

Janet Jensen MNZM



The Synod congratulates Janet Jensen on her recognition from the Queen with her award of Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit.

This award was announced in the 2012 Queen's Birthday and Diamond Jubilee Honours for services to the community. As shown below, she is a very worthy recipient of the award!

Janet has been a Member of the Morrinsville Methodist Parish for nearly 56 years. Initially Janet and her husband Clarrie were active in leadership as members of the Tahuna Methodist Church and caretakers for the building. Under their guidance the building was moved to Morrinsville in 2000 and continues to be used as a church. Services in Tahuna were held weekly in the early days (the church was built in 1914) and also served the Anglicans and Presbyterians. A Combined Churches Women's Fellowship group met from 1960 to 2000. Janet was President for 15 years and Treasurer for 19 years.

Janet served as Parish Secretary for 5 years and for the past 13 years has been Parish treasurer for the Morrinsville Parish. She also currently holds the position of:

Treasurer for the Waikato Thames Valley District Methodist Women's Fellowship (4 years)

Treasurer for the Morrinsville Methodist Women's Fellowship (2 years)

Morrinsville Parish Steward (1 year).

Janet's keen interest in social services has prompted her to take a leading roll on numerous community organizations beyond the church:

Rural Women New Zealand (formerly WDF) at local and provincial level, Janet was also a National Councillor from 1997 to 2001.

Scotlands Te Kiteroa WDF Charitable Trust 2003 to 2009 during which time Janet was Secretary – Treasurer for 5 years

Janet was a founding member in 1990 of Morrinsville Community House Inc . She has served as the Secretary/Treasurer for 16 years.