



# NZFCNA Newsletter

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## Chairperson's Report

Greetings to you all as we approach Advent and then Christmas, our times of preparation and celebration of Christ's coming to the world.

We celebrate many new faith community nurse positions around New Zealand, and congratulate those who have completed their modules of study. I am sure that our members have contributed hugely to the needs of their faith communities in the Canterbury region, whether they are working formally as FCNs, or simply being women (and men) of faith serving our Lord.

The Board is working to create an exciting programme for the 2011 conference in Christchurch, using the feedback from the 2010 conference, and the ideas generated in discussions while we were in Wellington. We'll keep you up to date on progress. Sadly, Alison Wilden has stepped back from the Board to focus on her other many commitments. We thank her for her contribution and wish her well in study and community service.

I know that in this season we, as Christian nurses, will incorporate our faith into our working lives, and I pray that through your lives of faith others will see the Christ light shining, and begin to understand that Christmas joys are more than food and gifts. As the New Year turns I commend to you a structure for reflection given to us at confirmation, a time of adult affirmation of faith in Anglican traditions. This 4-part exercise asks us to think of something we regret, perhaps a wrong deed or a failure, seeking understanding and forgiveness as appropriate; something for which we are grateful, small or significant, but meaningful; something we request from God – strength, insight, change – something we feel will help us live better lives; and lastly a prayer or action for an 'other' – person or community.

Blessings to you and your families, may you keep safe in God's care

*Elizabeth Niven*

**For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

**Isaiah 9.6**



## Hawkes Bay / Manawatu

## Regional Reports

## North Island

## Auckland

Our last Regional Faith Community Nurses meeting for the year was held at St John's Theological College, Kinder Library on Saturday morning 30 October.

The Kinder Library has a large amount of Faith Community Nursing and Pastoral Care books that are available to members of our organisation. Elizabeth Niven gave us a list of books that are available and information on how to access books, journals and databases from the Kinder Library. She explained how to access books on line at home to see if they are available and how to request to borrow a book. If you live outside the wider Auckland area you can request a book to be sent out to you anywhere in the country using the postal lending system. More information is available on the website for the Kinder Library: [www.kinderlibrary.ac.nz](http://www.kinderlibrary.ac.nz)

We discussed the lack of Christian Nursing Groups that used to be established in hospitals and hopefully the resurgence of a group next year.

Our meeting also discussed the upcoming Faith Community Nurses Seminar that is being held on Saturday 12 March 2011 at Selwyn Village. Our group is working towards making this a successful day, full of information for those seeking to know more about Faith Community Nurses. We will be sending out flyers soon to advertise this event and it will also be advertised on our website.

The meeting closed in prayer at 12 noon.

*Isabel Mordecai*

## Waikato

At the beginning of November the 4 FCN's from Waikato went to the Bay of Plenty and met up with two FCNs from that area. We had an informal meeting in a café; everyone really enjoyed the contact and swapped events that were happening in their areas.

I shared some of the information gained at the Australian FCN conference. We felt it was beneficial and will repeat it again in New Year.

Wendy Grant employed by the Hamilton Central Baptist as an FCN has left to go to Bible College with her husband with the intention of mission work in India amongst the Muslim people. I met her before departure and gave her our fondest greetings for her new venture. Bronwyn Pester is taking her vacancy until the situation is sorted.

I am out of the country, going to the UK via Israel, until the beginning of February.

*Joan MacManus*

Napier now has four practising FCNs. This can only be a blessing for the church communities involved, the wider Napier community and also for the Ministry of Faith Community Nursing as a whole.

On August 15<sup>th</sup>, during the 10am Sunday service at All Saints Anglican Church, Taradale, Napier, Karen Marshall, Kathy Tait and Anne Scolley were commissioned by the Revd Di Woods. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> September at the Waiapu Cathedral Napier, Shirley Pope was commissioned at the Evensong service by the Anglican Bishop of Waiapu, the Rt Rev David Rice. It was a privilege to also have the Revd. Charles Tyrell present that evening, and to hear him preach earlier that same day, on the history, aims & purpose of Parish Nursing. This was most encouraging for the FCNs present.

I am aware, that prior to their commissioning, there had been a great deal of thought, prayer, time and preparation made by the FCNs and also from those supporting them. A special thanks must be extended to the Revd Di Woods and Dean Helen Jacobi for their vision for Parish Nursing and for enabling this ministry to become established in their Parishes. I have no doubt of their ongoing support and encouragement to the nurses who have been commissioned. I myself look forward to being able to offer my support and to witnessing the 'Fruits' of their Ministry in practise.

*Anne Simonsen*



*Front row: Shirley Pope (FCN- Waiapu Cathedral Napier)  
Revd. Charles Tyrell (Patron FCN)*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Row: Karen Marshall (FCN- All Saints, Taradale),  
Anne Simonsen (FCN Regional coordinator)  
Kathy Tait, (FCN- All Saints)*

*Back row: Anne Scolley (FCN- All Saints)  
The Rt. Rev. David Rice (Bishop of Waiapu)*



## South Island

### Nelson

Two major pieces of news for parish nurses in the Nelson region. Jane Wulff has finally received word about funding from a special trust in Nelson Diocese, after two years of patiently waiting. She will be in paid employment for her role at Nelson Cathedral for part of her time commitment as she addresses the needs of those aged over 65 years. Jane has been working at the Cathedral in a voluntary capacity as well as working nights at a local rest home. This demonstrates the acknowledgement that the Anglican Church has in this ministry.

And more... Phil Preece has recently completed her distance training modules and has also received a grant from the Diocese. Her local rural community in the meantime have seen the wonderful work she is doing and bought her a car so she can access the older people in her widely spread catchment area. Furthermore, her main source of employment at the local rest home had been in jeopardy as they were going to close it down but it has had a reprieve. So we thank God for Phil's commitment and faithfulness in the face of great uncertainty.

Meanwhile, I am reaching the final stages of my thesis and Charles is spreading the word, wherever he preaches and visits, of the value of the parish nurse ministry.

Isaiah 40:31 - But *they that wait upon the Lord* shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles;

*Elaine Tyrell*

## Canterbury / Westland

The Canterbury Regional Group met on the 6<sup>th</sup> November at Carol's house. Over afternoon tea we caught up on our FCN journey to date. It was highlighted the need to have a contract written up before starting the FCN role so there is a clear direction for the nurse and other pastoral care givers. The contract could include the possibility of the FCN offering the church staff health assessment. It was highlighted that The Lord's Prayer is a good spiritual health assessment tool. Conference 2011 to be held in Christchurch was discussed regarding a suitable Venue.

How to support each other between meetings was discussed. It was proposed to email the group monthly and do text grouping and individual text.

Appetite for life as available through the DHB was highlighted by Lesley who incorporated a Framework to include Spiritual health.

- Spirit/Soul/Body
- Self talk getting in the way of our Spirit/Soul/Body
- Friendship that feed into us positively
- Uniquely created for relationship
- Jesus is the light
- Use a map

To conclude our meeting, Isaiah 40:27 was explored and highlighted that We forget how big GOD is. We think our circumstances are too BIG for Him. BUT He doesn't get weary, have Hope in Him. The group paired off to pray for each other before leaving.

*Diane Webster*

## NZFCNA Annual Conference 2010

To read a report from this year's conference, go to <http://www.faithnursing.co.nz/documents/Conference2010.pdf>

### Websites of Interest

#### **Free Medical Journals**

This database contains details of medical journals that make their articles freely available via the web after a certain period e.g. 6 months; 12 months; 36 months.

<http://freemedicaljournals.com/index.htm>

#### **Australian Research online**

You can search 470,929 Australian research outputs, including theses; preprints; postprints; journal articles; book chapters; music recordings and pictures. Australian Research Online searches simultaneously across the contents of Australian university and government research repositories in addition to several other collections of Australian research.

<http://research.nla.gov.au/>

## AUCKLAND SEMINAR

*What is Faith Community Nursing?*

*Parish Nursing?*



The Auckland Region of the NZFCNA is holding a one day seminar covering aspects of Faith Community Nursing .

How does FCN work for different people/churches?

Documentation

Educational Support

Funding

When: 12<sup>th</sup> March 2011

10 am – 3 pm

Where: Selwyn Village

Pt Chevalier

*Please bring your lunch.*

*AM tea provided*



For more information & to register contact: Isabel Mordecai - [mordecai@orcon.net.nz](mailto:mordecai@orcon.net.nz)

*Attendees will receive certificate for education hours.*



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