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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

In this season after Pentecost, the lectionary includes themes of wisdom, community, hospitality and service.

As I travel around the Connexion, I am aware of how many congregations and parishes are looking beyond maintenance of existing congregational life to new ways of being, both for their own life and in relation to the communities in which they are located.

Congregations are looking for ways of being wise, creative, hospitable, and welcoming communities. Sometimes this means putting aside cherished tradition, or buildings, or models of leadership. Other times, it means building on already sound foundations. Always it requires imagination, vision, and courage to step along new or different paths. Of course, one person's vision may seem to another to be more like a nightmare, such is the diversity of human beings. Wise leadership is required to reconcile such difference, and I see a great deal of patient, thoughtful and wise leadership being exercised.

Many people have expressed keen interest in progress towards the Memorandum of Understanding about the Ordination of gay and lesbian people. As I indicated earlier in the year, it is expected that the Memorandum will be completed by the end of August.

Participants in the process include representatives from the Evangelical Network, Sinoti Samoa, Vahefonua Tonga o Aotearoa, Wasewase ko Viti kei Rotuma e Niusiladi and Te Taha Maori. Tauivi participants have worked hard to draw up what they hope for in the memorandum. This will be shared with Te Taha Maori, and further meetings held between Tauivi and Te Taha Maori participants in order to reach agreement.

I share with you some words from Michael Leunig, for your reflection.

“We give thanks for places of simplicity and peace. Let us find such a place within ourselves. We give thanks for places of refuge and beauty. Let us find such a place within ourselves. We give thanks for places of nature's truth and freedom, of joy, inspiration and renewal, places where all creatures may find acceptance and belonging. Let us search for these places: in the world, in ourselves and in others. Let us restore them. Let us strengthen and protect them and let us create them.

May we mend this outer world according to the truth of our inner life and may our souls be shaped and nourished by nature's eternal wisdom.”

- *Michael Leunig. A Common Prayer. HarperCollins. 1990.*

Lynne

A MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-PRESIDENT

Pentecost season is over and we move from listening to stories of the past when Jesus was on Earth with us to a growing reality that we are left “alone” to face the world with the radical new ideas he gave us. Remember that the Holy Spirit is an equal part of the Trinity. We have been given this gift to hear God’s word in this day and age through the Spirit as discerned by our fellow Christians. Therefore listen to others in your congregation, (whatever form that takes), no matter how young or old in the faith they are. We aren’t on this journey through life alone and remember that joint effort often brings about a greater whole than the sum of the composite parts.

An example of this was seen in the refurbishment and reopening of the old Parsonage in Warkworth as offices and counselling rooms for Homebuilders Inc. This organization is non-Christian but espouses a great deal of what we as a Church would want to be seen as. Their director at the opening service talked about “Love” for fellow human beings and family as a central part of their mission. The Parish has expanded its breath of outreach by supporting a group carrying out service in the wider community that matches our Church’s values, rather than renting the building out for financial gain. Thus they have refurbished the building for better service to families in the area and rented the property for a ten year term to give themselves income for further work. The building is meeting the greater good as well as bringing a return. Much better, in my view, than to turn the property to just an income stream.

It was good to spend time with members of Taranaki/Wanganui Synods earlier this month. It was good to be with folk who are trying to think outside the square in their striving to represent God in their communities. Preaching in New Plymouth in that tall A framed Church was an experience I will not forget, nor the majesty of Mt Taranaki and the hospitality of the people.

This month Lynn and I travel to Tonga for their Conference and I look forward to seeing the way a Pacific people conduct their work. As a member of the Manukau District I have journeyed through Church life alongside Tongans finding their way in their new home. This trip should ground some of my past perceptions in reality and give me an understanding of where they have come from. I am hopeful that this new knowledge will assist me in my future work in the Church and give me fresh insight of a group of people whom I share membership in Te Hahi.

May we all continue to seek and find new insights into how to better serve our Lord in our local setting.

David

FROM THE GENERAL SECRETARY'S DESK

The month of June signals the beginning of the more serious build up to Conference with preparations, both in the Office and host District, entering the "busy" phase. This year Conference is to follow a new format. The most obvious to attendees will be the absence of Committees of Detail.

The work of Committees of Detail will be undertaken by Hui Poari and August Synods. All major Conference reports will be sent to August meetings, and while each Synod is free to comment on every report, specific reports will be allocated for indepth discussion to individual Synods.

Reports allocated to the following Synods:

Board of Ministry – Northland, South Island

Board of Administration – Auckland, Manukau

Mission & Ecumenical – Wellington, Taranaki

CASI – Northland, Waikato, Wellington, South Canterbury

Communications – Auckland, Hawkes Bay/Manawatu, Nelson

Faith & Order – Manukau, Taranaki, North Canterbury

Wesleycom – Waikato, Hawkes Bay, Otago

August Synods are asked to invite all Parish and District representatives registered for Conference to attend the sessions relating to Conference reports so that people are well prepared for Conference itself.

A new feature of Conference will be the allocation of time for the telling of stories from within the life of the Connexion. This time will be allocated by the Tumuaki and Executive Officer after consultation with Te Taha Maori and Taiwi.

This year we will also offer a discount for prompt enrolment as late enrolments involve considerably more work to process so note the dates on the registration form. The registration papers will be mailed on Friday 18 June, 2004.

Jill

CONNEXIONAL BITS 'N PIECES

LECTIONARY

Orders for the Lectionary need to be in the office by **30 June 2004**. These are free to Presbyters and Parishes, individuals can purchase a copy at a cost of \$2.50 (including GST + postage). Please phone (03) 366 6049, fax (03) 366 6009 or email vikif@methodist.org.nz

INFORMATION LEAFLETS

No. 160a – Health & Safety in Employment (this replaces No. 160) and an updated No. 81 – MCNZ Insurance Handbook are now on the website www.methodist.org.nz.

COUNCIL OF CONFERENCE

Council of Conference will be meeting **25 – 27 June**, not July as in ‘Diary Dates for 2004’ in the year book.

METHODIST PROVIDENT SOCIETY GRANTS

The Methodist Provident Society is now inviting applications for grants which will be able to be distributed after the 2004 Methodist Church conference. There are two categories of grants – grants of a general nature and grants that are for new developments

Application forms can be obtained from the Administration Division of the Methodist Church of New Zealand, P.O. Box 931 Christchurch. The application forms invite the telling of stories about the projects for which assistance is sought and the applier should share their dreams and aspirations.

Application Forms have to be signed by a member of the Provident Society, and must be received by the Executive Officer of the Provident Society, Ruth Le Couteur, by the 31st July.

Decisions regarding the grants will be made at the Annual meeting of the Society on Wednesday 8th September at Morley House, Latimer Square, Christchurch commencing at 7p.m.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE CONNEXION



Please remember in your Prayers the families of ...

Maida Chambers, widow of Wes Chambers died Wednesday 19 May

Rev Gordon Cornwell died 17 May in Auckland Hospital.

CROSSROADS METHODIST CHURCH PAPAKURA



*Celebrating our 150th Anniversary
Saturday and Sunday 16th - 17th April 2005*

We are starting to plan our celebrations for this important anniversary in the life of the Methodist Church in Papakura, and would like to hear from any Ministers and lay people who would be interested in joining us for this occasion.

Contact: Angela Hindson, P O Box 72182, Papakura. Tel. 09 299 7611

Email: angela.hindson@xtra.co.nz

**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 Board, 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 394, Hamilton but 1st October

FROM THE ARCHIVES...

Curing John Wesley

The Vicar of Holy Trinity, Hastings, England told of an experience when he was preaching near Beverley in Yorkshire. On a large wall bracket in the vestry of the Church there was a life sized bust of John Wesley carved in wood and on enquiry found an interesting story.

John Wesley preached under a spreading elm tree whenever he came to this place. For generations an anniversary was kept under the same tree until about 1825 when it was blown down in a storm. In order to preserve some continued connection with Wesley a bust of the famous preacher was carved from part of the trunk and placed in the local Wesleyan Chapel. In 1895 somehow this bust was included in a sale to help pay the expenses of a general restoration and redecoration of the chapel. It was purchased by the Vicar of the Parish for two pounds, and he was afterward fond, in his kindly humorous way of twitting his Wesleyan friends with selling their master for forty pieces of silver.

The story has yet another chapter to run, because the vicar upon receipt of the bust found it was badly worm eaten, maybe the reason for it finding its way to the sale. However, he was so interested in his purchase that he sent the carving away to be treated by a competent firm of woodworkers, and in due course it was returned looking good as new. But judge the good vicar's surprise when he discovered that the foreman charged with the job, after soaking the bust for a month in a cask of paraffin, had entered the following item on his time sheet: "To re-baptising John Wesley and curing him of worms, twenty five shillings."

N.Z. Methodist Times November 17, 1928.

Marcia Baker

P.S. After writing the above we heard that a famous New Zealand tree, the Waima oak, had fallen.

NEW HOME FOR HOMEBUILDERS

Last Sunday, 30th May, Mahurangi Methodists commissioned their old church house as the new home for Homebuilders Inc. A cornet fanfare stirred sleepy Hexham Street as Methodist Vice-President David McGeorge untied the front door ribbon and the assembled guests travelled through the house singing "One more Step along the way I go, from the old into the new". An apt song to awaken the house to its new role.

Also attending the commissioning were the church's General Secretary, Rev Jill van de Geer, District Superintendent Rev David Pratt, Rodney District Mayor John Law, Councilor John Ross and Sir Gordon Mason. The Superintendent of Methodist Mission Northern, Rev Keith Taylor and numerous other visitors from Auckland and beyond made this occasion one to remember. The builder, Kevin Mitchell, received many congratulations on the fine job of conversion he had made.

The opening was followed by a commissioning service in the church, during which the history of the project was told and recognition given to those who made it possible, especially the generous ASB bank's grant towards the total cost of \$50,000. Quentin Jukes told of Homebuilders current work with individuals and families and gave an insight into their plans for the future.

The formal part was followed by a well-provisioned afternoon tea, during which informal but heartwarming contacts were made and old friendships renewed.

The original parsonage was built circa 1952, had been used by many minister until some twelve years ago and some stories were told of the old days, of Youth groups, and Boys Brigade.

The willingness of both Homebuilders and Methodists to work together was noted by David McGeorge in his address, as an example of the church looking outward to its community and the needs beyond its own walls. This example of entrepreneurial action echoed the example of Methodists founder John Wesley, whose birthday was commemorated a week ago.

Michael Dymond, minister, 09 425 8660 or mobile 027 2222942.



PAC DISTRIBUTION GROUP – DISTRIBUTION THEME

MAKING A DIFFERENCE
Sharing in the highs and lows of mission together

DEADLINE DATE: 30 June 2004

“In my life in union with the Lord it is a great joy to me that after so long a time you once more had the chance of showing that you care for me. I don't mean that you had stopped caring for me – you just had no chance to show it. And I am not saying this because I feel neglected, for I have learned to be satisfied with what I have. I know what it is to be in need and what it is to have more than enough. I have learned this secret, so that anywhere, at any time, I am content, whether I am full or hungry, whether I have too much or too little. I have the strength to face all conditions by the power that Christ gives me. But it was very good of you to help me in my troubles. You Philippians know very well that when I left Macedonia in the early days of preaching the Good News, you were the only church to help me; you were the only ones who shared my profits and losses. More than once when I needed help in Thessalonica, you sent it to me. It is not that I just want to receive gifts; rather, I want to see profit added to your account. Here, then, is my receipt for everything you have given me –and it has been more than enough! I have all I need now that Epaphroditus has brought me all your gifts. They are like a sweet-smelling offering to God, a sacrifice which is acceptable and pleasing to him.”
Philippians 4: 10 – 18.

This story from the early church talks to us about sharing mission – both the highs and the lows. Even at the cutting edge of pioneering Christian mission, Paul struggled for adequate resources. It was only the help of those who shared his vision and supported him with their own rich resources that enabled him to continue his Christian mission.

Our theological reflection on this passage inspired our theme for this year:

MAKING A DIFFERENCE
Sharing in the highs and lows of mission together

The task of the PAC Distribution Group is to listen and respond to stories of what is happening in the Church and its mission in the community. This year, we want to support current creative and innovative mission that is occurring in, or conducted by the Methodist Church of New Zealand, Te Haahi Weteriana o Aotearoa (ie Parishes, Rohe, Connexional Boards and Committees), and to encourage further creative and innovative mission within this Connexional setting.

It is only by hearing your stories that we can appropriately share this PAC resource, and assist the Church and the Connexion to enable good things to happen.

- We expect to hear stories which tell about creative and innovative projects – either new or existing.
- We expect some evaluation of your project so your story can convince us of its potential.
- Tell us how and why a PAC grant will be able to help you in your mission.
- Generally, the PAC Distribution Group has funded people-related projects, rather than funding “bricks and mortar” requests

We need to hear your stories on or before 30 June 2004, though we encourage any earlier submissions. The stories need to be submitted to the General Secretary, PO Box 931, Christchurch.

MISSION RESOURCING:

Resourcing parishes for mission

So often when we advertise a parish visioning day someone will say “What a waste of time, we had one three years ago and nothing changed”, or words to that effect.

And sometimes they are right!

A common concern after a parish planning day, or before the next one, is that we have all these bright ideas but nothing actually gets done afterwards.

A measure of a successful planning day is what actually happens in the six months or so afterwards; whether the goals we set ourselves ever come to fruition.

During last month I worked with St James Union Parish, Greerton, planning for their next few years. I was delighted to hear people comment afterwards that the six small goals they had set themselves felt both energizing and achievable. Even more so when people said that the process of working together had built a sense of community and togetherness. It looks like these goals will “stick”

So what are some of the secrets of **making goals stick?**

Encourage ownership:

Use a process that involves as many people as possible.

Help people to set goals for areas of mission they are interested in and prepared to be a part of.

Build trust:

Some people will feel confident to share their ideas and dreams out loud in a big group.

Others won't – make spaces for them also by

- a) giving people time to think and prepare beforehand.
- b) allowing written as well as verbal responses.
- c) using a brainstorm technique where all ideas are listened to and treated as equally valid and important.

Only set a FEW goals

Your brainstorm will have produced lots of ideas. Give people stickers – dots, hearts etc. - to “vote” for the (say) 3 things they are most enthusiastic about.

Then break into interest groups, each to plan a goal for one of the top three things.

Build on what you are already doing and doing well

The majority of your goals should come from reflecting on “what are we already doing well?” and be *small* “add ons” to enhance that work /those skills.

Focus on the positive but allow negatives, concerns to be expressed.

If folk are dwelling on the “we used to do/ have/ manage” help them to see that everything has its time and for a new activity or dream to have space and energy to develop and old one may need to be retired.

Work SMART – think small and cut it in half, develop something for which you can see measurable results in 6 months at the latest. Jot down a sentence about how you will know you have achieved your goal. Clearly identify the first step *and* who will do it.

Affirm and celebrate the goals you have decided on – write them up, have those involved sign them, create a thanksgiving or dedication liturgy at the end of the exercise

Keep your goals and vision in front of you:

At St James' we made a pictorial record of our goals and the day in the following way:
In the centre of a large piece of card a mirror was taped. Above it were these words from the book of James: "if you hear God's message and don't do anything about it, then you are like people who look at themselves in a mirror but forget about what they are like as soon as they leave"
Appropriate words for a parish whose motto is "hearers *and* doers"

Around the mirror were pasted the goals – each signed by those who had developed them and now would implement them.

One person had been designated the photographer for the weekend. We added developed photos of all those involved and the identified activities to the collage.

Then we placed the finished record strategically in the foyer for all to view entering and leaving worship.

Plan to meet again in six months to review, celebrate and expand those goals.

You will have found other ways to make goals stick in your congregation.

I and others would be delighted to hear about them.

Drop me a line or an email and I will include them on our web page.

I am available to work with parishes throughout the Connexion on planning days or reviews

Contact me at the2als@xtra.co.nz or phone Mission Resourcing on (09) 5254179

Alison Molineux

YOUTH NEWS



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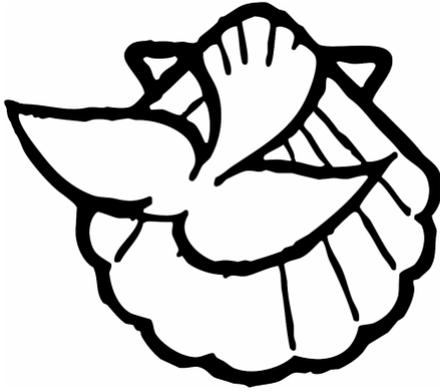
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**Methodist Youth Conference 2005
'What is the Spirit saying to us?'**

13-16 January, 2005

Waikato University

**An opportunity for young people aged 16-30 from
Methodist and Co-operating Parishes to gather and
explore issues we face as a church and society.**



For more information, please contact:

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Keita Hotere

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WORLD METHODIST COUNCIL

******Logo Competition****
for the
19th World Methodist Conference
July 20-24, 2005
Kum Nan Methodist Church
Seoul, South Korea**

The World Methodist Council is sponsoring a contest for a **logo design** for the 19th World Methodist Conference which will be held July 20-24, 2006 in Seoul, South Korea. The winning entry will receive an award of \$500 USD. The Conference theme is “*God in Christ Reconciling*”. All entries must be received by September 8, 2004 and must adhere to the following criteria:

- The winning entry becomes the property of the World Methodist Council for its sole use and purposes, including editing, publication and distribution rights.
- Each entry must include the words “*God In Christ Reconciling*”
- Entries may be submitted in black and white or colour format. The Conference logo will be used in a variety of formats which may include forms of correspondence, posters, banners, backdrops, pins, pre-conference publicity, website, power-point presentations etc.
- Entries must include information from the person(s) responsible for its design as requested below
- Entries may be submitted electronically and by hardcopy

Please send all entries to:

Mrs Roma Wyatt
World Methodist Council
P O Box 518
Lake Junaluska, NC 28745 USA

All entries must be *received* by September 8, 2004

Please provide the following information:

Name

Address

Email address

ECUMENICAL NEWS & VIEWS



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E.mail : sgmtp@xtra.co.nz or
visit our website : www.sgm-nz.org

Applications close 20th August 2004.

CHURCHES AGENCY ON SOCIAL ISSUES - CASI

From June 2004, the bi-monthly 8-page social issues newsletter *Broadsheet*, published by the Churches Agency on Social Issues, will not be circulated through this mailing.

It will be available for downloading, as a PDF file, from the CASI website <http://www.casi.org.nz/broadsheet/index.htm>

Parishes and ministers are welcome to have their own hard copy mailed by standard post, or as a PDF attachment emailed direct. (The usual file size is 100KB or less.) Simply contact the CASI office by phoning 04 381 8295, emailing casi@casi.org.nz, faxing 04 801 6001 or writing to CASI at P O Box 9049, Wellington.

While subscriptions are free, donations to cover costs are always welcome.

The next issue (June 2004) includes:

- The Budget – what's in it for poorer people?
- Problem gambling – the issue that won't go away.
- Taking on the local councils – reports from North Shore and Manawatu.
- Easter Sunday Trading – a small victory
- Resources for Refugee Sunday (20 June)
- Immigration – a new study series from CASI
- Euthanasia – a dialogue and discussion paper from the Inter Church Bioethics Council
- And news items.

Publication date: 7 June



Dear Friends

A call to help in the Sudan

Following urgent requests from partners in Sudan, CWS has launched an appeal to help provide emergency relief to the millions of people displaced by ongoing conflict in South and West Sudan. CWS is asking for your help in promoting this appeal on behalf of all who continue to suffer in one of the world's forgotten war zones.

During a recent visit, CWS staff witnessed for themselves the desperate situation in South Sudan; and they have also been receiving disturbing reports about the escalating conflict in Darfur, in the western part of the country.

The situation in Darfur is being described as one of the world's worst humanitarian crises. Marauding, government-backed militia groups have killed thousands of people and forced more than a million to flee their homes, amidst widespread human rights violations, including rape, executions and abductions of women and children. CWS will be sending funds through ACT International, the churches' global emergency response network, to partner groups already in the region. They will be providing emergency assistance to families displaced by the conflict.

While the situation in the West is now getting more international attention, CWS remains concerned about what is happening in South Sudan, which is still essentially a war zone. Although the fighting has stopped, the destructive results of the conflict can be seen everywhere. The South remains in need of support from the international community, as it is a poor undeveloped region coping with the displacement of millions of people. More than 1.5 million people need food relief; disease is rife; health and education services are minimal; there is limited access to safe water; and no communications infrastructure.

CWS continues to support peace work in Sudan and is concerned that the conflict in Darfur will also fuel tensions in the South, breaking the fragile ceasefire. Funds raised in this appeal for Sudan will be used to support ongoing emergency relief in southern war-torn regions through CWS's long-standing partners there, as well as helping support displaced civilians in Darfur.

Please help by publicising this appeal amongst your members and by including the following flyer in your newsletters.

With many thanks,

Jonathan Fletcher

National Director

Further background information on the situation in Sudan is available on:
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/3683701.stm>



Sudan - a forgotten war zone

In south and west Sudan, one of the world’s worst humanitarian crises is going virtually unnoticed by the rest of the world. Thousands have been killed and over a million people have been forced to flee their homes amidst widespread rape, executions, and abductions of children.

Although a cease-fire was agreed in April in the long-standing war between northern and southern Sudan, the south is still essentially a war zone. The impact of the conflict still affects all aspects of everyday life. Meanwhile, violence has broken out in the west where Sudanese government-backed militias are attacking villages. Civilians have been deliberately targeted and forcibly removed from their homes. Survivors tell of terrifying attacks by horse and camel-mounted militias, followed by air strikes and land attacks by government troops.

Assistance for the thousands of displaced people is urgently needed as the “hunger months” are approaching. More than 1.5 million people need food relief. Disease is rife, health and education services are minimal and there is limited access to safe water. Homes have been destroyed throughout the region. There are no sealed roads at all making communications extremely difficult especially during the wet season.

CWS has partner groups in the region able to dispense emergency assistance such as food, shelter, blankets, seeds and household supplies but they need your help. Please give generously to this appeal.

YES, I WANT TO HELP THE PEOPLE OF SUDAN May 2004

Enclosed is my cheque for \$20 \$50 \$100 **Other \$** _____

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THE NEW ZEALAND LAY PREACHERS ASSOCIATION

NEWS RELEASE

Liturgy Workshops by Australian Liturgist - *Dorothy McRae-McMahon*

The New Zealand Lay Preachers Association has negotiated a series of Liturgy Workshops with this world acclaimed liturgist. The first workshop will take place in North Canterbury mid July. Similar events will be held in different NZ locations in 2004-2005.

Target group: Lay Preachers, Presbyters, Worship Leaders, and all interested in meaningful prayers and creative worship.

Intention: Exploring worship ideas including New Zealand symbolism

Format: Lecture input
Hands on where participants have-a-go at preparing material
Worship experience drawing on ideas generated

Project initiated by the New Zealand Lay Preachers Association executive when based in Wellington. The Wellington Lay Preacher's Association continues to take responsibility for venture in co-operation with the current Waikato based NZLPA national executive.

BIBLE SUNDAY - 3RD SUNDAY IN JULY

'MARY JONES WALK'

Play suitable for a Family Service written by Rosalie Sugrue

2004 marks the 200th Anniversary of the British and Foreign Bible Society.

Your Sunday School or Youth Group may like to celebrate this by performing a play. 'Mary Jones Walk' is arranged for easy presentation during a church service. As a play-reading it takes very little rehearsal and can involve several children with limited reading skills.

Play can be down-loaded from the Spirit and Spice website. <http://www.spiritandspice.org.nz/>

For a Samoan or Tongan translation send a s.a.e. to: R.M. Sugrue, 47 Manawa Ave., Raumati Beach.

ECUMENICAL COALITION FOR JUSTICE

STUDY AND DISCUSSION SERIES

The Ecumenical Coalition for Justice is presently preparing a series of study and discussion documents on the Treaty of Waitangi and Treaty-related matters for use by Christian communities. It is hoped the documents will be of interest to other groups and organisations.

The first of these documents, Theme 5 ‘Foreshore and Seabed’, is now available on the Ecumenical Coalition for Justice website: www.socialjustice.org.nz

This resource kit has been prepared first because of the immediacy of the foreshore and seabed issues.

If it is not convenient for you to download your own copies of the resource, printed copies are available from:

Pax Christi Office, PO Box 68 419, Newton, Auckland; ph: 09-377-5541; paxnz@xtra.co.nz

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We would be grateful if you would forward this notice to your networks

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.



THE INTERCHURCH COUNCIL FOR HOSPITAL
CHAPLAINCY AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND
*Te Kaunihera Whakawhanaunga
o nga Minita Hohipera, Hauora*

ECUMENICAL HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN AT THE NELSON HOSPITALS of the NELSON - MARLBOROUGH DHB

Applications are sought from experienced chaplains and other suitably qualified ordained clergy for a full - time chaplaincy position covering the **Nelson Public Hospital, Alexandra and Braemar Hospitals and the Acute Mental Health Unit**. This position is being offered on the basis of a 2 year term initially.

Applicants should have completed a minimum of one CPE Course and have experience in parish or other relevant ministry positions.

The ability to provide spiritual health care to people with a range of health needs and from a variety of cultural and religious backgrounds, and to participate in a multi-disciplinary Health care team, consistent with the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi, is absolutely essential.

The successful applicant will be the sole Chaplain supervising a busy team of chaplaincy assistants, providing Christian ministry, spiritual support and pastoral care to patients, families and staff in hospitals and healthcare facilities across the Nelson Marlborough DHB area.

An appointee who is not already an accredited healthcare chaplain will be required to work towards obtaining accreditation. There is a requirement for Chaplains to become accredited within 5 years of appointment.

The closing date for the receipt of applications is Monday 28 June 2004

An information pack is available from:

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ECUMENICAL HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN WAITEMATA DHB HEALTHCARE SERVICES

Applications are sought from experienced chaplains and other suitably qualified ordained clergy for a full - time chaplaincy position covering the **Regional Forensic Psychiatry Service**, Inpatient Unit, Community Alcohol & Drug Services, Work Foundations and the **Waitakere General Hospital**. This is a new position and is being offered on the basis of a 2 year term.

Applicants should have completed a minimum of one CPE Course and have experience in parish or other relevant ministry positions.

The ability to provide spiritual health care to people with a range of health needs and from a variety of cultural and religious backgrounds, and to participate in a multi-disciplinary Health care team, consistent with the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi, is absolutely essential.

The successful applicant will become a member a very busy chaplaincy team of 5 full-time chaplains, providing Christian ministry, spiritual support and pastoral care to patients, families and staff in hospitals and healthcare facilities across the Waitemata DHB area.

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THE SALVATION ARMY – MEDIA RELEASE

Change of Guard at Salvation Army

Commissioners Garth and Mel McKenzie have been appointed new leaders of the Salvation Army for New Zealand, Fiji and Tonga.

The McKenzies took up their new roles from 1 June, succeeding Commissioners Shaw and Helen Clifton, who are now leading The Salvation Army in the United Kingdom and Ireland.

Commissioner Garth McKenzie holds the position of Territorial Commander, while Commissioner Mel McKenzie is Territorial President of Women's Ministries. They are based at Salvation Army Territorial Headquarters in Wellington.

“The role of Territorial Commander is a special position of responsibility within the Salvation Army, representing a challenge to give both pastoral and strategic leadership” said Commissioner McKenzie. *‘My aims are to see the Territory be spiritually healthy, well-resourced and focused in its mission’.*

The McKenzies are both long-serving Salvationists, having been commissioned in 1975. They served in a variety of roles including corps (church-level) officership, youth leadership and administrative appointments at a divisional and territorial level. Commissioner Garth McKenzie holds the New Zealand Institute of Management Diploma and is an associate member of the Institute.

Supporting the McKenzies in their new roles are Colonels Robin and Shona Forsyth who hold the positions of Chief Secretary and Territorial Secretary of Women's Adults and Families Ministries respectively.

Garth McKenzie
Commissioner
Territorial Commander