



e-Messenger

The Methodist Church of New Zealand ~ Te Hāhi 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 and Vice President

'Darkness covered the face of the deep' as the van carried the group over Waitangi bridge before it closed for the ceremonies. Before-dawn quiet blanketed conversation as Taha Maori, the Presidential team and Trinity College gathered, waiting for light and breakfast at the picnic table. Sunrise has happened since long before humans walked. Tourists tour to watch sunrise over the Simpson Desert, Pyramids, Mount Hikurangi. It's a highlight. Others sleep through morning after morning. We watch for dawn over the Bay of Islands on Waitangi Day.

Earlier we saw them sitting in the Bay, lumps of land covered with bush like a ceremonial cloak. In their trees Tui flit past. At night Kiwi and Morepork call. Even at day, their sounds accentuate the silence. Awareness searches for the something else that's not easy to find. Time and stillness and a clue or two from Tangata Whenua heighten the senses and awaken our insight into the spirituality of this part of creation.

After taking a service with the congregation at Kaeo and a generous lunch we returned to the site of the first Mission known as Wesleydale in the Whangaroa region. Across the valley from the cairn surrounded by hills stands the present church. We reflect upon past and present before continuing our journey to Whangaroa Harbour.

Following several phone calls to attend a tangi, we leave Kerikeri late afternoon, for Taheke, just past Kaikohe. We are aware of being in the flow of life, close to the ocean borders and of the children present who remind us of our beginnings. On the walls are pictures of others who have walked the river of life.

Cape Reinga lies below us, reaching into the divide between the Tasman and the Pacific, marked by areas of turbulence and smoothness. The lone Pohutukawa on the last headland, never flowers. The newly made path, starting from where the Post Office burned down, takes the straggly group towards the lighthouse. Sweeping round and back, down and out it alternates views of the headlands to the East, sandhills to the South and the Three Kings (someone said was Tasmania) to the West. The silence of the Waitangi dawn breaks through talk and camera posing and eyes are drawn down the spiked Cabbage tree and neatly rounded Manuka covered slopes to the ridge that descends into the water from which the Spirit departs for Hawaiki.

There is much for Methodists to learn here. Doing is undone without being. Information is meaningless without knowing. This is a land where 'there is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard: yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.' (Ps 19:3-4) This language of the Spirit of the land has a lexicon but no dictionary. While we text, make comment in the news hour by hour, eat ice-cream, watch Rugby Sevens and cricket and shelter from the heat of the February



sun, creation lives out its timeless presence. We Methodists, in being so busy might never know.

Donald Philipps leads a discussion on where the tide of Christian theology touches the beaches of Maoritanga. With five days of meetings, learnings, and services, we will visit further landmarks of Methodism in northern Aotearoa. Meanwhile the machinery of Te Haahi Weteriana, it seems, whirrs on in a flurry of happenings, reactions, plans, responses, opinions and discussion. Lana and I attend to that by mobile phone and emails (as with this article) so don't tell me I'm just in holiday mode! The blend of Being and Doing are both Gospel and Methodist. Both have a place and a presence. Be aware. Make time to watch, wait and simply be.

Greetings to you all from Lana and I in Kerikeri,

President Alan

A Message from the General Secretary

The year has begun well in the Connexional Office. We look forward to serving the Church in the coming year. We have had two staff changes. Part-time Fund Administrator Nicole Wetzel finished at the end of January and is soon to return to Germany where her husband is establishing a business. On Nicole's final day at work there was a staff cricket match to help Nicole understand the rules. The match was fun, I suspect Nicole is not the wiser. Stacey Cochrane who has been on extended maternity leave has returned to take up the Fund Administrator position. It is good to have Stacey back. Victoria Sergel our part-time accountant is to leave the team at the end of February to take up a position for Couplands Bakeries. This family firm is founded all over the South Island and is about to expand into the North. We will miss Victoria and wish her well as she moves on to new challenges.

The Yearbook and Decisions of Conference are going to the printers this week. If all goes to plan they will be in the post around the 18th or 19th of February. A key page to refer to is found right near the front setting out dates for meetings of Synods, Boards, Committees and Conference. You will want to get some of these dates into your Parish planner. Also please note that if you are planning to buy or sell a property or carry out work valued at more than \$10,000 approval must be obtained. Please contact your Synod Property Committee as one of the first steps in the process.

Progress is being made with the establishment of the Public Questions Network. Interviews for the position of Coordinator/Researcher will be held before the end of the month. It is good to hear too that several Parishes are revitalising their Public Questions committees and groups.

Grace and peace

David





Connexional News

Trinity Methodist Theological College



Where the Spirit is aflame

Snippets from the January 2010 Council meeting

[And please note these will occur bi-monthly from this date as Council meetings will now be held bi-monthly]

From the Principal we learned that:

- A proposal for agreed **Study Leave** will be with Council by the end of February;
- No progress had been made with **St. John's** re the formal **partnership agreement** particularly given the Christmas/New Year break;
- The Dip.Prac.Th. students were due to head to Northland the following Week for the **first block course** of the year;
- Work has been completed on the **Trinity College website**, with Educational components now operating through moodle.

And the Council itself;

- Noted the **Tertiary Education Strategy** released by government in December and discussed possible implications for the College;
- Agreed on the time for release of Nasili Vaka'uta to teach at the **University of Auckland**, but stressed that the overall Memorandum of Understanding should be signed prior to this commitment being formalised;
- applauded the **Tutor Handbook** that had been prepared for use and reference by tutors;
- noted the proposal for consideration of a **Licentiate in Ministry Studies** and agreed that this could be discussed with the Curriculum Committee prior to any further consideration by Council;
- welcomed the draft **Risk Management schedule** and agreed this should be further developed;
- approved a **Human Resource Delegation** policy for the College;
- noted and supported, with some modification, the submission to the **Budget Task Force**;
- approved the **financial accounts** to 31 December 2009;
- received with appreciation the **study leave report** from Nasili Vaka'utu;
- supported the concept of absences for leave of any type being used as **developmental opportunities** for other staff or council members.



Conference CD

If your Parish has not received a copy of the Conference DVD, please contact Amy at the Connexional Office (amys@methodist.org.nz) to send you your Parish copy (there is only one CD available per Parish). The CD includes the following: Services, Songbook, agenda, various presentations and photos.



Warkworth Methodist Church has a Yellow Vinyl Banner for sale, 4metres long x .4m wide. Offers? Ph: 09 425 8660.

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The Musical, written by Rev Alan K Webster and Mrs Judy Utting



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Computer Hardware and Software Purchases

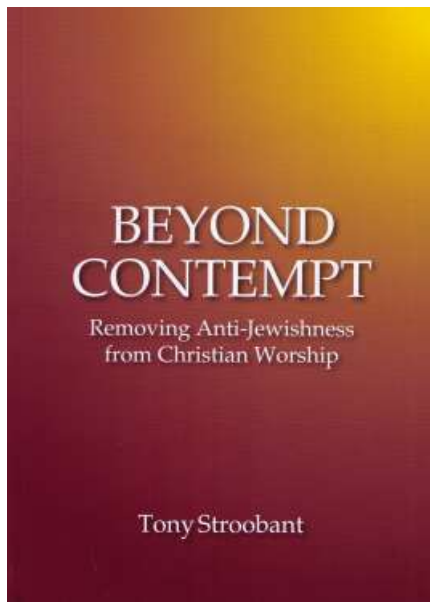


From time to time entities within the Church need to purchase computer hardware (laptops, PCs, modems, external hard disks, etc) or soft ware. As the Church is a not for profit entity it is able to obtain some very good discounts on a number of products.

If you are considering the purchase of hardware or software then by all means obtain prices from your local community but also contact the Connexional Office and speak to James Hubert. He will contact our own suppliers and obtain comparative pricing for you. Another place to start looking for prices is on a web site called "Pricespy" and its web site is www.pricespy.co.nz . James contact details are as follows:

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Phone – 03 364 9429





Beyond Contempt: Removing Anti-Jewishness from Christian Worship asks why, despite much progress in Jewish-Christian relations over recent decades, there is still Christian anti-Jewishness in the everyday life of the church. Why does it seem so deep-rooted and difficult to educate against? As well as tracing the origins of Christian anti-Jewishness and examining some of the negative stereotypes regarding Jews and Judaism, this book offers practical strategies for eliminating anti-Jewishness from Christian worship.

This book will interest those responsible for leading worship, as well as those concerned for improving interfaith relationships. To assist reflection, each chapter concludes with a series of questions and a Psalm. Adapted, this book would be suitable as a smallgroup study resource.

Chapter headings:

- **Preface**
- **Introduction:** Why should Christians care about Jewish-Christian relations?
- **In the beginning:** Jews & Christians in New Testament times
- **Tried, convicted, condemned:** The crucifixion of the Jews
- **Supersession:** “Out with the old and in with the new”
- **Preparing for change**
- **Eliminating anti-Jewishness from worship**
- **Further study**

Tony Stroobant gained an MA (with Distinction) at the Centre for Jewish-Christian Relations, Cambridge (UK) in 2001, and a PhD from the University of Auckland in the same field in 2007. He is currently Christian Co-President of the New Zealand Council of Christians and Jews, and a Methodist minister in Auckland.

\$NZ20.00 per copy, plus \$NZ2.50 p&p (1-2 copies within NZ) or \$NZ15.00 p&p per copy (USA & UK). Other prices upon request.

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Combined Otago Southland – Central South Island School of Theology

The annual School of Theology will take place again at Lakelands Park, on the beautiful Frankton Arm of Lake Wakatipu, Queenstown.

The dates: Sunday evening to Wednesday morning, 21 to 24 March 2010.

What's on offer? The main content will be an intensive presented by David Bell and team from Trinity College on the theme, **“Living the faith; an ethical approach”**

Martin Luther once famously declared, “Here I stand, and can do no other,” as he brought about sweeping reforms in church and society. Christians in New Zealand today have to make informed choices about how they will live and conduct their lives. Sometimes we are caught between demands of the laws of the land, the rules and regulations of the church, and our personal faith stance on issues. Learn how to achieve integrity in faith and life and find a balance between happiness, piety and ethics. Tutors are David Bell, Don Biggs, Lindsay Cumberpatch.

President Alan Upson will also be present and will offer a session on “Action out of Meditation”.

Registration forms are available from Rachael Masterton, rmasterton@actrix.co.nz

Emergency Appeal for Haiti



Hundreds of thousands of people are feared dead and countless more homeless and/or injured after the devastating earthquake in Haiti. Already a shattered nation (with little functioning infrastructure and 80% of people living in poverty) this disaster is bringing horrific hardship to vulnerable lives.

You can make a difference. Support the Christian World Service appeal to assist with relief and recovery in the Caribbean nation. Shelter, clean water, food, sanitation, trauma counselling and medicines are urgently needed. CWS partners in Haiti are already offering assistance despite themselves enduring the quake and dealing with the loss of their own offices.

See www.cws.org.nz for further information and ways to donate.

Papanui Church

7 March 2010 marks the opening of the newly renovated Papanui Methodist Church.

The Parish has amalgamated St Davids, St Johns and Papanui congregations on the one site at Papanui and the Church will now be known as the Christchurch North Methodist Church. It is an exciting time for the Parish and after many years of preparation and activities that have brought us together, we look forward with great anticipation as we continue to serve God in the northern area of Christchurch.





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To register interest, forward CV résumé to
Rev ALLAN SMITH, 15A Stewart Crescent, Palmerston North 4410
Ph: 06 355 0467 by 28 February 2010





**THE INTERCHURCH COUNCIL FOR HOSPITAL
CHAPLAINCY AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND**

*Te Kaunihera Whakawhanaunga
o nga Minita Hohipera, Hauora*

ECUMENICAL HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN

Waikato Hospital, Waikato DHB

Applications are sought from experienced chaplains and other suitably qualified ordained clergy for a **full-time** chaplaincy position as part of the Ecumenical Chaplaincy Team in the Waikato DHB Hospitals. The chaplain will be based at Waikato Hospital and the position is being offered on the basis of an initial term of 2 years.

Applicants should have a degree or equivalent qualification in theology or ministry and should ideally have completed a minimum of one Clinical Pastoral Education course. Experience in working ecumenically in hospital chaplaincy, parish ministry or other relevant ministry positions is also required.

The ability to provide spiritual and emotional support and pastoral 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.

Chaplains must be willing to minister to people irrespective of their faith or culture.

The successful applicant will become a member of a busy chaplaincy team of 3 ecumenical chaplains, 1 Roman Catholic chaplain and 1 Maori chaplain providing Christian ministry, spiritual and emotional support and pastoral care to patients, families and staff. They will also be required to share in training, supervising and leading a group of voluntary Chaplaincy Assistants. He or she will also take a turn on the on-call after hours emergency and worship service rosters. A good team player is absolutely essential.

No assistance with relocation expenses can be made.

The closing date for the receipt of applications is Friday 26 February 2010.

An information pack is available from:

The National Executive Officer
Interchurch Council for Hospital Chaplaincy
PO Box 6427
WELLINGTON 6141
NEW ZEALAND

Phone: 04-801 8008

Fax: 04-381 4842

E-mail: admin@ichc.org.nz

(See Profile below)

Chaplaincy to the Waikato Hospital and Waikato DHB

The Waikato District Health Board

The Waikato District Health Board (Waikato DHB) is a progressive publicly-funded health organisation. It is responsible for funding and providing services for the 320,000 people living in the Waikato district of the central North Island. The district, is centred upon the city of Hamilton. It spans from the east to west coasts, stretches south to the ski fields of the North Island volcanic plateau and covers large areas of farmland and unspoilt native bush.

Hospital and Services

Health care is provided through Waikato Hospital, the specialist regional base hospital in Hamilton, and a network of community hospitals and services throughout the region. In addition, Health Waikato extends speciality services to other health providers beyond its own region to a total population of 700,000. It is a diverse population including relatively large Maori and rural communities.

Waikato Hospital is a 700 bed regional base hospital providing a full range of general services, plus tertiary specialist services and a regional trauma service, with a dedicated helicopter service based on campus. The hospital has 38,700 admissions a year, the fourth highest admission rate in the country after Auckland, Middlemore and Christchurch Hospitals and just above the rate at North Shore Hospital.

For most of the academic year, there are approximately 50 - 60 under-graduate medical students on campus, groups of 15 nurses involved in postgraduate nursing programmes and an increasing number of under-graduate pharmacy students.

Research and Teaching

The Waikato DHB is establishing its reputation as a centre of excellence for teaching and research. Bolstering this reputation is a world class research library and clinical skills training centre, which offers health professionals superior facilities for ongoing education and research. Not only is the [Waikato Clinical School](#), situated in the Academic Centre at Waikato Hospital, but it is also a base for learning for post-graduate nursing, pharmacy and health management training.

Chaplaincy Services

The Waikato Ecumenical Hospital Chaplaincy Committee, a registered charity, the local support provider for ICHC is made up of hospital and denominational representatives and exercises oversight and management of the Chaplaincy Service. It meets with the chaplains regularly. The committee receives reports from the chaplains, who offer pastoral care, ministry, supervision and training within the DHB. As well as 3 ecumenical chaplains there is 1 Roman Catholic chaplain and 1 Maori chaplain. There is also a large team of voluntary Chaplaincy Assistants. There is a requirement that each chaplain will take their turn on the 'on-call' after hours roster, and respond to urgent calls from any of the Waikato Hospital services.

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ECUMENICAL HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN CHRISTCHURCH HOSPITAL

Applications are sought from experienced chaplains or other suitably qualified ordained clergy for this **Full-Time Chaplaincy position** at the Christchurch Hospital of the Canterbury District Health Board. The position is being offered on the basis of an initial term of 2 years.

Applicants should have a degree or equivalent qualification in theology or ministry and should ideally have completed a minimum of one Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) course. Experience in working ecumenically in hospital chaplaincy, parish ministry or other relevant ministry positions is also required.

The ability to provide spiritual and emotional support and pastoral 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.

Chaplains must be willing to minister to people irrespective of their faith or culture.

The successful applicant will become a member of a busy chaplaincy team of 2 Ecumenical chaplains, 1.5 Roman Catholic chaplains and 1.25 Maori chaplains providing Christian ministry, spiritual and emotional support and pastoral care to patients, families and staff. They will also be required to share in training, supervising and leading a large group of voluntary Chaplaincy Assistants. He or she will also take a turn on the on-call after hours emergency and worship service rosters. A good team player is absolutely essential.

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

No assistance with relocation expenses can be made.

The closing date for the receipt of applications is Friday 26 February 2010.

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(See Profile below)

Profile of Christchurch Hospital and Canterbury DHB

Canterbury District Health Board

The Canterbury District Health Board (DHB) responsible for government funded health and disability services to Canterbury. It runs the public hospitals and other health services. It also works with other organizations to provide improved health for the population of the region.

Christchurch Hospital

Christchurch Hospital with 650 beds is the largest tertiary, teaching and research hospital in the South Island and provides a full range of emergency, acute, elective and outpatient services. Doctors and specialists from here also travel to major centres in the South Island providing specialist clinics and operations. Telemedicine facilities link the hospital with other sites throughout New Zealand. This means patients don't always need to leave their hometown to receive treatment.

Christchurch Hospital provides services to over 49,000 inpatients each year. Approximately two-thirds of these patients are admitted acutely. A further 13,000 people are day patients. There are 16,000 theatre visits each year. Christchurch Hospital also has the busiest Emergency Department in Australasia treating more than 65,000 patients a year.

Christchurch Hospital is the major tertiary teaching hospital in the South Island where doctors receive clinical training and it is one of the four main teaching hospitals in New Zealand. Many of the doctors and specialists working in the hospital are involved in leading international research. The examination pass rates for resident medical staff are high. A range of post-graduate nursing programmes is also offered.

The Chaplaincy Service

The Christchurch Hospitals' Chaplaincy Board, the local support provider for ICHC, is made up of representatives of the local churches and hospital management. The Board oversees and administers the chaplaincy service across the five Christchurch Hospitals, raises funds and supports the chaplains and 40 volunteer chaplaincy assistants. It also administers the ICHC personnel policies and procedures.

The Chaplaincy Team at Christchurch Hospital is made up of 2 full-time Ecumenical chaplains, two part time chaplains to Maori, a full-time and part-time Catholic chaplain, and a team of voluntary chaplaincy assistants who work under the supervision of the chaplains. There is also a part-time office administrator. Together they provide Christian ministry, spiritual and emotional support and pastoral care to patients, families and staff across all areas of the Christchurch Hospital. The chaplains at all 5 hospitals (6.43 FTE's in total) are rostered for after-hours and weekend call-outs and are required to take services and cover emergencies at all five hospitals during this period.

January 2010

**AREA CO-ORDINATOR - FULL TIME
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CHRISTCHURCH 8140
Email: cena.moulson@workplacesupport.co.nz



REMEMBER

In your Prayers

We regret to inform the Connexion that the Rev. Audrey Dickinson died peacefully on Friday 18 December 2009 at the Nelson hospice. Audrey had been seriously ill for some time and while, of course, family and friends are very sad, all are relieved she is now at peace.

Her funeral service was held on Tuesday 22 December at St Johns in the city, Nelson.

Messages may be sent to her daughter, Aynsley Wilkinson at 21 Stafford Avenue, Annesbrook, Nelson 7011.

It is with sadness that we inform the Connexion of the death of Rev. Anke Bouchier. Anke died peacefully in Weesp Netherlands in her 90th year.

Anke was a past Minister at Raglan parish and a very active participant in the Waikato Waiariki Synod.

Messages can be sent to the Bouchier family c/- 34 Picton Street, Freemans Bay, Auckland 1011 or to hannekebouchier@hotmail.com.

It is with deep sadness that we inform the Connexion of the death of Tom and Patricia Woods daughter Helen on 26 December 2009.

Tom is the supply minister at St. Stephens Otumoetai in Tauranga. Helen's funeral was held on Thursday 31 December at Otumoetai College, Otumoetai.

Messages can be sent to Tom and Helen Woods, 56 Matua Road, Matua, Tauranga 3110

It is with much shock and sadness that Te Taha Maori advises the Connexion of the passing of Evelyn (Tuss) Kingi on 18 January.

Tuss was a well-respected Kuia from Waikato and served on many Boards and Committees within the Connexion. She will be deeply missed. Our aroha and prayers to her whanau.

Messages can be sent to: The Kingi Whanau, c/o 82 Fox Street, Hamilton 3216.

It is with sadness that the Connexion is advised of the sudden death of Robin Murdoch Seymour on Saturday 16 January at his home in Picton.

Robin served as Parish Steward in Wellington Central Parish in the 90's, and was a Conference rep on a number of occasions. Robin is survived by his wife, Sue.

Robin's funeral service was held at the Picton Union Parish on Wednesday 20 January.

Messages can be sent to 7a Russell Street, Picton, or emailed to sueandrobin@email.com.

It is with sadness that we inform the Connexion that Rev Doug Burt passed away peacefully on 25 January at Aparangi Village, Te Kauwhata.

His funeral was held on Thursday 28 January at Trinity Church (Huntly Co-operating Parish), Williams Street, Huntly.

Messages can be sent to his daughter Helen McAlpine, 156 Taniwha Road, RD1, Te Kauwhata 3751.

On Thursday 28 January 2010 John Edward (Ed) Scott passed away in his 100th year.

For ten years between 1960 and 1970 Ed and his late wife Helen were in charge of the Methodist Children's Home at Papanui, Christchurch and were greatly loved. We remember how Ed used to bring a van south each Christmas holidays bringing children to stay and a month later would repeat the journey and take them back to Christchurch again.

A Memorial service for this gracious Christian gentleman who served our Church so well was held at Durham Street Church on Saturday 3 April. This day would have been Ed's 100th birthday and many of his family - his six children, 21 grandchildren, 28 great grandchildren and 7 great great grandchildren travelled to Christchurch to join this Celebration.

It is with sadness that we inform the connexion that Mary Te Whare died early this week.

Some may remember Mary both from her time as a deaconess (when she was Mary Sealey) and as Buddy Te Whare's first wife.

Mary's funeral will be held on Friday 12 February at 11am at the Newstead Crematorium, Hamilton.

HARRY AND JOAN SHAW

I would like to say thank you to everybody who have supported Mum and Dad during their illness. I also want to thank you so much for visiting them - it gave them great pleasure to see you!

I am so sorry that I have not officially thanked everybody as I do not have all their addresses. I also have been through a really tough time myself, but now am moving forward. I am in the process of moving south, but dates are unknown at this stage.

If you wish to know how we are all doing etc, after knowing our family for so long, please feel free to contact me on mimisportygirl@gmail.com. For closer friends of mum and dad, and whom have known me since I was a little girl :-), I would love to hear from you!

Cheers!

Miriam Shaw



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Mission and Unity: Edinburgh 1910-2010

It's almost a hundred years since the great World Missionary Conference was held in Edinburgh, Scotland. The June 1910 conference drew together Christians from many churches to think strategically about the world-wide mission of the Christian Church.

The organisers of the Edinburgh 2010 centennial conference see their gathering as a time of thanksgiving for the progress in mission God has made possible, as well as providing a focus for addressing the challenge of mission in the 21st century.

While those attending the 1910 conference were mostly white, western, male and Protestant, it was nonetheless a groundbreaking and momentous event. Participants recognised the need to move beyond colonialism and to welcome the birth and maturing of independent and self-governing churches around the world. It is also generally held that this conference paved the way for the diverse beginnings of the modern ecumenical movement.

Today the missionary commitment of the church must go hand in hand with its ecumenical commitment. Historically the question of Christian unity, as raised by missionaries, was for practical reasons. Often it was to avoid unnecessary competition. In some parts of the world the mission field was shared out between different churches. Sometimes missionaries worked on common projects such as Bible translation.

Cooperation between missionaries led to reflections on the divisions between the churches. While there was rivalry between missionaries sent by different churches, those who were first in the mission field were also the first to recognise the scandal of Christian division. How were people to understand reconciliation in Jesus Christ when the churches and their leaders were ignoring or fighting one another? How could Christian groups who lived in mutual hostility, preach one Lord, one faith, and one baptism in a credible way? There was no lack of ecumenical questions for the participants at the Edinburgh Conference of 1910.

Since 1910, Christians have learned much about how to work together, to share news of the love of God, and to witness to Christ in many different ways – defending the poor, struggling for justice, resisting racism, working for reconciliation, protecting the planet. Much of this has happened as Christians have learned to listen to one another and work with others of different faiths, or none. Without the impetus of 1910, much of this would not have happened.

The world has changed a lot since 1910 and once more mission must be thought about anew. Secularisation, post-modernity, new means of communication, inter-confessional relations, inter-religious dialogue are amongst many important issues to be discussed. There is a similar sense of urgency in 2010 as there was in 1910. A world still wounded by division needs a gospel message that can bring people together. Such a message can't be proclaimed by discordant voices. It calls for a commitment to unity.

This article draws on Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2010 notes.

Mission and Unity: Auckland 2010

Mission and unity: Then, Now, and into the Future is the title of a conference to be held in Auckland at St John's/Trinity Theological College 18 & 19 June. It will celebrate the centennial of the landmark World Missionary Conference held in Edinburgh.

Topics to be covered include: an historical overview ; a Biblical perspective; New Zealand women and overseas mission; ecumenism in the 21st century; a Maori perspective; the challenge of young people to the church; Christianity and world faiths. Panels will offer Pacific and Asian migrant perspectives.

Among the presenters will be: Rev Dr Allan Davidson, Rev Dr Lynne Wall, Rev Dr Janet Crawford; Rt Rev John Bluck, Ms Te Aroha Rountree, Dr Carlton Johnstone, Rev Dr Keith Rowe.

Cost of registration is \$50 waged and \$25 unwaged (includes a dinner and a lunch). For more information contact Rev John Roberts. Further information including registration form will be available on request or can be downloaded at www.methodist.org.nz

Mission news

Vice President to visit Solomon Islands

Vice-President of the Methodist Church of New Zealand, Lana Lazarus, and the Mission and Ecumenical secretary, John Roberts, will be visiting the United Church Solomon Islands (UCSI) 12-21 March 2010. The highlight of the visit will be the official opening of the Children and Youth Centre at Kokeqolo. There will also be visits to areas where Mission and Ecumenical has provided project assistance.

Solomon Island earthquake

A magnitude 7.2 earthquake on 4 January resulted in a tsunami and landslides that affected Rendova and Tetepare Islands, not far from Munda on New Georgia Island. Approximately 2,000 people were made homeless. Fortunately there were no reports of serious injuries or deaths. UCSI general secretary, Isaac Dakei reported that his office was preparing to offer trauma counseling as well as making an assessment for possible relief work. There have been two visits to the affected islands and a report is awaited. The early indication is that there is a lot to do.

Children and Youth Centre

After several delays the centre is to be officially opened in March. The building comprises a large hall, office space, a kitchen, ablution facilities, and has a small guest house.

Helena Goldie Hospital and College of nursing

The new medical superintendent of the hospital is Dr Longbottam from the UK. He replaces Dr Dina Sailo who has completed his term at the hospital. A review of Mission and Ecumenical funding for the director of Nursing and relieving nurses has been completed and funding for these positions will continue.

The Helena Goldie College of Nursing

The college has opened with its first intake of students in 2010. Henri Gumi is the director of the college. Mission and Ecumenical is supporting a student by paying their fees. It has also contributed to maintenance of older buildings, provided funding for a new building, purchased books for the library, and covered the cost of an air conditioning unit in the library.

Sasamunga Hospital

We are awaiting news on the development plan for this hospital and how we might best contribute. Assistance has already been provided for: rebuilding staff accommodation following the April 2007 earthquake and tsunami; purchase of a canoe and outboard motor, and refrigeration units for the laboratory and pharmacy.

Copra Project

Vincent Ghanny, manager of this project on Vella Lavella Island reports an increase in production. However this has been offset by a downturn in the price of copra on the world market due to economic recession. Mission and Ecumenical has contributed to the cost of a major overhaul of the engine to the project's boat, and a grant has enabled expansion of the project.

Goldie College

The Mission and Ecumenical special appeal for 2010 will assist Goldie College. We are waiting to hear from the college as to the area we will assist with fund raising.

Rarongo Theological College

Rarongo now has a new principal, Rev Dr William Longgar. A curriculum review is taking place this year. Mission and Ecumenical continues to provide assistance with tuition fees for four students and to purchase books for the college library.

Bougainville

Work is underway at Kekesu on a pastor training centre that will be upgraded to become the region's Leadership and Ministry training Centre. Mission and Ecumenical has contributed funds for staff houses.

PNG Highlands

Jenny Keightley, her sister Sue and husband Geoff attended 50th anniversary celebrations of the Nipa mission begun by Rev Cliff Keightley in 1959. Jenny has reported on a memorable and successful visit.

Ivy Bui Vagipio

Ivy Bui Vagipio a mother figure for New Zealand missionaries serving in the Munda area of the Solomon Islands died on 4th January aged 89 years. Her mother died when Ivy was only three months old. She was then cared for by missionary sisters at Kokeqolo. She grew to become a significant leader in the life of the Methodist Church and later the United Church, especially in the Women's Fellowship. Ivy taught the missionaries serving in the Munda area, the Roviana language and customs. She also brought food to them and remembered their birthdays.

Lenten resources

Water, worship and prayer

During Lent a weekly short biblical meditation provided by the Ecumenical Water Network will be posted on the website www.oikoumene.org

They will explore the connection between the use of water in liturgical practices and our everyday use of water.

Ending violence against women

Also during Lent, a series of study resources will address overcoming violence against women. Films and stories from several countries including New Zealand will be posted on the World Council of Churches Decade to Overcome Violence website www.oikoumene.org Bible studies and liturgical resources will be included.



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News & Views

Church Bells

I am co-author of the 8th Edition of the New Zealand shipwreck book and have just released a companion edition.

I am compiling a register of Ship's bells. Many are in museums and private collections, but many are used as school bells and Church bells.

I am also listing Church bells, specifically those that have the markings of the casting company.

Ironically, one of these was recently sold at auction for \$20,000 in Whangarei as coming from the wreck of the Boyd, 200 years ago in Whangaroa Harbour.

It was believed that the B denoted Boyd. Further research showed it was a Church bell made by James Barlow of Birmingham in colonial times.

Attached images of this bell show a cross. A bit of a giveaway that it was a Church bell. There may be more "Boyd" bells in your Churches, plus others made by different English manufactures with their markings.

I would ask your readers to examine their bells and see what we can discover. When completed I will make the results available to your archives. I have of course approached other denominations.

Regards and thanks
Lynton.

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Beginning Experience

Beginning Experience is a peer ministry designed to assist those who have lost a spouse through death or separation / divorce to assess where they are in their own grief and to make a new beginning in life. In New Zealand the Anglican and Catholic Churches provide oversight ensure the Christian spiritual integrity of the programme. Please contact Margaret Poynton 027 4501919 if you have any queries about the programme.

The following is suitable for inclusion in parish bulletins during February and March:

To widowed, divorced and separated. "There is a special heartache for those who find themselves alone again." But there is help! There will be a "Beginning Experience Weekend," designed for the widowed, divorced and permanently separated to help resolve the pain and grief of the loss of the marriage relationship. It is a weekend away, for a lifetime of change. Friday evening through Sunday afternoon, Upper North Island 19 – 21 March, Contact Roanne 09 574 2482, Lower North Island 9 – 11 April, Contact Mike 04 232 2382.

Clinical Pastoral Education 2010, Christchurch Centre

A CPE programme will be offered in Christchurch this year, as a fifteen week extended programme, commencing April 12 and continuing through to July 23, 2010.

Dates for 2010 CPE group days:

- 15-16 April
- 29-30 April
- 13-14 May
- 27-28 May
- 10-11 June
- 24-25 June
- 8-9 July
- 22-23 July



Most group days will be held at St. Chad's Linwood.

Supervisory Team: Jo Noble, Rev Steph Robson, Rev Helen Roud, Rev Don Prince.

Enquiries to: Rev Don Prince, Ph 03 352 4194

E-mail: dprince@clear.net.nz

Applications close: 19 March 2010.

Visit NZACPE Web-site: www.cpe-nz.org.nz

“Basic Leadership of Volunteers”

A brief introduction to
co-ordinating and supporting Volunteers

This two hour workshop will introduce you to best practice in the field of volunteer management and provide opportunities for networking with other leaders of volunteers. It covers Definition of voluntary work; Why involve volunteers; Policy, plan and budget; Role descriptions; Recruitment and selection; Motivation; Training; Supervision; Recognition; and the Services of Volunteering Canterbury

Date: Tuesday 16 February
Time: 10.00 am
Tutor: Ruth Gardner, Manager of Volunteering Canterbury
Venue: Christchurch Community House Te Whakaruruhau ki Otautahi
141 Hereford Street, Christchurch

\$20.00 for Members of Volunteering Canterbury \$30.00 for non-Members.

Registration forms available from www.volcan.org.nz or Volunteering Canterbury, phone 03 366 2442.

E-engage Your Community

This Conference, hosted by Volunteering Canterbury, will introduce people from not-for-profit organisations to internet-based tools that can help them meet their mission. This will be a hands-on conference where people will have the opportunity to try new tools that are free or low-cost, and to learn about web-related matters. Conference fees are very modest thanks to sponsorship from NZ Lottery Grants Board and Support for Volunteering Fund. Numbers are limited and early registration is advised. Details can be found at www.volcan.org.nz Volunteering Canterbury offers many other learning opportunities during 2010, so keep an eye on the Events page of their website.

Date: Friday 16 April
Venue: CPIT, Christchurch

Early bird Registration: \$40.00 for Members of Volunteering Canterbury
\$65.00 for non-Members

25 January 2010

The Selwyn Centre for Ageing and Spirituality to host courses on the pastoral care of ageing people

The population in our churches is ageing, and it is sometimes difficult to include frail people in the usual church worship and activities. Older people have much to offer in wisdom and experience and also face many challenges including poor health, multiple bereavements and loss of meaning. At this time of life, we most need the fellowship of the Church.

The Selwyn Centre for Ageing and Spirituality is offering courses leading to a Certificate in Pastoral Care of Ageing People. Training in this area will help church members (of all ages) to minister more effectively to the elders in their community.

The facilitator, Revd Anne Russell-Brighty, has extensive experience in working with older people, both as a chaplain and parish deacon. She is a skilled teacher and has run this certificate course for many years in Christchurch.

The first of the three modules that are required to complete the Certificate, "Walking on holy ground", will be held at Selwyn Village, Point Chevalier, Auckland, on 23rd February (evening) and 24th February (daytime) 2010, and on 16th March (evening) and 17th March (daytime) 2010, making a total of 12 hours.

Delegates attending previous courses have commented as follows:

"Anne is certainly an expert in her field."

"The content was all very relevant to grass roots ministry."

The total cost for Module One is \$85.00, with numbers limited to 20 per course. Where there is sufficient interest, courses may be run in other locations across New Zealand.

Registration forms can be obtained from The Selwyn Foundation website: www.selwyncare.org.nz/scas or from Dr Chris Perkins: (09) 846 0119/814 or 021 104 4129 or at: chrisp@selwyncare.org.nz.



February Amendments

To the Yearbook

As there have been many amendments made to the yearbook for 2010 we are unable to include them all here. It is recommended that you purchase a new copy of the Yearbook (details below) if you require a completely up to date edition.

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The 2010 Yearbook is Now Available

Prices are as follows (GST inclusive):

Bound Agenda, Minutes of Conference & Yearbook	\$56.25
Is a bound complete set of the Conference Agenda, Decisions and Yearbook	
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Unbound Agenda, Minutes of Conference & Yearbook	\$39.38
Is a shrink-wrapped set of the Yearbook – Dates, Addresses & Decisions of Conference	
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Additional set of Addresses	\$11.25
Is comprised of the Green Pages, Diary Dates & Connexional Addresses hole punched and stapled	

If you would like to order copies of any of these you can contact Amy at the Connexional office by email at amys@methodist.org.nz, phone (03) 364 9427 or fax (03) 364 9439.

Or

If you would like a free copy of the electronic yearbook (in PDF format), please contact Amy at (amys@methodist.org.nz), and she will email you a copy.

If you have any amendments or updates to the yearbook please feel free to email Amy at amys@methodist.org.nz with the updates and they can be published here for the information of the Connexion.