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AUCKLAND METHODIST CENTRAL MISSION
ANNUAL REPORT TO CONFERENCE 1979

STAFF:

We were all shocked and saddened when early in the New Year the Rev. John Vickery, our Minister for Aged Care and Chaplain to the Everil Orr Homes, died after a short illness. He will be remembered as a faithful pastor, helpful, encouraging and cheerful, and as a loyal and valued member of the Mission team. His place as Chaplain of the Everil Orr Homes has been taken by the Rev. Wesley Parker.

PEOPLE:

The first issue of "People" the Mission's magazine to the Church and wider community, was issued in October, 1978. It is hoped eventually to be able to publish four issues a year.

AGED CARE:

Day Care Centre - During the year St. Margaret's Day Care Centre in McLean Street was opened. It is planned to extend this to five days a week with up to a maximum of 20 people per day being admitted.

Everil Orr Homes - The staff situation, particularly of senior staff, has been fairly stable at Everil Orr Homes during this past year. For the first time in many years we were able to report a surplus - \$14,472, but seen as a percentage of operating cost this is only 2.03%. It needs to be seen also against last year's deficit of \$58,547.

Franklin Eventide Home - When this Home was opened four years ago, it had a capital debt of \$50,000. During this year this has been extinguished, partly by the magnificent efforts of people in the District, particularly through fairs and the Tuakau Opportunity Shop, and also by the Mission funding some depreciation towards debt reduction. We are grateful for the continuing service of Matron and staff and of the local committee, under the leadership of Mr. Lionel Sharp.

Kamo Home - Kamo Home in Whangarei has now been opened for almost eight years. It began with accommodation for 33 residents and this was later extended to take 44.

Recently 12 flats have been built in the grounds at an approximate cost of just over \$25,000 each.

Tamahere Eventide Home, Hamilton - This Home continues to provide effective residential care for 63 senior citizens. The Trust is at present considering tenders for a recreation room and for residential caretaker accommodation.

O Rongo Home, Campbells Bay - The Home is expected to be finished towards the end of July 1979 and the first residents will be moving in shortly afterwards. The Home

will be officially opened by His Excellency the Governor General on Sunday 28th October, at 2.30 p.m.

Aldersgate Flats - These flats continue to provide accommodation for 29 senior citizens next door to Wesley Hospital.

WESLEY HOSPITAL:

The opening of the new 30 bed wing last year has made Wesley Hospital a much better economic unit particularly in the administration required and the deployment of staff. This enabled the hospital, this year, to make a surplus comparable to last year's deficit. Large deficits from past years however, will not be so recovered.

CHILD CARE:

During this year the Board has clarified with Anglican Methodist Social Services its relationship to the Child Care Division. It has been established that the Child Care Division is an integral part of the Central Mission having its own Director and Social Workers responsible to the Central Mission Child Care Committee but working in close co-operation with, and sharing the same office as A.M.S.S.

Our work here is of the highest order embracing family and child care in four homes, foster care and preventive work.

The total cost of care in this section last year was just over \$100,000 from which \$50,000 was repaid from fees and Government subsidy.

SOCIAL CONCERNS:

This committee continues to administer the two houses purchased four years ago to house "Lone Women". The need to provide accommodation for such people lessened about a year ago and since then one house has been used by Carrington Hospital for psychiatric patients who no longer need institutional care but do need sheltered accommodation.

IN THE MIDST OF THE CITY:

The Mission continues to witness to the City from its strategic site in Queen Street Auckland. Sunday and week day services are maintained and the Church is used daily by many for quiet prayer and meditation.

The Open Circle Social Service building is open six days a week and a befriender is usually on duty from Life-line to talk to anyone seeking help.

ANGLICAN METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICES:

During the year the founding Director of A.M.S.S. Mr. Michael Wetterstrom resigned and the Executive has not yet appointed a successor.

The Executive has been meeting regularly and seeking to re-examine the goals of the Agency. The Methodist Central Mission has always urged the Agency to remember to keep a balance between tackling structures and apathy that cause human distress and caring for people who suffer as a result.

FINANCE:

The cost of the Mission's work this year exceeded 1.8 million dollars. Much of this of course, was paid for by residents in homes and hospitals and under child care, but a great deal of money came from the surplus of our office building. \$55,622 for the Methodist share of A.M.S.S., \$5,000 to help in the establishment of Friendship House in Manukau City, \$3,381 as a rent subsidy to Epworth Bookroom, \$3,000 as the Methodist share of Lifeline and Inter-Church Counselling Centre.

Many people make up the work force of the Auckland Central Mission. Besides a large paid staff there are many volunteers, not forgetting the members of the Board who give many hours of their time and skill to the work of the Mission.

My own personal thanks to my colleague, the Rev. Mervyn Dine who, this year when I have been away so much, has in his usual cheerful and competent manner taken on many of the Superintendent's responsibilities as well as his own.

Thanks be to God for His continuing guidance and grace.

D.B. Gordon, Superintendent.
M.L. Dine, Assistant Superintendent.
I.R. Souster, Secretary.
H.T. Garlick, Treasurer.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The report be received and adopted.
2. That the Board of Management of the Central Mission be:
Revs. D.B. Gordon, Chairman, M.L. Dine, E.D. Grounds, B.E. Jones, Misses J.V. Fowler, R.K. McConnell, Messrs. I.R. Souster, Secretary, H.T. Garlick, Treasurer, W.F. Christian, H.L. Clark, M.C. Copeland, C.W. Firth, K.H. Lawry, G.M. Lawry, K.J. Long, D.R. Norman, G.H. Peak, D.G. Smith, F.M. Souster, A.H. Winstone.

MANAWATU METHODIST SOCIAL SERVICE CENTRE

A Division of the Palmerston North Methodist Parish

The past year has been primarily one of consolidation as we have sought to shape the Centre to meet the needs of the community, in terms of a Christian philosophy which sees all people made in the image of God, and as loved by him as unique and precious individuals. Out of this arises the notion of social service which we can claim as truly Christian - that each of us has their own strengths and weaknesses, that we need each other, that at any time we can all be helper or helped, that the simple recognition that we each have some worth and can make a contribution can itself be our salvation and can start us on the way to achieving our God-like potential.

COUNSELLING:

Although we have yet to replace our social worker/counsellor who resigned last December, counselling of individuals, couples and families still occupies a large part of the Director's time as well as volunteers from the Parish. This service is valued as an alternative to those provided by marriage guidance and the hospital.

HOME SUPPORT SERVICE:

Bertha Zurcher continues her stirring work with families in crisis, including some difficult assignments during the past year. At the suggestion of the M.S.S.A. Central Districts Committee we have decided to extend the service and are attempting to raise funds before advertising. We firmly believe the service could and should be established elsewhere.

SOCIAL EDUCATION:

The Centre has always placed some emphasis on this aspect of its work. Although other agencies run regular courses we believe the church has its own special emphasis to make. A successful 'parenting of adolescents' course was held recently and more are to follow. In addition staff are used as resource people for university courses and community seminars.

COMMUNITY WORK:

Believing in the importance of keeping in touch with 'grass-roots' community concerns and problems, strong links have been forged with several agencies working at this level, resulting in the use of staff as consultants for community projects and the alerting of church folk to the needs around them.

Because of insufficient support our 'drop-in' centre was closed, but the idea handed over to a small local group for possible revival. Another venture recently begun is that of providing transport for elderly folk visiting relatives in a suburban geriatric hospital.

PRESENT AND FUTURE:

Working with reduced staff has meant the increased use of Parish members as helpers and resource people which we have well-

comed and want to continue. We want to facilitate and channel the caring of church people, not do it for them. However, the wish to provide a comprehensive family welfare service must inevitably mean increasing our staff, but that in turn is only part of the future plan which is evolving. As part of the planning process a 'retreat' is to be held in the near future.

An immediate and pressing concern is the relocation of our processing work for our opportunity shop, involving us in protracted discussions with Parish leaders over future building needs.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

We are constantly aware of the tremendous voluntary effort which makes the work of the Centre possible. The countless hours spent in store and shop, the donations of goods and money, the personal resources of time and talents freely given - the servant church is not idle. We are glad to provide some means for that serving to be done.

Our gratitude goes also to the charitable trusts and other supporters for grants received.

Ken Fay - Chairman:

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Report be received and adopted.
2. That the Management Committee for 1979/80 will be:
 Director: Mr. P.A.H. McConkey, Dip.Soc.Wk, M.N.Z.I.S.; Home Support Worker: Miss B. Zurcher, R.N.,R.M.; Chairman: Mr.K.M. Fay; Treasurer: Mr. M.O. Boniface, A.R.A.N.Z.; Secretary: Mrs. V.M. Osborne; Parish reps: Messrs. J.Andrew, N.Bird, M. Hancock,D.Petersen; Synod Lay rep: Mr. B.Passey; Synod Ministerial rep: Rev. E. Trask; Congregational Church rep: Mrs. R. Gordon; Presbyterian rep:
 Corresponding rep: Mr. C.B. Radcliffe.

MASTERTON METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME

REPORT OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE for the year ended

30 June 1979

Further to the 1978 report and supplementary report tabled at Conference, the Children's Home closed in December 1978. All children were satisfactorily placed - the last passing from our care in January 1979. About half returned to their families and the balance have been placed in the foster homes or other institutions.

The loyalty of the staff during the last few months was much appreciated. Although new positions have been hard to come by, most have now permanent employment and there has been no redundancy.

The support of the N.Z. Methodist Social Services Association, Wellington Methodist Charitable & Educational Endowments Board and the Conference following the decision to close the present operation has been most appreciated by all members of the Management Committee.

At present we are actively involved in researching areas of need and other avenues of child care in the Wairarapa.

The Management Committee received with much regret the resignations of Mrs. C. McLeod and Mrs. I. Campbell. Their contribution during their term on the Committee was much appreciated.

We wish to acknowledge the contribution which many people made in so many ways - and to record with appreciation the following grants and bequests:-

Estate Ethel D. Leyland	
Estate J.C.M. Malloch	\$2,900.00
Estate Ethel D. Leyland (final distribution)	250.00
Estate J.C.M. Malloch	87.02
Estate Richard A. Andersen	156.49
Estate Edwin T. Geary	1,000.00
Estate Charles Wagland	100.00
Robert Gibson Methodist Trust	261.09
J.R. McKenzie Trust	4,000.00
Masterton Trust Lands Trust	800.00
	250.00

D.A.Pratt € - Chairman
 B.D. Smith - Secretary

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Management Committee for the ensuing year be:-
 Mrs. D.A. Pratt (Chairman), Rev. P.E. Glensor, Dr. O.F.Prior,
 Messrs. F.R. Clark, K.B. Costello, K.D.McLeod and B.D. Smith.

CHRISTCHURCH METHODIST CENTRAL MISSION INCORPORATED
ANNUAL REPORT TO CONFERENCE

This report will focus in the main on new developments, future policy, and significant changes in staff and services.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS:

1. Rehabilitation Work:

Last year we reported that the Anglican and Methodist Missions had joined forces to provide emergency accommodation. This work, which aims at the rehabilitation of families, was temporarily transferred from rented premises to the former Cambridge Terrace parsonage.

Representations were made to the Minister of Social Welfare to provide adequate premises for this work. Our submissions had positive results. Funds were made available through the Housing Corporation and a house property capable of housing three families was purchased, vested in the City Council, and rented at a nominal rental to the Anglican-Methodist Missions.

2. Community for Released Prisoners:

The Mission has made the Cambridge Terrace parsonage available to the Salisbury Trust which is a support group for a self help rehabilitation project for ex drug addicts and other released prisoners. The Mission is represented on the Trust.

3. Goodwill Expansion:

The former Woolston Methodist property now provides the warehouse and sorting depot for all goods donated to Goodwill. It also provides a retail outlet for the Woolston community. Plans are being considered for part of the premises to be used for the reconditioning of furniture, household appliances etc.

4. Rehua Dining Hall:

The actual dining hall is completed, but work on the ablution blocks and dressing rooms have been delayed pending the approval of Government subsidy. The Old Boys are providing voluntary labour, and they anticipate that the complex will be completed before the end of the year.

5. Maori Reservation:

The land on which the Meeting House and Dining Hall stand has now been officially designated as a Maori Reservation by the Maori Land Court. This move was initiated by the Maori Affairs Committee of the Mission and supported by local Maori Elders. A Marae Trust comprises representatives from the Ngai-tahu Elders, the Rehua Old Boys, the Methodist Maori Division and the Central Mission Board of Management.

6. Flats for Maori Elders:

The Board has agreed to make land available at Rehua for the Maori Affairs Department to erect flats for Maori Elders. Negotiations are proceeding with the Department.

Life Line:

Calls for the year totalled 8,139 - an increase of 1,159 over last year's total.

On July 1, 1979, the Fifteenth Anniversary of Life Line was celebrated. The establishment of Life Line in Christchurch was significant in that it was the first Telephone Counselling Service in New Zealand and the second in the world.

During the year a Professional Consultative Committee has been set up. Dr Les Ding, Dr Andrew Hornblow and Mr Geoff Hill meet with the Life Line Director and Chairman.

South Haven:

A decision has been made to erect a new home for the physically handicapped, subject to the approval of Government subsidy. Plans have been submitted to the Department of Social Welfare.

Creative Leisure:

Creative Leisure has established a new group for people who for health reasons have been unable to work.

"Friday Workshop" as it is known, has attracted a regular attendance of 40 - 50 at the weekly sessions.

Crafts of an essentially simple nature form the basis of the programme.

In the words of the Director, Miriam Suckling, "This is an exciting venture; a sharing and a caring group where the volunteers get as much as they give."

In addition to the Friday Workshops, the daily sessions continue with 9 classes in various crafts attracting 150 - 200 people through the Centre each week.

Aged Care:

Miss Ina Macadam, Matron of Wesley Lodge and Hospital for the past 22 years, retired in July. We record sincere appreciation of her long term of dedicated service to the Aged.

Mrs Freda Fielding has been appointed Supervising Matron of the Mission's Aged Care Homes and Hospitals in Christchurch.

Community Health:

Mrs Eleanor McGlinn and Miss Mary Caygill have been appointed by the North Canterbury Hospital Board to work with the aged in the community with an emphasis upon providing training opportunities for lay people to enable them to more effectively meet the needs of the aged in their own communities.

Dixon House Flats:

Eight flats were opened at Greymouth by the President of the Conference, the Rev. D.B. Gordon, on September 15 on behalf of the combined Churches.

Representatives of the Churches shared in the service of dedication.

Residential Club:

Final working drawings have been submitted to the Health Department for this scheme previously reported to Conference, and we are awaiting approval to call tenders.

Finance:

Our operating costs for the year ending March 31, 1979, were as follows :

	\$
For Aged Care - Homes and Hospitals	834,946
Child Care - Harewood Children's Home	156,879
Counselling Services - Social Welfare	19,000
Field Officers Work - Social Services	22,000
Life Line Service - (Net Cost)	4,750
Rehua Maori Trainees' Hostel	101,709
Social Concern Expenses - Relief Given - Contributions	
to Creative Leisure - Cafeterias - Holiday House -	33,135
Camps - Erewhat and Sundry	13,935
Property & Plant Maintenance	7,717
Youth Hostel	24,200
Administration Costs	
	<u>\$1,218,271</u>

Revenue was received from :

Aged Care - Boarding Fees and Sundry - Hospitals and Homes	600,439
Government Subsidies - Hospitals	262,514
Child Care - Capitation Grants	105,000
Social Welfare Department	
Child Care - Board from Parents, Family Benefits and Grants and Donations	57,936
Child Care - Share of Children's Home Appeal	6,672
Social Services - Interest, Dividends, Goodwill	64,136
Stores, Grants and Donations	9,044
Social Services - Appeals, Projects and Fair	6,626
" " Rents, Sale Books, Sundry	51,869
Rehua Maori Training Hostel - Government Subsidies	41,862
Rehua Boarding Fees	5,890
Youth Hostel - Boarding Fees	
	<u>\$1,211,988</u>

Net Operating Deficit for year

We received Legacies for Development work during the year -	\$
Aged Care	7,860
General Social Concern Purposes	25,830
Child Care	3,350

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

We have to acknowledge generous donations from many individuals, Church Groups, Local Bodies, Trusts and Business Firms during the year in support of our work.

We gratefully acknowledge assistance received from the following in particular :

Sutherland Self Help Trust Board, J.R. McKenzie Trust, Canterbury Savings Bank, Hyman Marks Trust, M.M.M. Butcheries Ltd, Christchurch City Council, Robert Clark Trust, Maurice Carter Trust, J.B.S. Dudding Trust, Child Care Investment Fund, Charles Butterfield Trust, Paparua County Council, Philip Brown Trust, Waimairi County Council.

CHILD CARE:

On February 1, 1979, the Child Care work of the Church was amalgamated with the Social Work of the Mission. The President of the Conference, the Rev. D. Bruce Gordon, hosted a social function for representatives of the two Boards to mark the occasion.

The statistics for the year show a considerable involvement with children and families. For example, 185 children have been accommodated in foster homes, or the family units at Harewood Road or Barrington Street. 116 of these were short term care to provide relief for the family for various reasons, e.g. sickness of mother or family stress.

In addition, preventative work has not been neglected. 43 families involving 92 children have been counselled and supported by Social Work staff. These families faced problems such as the management of children, finance, loneliness of mother, and the inability to cope with personal emotions and the demands of the family.

We cannot overemphasize the volume of this work - 277 children have been cared for in various ways. This involves a heavy work load for our small team of dedicated staff. The urgent need is to increase the Social Work staff not only for the sake of the large number of children and families supported, but for the sake of the staff who expend time and energy far in excess of what should be reasonably required, even of those who view their work as a Christian service.

Day Care:

The new Day Care centre in Harewood Road, officially opened by the Minister of Social Welfare, Mr Bert Walker, on 13 August, 1978, is well established.

There are 2 full time staff working under the direction of the supervisor, Miss Shirley Curtis.

It is encouraging to note that there are 19 people working one to three days per week in a voluntary capacity, assisting the staff with the many chores associated with caring for 24 children.

This centre is proving invaluable for mothers under stress, and those who must work to balance the family budget.

Thanks:

We thank the many people who give time, service and finance to support the Mission's work with people.

We are mindful of the service of our many staff members and we acknowledge the support they give each other and the fine team spirit that prevails.

The Christian maturation of many staff members ensures that the Christian basis of our work is maintained.

W.E. Falkingham, Superintendent; I.D. Blair, Secretary, M.E. Lloyd, Treasurer