



MISSION RESOURCING NEWSLETTER

Youth Update

As some of you may know, the month of August hosts the week of “**Live below the line**” (see www.livebelovetheline.co.nz), where as a sponsorship fundraiser, more affluent participants are challenged to spend the week living on \$2.25 per day for food, housing, transport, health, education and any other living costs. In New Zealand, living on \$2.25 a day (\$63 p/m) or lower is identified as being the world equivalent to living in extreme poverty.

In addition to taking part in this (very intense) initiative, other young Methodist as of late have also taken part in SeRVNT-HOOD 2011, which in late July this year hosted 20 young people from all over the Connexion for a week of giving up creature comforts and familiarities to live, learn about and serve at the Wanganui City Mission.

For many young people, learning about and understanding **Compassion**, **Empathy**, **Social Justice**, and the like always needs to include **action**. The two examples above are certainly ways in which some of our young people have chosen to engage with these themes as of late, but on our MR blog, I have also recently included some mainly CWS resource suggestions on the topic of *Child Poverty* and *Child Welfare* that could be used with young people in your Parishes and Congregations as well.

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Who do you think will win the Rugby World cup 2011. Vote for your team on the Mission Resourcing Blog!

Coming up for your information and prayers

- 1 – 4 September: UCANZ Forum
- 2– 3 September: Lay Ministry workshop in Dunedin (Andrew Gamman & Val Nicholls)
- 6 September: Mission Resourcing Board Meeting
- 15 – 18 September: Candidates Assessment Weekend
- 24 September: Healthy Church: Missional Church Workshop, Hamilton
- 28 – 30 September: Ordinands Assessment

LightLive –

a Scripture Union Resource

LightLive is a free interactive Bible-based resource for children’s, youth and all age ministry. It is a great source of ideas and activities for your children and youth ministries. It has over 10 000 activities available for you to use – and if that sounds daunting they also have instructional videos to watch so that you make the most of what is on offer!

LightLive is designed so that material can be changed meet the needs of your group / groups. You can choose to use the LightLive syllabus and create your programme in minutes or you can create your own syllabus that meets the needs of your group.

Visit www.lightlive.org.uk now to access this great resource.



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An introduction to Local Shared Ministry

Local Shared Ministry is a different way of doing church. It replaces the role of the minister with a lay Ministry Team. For a church that is struggling financially or unable to find a minister, Local Shared Ministry redefines what it means to be viable. It recognises that every church member is a minister of Christ and together they are a team of ministers. It can provide a greater incentive for members of a local church to carry out their own ministry and mission because it requires a collective vision and shared strategy of ministry involving all members. The members all have to take responsibility for the parish's life and mission and work within the context of the parent denomination.



In New Zealand, Local Shared Ministry has been adopted widely by the UCANZ churches. In particular the Anglican Church has progressed well down this path. They began a little over ten years ago, and currently more than a quarter of Auckland's 80 Anglican parishes are using the model. A recent Anglican report reads, "A successful transition to Local Shared Ministry means an invigorated and outgoing parish. This in turn attracts new people. The focus of the parish is on the outside world."

The model is also working well overseas and originally came out of work done by US Episcopal Bishop Stewart Zabriskie on the theology of the laity. Zabriskie's work, in turn, was based on Roland Allen's 1912 "**Missionary Methods; St Paul's or Ours?**"

The moment that we no longer employ a paid minister, the question arises, 'Where will we find the necessary people to continue ministry in the parish?' The Local Shared Ministry answer is that all the gifts needed for the ministry of the church *already* exist within the local church. According to the Local Shared Ministry philosophy, if a group doesn't already possess these gifts they would be defined as a mission field rather than a church. The scriptural evidence is that every follower of Jesus is gifted for ministry.

To transition to Local Shared Ministry a parish calls a Ministry Support Team. Each team member has leadership responsibility for an aspect of the parish's ministry and each works with the help of a group from the congregation. The parish employs a part-time Enabler appointed by the denomination to train, advise and support the Ministry Team. One of the most important tasks is to name and discern the ministry gifts and identify which ones congregational members have received. The inevitable result of increased lay participation is greater variety in church services and parish life.

Andrew Gamman

Share the Knowledge

Do you have a great resource to share with others? We want to hear about the websites, newsletter, blogs, resources etc that you find interesting and useful. Email Esmé on esme@missionresourcing.org.nz and will include your recommendations in the newsletter.

To get started I thought I'd tell you about the KIDiddles Website that you may find useful. The website has a wide range of children's songs with free lyrics, song sheets and music. The web address is: www.kiddiddles.com

