



MISSION RESOURCING NEWSLETTER

Peacebuilders Course 2011

**Christchurch: Tuesday April 12th to Wednesday April 13th
10am to 4pm at Upper Riccarton Methodist Church, Christchurch**

Due to the February earthquake the hours for this course have been reduced and the focus changed to **Training for Ministry to a Traumatized Community**. This is an important aspect of Peacebuilding, and one in which both Ian and Margaret are highly skilled. Lunch and morning and afternoon tea will be provided. A Koha is invited, not to exceed \$30. This course is considered essential for both ordained and lay parish leaders.

Please encourage all parish leaders, lay and ordained, to attend.

Pre-registration is essential. For registration forms go to:

http://www.methodist.org.nz/board_of_ministry/mission_resourcing/resources

Free Andy Stanley Podcasts

Andy Stanley is a pastor, communicator, and the founder of North Point Ministries.

He has also published many books including: *The Grace of God*, as well as *Communicating for a Change*, *Making Vision Stick*, *Next Generation Leader*, *The Principle of the Path*, *Your Move: Four questions to ask when you don't know what to do* and *How Good is Good Enough?*

To listen to his podcasts go to:

<http://www.northpoint.org/podcasts>

Coming up for your information and prayers

- 7 April: Mission Resourcing Board Meeting
- 8 – 9 April: Council of Conference
- 9 April: Manukau Childsafe Pilot training
- 15 April: Candidates First set of reports & information due
- 22 – 25 April: Easter Weekend

We celebrate the people of Christchurch

While we know the recovery process in Christchurch will be a long road to travel we have all heard many stories of struggle, great kindness and spirit.

We would love to be able to share your experiences, stories and photos with others. Email us on mradmin@methodist.org.nz if you have anything to share.

On the next page we have included an excerpt from an email sent to Kids Loving Church from Melanie of Christchurch North Methodist Church. The photo we have used on is for us a great symbol of the spirit of Christchurch. The church building is damaged but the church people are still reaching out and making a difference.

Visit the Kids Loving Church blog to read more about Christchurch North's Children's Day celebrations and to see more photos.

<http://methodistchildrensministries.blogspot.com>

Mission Resourcing is a ministry of The Methodist Church of New Zealand

Christchurch North Methodist Church

We have been celebrating children's day over an extended period – from the Sunday following the earthquake through to last Sunday. On 27 February we held an informal worship service in our hall and we ran a children's programme alongside this. We welcomed families from our music and movement group and from the wider community and provided craft activities, painting, play-do and dress-ups. We read the story 'Guess How Much I Love You', and sang songs like 'Skinnimarinky' and 'Someone special' (by Julie Wylie). The free play was very therapeutic – the children were able to choose the activity they were interested in. We had over 20 kids, and plenty of parents, grandparents and adults from the church enjoyed playing alongside them. *Melanie Koster*



Children's Ministries Hui

When: 14 May 2011

Where: Crossroads Methodist Church, Papakura

Time: 8:30am – 4:30pm

Cost: \$30 per person

The focus of the Hui is to provide a meeting place for leaders in Children's Ministries throughout the church to discuss and share:

- How might Children's Ministries be done differently in the future?
- What is working where you are?
- What is not working?
- What resourcing needs do you have to assist your Children's Ministry into the future?

Our guest speaker will be Jill Kaiser, from Kids Friendly, who will be presenting a session on "How do we make our churches a place where children and young families want to come".

There will also be a panel of 4 Children's Ministries Leaders (from churches of various sizes and cultural groups) sharing the stories of their children's ministries and addressing some of the issues raised at Conference 2010 and from feedback received from our Children's Ministries Network.

From this, the Children's Ministries Implementation Task group will meet to identify possible future strategic directions and present these as part of their report to Conference 2011.

The cost to attend is \$30 per person and for those Children's Ministries Leaders travelling from outside the Auckland area there is a travel subsidy of \$25% of your travel cost available if required. If you are interested in attending please ask your Presbyter / Deacon to let your Synod Superintendent know.

If you would like to find out more about the Hui or about Kids Loving Church please contact me on (09) 525 4179 or email me on kidslovingchurch@gmail.com

Blessings,

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