

NZFCNA Newsletter

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Chairperson report

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ

I greet you this Eastertide with the words used by Christians for two thousand years: **Christ is Risen!**

We had family to visit at Easter—three teenagers and their parents, and our discussions included the thoughts and wisdom presented in our different Easter sermons, one from Wellington and one in Auckland. What did it mean? How could this happen? What did the early writers believe? How were those beliefs shaped by their views of the world, by their need to be safe, by their wish to establish a strong following, by their wish to teach in an understandable way? We did not find answers to all these things in our family gathering, but we did reflect on the meaning of Easter, a duty, I believe of all Christians. I think at one level we were asking ourselves how we can live good Christian lives, bringing Christ to others.

I reflected that in our lives as Faith Community Nurses we have the opportunity to do just that,

I thank God for your lives and your work.

Every Blessing to you all

Elizabeth

A prayer for Easter

Living Christ, you are risen
from the dead!
Love reigns!
You are stronger than death;
raise our eyes to see you
as the new day dawns.



Maineri's Christ with Cross

Alleluia



A prayer for fellow FCNs from our Waikato regional coordinator, Joan Mc Manus

Dear Father,
We praise your name and ask for your continuing guidance to lead us in the special role of FCN. We need your wisdom, spiritual insight and the ability to say the right words in season. May we be an example of you when we continue to work where you have placed us, remembering we can do nothing without your strength and so help us to daily draw on you....
in Jesus precious name....

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A Critical Time to be Informed

Big Changes in Government Funded Social Services are in the Pipeline

This is a time of change. The government is moving quickly to put in place its strategies to change the social sector, with the Green paper for Vulnerable Children, Welfare Reform and new ways of funding and contracting services just the beginning. Given these and other expected changes the New Zealand Council of Christian Social Services (NZCCSS) is, for the first time, hosting a conference focusing on social services. The **NZCCSS Future Wellbeing – [Social Services for New Zealand's Future Conference](#)** is to be held at the University of Auckland Faculty of Engineering, Symonds St, Auckland on the 18th and 19th of April.



New educational packages to be released

Updating the Distance Learning Modules for the Basic Introductory Course

In 2011, Nursing Council amended the manner in which they reviewed the assessment of competencies for nursing practice. This and other changes in the availability of material, led us to review the modules initially trialled in 2008 and circulated the following year. We decided at the same time to listen to those members who were experiencing difficulties with on-going support within their places of ministry, who were feeling isolated in their work. The updated modules are based around the actual practical needs of setting up an initial FCN practice and include the production of a pamphlet to explain the ministry to those in the community and how to resource and present an educational opportunity. The website has been amended to reflect the needs of those exploring the role of FCN, those who decide to consider it further and those who complete the full training. Those completing the basic course with the support of a NZFCNA mentor can then use the title Practising FCN member. Please watch the website as these changes are introduced. There will be a member only accessible section where the modules and resources are located. All will have access to the initial material about the role of the FCN and the support needed by their minister and faith community. Thank you to those who are trialling the new modules. Do not hesitate to contact us at admin.faithnursing.co.nz for further information.



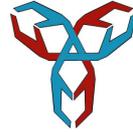
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Regional meetings

Successful regional meetings have been held in Christchurch, Wellington and Auckland this year. Future dates will be published on the website as they are planned, so keep visiting the site so you can attend the one nearest you.



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NURSES ASSOCIATION



CONFERENCE 2012
**CALLED TOGETHER TO BIND THE
BROKEN HEARTED**
**Sustaining Resilience when Hope is
Wavering**

Isaiah 61:1 'The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners.'

Isaiah 42:3 bruised reed he will not break, and a smouldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice;

21-23rd September
**Sonoda House, Ilam Campus, University of
Canterbury.**

Cost: \$300 full registration
\$260 early bird by July 20th
\$150 no accommodation required

1st time attendee application form available for financial assistance.

For more information, programme and registration form
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