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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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OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS

A Message from the President ...

I recently came across the story in Judges 13 of the unnamed wife of Manoah and mother of Samson. If you're familiar with the story, you will know that she was the subject of two angelic visitations announcing the birth of a son. Manoah needed to see the angel for himself before he would take seriously the instructions.

How often that is the case – that we need to see for ourselves, or be involved for ourselves before we take it seriously. It's a question of trust. Trusting that people asked to do a particular task will get on and do it, even though there may not be much that is visible until the task is completed. Taking seriously another person's experience, even if it does not match our own. Standing still for long enough to allow wisdom to touch the situation.

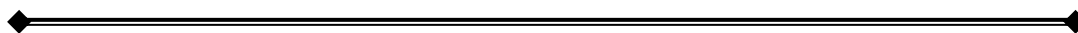
Much of what happens in Te Haahi Weteriana is “behind the scenes” or invisible, until decisions are made, or outcomes reached. Council of Conference is one such place where, unless you are a member, the careful work that lies behind reports and suggested decisions is largely invisible. In fact, most boards and committees of the church do far more work than is obvious to even the most interested onlooker. As August synods approach, and all the associated reports for consideration, remember that a different outcome from what you expected does not mean a lack of careful work. Pause a while, and wait for wisdom to raise her voice as you consider the reports to Conference.

“Travel notes” have not been a feature of either my or the Vice-President's monthly reflections. However, the Conference of the Free Wesleyan Church of Tonga deserves a mention. It was a privilege to be an overseas visitor at the Conference held on Vava'u during June. I particularly want to acknowledge the Wesley Wellington Tongan Choir, who were usually described as “the President's Choir”, and who had the distinction of having the youngest soloist – a 4 year old. There is no comparison between the two Conferences, which is a reflection of our different history and context. Each is a product of a particular social and political environment that does not and should not transfer to the other. One of the continuing challenges for both churches is how we remain in respectful relationship with each other, given our vastly different contexts.

This month I am looking forward to spending time with Hui Poari, the Auckland – Manukau Tongan Parish, the Ashhurst-Bunneythorpe-Pohangina Parish, and participating in the Sunday worship associated with the Association of Embroiderers' Guilds Conference on Auckland's North Shore.

Grace and peace.

Lynne



A message from Vice-President ...

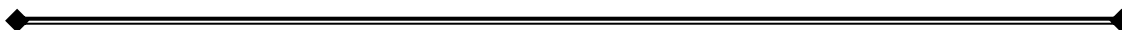
Life does strange things to you at times and this last month was one of those. For those of you who don't know, my father in law passed away on 19 June after a 6 month illness and most of my plans for June flew out the window. Robin had bowel cancer and was only given a short while to live at the start of June. My wife, our extended family and I were blessed that we had time to be with Robin in the closing days of

his life. He actually came to our home for the last 6 days of his life and for that special time we will be eternally grateful.

My plans for June, which I had taken off as long service leave from the Bank, included a trip to Tonga for their annual Conference that both Jackie and I had to cancel. It also included time at the Diaconate Retreat in Wanganui that I did not. In truth the Tongan trip was something that I had really wanted to do all year and the time with the Diaconate was an event that I was apprehensive about. My fears were around their always pressing their cause for funding and I was one of those in the Church who had some knowledge of finance. I was sure that they really wanted me there to try and influence the Church to give them more funding. The reality was a long distance from that. I found in Wanganui a group of people struggling to do Gods work that they felt a strong calling for, with often only limited support both spiritually and physically from their local parishes. These people carry out a wide variety of work in the name of Christ from a calling that is clearly different in some ways to that of a Presbyterian or a Lay person. The Board of Ministry will be doing some work in the area of defining more clearly the boundary's between these three roles in the Church, but until then I am now more clear in my understanding of the three strands of Methodist service. Whatever our thoughts are about those in our number who seek a different path to meeting Jesus calling, we ought to be able to at least listen to their story and stand alongside them as they do their work. If you get the chance to have one of the Deacons of our Church tell their story and relate their dreams, I recommend giving them space in a service/meeting in your local area. In fact why not consider giving space in all your services/meetings to allow one of your number whether lay or ordained; new to the faith or an old hand; Presbyterian or Deacon a chance to share their story. Nothing is new in Christ's Church is it? A testimony or two used to be the order of the day a few decades ago and I don't think it harmed the spirit at all.

My father in law stood alongside me in Christchurch as I was nominated for this role and he was there in Wellington when I was inducted as Vice President. I believe that he is still with me now as I continue on this journey. Thank you Robin for being who you are.

David



From the General Secretary's Desk ...

Conference planning is well under way and registration forms are coming in at a good pace. I remind everyone that there is a substantial discount for early enrolment this year so please take advantage of it and help the organisers at the same time. This year there are no committees of detail at Conference and August Synods are going to be dealing with Board and Committee reports. It is important that any person who registers for Conference attends the August Synod (even if they are not a member) for the agenda item dealing with reports, this will ensure that everyone comes to Conference well prepared. Members of Vahefonua and Sinoti Samoa are also encouraged to attend their local District Synod for the same purpose.

Conference begins on Saturday 6 November, at Pitt St Methodist Church, 78 Pitt St with the Powhiri at 12:15pm followed by lunch and then the Induction Service at 2:30pm. Acknowledgement of those who are retiring and thanks to Connexional personnel will be after afternoon tea. Saturday evening is free for representatives to explore Auckland or visit friends. The Ordination Service will also be held at Pitt St on Sunday 7 November, 2004, at 2:00pm. The Conference business sessions will be held in the Ponsonby Tongan Church, 388 Richmond Rd.

Jill

A message from Council of Conference

ISSUES TO SHARE WITH THE WIDER CONNEXION

The second meeting for the Council of Conference was 25-26 June 2004. The Council wishes to share the following matters with the Connexion which were part of this meeting:

1. Work is still continuing on the *Future use of PAC Funds*. Council of Conference will circulate a report to the Tauwi and Te Taha Maori meetings prior to Conference 2004.
2. Information has been circulated throughout the Connexion about the proposed changes to the *Format of Conference*. The General Secretary has met with those concerned outlining these changes. Conference members will be asked to evaluate the changed format and a process for doing so is being worked on.
3. Considerable discussion has taken place about the *4+4 process*. The reworked process has been referred to Hui Poari and Tauwi Strategy and Stationing for comment back to the September 2004 Council meeting.
4. Time was given to President Lynne Frith to share with Council of Conference her **President's Reflections** on the year to date. Reflections included:
 - Attendance at Koroneihana and the importance of 'partnership presence' at this as well as Ratana and Waitangi celebrations.
 - Building multicultural relationships by being present at the Methodist Consultative Council of the Pacific and the Free Wesleyan Church of Tonga Conference.
 - Progression of work on the Memorandum of Understanding.
 - Review of the General Secretary's appointment.
 - Induction services and visits to Parishes / Congregations, Synods / Districts as well as what is coming up.

The Council appreciated this sharing and time will be allowed for this type of reflecting at least annually.

CONNEXIONAL BITS 'N PIECES

Conference

Due to the poor quality of the Venue Map included with the Registration Forms it has been recopied and a clearer copy is now available. If you would like to receive a copy, please contact Viki on (03) 366 6049 or email vikif@methodist.org.nz

Information Leaflets

Information Leaflet No. 25 – Presbyter Remuneration has now been added to the website.
http://www.methodist.org.nz/index.cfm/Administration_Division/Information_Leaflets

Methodist Church -Parish Letterhead

This is available from the Connexional Office. Due to increased printing costs we have needed to put the cost up to \$60 per ream + courier.

AIR TRAVEL BOOKINGS

The way in which the Church handles airline bookings for approved travel has been reviewed following the retirement of Mrs Judith Williams who had so ably managed the Office's Travel Bureau for many years.

Over the last two years, domestic travel bookings have been available "on-line" with some internet only fares representing exceptional value. At other times the internet bookings have not yielded any savings and many travellers have reported confusion and/or frustration with the internet systems.

With Judith's retirement the Connexional Office will no longer offer a general booking service but will still be involved for all travel bookings where payment rests with Connexional Expenses.

For the next few weeks travellers looking for bookings where the cost lies with Connexional Expenses, should phone / fax or preferably, email their requirements to Viki Forscutt (vikif@methodist.org.nz) and the Connexional Office will arrange for the necessary bookings to be made.

Alternatively, so long as the fare available is less than the "Smart Saver" rate (lowest, least flexible rate) ie, an internet special, travellers may book direct and forward details of booking and the Expense account to be debited, to the Connexional Office for a refund.

We are currently completing arrangements with our principle travel firm "BTI" for a web based booking system for Church travellers to use or if preferred, an 0800 number will be available.

Details will be available shortly.

Please note however, from now on the Connexional Office will only book domestic travel for trips to be paid for from the Connexional Expense account.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE CONNEXION

Wesley College Trust Board Chaplain

Position Description and Person Profile

Wesley College is committed to the Treaty of Waitangi as expressed within the Methodist Church of New Zealand – Te Haahi Weteriana O Aotearoa.

Position Description

The special nature of Wesley College is reflected in the total staff of the college, this includes the Chaplain.

The special nature includes:

- Methodist ethos (eg history, Treaty partnership, mission statement, Special Character, inclusiveness and ecumenism)
- Spirituality
- Multi-racial community
- Student roll of approximately 400
- Co-educational at senior level
- Boarding and day school
- Emphasis on College as community
- Policy of accepting some students in social need

The appointee will uphold and foster the special character.

(Prospective candidates are asked to read the attached appendices.)

Responsibilities:

1. To offer creative leadership:
 - in worship as it relates to the spiritual pilgrimage of each member of the College community (that is acknowledges theological, cultural, religious belief structures and commitments which are rich and diverse and need to be nurtured).
 - in celebrations acknowledging events in the College's life, seasons of the Christian year, and different cultural traditions represented within the college.
 - in staff and students' contemporary faith development by assisting them to reflect theologically, engage creatively in dialogue and debate so that contemporary issues may be understood in the light of the gospel.
2. Be resource person to the principal in that there be an effective delivery of the approved Life and Faith Programme.
3. To be involved in the wider life of the college
4. The chaplain shall in consultation with the principal attend various meetings which might include staff meetings, and Head of Department meetings.
5. In consultation with the Chaplaincy Committee of the Trust Board, continue developing the relationship of the school with Te Taha Maori and Tauwiwi.
6. To attend regular supervision with an approved supervisor, paid for by the Trust Board.

Person Profile

The appointee must be ordained and in Full Connexion (or be prepared to be received into Full Connexion with all that that implies), and will:

1. Be conversant with and committed to the ethos of the Methodist Church of New Zealand – Te Haahi Weteriana O Aotearoa.
2. Be strong in his/her own Christian commitment and not threatened by the journey of others.
3. Be on a spiritual pilgrimage which expresses the life of Christ and is committed to working towards a spirituality appropriate to Aotearoa/New Zealand.
4. Be secure in their own cultural identity and have experience of other cultures.
5. Have experience of working with young people and be able to communicate with them.
6. Possess leadership skills, including an ability to delegate and encourage leadership in others.
7. Show evidence of ability and willingness to work as part of a team.

Conditions

1. The appointee will be in a "Connexional Resource Appointment". (See Law Book Section 6.7.2)
2. The chaplain will live in the parsonage provided.
3. The standard leave provisions for a presbyter shall apply to the appointee. Annual leave, however, must be taken only during school term breaks. Long leave and study leave shall be taken at negotiated times. Normally the chaplain shall have Mondays and one other half day off.
4. The Trust Board provides a chaplaincy committee for support
5. The Board (through the principal) will direct the chaplain to visit students and/or families in other parts of the country from time to time.
6. The chaplain is accountable to the Wesley College Trust Board
7. The chaplain reports to the principal on all matters relating to the safety and wellbeing of staff and students.
8. The chaplain shall undertake tasks as approved by the principal, and never without consultation with the principal.



Please remember in your Prayers the families of ...

Mavis Brewin died peacefully in her 90th year on 10 June. Mavis was a close companion of the late Lorna Hodder, they met at Wesley Taranaki Street, Wellington over 30 years ago. It was Mavis who looked after the 'home front' and provided the hospitality while Lorna was the Travelling Secretary for the Bible Class movement. They were a great team for many a year. Mavis made a great offering of her gifts to the Afternoon MWF at Wanganui as Secretary. Her ashes have joined Lorna's.

Francis Robin Mason died peacefully on Saturday 19 June with son-in-law, Vice President David McGeorge reading to him from Michael King's book "History of New Zealand", while the strains of the Tongan Choir from the neighbouring Church could be heard practicing for Sunday services. We express our love and sympathy to Margaret, Jackie and David, Paula and Graham and the grandchildren.

Rev Victor Jones (Presbyterian minister) passed away on June 21 at his home in Havelock North. Vic (grandson of Rev George Clement) supplied at St John's Addington from 1978 to 1984. We send our condolences to his family.

Rev Noel Billingham died on 1st July in Palmerston North. We send our greetings and condolences to Daphne, Christine and Graham Shirley, Graham, Ruth and Jonathon Marhsall and Kelvin & Louise.

Journey On CD

The first 50 copies of this new resource from the Waikato Waiariki District have been snapped up by parishes all around the country.

Journey On is specifically designed for use with funerals. It is for ministers and celebrants to have a copy to lend to families when they are making their selection of music for a funeral service. The double CD contains 13 traditional hymns with organ accompaniment and 13 contemporary songs with vocals and organ. A booklet containing a full set of words for all 26 tracks is part of the package.

The CD may be used in place of an organist at the service but its primary purpose is for use in the home to broaden the selection of music for funeral services.

Professionally produced and attractively packaged this is a useful resource for all parishes.

Copies available from Bonnie Heberton bonhomie@clear.net.nz or 15 Farm St Mt Maunganui
Cost \$33.75 + \$2.40 postage

50th Anniversary

ST LUKE'S UNION CHURCH, HALSWELL, CHRISTCHURCH is planning a re-union to celebrate their 50th Anniversary. This is to take place over the weekend of 7 November 2004. For further details contact: Val de Rooy, 296 Halswell Road, Christchurch 3. Ph 03 322 8356. or e-mail fredderooy@xtra.co.nz

Treasures of the Past and Present A Journey Through Te Awamutu's Rural Region

Members and friends of the Te Awamutu Methodist Church invite you on a tour which will take you to the old and the new over the weekend of the 16th and 17th October 2004. Proceeds will support the linking of the Bryant Memorial Hall to the Church with an upgrade of the facilities to make the historic complex more user-friendly.

This tour will offer a variety of venues for ticket-holders to visit. The church will be open and will host a twilight concert. There will be other historical buildings to visit, old and modern homes of differing architectural styles and both new and established gardens in a variety of themes. Different venues will include a classic car collection, vintage farm machinery, a modern cowshed, the work of a nationally known weaver and a Christmas display.

An extensive arboretum will be open to view and floral displays at local churches. Devonshire teas will be offered. There is already interest being shown from groups outside our region keen to take in this tour through our rural heartland and for our locals it will be an opportunity to explore homes and gardens, and discover treasures old and new within our own community.

Weekend Pass: \$20

Valid Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th October - includes entry to all venues, Twilight Concert and Guidebook.

Ticket Enquiries:

Registration Secretaries -

Colleen Cullen

R.D. 2

Te Awamutu

Phone 07 8727857

colleencullennz@yahoo.co.nz

Betty Christopher

136/1 Douglas Avenue

Te Awamutu

Phone 07 8714966

General Enquiries:

Convenor-

Beverly Bryant

114 St Leger Road

Te Awamutu

Phone 07 8716676

Fax 07 8716679

St Luke's Methodist Parish is holding a Fundraising Ball Party for the "younger person in **'you'**" on 14 August 2004 in the Church Hall. A wonderful opportunity to meet, enjoy a fabulous 4-course meal, win prizes and be moved by the sounds from a special DJ and other fantastic things.

Numbers MUST BE IN by 24 JULY for catering purposes. Tickets very modest: \$7 for an individual or \$12 for two people.

ST LUKE'S

BALL PARTY

St Luke's Methodist Parish is holding a Ball Party for the young person in you.

Great Music! Great Food!

Come and join in the Fun, meeting people, dancing, laughing, telling stories and jokes and share in a meal.

Ladies & Gents—Formal wear is the gear

Where: St Luke's Methodist Church, Greenslade Crescent, Northcote.

When: 14 August 2004

Time: 6.00 pm start.

Cost: \$7.00 per person or \$12 a couple

BOOK NOW FOR A FUN-FUL NITE

PLEASE: Indicate numbers attending by 23 July for catering purposes.

Come prepared to tell a story or joke and win a prize; Dress-best and win a prize; Fancy dance moves and win a prize; And much more spot prizes to be won!

Contact person:

L. Larry Tupa'i Samuel, 419-2473 or stlukesnorthcote@paradise.net.nz

Date and Time: 14 August 2004, 6.00 pm start.



OTAHUHU METHODIST CHURCH AUCKLAND

Cnr Fairburn & Great South Roads, Otahuhu

*Celebrating its 150th Anniversary
Sunday 26th September 2004*



Otahuhu Methodist Church will be celebrating its 150th Anniversary with a Celebration Service at 11.30 a.m. followed by a lunch and time to reminisce and catch-up.

All who are interested are warmly invited. We would especially like to share the occasion with both ordained and lay people who have been a part of the life of Otahuhu Methodist Church.

*Please contact: Setaita Kinahoi Veikune on (09) 2754759;
Mangere-Otahuhu.Parish@xtra.co.nz
Or Colin Clarke on (09) 6368719
by Friday 17 September 2004*

From the Archives

Ministerial Invitations

In 1910 Irish Methodist ministers obviously shifted mid-year or later. Some were objecting to the practice of inviting ministers to circuits some years ahead. One minister expressed his thoughts in the following parody:

The Lost Card

Seated one day in my study, I was weary and anxious too:
For I had not been invited
For nineteen-twenty-two.
I knew not what Quarterly Meetings
Might be dreaming then of me -
A knock! - and then a post-card
From somewhere "on the sea".

I read, in the crimson twilight,
That card with its flattering balm:
It soothed my wounded spirit
With a touch of infinite calm;
It quieted all my worry,
Like love overcoming strife;
For I now felt sure of a circuit
Till nineteen-twenty-five

But soon my study is dusted -
The card disappeared in the mess,
I could only tremble in silence;
For I quite forgot the address!
I have sought, but I seek it vainly,
That one lost card of mine,
Which came from that Quarterly Meeting
Whose name I can't divine.

It may be that circuit official
Will send me a card again;
Meanwhile, what is my circuit
For nineteen hundred and ten?

-Another Rollingstone. "The Outlook", April 9, 1910.

Marcia Baker

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF PRIMITIVE METHODISTS IN THE WAIKATO

20th - 24th October 2004
Hamilton Methodist Parish

Wednesday, 20th October

- Opening of Historical Display
- Organ recital at 12:00 noon - Free

Saturday, 23rd October

- River cruise and commentary of Hamilton History on the Waipa Delta Paddle Boat, with afternoon tea. Boarding at Memorial Park Jetty at 2:45pm
Boat leaves at 3:00pm - Cost: \$21.00 per person

Sunday, 24th October

- Worship Service at 10:30am
- Catered lunch at 12:00 noon - Cost: \$15.00 per person
- Historical Tour/Walk the History - leaving from car park at 2:00pm - Free

All events (apart from Waipa Delta cruise) will be held at St Paul's Methodist Church and Centre, 62 London Street, Hamilton

Enquiries, please contact Rev Dr Susan Thompson:
Phone (07) 839-3951 / fax (07) 839-3950 / email: susan@hamiltonmethparish.org.nz

Primitive Methodist Centenary Registration Form

Rev / Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Any special food requirements for lunch? _____

I / we will be attending the following events:

	No attending	Cost	Total
Wednesday, 20 October Organ Recital	_____	Free	_____
Saturday, 23 October Waipa Delta River Cruise	_____	@ \$21.00	_____
Sunday, 24 October Catered Lunch	_____	@ \$15.00	_____
Historical Walking Tour	_____	Free	_____
		Registration Fee	\$ <u>5.00</u>
		Total payment enclosed	\$ <u> </u>

Please make cheques payable to Hamilton Methodist Parish

**Send payment and registration form to:
Hamilton Methodist Parish, P O Box 384, Hamilton by 1st October**

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ECUMENICAL NEWS AND VIEWS

VODAFONE New Zealand Foundation

Over the past two years the Vodafone New Zealand Foundation has made a world of difference to local and international charities by giving eight New Zealanders the chance to turn their social passions into reality.

The 'World of Difference' programme pays the salary and expenses of four passionate New Zealanders a year so that they can put their heart and soul into working for the charity of their choice, anywhere in the world.

To date Vodafone have lent a hand to a variety of deserving charities in New Zealand and internationally. No project is too big or too small, ranging from an Auckland teenager helping with educational and rural health programmes in Southern Sudan, to a merchandise planner using her financial skills to raise money and awareness for Muscular Dystrophy sufferers.

To celebrate this, the third year of the World of Difference programme, Vodafone are offering the Methodist Church the opportunity to take part. Application forms are available from the Connexional Office, entries close 6 august.

If you have any questions about the World of Difference programme or require additional entry forms, please don't hesitate to call Aimee Bourke on 09 309 6663.

Neil Porteous
Chairman
VODAFONE NEW ZEALAND FOUNDATION

Camp Manager

Are you called to the hospitality and camp management ministry?

Nestled in the beautiful Waipara Valley less than one hour north of Christchurch, the Sure and Stedfast Development Trust has an opening for a Camp Manager at The Boys' Brigade Waipara Riverside Park campsite.

Living on location, this voluntary position will best suit someone with a love of the outdoors and desire to see people won for Jesus through practical life style ministry.

For further details and to make initial enquiries, please contact:

The Chairman
Sure & Stedfast Development Trust
PO Box 12 162
CHRISTCHURCH

Paulblackler@xtra.co.nz
Phone AH (03) 942 1345



Te Wiki o Te Reo Maori - Maori Language Week 26 July – 1 August 2004

Tena koe

This is to inform you of plans for Maori Language Week 2004, to be held July 26 to 1 August. At the same time we are issuing a challenge to do your own thing and come up with original ideas for Maori Language Week.

As in previous years, the aim of Maori Language Week this year is to encourage New Zealanders to 'have a go' at speaking Maori and to create a supportive environment for this to happen. Promotion of the week is again being coordinated by Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Maori (the Maori Language Commission), Te Puni Kokiri (the Ministry of Maori Development) and the Human Rights Commission (Te Kahui Tika Tangata).

Te Reo Maori is an intrinsic part of New Zealand culture and history and helps give New Zealand its distinct and unique cultural identity. To remain viable as a language, Maori needs a critical mass of willing speakers of all ages - and it needs the respect and support of the wider English-speaking community.

Booklet

Building on the success of 2003 event which saw the NZ Reo anthem cards widely distributed and used at sporting events - including the Bledisloe Cup series - a highlight of this year's effort will be the production of a booklet entitled 'Give it a go - Korero Maori'.

It aims to introduce elements of the language in a friendly and easily understandable format to encourage people to incorporate simple words and phrases in their everyday language.

As the title implies, the idea is to offer people encouragement to make an effort even if they don't get it one hundred percent right the first time.

Some of these will be distributed free during the week itself and further copies will be available for sale - individually branded with your choice of logo if required. A cost structure is being finalised and we would be happy to discuss your particular requirements.

Awards

As a further initiative, Maori Language Week Awards are being organised to give local and central government bodies, community, business and media organisations the chance to show their work and be recognised for their efforts to celebrate Maori language. Winners will be announced on Maori Language Day 14 September 2004. The awards will be in the following five categories:

Media Awards (x3)
Business Award
Government Award (x2)
Community Award
Supreme Maori Language Week Award

We would welcome your participation in these awards further information and entry forms can be found at www.nzreo.org.nz

Naturally, we would also welcome any thoughts you may have on other ways in which you might be prepared to support Maori Language Week.

We will keep you informed of developments as planning for Maori Language Week 2004 progresses or you may like to visit the website at www.nzreo.org.nz. In the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact us if there is any other information I can help you with.

Noho ora mai ra i roto i nga manaakitanga

Haami Piripi
Chief Executive
Te Taura Whiri i te Reo Maori

Leith Comer
Chief Executive
Te Puni Kokiri

Joris de Bres
Race Relations Commissioner
Human Rights Commission

Lana Simmons-Donaldson
lane@tetaurawhiri.govt.nz
04 4716 724

Hip Hop Star's challenge to youth groups

"Get out and get involved," says New Zealand Hip Hop artist, Feleti Strickson-Pua of Nesian Mystik.

Feleti is encouraging young people to sign up for Wipe Out Poverty week, Christian World Service's (CWS) annual youth action week. Fuilelagi Samoa Salupolu, Tauivi Youth Resource person, Methodist Church of New Zealand says "Wipe Out Poverty Week is an opportunity for young people to learn about ways we can address poverty, but more importantly to just do it!" Will your youth group and family take up the challenge?

Wipe Out Poverty week, 6-12 September, is a chance for youth groups, schools, families and young people fundraise in support of communities around the world working to end poverty and injustice. As well as the traditional clean ups and car washes of previous years, this year CWS offers ideas on joining in at home or at school, running an all night event, selling fair trade goods from Trade Aid (who are also supporting Wipe Out Poverty week) and encouraging youth groups to serve fundraising breakfasts for their church community.

Contact Michael at CWS, youth@cws.org.nz phone 03 366 9274 to sign up now!

Press Release 26 April 2004

New Zealand Faith Community Nurses Association (NZFCNA) in association with Selwyn Village, AUCKLAND proudly presents:

Working at the Frontier of Nursing: Parish Nursing in Aotearoa, NZ
- a training conference for present and prospective Parish Nurses.

Need help in your present Parish nurse ministry?

Interested in learning about opportunities for a professional faith-based health ministry?

Join us and find out more about parish nursing. Nurses, ministers or church representatives welcome.

The conference will be held on Saturday, 7th August 2004 at Selwyn Village, Point Chevalier, Auckland from 8.30am – 5.30pm.

There will be a range of speakers including **Anna Bailey from Health Star Pacific Trust** sharing the model of Parish Nursing used by a Pacific Island community using a mobile unit in Auckland. **Revd Dr Mary Caygill, Principal of Trinity Methodist College, Auckland** will share a theology of health focussing particularly on mental health issues. **Revd Duncan Macdonald, CEO of Selwyn Village** will focus on the impact of the changing health environment on the opportunities for faith-based community nursing.

Wendy Scott, nursing tutor from UCOL, Palmerston North will offer workshops exploring practical issues affecting setting up this form of nursing practice/ministry and **Faith Roberts, Nursing Advisor for NZNO**, will share her expertise in portfolio development and legal issues impacting on working in community-based nursing.

There will be opportunities to network with Parish Nurses from throughout New Zealand, to share experiences and to learn more of the work of NZFCNA. All those attending are also invited to the AGM of NZFCNA, to be involved in the development of this ecumenical ministry.

Registrations forms are available from **The Secretary, NZFCNA, PO Box 64, KAIAPOI, tel: (03) 3122430** or by emailing her on cgwebster@xtra.co.nz Cost: **\$50** per person which includes lunch and refreshments.