



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

There's a picnic area just out of New Plymouth commonly known as the meeting of the waters. Two recent events reflect the meeting of several streams of history, ethnicity and culture.

St Mary's Pro-Cathedral became The Taranaki Cathedral Church of St Mary last Saturday. It's the first consecration world-wide for some seventy years, and it might be as many again before the next. Visiting preacher, The Most Reverend and Right Honourable Dr John Sentamu, Archbishop of York, was quite down to earth. A priest in Uganda at the time of the infamous President Idi Amin, Bishop Sentamu played the bongo drums for the singing of the Gloria (Glory to God x2, glory to The Father!). He also joked about Christian attitude. "It's the difference", he said, "in waking up between saying, "Good morning God," or saying, "Good God, it's morning!"

Methodists were represented by President Alan, Vice President Lana and Tumuaki Rev Diana Tana. All clergy were asked to robe in white with white stoles, so in assembling for the second procession, Lana stood out in her light green outfit. Just then Bishop Phillip called out "Lana" and made his way through the albs to warmly greet her – both had shared the serving of the elements in the marquee outside the Kawhia Church celebration, in the rain just weeks earlier. His greeting reflected the Taranaki warmth between the two denominations, an ecumenical outlook evident throughout the service. With the installation of Dean Jamie Allen, and other appointments securing a new local administration, the appointment of Cathedral Kaumatua, Venerable Tikituterangi Raumati, was significant. The local paper made a point of referring the military pendants displayed in the church and new Dean Jamie noted how the Cathedral, which had strong links with the colonists through the Land Wars, would be focusing on mending relationships with tangata whenua.

Another meeting of the waters took place at Wesley, Taranaki Street, Wellington where Vahefonua Tonga 'O Aotearoa had gathered. Getting off the plane about 9am President Alan was taken to a breakfast in the church hall – it was a huge affair attended by about 200 and served by about thirty. Later, robing in the vestry the President could hear choirs singing in the church. On entering with Rev Setaita and outgoing Secretary Tevita Finau, he saw the full church (including the gallery) marked by the patches of colour of the choir uniforms. Rev Havea of the Tongan Theological College, responsible for the ongoing education of Presbyters, led early in the service. Choirs from Petone, Blenheim, Tawa, Levin, Avalon and Upper Hutt took advantage of the Wellington venue and all contributed to the worship. As President, Alan greeted the Congregational Stewards, presented the certificates to administer the sacraments, and welcomed the new Secretary Edwin Talakai. A trophy was presented to Siosuia Pilikimi Sika of Lotofale'ia Church, Mangere, who was Dux of the nation-wide Sunday School Bible study programme. Communion with five server stations concluded the service. After some minutes disrobing and attending to some pastoral matters in the vestry we went to lunch at about 3.30pm.

The next day at Christchurch we celebrated the Induction of Rev Dr Mary Caygill at a service of resounding affirmation for Mary and the promising new venture of Church and Mission at Durham Street, with Executive Director for the Mission, Mrs Mary Richardson.

And that's enough water under the bridge for now. Greetings from Lana (who is about to travel to the Solomon Islands for 12 days with Mission and Ecumenical Secretary, Rev John Roberts) and myself.

Grace and peace

Lana and Alan

A Message from the General Secretary

The February-March period is often very busy. This has certainly been the case for this year with a range of commitments leaving me little time in the office to attend to routine tasks. The good news is that I am getting out to interact with Parishes and Boards. The bad news is that correspondence may not get an immediate reply. A reminder too of the importance of Lent where we seek to pause and take stock to focus on what is most important.

Reg Garters in his weekly column in The Press recently discussed the difference between spending lots of time doing something right and taking the time to ensure we are doing the right thing. How often he asks have we spent enormous energy completing tasks that are unimportant? Rather than dive straight into a days work, he advises that we make a list of everything we need to attend to, and then rank each item in order of importance and significance. We then give our time and attention to the most important matters first. The same principle applies to our meetings. A few minutes at the beginning asking members to rank their items in order of importance, then attending to the significant matters first, can ensure that the meeting doesn't get lost in the routine and the major items only get cursory treatment.

In the next month Budget Task Group, UCANZ partners and the Board of Administration will meet.

In the mail this month, are two notifications:

World Methodist Conference



The World Methodist Conference will meet in Durban, South Africa from 4-8 August 2011 at the International Convention Centre. The Conference is open to anyone who would like to attend. It is anticipated that some 3000 Methodists will gather for the event. Attendance is at the expense of the individuals concerned. See www.worldmethodistcouncil.org. On line Registration commences from 1 August 2010.

World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women

The twelfth assembly will gather at the Juduba Hotel and Conference Centre in Johannesburg, South Africa from 10 – 16 August 2011. We have yet to be advise4d of further details. See www.wfmucw.org.

Grace and peace

David



Connexional News

Pews For Sale

The Mt Eden Methodist Church in the Auckland Central Parish has a quantity of wooden (probably rimu) pews for sale.



Enquiries to Neil Lobb, Property Administrator, ph 09 3732869 or email property.admin@methodistcentral.org.nz

Te Atatu Union Church Celebration

The Te Atatu Union Church (Methodist-Pre sbyterian), Te Atatu Peninsula, Waitakere City, will be celebrating its Centennial from 17 to 25 October, 2010. We are pleased to invite former members of the Church or any one who has had an association with us to join us in our celebrations.

For further information contact details are:-
P.O. Box 45-081, Te Atatu Peninsula, Waitakere 0651.



E-mail: tatunion@ihug.co.nz
Phone: Marianne (09) 834-1452 or Barbara (09) 837-4778.

To all Accredited Lay Preachers or Clergy:

We are a 30 member Uniting church in Paihia, Bay of Islands looking for people who would be willing to conduct morning worship at Paihia and Russell during the months of May to October 2010. In return we offer a 2 bedroom cottage for three night's accommodation. If you are interested please contact me giving me your dates and I will send you our worship information package.

Thanks
Ann Pearson
annpearson@clear.net.nz

You can find out more about us on our web site: www.centreforrecreation.org.nz

The Christchurch Chinese Methodist Church

The Christchurch Chinese Methodist Church had recently bought the St. Albans/Merivale Methodist Church Building at 165, Papanui Road.

The Church pastors and committee would like to convey our heartfelt appreciation to those who made the purchase available and possible.

Moreover, we also would like to extend our welcome to all members of the previous congregation for a cup of coffee anytime, and giving us any advice and comment.

Please call the office on 03-355 3737 or 021 533976 Albert.

Coming up events:

- 20th March at 4pm: Church Consecration Service + Open Church with tea.
- 20th March at 7:30pm: Music and Praise Night (English+ Mandarin) 21st March at 10am: 15th Anniversary Celebration Worship Service.

All are welcome
God bless you all
Rev. Albert Tang



Toner Cartridges available

The Connexional office has the following to give away. First in first served. A donation to cover postage would be appreciated. Please contact Peter Dent (peterd@methodist.org.nz or phone 03 366 6049).

Toner Cartridges / Drums available in the Connexional Office

Number Type

6 HP Colour Laserjet C4191A (HP Series 4500-4550) Black

2 Canon EP-83 Toner Cartridge

1 Canon EP-E Toner Cartridge

1 Canon FX 3 Toner Cartridge

1 OKI C5800/C5900/C5550MFP Genuine Image Drum Cyan

1 OKI C5800/C5900/C5550MFP Genuine Image Drum Yellow



A Message from Lower North Island:

The Methodist Church has a connexion with the Ratana movement that goes back many, many years.

The Lower North Island Synod took this on as a district function this year to support Alan, Lana and the Taranaki Methodist Taha Maori in attending this event.

The Photos taken below (by Jenny Olsson) show that the Presidential team can also have some fun and that their duties are not necessarily all ceremonial. Alan referred to the visit to Ratana in the last eMessenger publication.

- The first photo is John Key (Prime Minister) shaking hands with Lana. Alan is looking on.
- The 2nd photo is John Key talking with some of the people who were from the Taranakai Methodist Taha Maoari group.
- The 3rd photo is Taranaki Methodist Taha Maori women leading the front of the parade as the Methodists and the National Party are welcomed on the Ratana Marae.
- The 4th photo is Lana and Alan enjoying a cold treat of ice cream and water melon that had been given to Lana in recognition of her birthday. It was a very welcoming cold treat after a hot day spent outside.

The whole event was a wonderful occasion to be part of. The first national spokesman for Ratana, from Northland, paid his mihi to our President and to our church, before addressing the PM.



SMETHURST TRUST FUND

ADMINISTERED BY THE NEW ZEALAND METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP



This Fund offers financial assistance to:

- (a) Women from Methodist Parishes and Uniting Congregations with a Methodist component within the Methodist Connexion of Aotearoa New Zealand.
- (b) Indigenous church workers in the South Pacific.

Applicants are expected to be actively involved in the life of the Church where they regularly attend

Courses of study will not need to be specifically theological, but grants will not be given for any study or training which is contrary to the beliefs and principles of the Methodist Church.

APPLICATIONS FORMS are available from:

- (a) Your Fellowship Secretary
- (b) Your MWF District Distributing Secretary
- (c) Your Presbyter
- (d) The Methodist Church of NZ web page www.methodist.org.nz in **NZMWF** section

Closing date for Applications – 20 March No late Applications will be considered



Job Vacancies



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

ECUMENICAL HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN

Pacific Island (Tongan) half-time position at the Middlemore Hospital and Counties Manukau DHB

Applications are sought from suitably qualified clergy for the **half-time** position in the chaplaincy team based at the **Middlemore Hospital**. A Chaplain who is a Tongan Minister is being sought, as Tongan patients are the second largest Pacific Island group served by this hospital based in the multi-cultural South Auckland area. The position is being offered on the basis of an initial term for 2 years subject to the continued availability of funding.

Applicants must be Ministers of Religion in "Good Standing" and appropriately licensed or authorised to offer Christian ministry by their denomination in New Zealand. They must have theological and ministry qualifications and experience in parish, or other relevant ministry positions and preference will be given to those who have already completed one or more Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) courses.

The ability to provide spiritual, emotional 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 essential.

The successful applicant will become a member of a busy chaplaincy team of 6 chaplains, (1 Roman Catholic, 1 Pakeha, 1 Maori, 1 Samoan, 1Tongan and 1 Asian) providing Christian ministry, spiritual and emotional support and pastoral care to patients, families and staff in the large Middlemore Hospital and other health units in the DHB. The Chaplains also share in training, supervising and leading a group of voluntary Chaplaincy Assistants and take a turn on the after hour emergency call-out and English language worship service rosters. A good team player is absolutely essential.

The successful applicant will be required to work a full 8 hour day on Mondays and Thursdays and 4 hours on Friday mornings each week.

An appointee who is not already an accredited Healthcare Chaplain will be required to work towards obtaining accreditation. Chaplains are required to become fully accredited within 5 years of appointment.

The closing date for the receipt of applications is Friday 9 April 2010.

An information pack and application form is available from:

The National Executive Officer
Interchurch Council for Hospital Chaplaincy
PO Box 6427
Marion Square
WELLINGTON

Phone: 04-801 8008

Fax: 04-381 4842

E-mail: admin@ichc.org.nz

Chaplaincy at Middlemore Hospital Counties Manukau DHB

The Counties Manukau District Health Board is both a provider and funder of public hospital and health services providing health services to the people of Manukau City, Papakura and Franklin Districts.

The area covered by the Counties Manukau DHB comprises a rich and diverse cultural and socio-economic make up. Manukau City has the greatest Pacific Island population in the South Pacific. People from Asia also make up 11% of the population served by the Counties Manukau DHB.

The Chaplaincy Services

The Chaplaincy team is based at Middlemore Hospital, Otahuhu. The chaplains respond from time to time to calls from the Auckland Spinal Unit Otara, Tamaki Oranga Mental Health Unit and from the new Manukau Super Clinic, Botany Road, Howick.

Spiritual Centre

In February 2006 Middlemore Hospital opened a Spiritual Centre which serves as a place of worship, prayer and reflection for patients from all the faiths represented in the population within the DHB area. The Centre is shortly to be closed to make way for the advancing DHB rebuilding programme. It is likely that a temporary space for services will be made available by the DHB during this period.

The Chaplaincy Committee

The South Auckland Chaplaincy committee is responsible for the support and management of the ecumenical chaplaincy team based at Middlemore Hospital and in the other health units of the Counties Manukau DHB on behalf of the Interchurch Council for Hospital Chaplaincy Trust Board. The committee is made up of representatives of the hospital management and denominational churches in the South Auckland area. The committee meets with the chaplains regularly, administers the ICHC personnel policies and procedures, raises funds and oversees the Team of Chaplains and volunteer Chaplaincy Assistants.

The Chaplaincy team is currently made up of 1FTE Chaplain Pakeha (Anglican), 1 FTE Chaplain (Catholic), 1 FTE Chaplain Pacific Island (Samoan), a .4 FTE Chaplain Asian (Korean) and .5 FTE Chaplain Pacific Island (Tongan). There is also a 1 FTE Chaplain (Maori) as part of the ecumenical team but he is not employed by, or under the authority of the ICHC.

March 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 position is funded jointly by the Anglican Diocese and the Ministry of Health through its contract with the ICHC. The chaplain will be based at Waikato Hospital and the position is being offered for 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 9 April 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

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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.

January 2010

DIRECTOR OF STUDIES IN OLD TESTAMENT

Applications are invited from suitably qualified people, lay and ordained, women and men, for this position. The placement will be vacant from 1 July 2010 and the Queensland Synod will make an appointment as soon as possible thereafter.

Trinity Theological College is the Uniting Church in Australia's theological college in Queensland with responsibility for training people for both ordained and lay ministries. . Ministry candidates undertake the academic elements of their program through Australian Catholic University while continuing their broader ministry formation through Trinity.

The person appointed will participate in the formation of students for a variety of ordained and lay ministries as well as in the teaching of courses through ACU including the Bachelor of Theology, Graduate Certificates in Arts (Theology) and in Ministry, Graduate Diplomas in Arts (Theology), in Ministry and Masters of Arts (Theology). An interdisciplinary approach in teaching is encouraged. For further information, see the Trinity College website. <http://www.trinity.qld.edu.au/>

Inquiries relating to selection criteria and conditions of employment including remuneration should be made to:

Rev Dr Geoff Thompson

Tel: 07 3377 9950

Email: geoff.thompson@ucaqld.com.au

Applications should be lodged by 4 pm, Friday 16 April 2010, with the Secretary Placements Committee, Queensland Synod, GPO Box 674, Brisbane Qld 4001 or by email at marian.zaunbrecher@ucaqld.com.au. Applications should include the names of three referees, at least one of whom is an academic and at least one of whom is a church leader/pastor.

REMEMBER



In your Prayers

Ivan John Whyte passed away peacefully on 5 February at Waimarie Private hospital, Auckland.

The Epsom Methodist Church was packed for the funeral for this well known educator, church historian, conservationist and thorough gentleman. A number present talked of his contributions to the Wesley Historical Society and his many years of strong support for Dominion Road and then the Mt Eden Church and its people.

Ivan will be remembered for his sense of humour, his love of family, his careful scholarship and his warm personality.

It is with sadness that we advise the Connexion of the death of Rev. Hendrik (Henk) Gerritsen in Switzerland. Henk's health had been failing over the last year. Henk was appointed to Bluff, Motueka, Leeston, New Lynn/St Austells Cooperating Parish and Waterview. In 1992 Henk returned to Switzerland where he served in Bern and Fribourg.

*A memorial service for Henk was held in Fribourg.
We convey our sympathy to his wife Frieda and his three children.
Messages may be sent to qerkram@bluewin.ch*

We have been advised today that Tony Bell's father died suddenly on Monday 1st March in Whangarei.

The Funeral Service was held at Whangarei on Friday 5 March.

It has not been possible for Tony and Shirley-Joy to return from Vancouver, Canada and share with the rest of the family in the funeral service. Tony will not be back in New Zealand until early next month.

*Please can we remember Tony and Shirley-Joy in the prayers of the Church.
Could all correspondence be sent to P.O. Box 4195 Mid Avenue Wanganui 4541 or to belbarow@hotmail.com until they return to New Zealand later in March.*

We also remember in our prayers Bruce and Glenda Anderson and their family. Glenda's mother Eileen Skinner died in Invercargill on Saturday 27th February. Messages can be sent to bj.anderson@inspire.net.nz



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Pacific churches feel betrayed by Copenhagen climate change conference

For the Rev. Tofiga Falani, president of the Christian Church of Tuvalu, the worry of his Pacific nation has been the risk of rising sea levels. Climate change in the tiny island nation, most of which lies only a few metres above sea level, has been a severe worry. However, now he has to explain how Tuvalu is facing a drought.

Just a few weeks without rainfall constitutes a serious situation for this nation of nine little atolls that rise from the floor of the ocean some 1600 kilometres north of Fiji, and which measure a combined total of 26 square kilometres, with a population of about 12 000 people. Tuvalu is the world's fourth smallest country, bigger only than the Vatican City (0.44 square kilometres), Monaco (1.95 square kilometres) and Nauru (21 square kilometres).

But given that the islands are usually doused with afternoon tropical thunderstorms that refill tanks, wells and ponds that provide drinking water for the entire population, a few weeks without rain is a crisis. And it is a climate change issue, though concern for lack of rain soon gives way to fears of too much sea water rising up from the depths.

For Falani and the people of Tuvalu it fits a package: his people are the victims of climate change forces they did not create and which they cannot change. And the United Nations climate conference in December was a harsh and disheartening experience.

"Be it lack of rain or a rising tides, we are vulnerable," Falani said. "We are on the front line of this struggle for our very survival and the world has disappointed us through the lack of action at Copenhagen. We are so, so very disappointed." Tuvalu is one of the most endangered nations on the planet, due to rising sea waters: the highest point is 4.5 metres above sea level, but most of the islands are no more than a meter above the ocean. King tides already swamp the atolls and the ground waters are subject to rising salt levels – hence the concern about the lack of rain.

Falani's church, the Ekalesia Kelisiano Tuvalu, covers about 95 percent of the population. When he speaks he does so aware of the feelings of the nation. As a member of the World Council of Churches' delegation to Copenhagen, he said he had a privileged position to observe both ends of the debate: from the perspective of the vulnerable people of Tuvalu to that of one making representations at the highest level. "We feel betrayed by Copenhagen ... We hoped the world would hear us...but they did not even listen to us. When we spoke, they were polite. They asked us to speak, but even as we did, we found out other people were doing things and writing documents against us."

Falani said, "This was like thirty pieces of silver to us, a betrayal, just like Jesus was betrayed in the Gospels," adding, "the big nations, the ones with the big voices, China, India, America and, sometimes even Australia. We wonder why it was held at all - as our hopes were so very high."

But he is not bitter, or without hope. He is aware of the games of international politics – but chooses to look forward: "We are still shouting at the top of our voices for the world to hear us and deal with this issue of climate change ... We pray that other voices will join us and we will have our home and they will have theirs'."

Kim Cain, Ecumenical News International 3 February 2010 www.eni.ch

Orthodox leader calls for church unity

The Ecumenical Patriarch, Bartholomeos I, a key leader for the world's 300 million Orthodox Christians, has written a Lenten encyclical that stresses the need for greater unity for churches, and counters accusations from some of his bishops that ecumenism is heresy.

In his Lenten letter that was read in Orthodox churches worldwide on 21 February, Bartholomeos says, "Orthodoxy must be in constant dialogue with the world. The Orthodox Church does not fear dialogue because truth is not afraid of dialogue." Bartholomeos notes, "If Orthodoxy is enclosed within itself and not in dialogue with those outside, it will both fail in its mission and no longer be the 'catholic' and 'ecumenical' Church. Instead, it will become an introverted and self-contained group, a 'ghetto' on the margins of history."

The Patriarch's letter is significant because it unequivocally states a commitment to the ecumenical movement, and does so in the face of many pressures from church circles bitterly opposed to global church unity.

During 2009, a group of Orthodox clergy in Greece, led by three senior archbishops, published a manifesto pledging to resist all ecumenical ties with Roman Catholics and Protestants. The group said, "The only way our communion with heretics can be restored is if they renounce their fallacy and repent."

However in his Lenten letter, Bartholomeos says, "Today, Orthodoxy is called to continue this dialogue with the outside world in order to provide a witness and the life-giving breath of its faith." He continues, "However, this dialogue cannot reach the outside world unless it first passes through all those that bear the Christian name. Thus, we must first converse as Christians among ourselves in order to resolve our differences, in order that our witness to the outside world may be credible."

*Peter Kenny Ecumenical News International
19 February 2010, www.eni.ch*

Leading Pacific churchman passes away

Archbishop Jabez Bryce, the Anglican Bishop of the Diocese of Polynesia for the past 35 years died in Suva on 11 February. Aged 75, he was the longest-serving bishop in the worldwide Anglican Communion.

Archbishop Bryce was born in Vavau, in Tonga, grew up in Samoa, trained for the ministry in Auckland, and lived in Fiji for 50 years. He became the first Pacific Islander to be made an Anglican bishop in 1975.

He served the Pacific Conference of Churches for many years and was a president of the Pacific region of the World Council of Churches from 1998 to 2006. In those roles he also

spoke out for the wider good of the Pacific, including opposing French nuclear bomb testing at Mururoa Atoll in the 1970s.

Archbishop Bryce will be remembered as one of the great personalities who provided leadership to the churches in the Pacific and to the ecumenical community world-wide.

Radio NZ International, 13 February 2009.

NZ – Solomons relationship goes back to missionary days

The relationship between New Zealand and Munda in the Western Province of the Solomon Islands started during the missionary days. Provincial member for ward 16 Aquila Talasasa made the statement during the visit by the New Zealand Foreign Affairs minister Murray McCully to Nusa Roviana near Munda last Thursday to open a New Zealand funded primary school.

"The relationship between New Zealand and this part of the Western Province was initially established in 1902 when the first Methodist.

missionaries arrived on these islands," Mr Talasasa said. "And thereafter the relationship grew and materialised in the work of the Church." He pointed out that the local church ever since had been a regular beneficiary. "And Nusa Roviana Primary school is no exception. It was a product of such relationship," he said.

Mr Talasasa thanked the New Zealand government, NGOs and the churches for their support to help develop their society.

Solomon Star 23 February 2010



ECUMENICAL

News & Views

Christian World Service

www.cws.org.nz

New Global Church aid giant

Ex CWS director, Jill Hawkey, spoke at Knox lounge in February about her role with the new giant of global humanitarian aid, the ACT Alliance (Action by Churches Together), and her role as deputy general secretary of the Geneva based organisation.

In her talk Jill paid tribute to the foundational work in building a global church aid alliance done by CWS stalwart, Althea Campbell who Jill believed was one of the first to clearly explain the need for such a grouping.

The ACT Alliance is the second largest aid and development group in the world .It has a (US) \$2 billion per year budget and a staff of 40,000, including volunteers. Christian World Service is the southernmost member of the new group in the world.

Jill Hawkey also solved a minor mystery for local supporters when she explained that the new entity could be described as the service arm of the World Council of Churches. Ties between the two groups were very close, in fact they share the same building in Geneva, she said.

World Water Day resources

CWS has prepared worship and background material for World Water Day celebrated each year on 22 March. They are available from the office or at:

http://www.cws.org.nz/files/World%20Water%20Day%202010_0.pdf

Haiti Appeal

Thanks to the support of New Zealand churches and supporters, CWS has so far sent \$145,000 to the ACT Alliance relief appeal and long term partner, the Institut Culturel Karl Leveque. The new ACT Alliance grouping has been involved in a huge relief effort, helping over 150,000 people with food, water, sanitation, hygiene supplies, shelter, mobile health clinics and trauma counselling. With the early start of the rainy season the need for support with shelter has taken on added urgency.

CWS media officer, Greg Jackson, leaves on March 6 for Haiti. Please keep him, other ACT Alliance workers and the people of Haiti in your prayers. CWS has a PowerPoint available featuring powerful affirming images of Haitian life after the quake. For a copy contact CWS@CWS.org.nz.

Please consider holding special appeal for this major appeal that will have to meet needs that last for years. Donations can be made and update information is available at www.cws.org.nz or sent to CWS, PO Box 22652, Christchurch 8142.

E-Engage Your Community Conference

If you're a voluntary organisation interested in making better use of technology, then this conference is for you. It offers an opportunity to find out just what the internet can do for your organisation, with an exciting programme of speakers and hands-on workshops. Come along to find out more about free and low-cost tools that can help you in your daily work. Keynote speaker Hamish MacEwan, who has a regular slot discussing technology on Radio New Zealand National's 'Afternoons' programme, will focus on the alignment between the philosophies of the internet and the not-for-profit community.

Hosted by Volunteering Canterbury the conference will be held at CPIT on Friday 16 April. 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. A full programme and other details can be found at www.volcan.org.nz.

4TH INTERNATIONAL INDIGENOUS TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE CONFERENCE, 6-9 JUNE 2010, AUCKLAND, AOTEAROA/NEW ZEALAND

*"Kei muri i te awe kapara he tangata ke - behind the tattooed face a stranger stands:
Recognising, engaging, understanding difference"*

www.traditionalknowledge2010.ac.nz

The Conference will discuss strategies for generating social, educational, intellectual, and economic opportunities by building relationships that engage, understand, and accommodate difference to overcome the adverse effects resulting from failure to understand sufficiently the differences among indigenous and non-indigenous communities and societies. Target groups for the conference include: academics, emerging researchers, graduate students; community groups/workers/activists; tribal and community elders and leaders; and local and national government representatives. Welcome one and all!

Please visit our conference website (www.traditionalknowledge2010.ac.nz) to:

- * **Register** for the Conference **online** (early bird rates end on **May 14th 2010**),
- * **Submit Abstracts** online (**by April 30th 2010**),
- * Find out about our **Conference Scholarships**

Na reira, rau rangatira ma - nau mai, piki mai, haere mai!

Contact details: enquiries@traditionalknowledge2010.ac.nz / Telephone +64-9-3737599 ext 82376 or 84220.



March Amendments

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MISSION RESOURCING

Ordinands Assessment Event: 6 - 8 October

Candidates Assessment Weekend: 9 - 12 September

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CONNEXIONAL FINANCIAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Membership: Barry Hadlee, David McGeorge, Allan Clark, Rodney Heimuli, Paula Taumopeau, President, General Secretary, Peter van Hout (Financial Services Manager) and others to be appointed by the President.

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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.