid north of South Australia, one and a half hours by car from Adelaide.

“Recapturing Passion for the Local Church” is the theme of the event. The conference is an ecumenical event which welcomes all people with a passion for rural ministry. The 2004 event has a lively, varied and thought provoking programme which includes Exposure Tours, Ministry Conversations, a Welcome Reception, Conference Dinner, opportunity for story telling, a multimedia session and time for sharing other resources.

The Methodist Provident Fund has allocated funds to provide Grants-in-Aid to assist six people, lay and clergy with an active involvement in rural Church or rural Ministry, to attend. Those who wish to apply should write to the Canterbury Rural Ministry Unit, c/o Dr Garth Cant, 7 Owens Terrace, Christchurch 8004 by May 1st. Please provide details of your parish, your involvement in rural Church and/ or rural community and any other sources of funding available to you. Priority will be given to applicants from Methodist and Cooperating parishes.

Full details of the Conference arrangements can be found on the Uniting Church website at www.missionresourcing.net.au or from the Canterbury Rural Ministry Unit (at the address above or e mail gandecant@xtra.co.nz) or from Peter Gill, at Hill River Road, Spalding 5454, South Australia. or e mail pnjgill@chariot.net.au

Conference delegates are responsible for their own travel and insurance arrangements. The conference fee will be up to Aust \$300. Participants will have a choice of being billeted with local Church families arranged by the conference organising committee or in hotels, motels, b&b or caravan park at their own expense. For information about accommodation contact the Clare Valley Visitor Centre at www.clarevalley.com.au

Rural Ministry Conferences have made a significant contribution to the life of rural Churches on both sides of the Tasman. Rural Parish Meetings, JRCs and District Synods are asked to encourage and support the attendance of leaders and potential leaders from within their parishes and communities. The Conference organizers are keen to have a good balance of men and women, lay and clergy and a mix of ages from all parts of New Zealand.

90th Anniversary

Rosemount Methodist Church, Murchison will be celebrating its 90th Anniversary on Sunday, 23 May 2004 with a Celebration Service followed by lunch and time for reminiscing.

All former members and ministers will be most welcome.

For further details and registration please contact -
Mrs Margaret Rouse, Canton Road, Murchison 7191 (ph. 03 523 9067)

**Waitoa Church
Centennial Celebration**

Sunday 14th March 2004
(weekend of School Centennial)
For information contact

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Waitoa
Phone (07) 887 2842
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Jean Kampenhout
512 Manurewa Road, RD1
Te Aroha
Phone/Fax (07) 884 6790
email: kampenhout@xtra.co.nz

Beckenham Methodist Church, Christchurch

is celebrating their 75th Anniversary
on 13th & 14th March 2004

Saturday evening (13th) Dessert, Coffee, chat & entertainment
Sunday Service (14th) followed by lunch

For further information contact:
Doug & Barbara Beardsley
P O Box 12-127, Beckenham, Christchurch
Email: beckmeth@xtra.co.nz

C A P S

3rd International Conference on Ageing, Spirituality & Palliative Care 27 September – 1 October 2004 Adelaide, Australia

Aim: To bring researchers and practitioners together to explore the growing knowledge and practice base of ageing and spirituality.
Examine the latest developments in palliative care and ageing.

Speakers: Prof Bob Atchley (USA)
Dr Michael Barbato (Sydney)
Rev'd Warihi Campbell (NZ)
Dr Harriet Mowat (Scotland)
Rev'd Dr Elizabeth MacKinlay (Canberra)

Who should attend: Health Professionals working with older people
Chaplains
Pastoral Carers
Diversional Therapists
Administrators in Aged Care
Anyone interested in improving the quality of life for older people

For further information phone 0061 2 6273 8551 or 0061 2 6273 4067 or email cgliddon@csu.edu.au or emackinlay@csu.edu.au

An invitation from Sir Paul Reeves

Dialogue on the cultural, ethical and spiritual aspects of biotechnology

Developments in biotechnology often challenge our beliefs and values, but frequently it's hard to voice our concerns because the technology is developing so quickly or because the technology is difficult to understand and seems to be solely the territory of 'experts'.

Toi te Taiao: the Bioethics Council has been set up to help New Zealanders engage in a constructive dialogue about biotechnologies and to help ensure that the use of biotechnology has regard for New Zealanders' values.

Between February and April we will hold our first nationwide dialogue – on use of human genes in other organisms. This is an area of biotechnology that raises some fairly fundamental questions, which go to the heart of what it means to be human. The dialogue process will ask all New Zealanders to think about those questions and to consider whether, when, how and for what purposes it is acceptable to transfer genes found in humans into organisms where they do not naturally occur.

These are not easy questions, and we are working hard to develop a process that will enable all New Zealanders who want to take part to discuss such critical ethical issues in a constructive way.

This is an invitation to take part in that dialogue; to think about and discuss the spiritual and ethical issues surrounding the use of human genes in other organisms and to share those views with the Council - so we can make sure that Government is aware of these views when it makes decisions about how these biotechnologies are regulated.

If you would like to know more now you can visit www.bioethics.org.nz.

We look forward to your participation.

Sir Paul Reeves

Chair, Toi te Taiao: the Bioethics Council.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE CONNEXION

2004 Spiritual Growth Ministries Programme

“Resources for the Spiritual Journey” and Refresh Magazine can be obtained by contacting:

Carole Hunt
1A Ogilvy Terrace
Plimmerton
Wellington 6006
Telephone: (04) 233 0714
Email: sgm@clear.net.nz

ICHC has given birth to its very own website.

You will find us at www.ihc.org.nz

The website has information about ICHC, local committees (LSP's), our brief history, our 2003 annual report, monthly newsletter “Chaplaincy Messenger”, the list of current vacancies, a link to the NZ Chaplains Association website, how we are funded and how folk can make a donation to the chaplain's work in any of the hospitals where we serve. *How to complain or Praise us!*

We thank Lisa Smith for the photos. Matthew Poynton, who prior to Christmas, with his technical knowledge made a strenuous effort to get the web site up and available in time for Christmas. Go ahead and have a look for yourself.

Ron Malpass
Executive Officer
The Interchurch Council on Hospital Chaplaincy
Email: ceo@ihc.org.nz

Music Books – Free to a Good Home

Mount Eden Methodist Church has a number of music books - a collection of Oxford Book of Carols and Oxford Book of Anthems (approx 10 copies of each) as well as other choral music, some Messiah, available free to a good home. We would ask that you pay for delivery.

Contact Gillian Watkin 817-5368 or email mtden.presbyter@methodistcentral.org.nz

MISSION RESOURCING – GRANT APPLICATIONS

ALL grant applications are to continue coming through Mission Resourcing, Private Bag 11 903, Ellerslie, Auckland. These are specifically –
Travel & Study Meeting dates 18th March , 13th May, 8th July, 2nd September, 28th October and 16th December. The committee would prefer all applications be in a week before the meeting date so as to have ample time to peruse and check back if required.

Computer Grants
Development Grants – Property and Ministries
Long Leave Grants
Trounson Trust Grants
Lesley Utting
Administration Officer, Mission Resourcing



**METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND
BOARD OF MINISTRY**

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Becroft Drive
Forrest Hill
North Shore City 10

8 February 2004

Subject: Communications to and from Mission Resourcing in 2004

This year the work of Mission Resourcing is being covered in the following ways:

Tauiwi Strategy and Stationing

One half of the task of Director Mission Resourcing will be the responsibility of Rev John Murray in his capacity as half time supply Executive Officer Tauiwi Strategy and Stationing.

Rev John Murray, 655 Otewa Road, Otewa, Otorohanga

Phone 07-873-8343, Mobile 025 402 111 Email j-murray@xtra.co.nz.

The other half of the task of Director Mission Resourcing will be carried out through the Mission Resourcing Office and by people who we have asked to carry out some tasks on our behalf.

Where previously you worked with the Director please now contact the following in regard to:

Uniting Congregations of Aotearoa New Zealand:

Rev Tony Bell, P.O. Box 4195 Wanganui

Phone (H) 06 344 6076, (O) 06 345 7394, Mobile 027 486 6178 Email: tony-bell@paradise.net.nz

Vahefonua Tonga, Sinoti Samoa, Wasewase, Korean, and other Ethnic Ministries:

Rev Norman West, 127 Coronation Road, Hillcrest, North Shore City 1310.

Phone (H) 09 442 1945, (O) 09 489 4590 Email: nwest@xtra.co.nz

Interchurch Chaplancies: Rev John Murray

Mission Resourcing Office:

Rev Dr John Salmon has been contracted one day a week to work with the staff and to assist the Board to put its policy into action. John will work from the office at 409 Gt South Road.

Lesley Utting is Administration Officer at Mission Resourcing.

Contact details: Private Bag 11903, Ellerslie, Auckland (409 Gt South Road, Penrose)

Office phone 09 571 9143 Fax: 09 525 4346, Email: method@kcbbs.gen.nz

Lesley will receive all grant applications and process these following Committee decisions. She will answer questions where possible, or will direct you to the appropriate person. She may have to return your call if she has to consult to find out more information for you. If you are not sure who to consult please phone Lesley to ask.

Jan Tasker
Chairperson

From the Archives ...

It was interesting to read in the February Touchstone of some of the special weekends to be held this year. Celebrations are exciting and it is good for past and present Church Families to spend time together. Anniversaries are times to look back at the highlights which are now part of history, and to look forward with renewed enthusiasm. They are times of remembering, learning, and of launching new ideas. One of the Churches is planning to create a time capsule commemorating its special day, to share present activities and bring inspiration in the future.

Anniversaries are times too to look at our written histories, to update them and sometimes to set records right. Archives are invaluable and we are always very happy to help as much as we can (provided you do not ask us a fortnight before the event, that brings problems because thorough research needs time). Of course it depends too on the way in which the records of your church have been created and preserved as to how useful they can be - I am often asked if financial records are wanted. Even financial records can tell a story!

This electronic age is bringing many new challenges and there is a lot of learning for us all to do, both locally and connexionally. Modern technology has not been around long enough for anyone to know its durability. E-messages can easily be deleted leaving no trace of how a particular situation was dealt with, and then history which could be vital in future days is irretrievably lost. We need to learn all we can and proceed with caution.

One special milestone should not be forgotten by our Church. On 1st February, 1964 a new organisation came into being. All existing women's groups were melded into one group, and so the Methodist Women's Fellowship was born. That was 40 years ago. We hope that special celebrations are being organised. Maybe the men of the church could even arrange some gatherings to say thank you to the women for the work that has been faithfully achieved over those forty years.

Marcia Baker

New Zealand Methodist Women's Fellowship



President's Letter February - March 2004

SHARING FELLOWSHIP AND FAITH

Greetings and Blessings to each member of NZMWF for 2004

I found this as I sat to write to you all, and I think it was written just for me.

Too busy to be aware of God?

Emmanuel, God with us, let me not be discouraged

You are in my life.

I will slow down so I can find you there.

Inviting God In. by Joyce Rupp.

Another year of activities of Fellowship, Friendship, outreach and learning is starting for each of us. I find this really exciting as I will be joining in many of your District Rally days soon.

I am planning to have been in 8 Districts by the middle of March.

I would appreciate your prayers as I prepare myself for the many different meetings, visits and interactions. Catherine Dickie co-convenor of Missions will be with me in February, Joan Shaw Liaison Link will be my companion in the South Island as we come and "Travel" on your ROADS.

The Executive certainly pray that the many challenges we attended to last year will be able to be completed by the time of Convention 2004.

We are waiting to receive what we hope will be the last Draft of the Constitution; this is with the Legal Advisor to the Methodist Church. As soon as he has given his 'tick' of approval we will arrange for copies to be sent to each District Executive. Ratification will take place at Convention.

Several members of the Executive are meeting with the Principal of Wesley College and members of the LAC in January, this is an exciting time for us, but also it means that the 'end' of our time in office is becoming real.

Excitement! NZMWF now has a '**Laptop**' Computer. This is the joy of Catherine who has spent many hours over this Christmas time learning the 'tricks of the trade' with her new toy.

NZMWF now has its own email address – nzmwf@xtra.co.nz

We asked for and received a grant from the Parish Computer Fund, which almost covered the cost. This will enable minutes to be taken at Executive, Council and Convention meetings.

It can be used for **Power Point** presentations at Convention 2004. Here comes MWF using 21st century technology.

Please pray for Nelma as she chooses her 'team' for 2004 – 2006.

Shalom

Mary.



“Forty Years Young!”
How will you celebrate that special birthday of NZMWF?

Forty years ago there was a very special time of rejoicing in the Methodist Church of New Zealand as MWF was launched. This was the culmination of a considerable amount of work and dreaming by the members of the MWMU (Methodist Women’s Missionary Union) and the Methodist Women’s Guild Fellowship.

In many groups there are still members of the original groups.

How will your Fellowship / District be celebrating our RUBY Birthday?

Please let Joan Shaw know your details so that these can be collated into a record of the many happy celebrations later in the year.

Convention 2004 will focus on this Celebration!

CONVENTION 2004

WHERE?? – WESLEY COLLEGE, PAERATA. (near Auckland)

WHEN?? – SEPTEMBER 30 – OCTOBER 3 2004.

COSTS?? – These will be higher than in the past, BUT they will include Travel Assistance.
THE FIGURE HAS NOT YET BEEN SET.

ACCOMMODATION?? – NO BUNKS. Great news!!
Two and six bedded rooms.

For regular updates on Convention 2004, WATCH THIS SPACE!

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Introducing our Chaplain June Higham.

June is a very active retired Deacon who is married to Murray and is a full time farmer’s wife, loving mother and grandmother.

She is also Chaplain for Tamahere Eventide Home and Retirement Village where she cares for residents and staff members alike. Her love and caring make her a very special member of the staff at Ta mahere. In her home Church at Te Awamutu, June is an organist and, when needed, Worship Leader. She is very involved in the “Rosetown Singers” of Te Awamutu as well.

Her thought provoking devotions and prayers are a vital part of the National Executive meetings, always giving us food for living not only through our meetings, but through the weeks ahead. Her love for us all is greatly appreciated. She is surely one of God’s virtuous women whose price is far above rubies.

Thank you for being you June!

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??WHERE DO I GET MY SMETHURST APPLICATION FORM??

Members are asking this question frequently, and so this year the Convenor and the Committee of the Smethurst Trust Fund are exploring yet another way of distributing the 2004 Application Forms to all Methodist and Uniting Congregations in Aotearoa N.Z. where there is Methodist membership.

As this Trust is the responsibility of the NZMWF, we have asked help from each of the 19 Districts to distribute the forms to ALL Fellowships and Churches in their District.

We have asked that the Application Form and the Information Leaflet be displayed on the Church Notice Board and not filed away in the Office!

All forms should be available and displayed by the end of January 2004. If there is no Women's Fellowship in the Parish, the Presbyter should also have received the forms by the end of January.

PLEASE NOTE! The Form displayed is the **Master Copy for the Church** and needs to be photocopied by each applicant. Should the **Master Copy** be lost, the MWF District Secretary in each District will be able to make a replacement.

REMEMBER, Current 2004 Application Forms are the only ones acceptable. Please do not use old forms!

We look forward to receiving applications.

A.S.A.P.

There is work to do, many deadlines to meet; I have no time to spare, but as I hurry and scurry about, may I Always Say A Prayer.

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