



# ***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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# ***February 2014***

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# Official Communications

## **A Message from the President and Vice President**

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The year 2014 has arrived and we have hit the road running.

### **Inductions**

We were delighted to be involved in the Induction for Superintendent of Northland, Auckland and Manukau Synods Rev Marilyn Welch as well as the Area Synod Superintendents Rowan Smiley, Christine Peak and Esme Cole. We also acknowledged the wonderful service given by Rev Norman Brookes during his time as Superintendent. The inductions were held at Trinity Church Pakuranga.

We also inducted Co-Superintendents for Otago-Southland Synod Rev Peter Taylor and Rachael Masterton at Invercargill where we tasted fine Southland hospitality.

### **Visitations**

We were delighted to be able to visit Martin Oh at Invercargill and preached at the service reflecting on our time as the Presidential Team.

Alongside the Church is a wonderful brand new Alexandra Community House facility which caters for 14 local community organisations. This Church has to be congratulated for their huge involvement with local Community organisations. Each organisation has their own rooms and there are Conference and catering facilities well provided for. Congratulations Alexandra.

### **Wesley College Service of Beginnings**

It is a privilege indeed to be involved in the Wesley College Service of Beginnings. A great start to another year of learning for the students and judged by the enthusiasm of students' performance of the haka and see to the smiles on their faces as they walked around the school, there is a good feeling about the place. May you all have a wonderful year at Wesley?

### **CCA Conference**

Earlier in the year, NZ hosted the Christian Conference of Asia Conference at Vaughan Park Long Bay. Delegates from the East Asian countries and Australia were welcomed. The theme for presentation was "People on the Move" Some very good discussions were held.

### **Hosting**

We were also involved in co-hosting with members from Mission and Ecumenical, Rev Jun Taek Lim, Bishop of the Seoul South Methodist Church Conference of Korea. Members who were at Conference last year will recall the Bishop visiting us at Wesley College.

### **Ratana Pa**

Another visit to Ratana Pa culminated in our close relationships we have with Ratana over many years. May these visits and relationships continue.

### **Currently visiting**

We are currently involved with the Trinity College students visit to Te Tai Tokerau visiting places of significance especially Waitangi and various Mission station sites, including the Marsden Cross at Oihi Bay and Te Rerenga Wairua.

We wish you all safe travels as you go about doing God's work.

*Rex and Jan*



## A Message from the General Secretary

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### *From David's Desk..*

There is nothing like a good book. Malcolm Gladwell's "David and Goliath.....underdogs, misfits and the art of battling giants" is a good book. Using interesting life stories of remarkable underdogs, Gladwell unpacks the idea that advantage and disadvantage are often misunderstood. Goliath, probably vision impaired and restricted by heavy armour stood no chance against the technical skill and innovation of the expert slinger. So why the continuing tendency to look for size and might rather than nimble skilful innovation?

Every chapter unfolds another way of looking at the world. A hopeful way where the seeds of success grow out of what is too often perceived as disadvantage.

The year in the Connexional Office is beginning well. The Yearbook is at the printer. A big thank you to everyone who provided address updates in a timely manner. We have conducted a number of interviews for a contract accountancy position while Sarah Andrews is on maternity leave. We are pleased to announce the appointment of Rebecca Hitchcock. Rebecca started in the office on 10<sup>th</sup> February. Sarah is due to go on leave in April.

I had the privilege of being at Waitangi for Waitangi Day. Despite the wind and rain it was a good humoured festive atmosphere with stalls, food and family fun. I was also able to meet the students who were part of the Tai Tokerau experience. It was exciting to be with this culturally diverse group of leaders in training.

On the personal front we are about to move out of our house for a month to facilitate earthquake repairs. Our insurers have been really good, but even so there have been many phone calls, emails and letters. A few days ago I learnt that we are not covered for asbestos removal – it is in the hard stipple on two ceilings which need to be fixed. I don't know yet what this means with regard to our alternative accommodation or the costs of the removal. When 'simple' repairs become complex it is easy to see how 'complex' repairs have turned into a nightmare for too many people.

If you have an Xtra email account you have had a trying time as their service provider has been repeatedly hacked. To prevent virus laden emails from being sent from your email address please change your password. It may be necessary to change your password on a regular basis until these email issues are resolved.

The Connexional Office will be closed between Easter and Anzac Day this year. Usually the office would resume after Easter on the Wednesday, but with Anzac Day on the Friday staff have been requesting the additional days as annual leave. The decision has been made for the office to be closed from close of business on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April to Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April. All payroll and any matters requiring attention during that time will be attended to.

Finally, as we begin our work for the year may we have minds and imaginations refreshed and inspired by God's grace.

Grace and peace

*David*





REMEMBER

## *In your Prayers*

It is with sadness that we advise the Connexion of the death of Clive Cotton on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2014.

After retiring as a Teacher and Principal, Clive was appointed as Lay Minister at Richmond Methodist Christchurch, serving for 15 years.

The funeral service for Clive was held on Monday 10 February, at John Rhinds Chapel, Christchurch.

We extend our sympathy to Clive's wife Val, and to his extended family.

Messages may be sent to 385 Greesons Road, RD3, Waikuku 7473.

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***We express our sympathy and care to this family as they grieve and lovingly remember.***





# Connexional News

## **2014 Travel and Study Guidelines and Application Form**

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The 2014 Travel and Study Criteria, Guidelines and application form is available on the Methodist website (Organisations) [http://www.methodist.org.nz/organisations/travel\\_and\\_study\\_committee](http://www.methodist.org.nz/organisations/travel_and_study_committee)

Please ensure that the criteria and guidelines are carefully read before applying, these have been reviewed and updated in 2013

It is preferable that the application form, references, course information and any travel information is received together

**The closing date for the next consideration is FEBRUARY 15TH 2014**

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## **Wesley Community Action**

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### **How your Church can make a very real difference for NZ's most vulnerable children in 2014**

You will be aware that the Methodist church has made a priority to focus on vulnerable children and young people with our 'let the children live campaign'. Knowing practical steps you can take to support this objective is not always easy.

Wesley Community Action runs a service with Child Youth and Family to provide care for some of the most vulnerable children and young people in New Zealand. These children have usually experienced very challenging lives and are in desperate need of a safe and caring home. Most have lived in many homes (over 30 homes is common), witness or experienced things children shouldn't have, have significant gaps in their education and little or no involvement in sports teams or clubs.

The good news is that in our communities are special people, I call them angels, who open their homes and lives to these young people. These people and their friends have the potential to make a profound difference for these young people. This is where you and your Parish come in.

#### **We need help finding and supporting the angels in your community**

The more people we have scouting for these people then the more chances we have a making a difference. If your Church is in the Lower North Island and wants to learn more about how you can help find the angels in your community I would love to hear from you (David Hanna [dhanna@wesleyca.org.nz](mailto:dhanna@wesleyca.org.nz) or 04 805 0879 ). We can provide resource and ideas to play this very important role for New Zealands children. If in Auckland please contact Lifewise who provide this service as well.

David Hanna, Director Wesley Community Action



## Takapuna Methodist Church - Christopher Hainsworth – Organ Recital

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### Christopher Hainsworth - Organ Recital

*Accompanied by Andrei Freidline, the brilliant Franco-Russian Clarinettist*

**On Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 4:00 pm  
at the  
Takapuna Methodist Church**

In a varied programme arranged for clarinet and organ, such as Mozart & Weber Concertos, Carmen Fantasy, Traviata Fantasy, Jazz (Klezmer), etc.

See [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TfRn\\_-AZa00](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TfRn_-AZa00) for a taste

*Admission by programme at door  
Proceeds to Organ Fund  
Duration about 75 mins*

Watch out for other recitals by this duo on their 2014 NZ Tour during February and March

#### **ABOUT THE ARTISTS**

Chris Hainsworth, described by one reviewer as "New Zealand's most entertaining classical organist" has established himself in the forefront of New Zealand's concert organists with entertaining, informative and thought-provoking performances. Now based in France.

Further details from Brian Ellis, email: [brellis@theiet.org](mailto:brellis@theiet.org)



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## *Public Issues Network News*

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*February 2014*

Please see the Methodist website for Public Issues Network Information

### **CURRENT HOT TOPICS**

**Public Issues in Action**

**Child Poverty Resources; Church Climate & Carbon; Migrants, Refugees and Parishes; TPP; Freshwater**

Go to: [http://www.methodist.org.nz/public\\_questions\\_network/pi\\_newsletters](http://www.methodist.org.nz/public_questions_network/pi_newsletters)

and click on the link for  
**February 2014**





# Job Vacancies

Note: these advertisements may also be available on the Methodist website  
[http://www.methodist.org.nz/administration\\_division/job\\_opportunities](http://www.methodist.org.nz/administration_division/job_opportunities)

## **Boys' Brigade and ICONZ (BBNZ) – Executive Officer**

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Developed Communication Skills  
Financial Management Experience  
Confidence with Current IT Systems



BBNZ is a Not for Profit organisation that develops and promotes holistic life skills and values programmes (Boys' Brigade and ICONZ) within a Christian framework for boys/young men aged 6-17 years. These programmes are delivered by more than 600 volunteer leaders throughout NZ, who are specifically trained and mentored by BBNZ Staff. ([www.bbnz.org.nz](http://www.bbnz.org.nz))

We are seeking a person who has a desire to see the boys of New Zealand develop into contributing citizens and leaders of the future in their communities, churches and homes, and making a difference in their worlds.

### Key Responsibilities:

- Financial Management: Preparation of Accounts (Familiarity with MYOB required, AccountRight 2013 helpful)
- Secretary to National Executive
- Communications (Internal and external)
- Administration (Familiarity with the full MS Office Suite essential)
- Trading: Management of sales and invoicing.
- Desktop Publishing: Production of promotional resources
- Event Management
- Fundraising
- Experience in system and process development driving efficiency gains is an advantage

Based at the BBNZ National Resource Centre in Auckland, this salaried position is sole charge reporting to the National Director.

Join a motivated and enthusiastic team who are committed to making a difference in the lives of the young people of NZ.

**Applications with appropriate CV should be made in writing by 28 February 2014 to:**

The National Director, BBNZ, PO Box 100 983, North Shore, Auckland, 0745  
or by e-mail to: [michael.good@bb.org.nz](mailto:michael.good@bb.org.nz)





# Methodist Mission & Ecumenical

## Newsletter February 2014

### **BECOMING THE CHURCHES FOR THE NATIONS**

A mission round table meeting was held in Vaughan Park, Long Bay in Auckland from 10 to 15 of January 2014 under the theme of 'Becoming the Churches for the Nations.' The meeting was called by the Christian Conference of Asia's Faith, Mission and Unity programme and was hosted by the Methodist Mission and Ecumenical with funding from the Methodist, Anglican and Presbyterian Churches of Aoteroa New Zealand.

Among the 34 participants 19 were from countries around Asia with one from USA. Bishop Philip Huggins, Bishop of Melbourne opened the meeting with the keynote address. His presentation was under the theme of "We're in it together" which underscored a theology of interruption. Reading the passage of Ephesians 3:14 – 20 Bishop Huggins reflected on the apostle's prayer. He said that we might have the strength to comprehend, with all the Saints, what is **the magnitude of God's love for all people, visible in Jesus**. Bishop Huggins stated further, Professor Lieven Boeve, theologian at Leuven in Belgium gives us insights into how God's interruptions keep opening us up to new possibilities, just as is necessary regarding our global family. "God is always interrupting closed narratives and opening us to better, more wonderful narratives."

The participants shared reports from their respective countries that highlighted the needs of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers and what the church is expected to do. While the churches are busy with the ecclesial matters, it is time to listen and focus on God's interruption that opens new possibilities in ministry among the so called aliens. God's call to such ministry is there in the scriptures: *When a stranger resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the stranger. The stranger who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the stranger as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God (Leviticus 19:33).*



Participants in the CCA Roundtable Meeting

The participants said in the mission roundtable meeting's statement: "We thank God for interrupting our complacency and disturbing our comfort, confronting us in the face with the hard realities experienced by our sisters and brothers in *diaspora*. We were challenged by the enormity of people on the move in Asia and the Pacific. Such movements are due to a variety of reasons, among them situations that force people to move—seeking better working conditions, seeking political asylum, and seeking refuge from wars, civil strife, and environmental disasters ...

We call on the churches to strive to create favourable, just and sustainable conditions for citizens in their countries of origin so that they may opt to remain rather than leave and migrate. Even as we strive for these conditions, it is our hope that we as churches also work together on every side to contribute to the mitigation of the suffering of the people on the move and to ensure a better life. In order to minister in this direction, we recommend the following:

- For churches to create spaces of hospitality for migrants, refugees and asylum seekers, where stories can be heard and shared;
- For churches in destination countries to be in solidarity with *Diaspora* churches and worshipping communities;
- That different education and advocacy resources and materials with regards to people on the move, be popularized among our constituency;
- Action to ensure the dignity and rights of these people on the move are protected;
- The establishment of service centers/desks for migrants, refugees and asylum seekers for advocacy and assistance (legal and para-legal and other services for their rights and welfare);
- Lobbying with governments, especially in Aotearoa New Zealand and Australia, to ratify the International Convention on the Rights of Migrants and their Families.
- Churches partnering with existing networks and services, and with migrants and refugees themselves;

We acknowledged that many of our churches are already engaging in these priorities, but we wish to enlarge the support network. It is our hope that this Roundtable be followed by further dialogues and conversations for deep analysis of the issues involved."

A full report of the papers presented will be published in due course. The full statement that was sent out to the churches in Asia region is available



in the Mission and Ecumenical office. You may request a copy by email or by post. –[Prince D]

## **STAND AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

**Let our church doors be open and our words be soothing for those who need our help in escaping sex-trade.**

On Sunday February 2<sup>nd</sup>, the National Football League presented Superbowl XLVIII from the Meadowlands in New Jersey. This game, for the league championship of American football, is widely considered one of the largest-viewed sporting events in the world. This year's potential television audience is over one billion people in 111 countries.

As people gather around television sets, at parties and other events built around the game, a troubling underbelly to the event is often marginalized: the human trafficking that occurs surrounding the game and its related events. This event is known as arguably the single largest sex-trafficking incident in the United States.

Many Methodist organizations, [including the United Methodist Women](#), attempted to bring light to this issue and the sad toll that it takes upon those trapped in the sex-trade. Other faiths, including the [Diocese of Newark within the Episcopal Church](#), also brought light to the issue.

The World Methodist Council lends its voice to those condemning human trafficking, and asked that its member churches do the same. Please remember that the contest within the stadium may be grand and full of pageantry, but the lives and struggles of those caught within the bonds of servitude in this horrible and all-to-prevalent industry. Let our church doors be open and our words be soothing for those who need our help in escaping this trap. \*\*

## **STEWARDS PROGRAMME 2014: Apply Now**

The WCC brings together a regionally and confessionally diverse group of young people to participate in leadership training seminars, and to serve at WCC governing body meetings.

Such meetings provide many opportunities for "on the job" ecumenical formation. Stewards may also participate in other events, like those run by ecumenical youth organizations. The leadership training seminars equip young people with skills and resources to continue their work on issues important to the churches at the regional and local levels.

**Young Christians from around the world are invited to apply to the World Council of Churches (WCC) Stewards Programme for the WCC Central Committee meeting which will be held from 26 June to 10 July 2014.**

Applicants must be between the ages of 18 and 30 years old.

The **WCC Central Committee meeting** will take place in Geneva, Switzerland.

Before the meeting begins, stewards will follow an on-site ecumenical learning programme, exposing them to the key issues of the worldwide ecumenical movement.

During the Central Committee meeting stewards will assist in the areas of worship, floor management, documentation, communications and other administrative and support tasks.

Following the meeting, stewards will design ecumenical projects that they will implement in their churches and communities upon their return.

The WCC Stewards Programme is a unique ecumenical experience of togetherness with other young people from different churches, countries and cultures.

Applicants are invited to send a completed application form to the WCC youth programme no later than 21 February 2014.

My ecumenical journey started as a steward in the Central Committee Meeting in January 1987 in Geneva. It was a unique opportunity and a learning process. In 2013 Filo Tu from the Methodist Church of New Zealand attended the Central Committee meeting and the General Assembly of the WCC in Busan South Korea as a steward.

I encourage our young ones to consider being a steward in these programmes as and when you get the opportunity. Interested people may contact me for an application form. Applications close on 21 February 2014 for the July 2014 Central Committee meeting. – [Prince D]

## **Reflections on Pope Francis' message for World Day of Peace**



Religious leaders at the UN Meeting

**The World Council of Churches (WCC) general secretary Rev. Dr Olav Fykse Tveit reflected on the message from Pope Francis on the World Day of Peace, participating in an inter-religious service held at the St Nicolas de Flue Church in Geneva, along with other religious leaders**



## representing Jewish, Muslim and Buddhist communities in Switzerland.

The service held on 20 January was organized by the Permanent Mission of the Holy See to the United Nations Office and Other International Organizations in Geneva, and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Lausanne, Geneva and Fribourg.

The World Day of Peace is commemorated on 1 January initiated by the Roman Catholic Church.

Speaking to an audience of some two hundred people, Tveit said, "With his message for the World Day of Peace, His Holiness Pope Francis calls all of us to join hands as sisters and brothers of one human family" and "work together for peace and justice in this world that we share."

At the service, Tveit expressed appreciation for peace initiatives taken by Pope Francis in Syria and the Middle East. He said, "I cannot speak about peace and justice in abstract terms" but emphasized the need to "respond every day in practical and concrete actions to the calls that reach us from churches and others in the crises and conflict-stricken areas of this world."

Among other religious leaders who shared their reflections on Pope Francis's message were Dr Tawalama Dammika, representative of Buddhist community in Geneva, Dr Izhak Dayan, Great Rabbi of Geneva, Imam Fabrice Tonnerieux from the Cultural Islamic Foundation of Geneva, Metropolitan Jeremy of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Switzerland and Charlotte Kuffer, president of the Protestant Church of Geneva.

The service was opened by Archbishop Silvano M. Tomasi, Apostolic Nuncio, the Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the UN and Other International Organizations in Geneva. *More information at* <http://www.oikoumene.org/en/press-centre/news/reflections-on-pope-francis2019-message-for-world-day-of-peace>

## ECUMENICAL PANEL PROMOTES ECONOMIC JUSTICE

**The Ecumenical Panel on a New International Financial and Economic Architecture has concluded its second meeting in Switzerland, developing advocacy strategies for churches to ensure economic justice and the ecological wellbeing of the communities they serve.**

The panel, comprised of economic experts and theologians, met from 15 to 17 January at the Ecumenical Institute in Bossey, identifying discrepancies within global economic and financial structures that generate adverse impact on communities, urging churches to influence states and financial institutions in realizing ethical and just systems.

At the meeting, the panel addressed a wide range of issues including public finance and debt, regulation of the financial sector and global economic governance.

"The panel's work is aimed at helping churches to implement the **São Paulo statement**, a document jointly produced by the WCC, WCRC and CWM in Brazil in November 2012," said Dr Rogate Mshana, the WCC programme executive for Poverty, Wealth and Ecology, who had convened the panel.

The statement advocates for policy and structural changes ensuring social inclusion, gender justice and care for the environment while promoting an "economy of life".

Omega Bula, a panellist from Zambia, called the report "an achievement of the panel," which she said is "strongly rooted in Christian theology of promoting an economy of life".

Bula added that "these Christian principles guide our work especially in the area of public finance, where several practices need to be changed in order to achieve a just global economic system."

**Ecumenical panel on a new financial and economic architecture** (WCC news release of 29 August 2013)

**São Paulo Statement: International Financial Transformation for the Economy of Life**

<http://www.oikoumene.org/en/press-centre/news/ecumenical-panel-promotes-economic-justice>

## S C M AOTEAROA HAS A NEW GENERAL SECRETARY

The Student Christian Movement Aotearoa has a new National General Secretary. We congratulate **Filo Tu**, a youth from the Methodist Church of New Zealand who is appointed as the new National General Secretary.

We wish Filo all the best in his new position and assure our prayers and support. \*\*

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# Methodist Mission and Ecumenical Special Appeal 2014

## Upgrade the Sea Ambulance



**Helena Goldie Hospital  
Munda, Solomon Islands**

**Dr. Graham Longbottom in his email stated the needs of Helena Goldie Hospital: Repair of damaged sea ambulance with improvement of canoe shed with slipway, winches and simple solar power system. Estimated cost SB\$250,000 (NZ Dollars 42,000)**

*Jesus Christ's mission: "I have come that they may have life and that in abundance."*

Our mission is to assist people to have life in its abundance. The Sea Ambulance is the only way of transferring patients for advanced medical treatment in the nearest provincial hospital in Gizo. It takes 1

hour and 30 minutes by sea ambulance in normal condition.

Our support from New Zealand will be of help to improve this facility.

With your contribution to the fund you can be a participant in this mission.

**Methodist Mission and Ecumenical is registered with the Charities Commission. You can claim a tax rebate on the donation. Receipts will be issued with acknowledgement of your donation.**



### Special Appeal 2014 – UPGRADING THE SEA AMBULANCE

**Please send your donation by cheque to:**

Rev Prince Devanandan  
Methodist Mission and Ecumenical  
Private Bag 11 903  
Ellerslie  
Auckland 1542

**You could also make your donation directly to  
BNZ Account No 02-0800-0766004-03**

Please remember to send this cover slip for a receipt when you make a deposit.

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**Cheques in favour of  
Methodist Mission and Ecumenical**





# ECUMENICAL News & Views

## Christian World Service



### Tonga Cyclone Appeal



Tongan families in the Ha'apai island group need help to recover after Cyclone Ian that destroyed homes and livelihoods. CWS partner Ama Takiloa is helping its local groups with immediate supplies, the repair of water systems and to build community gardens in 13 villages. With your help they can do more. Please donate to the Tonga [Cyclone Appeal](#).

### Philippines Typhoon Appeal

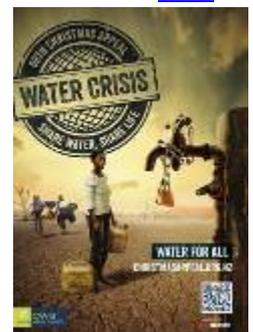
Thanks for your generous gifts which have helped the National Council of Churches in the Philippines assist some of the 14.1 million people affected by November's typhoon. They are providing food, water, sleeping materials, kitchen materials and solar panels in isolated communities. Funds have also helped CWS partner, Developers Foundation provide roofing iron to 1973 homes in an area of Aklan province where 88% - 100% of homes have been badly damaged. They are asking for funds to buy roofing to repair a further 2,957 more houses in 8 villages. If you can, please support the [Philippines Typhoon Appeal](#).

### Special Project

CWS is grateful for the tremendous work of the Methodist Women's Fellowship and Presbyterian Women who together support the Special Project. This year part of the funds raised will go to the Sri Lanka Women's Centre, helping young rural women who have come to work in tough conditions in the country's free trade zones. Working together the women support each other and push for fairer work and accommodation. The Women's Centre provides opportunities for rest and education as well as finding ways to foster understanding between Tamil and Sinhala people. You can read more [here](#) or contact CWS for a copy of the PowerPoint with speaking notes for your group.

### Christmas Appeal

Thanks to all those individuals and churches who have sent in their Christmas Appeal gifts. It is not too late to make a donation or to send in your church contributions! And if you missed out, you can read how you can support people working to Share Water, Share Life [here](#).



### World Day of Prayer

On Friday 7 March, local committees have organised services to mark the World Day of Prayer in more than 170 countries and regions throughout the world. This year's resources, Streams in the Desert, have been prepared by the women of Egypt. From a country where conflict is deep, they invite you to join with them in prayer and action at the well, the source of the living water. It is prayer with a difference and is a powerful opportunity to make connections around the globe. For more information contact your local group or email: [wdpnz@xtra.co.nz](mailto:wdpnz@xtra.co.nz)



## All Saints Hataitai Centre Opening

Lower North Island Synod Superintendent Tony Bell joined hundreds of locals to celebrate the dedication of Wellington's newest community facility.

An estimated 1000 people of all ages swarmed over the threshold for the opening day of the new All Saints Church Centre at the Hataitai-Kilbirnie Anglican-Methodist parish.



*Bishop Justin Duckworth speaks at the opening*

enjoyed this beautiful, well-designed new centre after an 11-month construction project."

The \$2m project funded by "years of sacrificial giving" from generations of church members past and present and some historic property funds, has been decades in the planning, and Vicar the Rev Simon Winn, says the church now has a welcoming, well equipped facility that will serve the community for years to come.



"It was a day full of joy, and celebration, as people

The day of activities included a sausage sizzle, scavenger hunt, a 'mainly music' session for preschoolers and a prayer space and craft in church. There were also performances by the Gjelsten family string trio, Myanmar dancers and choir and family entertainers.



The centre features a hall with capacity for 180 people, well equipped kitchen, kitchen, meeting room and offices. It replaces

the previous wooden hall that was built in the 1890s and had been the original Kilbirnie church room.



"We want to be a blessing to our community in the Eastern Suburbs through this new building," Simon added.

Anglican Bishop Justin Duckworth and Superintendent Tony joined in blessing the building after it was officially handed over by builders Freear Philip and Studio Pacific Architects.



*From L-R: Rev Tony Bell, Vicar Simon Winn, Churchwardens Basil Wakelin and Heather Miller, Bishop Justin Duckworth*

A number of events have already been hosted at the centre and it is also available for hire by groups and for meetings.



## **My Parent Needs Care – What Do I Do? New website answers this difficult question...**

### **NZ Aged Care Association - Press Release**

Finding out about the aged care system for an ageing parent or relative is an extremely stressful time for most people. But it doesn't need to be.

A new website launched by the New Zealand Aged Care Association (NZACA) today is designed to remove this anxiety.

"More and more people make calls to the Association asking the same questions: how do I apply for an assessment for Mum? Who pays for the care? Does she have to sell the house? What questions will the DHB ask? What are my rights?"

To meet this need, the NZACA produced the [www.findaresthome.co.nz](http://www.findaresthome.co.nz) website, which provides straight-forward answers to common questions that everyone has about rest home, hospital and dementia care.

"This is the only website in New Zealand that collates all of the most important information around aged residential care into one place to help people get the best quality care for their ageing relatives. Before we did this people were searching for hours on multiple websites, which was frustrating and inefficient" says NZACA Chief Executive Martin Taylor.

The website provides essential information about how to apply for a care assessment, what questions the assessors will ask, who to engage with at your District Health Board, how much your parent would be expected to pay, the different types of care available, right through to arranging enduring powers of attorney.

The website also includes a geographical search function so users can find the nearest aged care facility. A description of each rest home is included showing the services they offer, contact information, the number of rooms and their vacancies.

"It is completely understandable that most people are confused about how to go about putting their loved ones into care, because the decision is an emotional one. [findaresthome.co.nz](http://findaresthome.co.nz) [2] reduces the emotional stress by providing the right information for people to make the right decisions," Mr Taylor says.

Mr Taylor said the Association will continually update and improve the site.

**The website can be accessed at [www.findaresthome.co.nz](http://www.findaresthome.co.nz)**

**For more information contact Martin Taylor, CEO, NZACA**

## **2014 National NZ Interfaith Forum "Unity in Diversity"**

**DUNEDIN**

**2:00pm Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June – 12:00 noon Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2014**

The recently formed Dunedin Interfaith Council is delighted to be hosting the 2014 National Interfaith Forum and is pleased to announce some preliminary details.

The venue for the Forum will be the warm and modern Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Fenton Crescent, St Clair.

The Forum theme is "Unity in Diversity" and the programme aims to provide time for engaging in personal encounters and networking with members of other faiths, inspire and empower those present to promote interfaith activities to enhance knowledge of the religious diversity in New Zealand, provide a comfortable environment to explore other faiths, and focus on the positive issues that bring us together and be an enjoyable occasion for all participants.

By late February 2014 we will distribute online ([www.interfaith.org.nz/](http://www.interfaith.org.nz/)) and by e mail, information about a special (Methodist) overseas guest speaker attending the 2014 Forum (Rev Dr Lord Leslie Griffiths, Superintendent of Wesley's Chapel, London), full registration costs and details (e.g. Early Bird Registration only \$50 including meals), an outline of the inspirational 2014 Forum programme, a list of accommodation options for your visit to Dunedin (billets will be available) and an invitation to submit presentations for a variety of workshop themes.

**Start planning now to come to the 2014 National Interfaith Forum!**

For a registration form please email: [dunedininterfaith@gmail.com](mailto:dunedininterfaith@gmail.com) or [greg.hughson@otago.ac.nz](mailto:greg.hughson@otago.ac.nz)



## **Fun Walk for Respite New Zealand Charitable Trust - Orewa**

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Platinum Day Care Centre based in Orewa, is a subsidiary of Respite New Zealand Charitable Trust. It provides a Day Care service that enables both the Elderly and people suffering from Dementia in our community to remain in their own homes with their family.

Beverley and Kristian Hansen-Thorpe along with many others are doing a 15km walk on Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup> of February to raise money for a purpose built van, so Platinum can pick patients up from their own homes around the community and also take them on fun visits to various places.

If you could possibly help to sponsor Platinum Community Day Care Centre for the walk they would be most grateful and appreciate it very much.

To sponsor either contact Platinum Community Day Care [Monica@Platinumcommunitycare.co.nz](mailto:Monica@Platinumcommunitycare.co.nz), (09) 421 1511  
Or contact Beverley on 027 291 3463 or at [bev-t@xtra.co.nz](mailto:bev-t@xtra.co.nz)  
(Also you are more than welcome to come and join us on the walk)

### **COME AND HELP**

**Megan, Monica, Trinity and Brady  
raise funds for Respite NZ Charitable Trust**



**Walk or use scooters, bicycles, pogo sticks, skateboards, roller skates, wheelchairs are all more than welcome**

**WALK STARTS FROM ESTUARY ARTS CENTRE – OREWA**  
**8:00am for the longer walk – 15.38km**  
**9:00am for the shorter walk – 7.58km**

This is a fun walk so anything goes – bring the family and pets – fancy dress if you like!  
Phone Monica or Megan for details, route maps and sponsorship forms – 09 421 1511



## Bay of Islands Uniting Parish's Centre for Re-Creation



Our current charges are still only \$90pn for two people. Additional beds may be up to \$15 per person. As usual, our basic fees will be reduced after Easter until Labour Weekend and surcharges may apply for summer school holidays and for one-night stays.

Please print and display this 100x150 card on your notice board or insert it in your newsletter. Ask us for a .jpg by email.

Make your own bookings at  
[www.centreforrecreation.org.nz](http://www.centreforrecreation.org.nz)  
 or contact us at  
[paihiacentreforrecreation@gmail.com](mailto:paihiacentreforrecreation@gmail.com)  
 P O Box 353, Paihia 0274  
 Ph 09 402 8125

### NEWS

- **Lesley Jones** of our Parish is taking over the role of Centre Coordinator as Dave and Bev Mullan leave.
- We have had **better support** than ever from the church public during this last busy season.
- Special **thanks to churches** who have displayed our modest promo card below.
- We are please to be hosting the **Lenten Retreat** of the Third Order of Society of St Francis so may have only a limited number of general vacancies for those weeks.
- But if you're coming North, **give us a try first!**

Bay of Islands Uniting Parish Holiday Homes - 35 Kings Rd, Paihia

**Take your "short break" at our place - Fully equipped two-bedroom cottages from \$70 to \$100 for two people - and share our mission!**

Your modest fee will subsidise free "Time Out" for a stressed family.

Contact us:  
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## Colin Gibson 2014 Hymns Tour

This year These Hills Workshops are taking Colin Gibson to the eastern side of the middle North Island, with events in Auckland (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> May), Tokoroa (4<sup>th</sup> May), Opotiki (5<sup>th</sup> May), and Thames (11<sup>th</sup> May).

Our Poster and Details can be found on <http://thesehillsworkshops.wordpress.com/workshops/>

We are always amazed and grateful for the enthusiasm and helpfulness of all the parishes we have invited to host workshops. It is so very important to us to share the wonderful hymns, songs, and music written by NZers for Nzers. They are so relevant in worshipping God within our own experiences of situations, landscape, history, language, idiom and culture. A single word can evoke "Ah God is *here*, with us!" and our experience of God becomes more real and Now!

**These Hills Workshops & Colin Gibson present NZ Hymns**  
 4-11 May  
 Auckland in the service.  
 Tokoroa, Opotiki, & Thames include a pot luck meal  
 We suggest donations of \$15 - \$20. If this creates strain, please come anyway. We'd like you to take part.

**3rd May, for the Chinese Community**  
**4th May, 9:30AM, AUCKLAND**  
 St David's Church, Khyber Pass Rd

**11th May, 4PM, THAMES**  
 St James Church, Cnr Pollen and Pahau Sts

**4th May, 6PM TOKOROA**  
 St Francis Church, 40 Baberton St

**5th May, 5:30PM OPOTIKI**  
 St John's Church, 102 St John's St

Download Details, Maps, etc from [www.thesehillsworkshops.wordpress.com](http://www.thesehillsworkshops.wordpress.com)  
 Contact: Gaynor McCartney cell 0211678171 [gaynormcc@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gaynormcc@xtra.co.nz)

At these workshops Colin teaches many of the songs from the four books published by the NZ Hymnbook Trust – Alleluia Aotearoa, Carol our Christmas, Faith forever Singing, and Hope is Our Song. He opens our understanding of their stories, and we have a lot of wonderful singing sessions. The way he teaches makes it so easy, even for those who have never met these songs, to sing them well.

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As is so normal for NZ church events, we share a meal at our workshops.

We always want as many people as possible, from all churches in each area, to join us. So we suggest donations of only \$15 to \$20 per person, from which to cover our travelling costs. Even our tutors do their work for the love of serving God and his people. We do not want the donation to cause stress or deprive people from attending. Your seat being empty will not help our finances, so please come along too.

Gaynor McCartney, [gaynormcc@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gaynormcc@xtra.co.nz) ph 07 8778372, cell 0211678171  
Secretary These Hills Workshops.

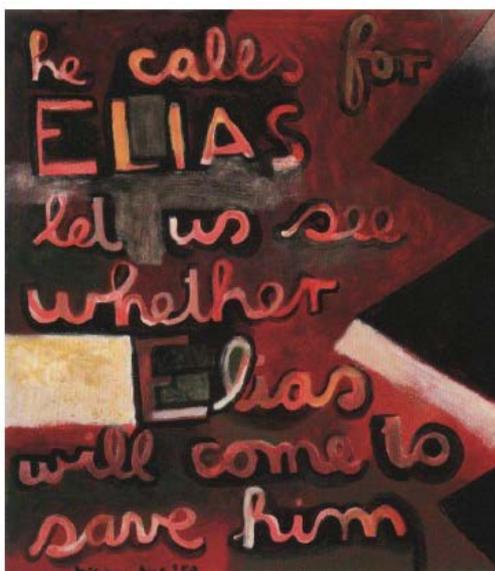
## Music in the Air: contents for Winter/Spring

**Cover article:** Discovering Alfred Hill – remarkable bicultural story of NZ’s first composer, a Wesleyan Methodist incidentally!

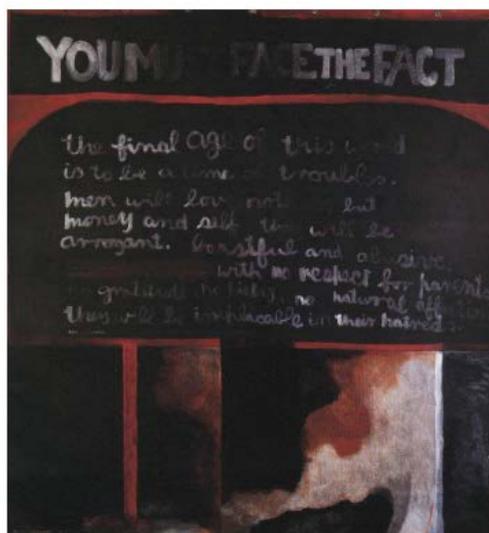
**Also:** Lloyd Geering on painter Colin McCahon; excerpts from an unpublished poetry sequence by Willow Macky, titled *The Spirit and the Bride*; Jim Burklo on How to read the Bible, and the songs of US gospel/country singer Iris DeMent.

**Cost:** \$10.00 (incl. p&p)

**Cheque to:** ‘Music in the Air, 15 Oriana Place, Palmerston North.



Colin McCahon, *He calls for Elias* (Elias series, 1959)  
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Colin McCahon, *Storm Warning* (1980)  
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