

Methodist Lay Preachers' Network Newsletter

June 2023

Tēnā koutou katoa, malo e lelei, talofa lava, ni sa bula vinaka, greetings from the Methodist Lay Preachers Network to all Lay Preachers in congregations with a Methodist component. You may be retired, accredited with many years' experience, just accredited or in training – we hope there is something relevant to you in this newsletter.

First of all, we acknowledge with great sadness the sudden death of Syd Easton, one of our Co-convenors. Syd had been an active member of the Palmerston North congregation for many years and he will be greatly missed. We extend our deep sympathy to his whanau, colleagues and friends.

In this communication you will find:

- Information about our June Zoom Meeting
- Update details plea

June Zoom Meeting

The Methodist Lay Preachers Network Zoom meeting is scheduled for Monday 19 June at 7.00pm. All Lay Preachers at any stage of your accreditation journey are invited to join us. If you know of others in your Parish who do not have the technology, you may like to join up in a home that does. You do not need to register and can join the meeting either

- by clicking on this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87575737836?pwd=NWFlejNtbnZDT2FxQWo5a1lwa3UzZz09>

or

- by opening Zoom on your device and entering these details
Meeting ID: 875 7573 7836 Passcode: 319702

Our agenda will be:

- to introduce ourselves (in small groups or in plenary depending on numbers);
- to identify at least one Lay Preacher in each Synod to link with the Network;
- to discuss how the accreditation process, training and on-going education is working for feed back to a meeting between Trinity College, Mission Resourcing and the Network;
- to raise any other issues of concern.

Update details

Far fewer than half our accredited Lay Preachers send an update form. Without it, we do not know if you are still active, have moved, or retired... There is hopefully one attached with this email, or you can access it at:

<https://www.methodist.org.nz/assets/DownloadsFiles/Update-Form-2023-for-Lay-Preachers.doc>.

Please complete and send it back to me at vjwhimster@gmail.com between July and end of September 2023. If the form doesn't work for you, just let me know how many services you took during the year July 2022-June 2023, please!

Hope you can join us on Monday 19 June!