

NZFCNA Newsletter

July 2012

Chairperson report

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Things are not always what they seem

I was in Melbourne during June, taking care of my grandson while my daughter was competing in the Nice, France, Ironman. Our National Coordinator, Diane Webster, had arranged for me to pick up the special Nurses' Bibles that we wanted to have available for you at Conference, as mail is increasingly expensive. A phone call and the arrangements were made. I took the train into the city and went to the appointed place, the steps at the Flinders St Station. I looked for a bearded man wearing a raincoat. I made contact, and handed over the cash. He handed over a plain package that he assured me were Bibles. It felt like something out of a Le Carré novel!

It does remind me, however, that Christians do take courageous measures to spread the Word. I know that the work of the FCN involves living the Word in the many ways you all, as members, go about your daily work. Let us hold each other in prayer, as we re-collect that all our small actions and words, add to something great.

Blessings to you all

Elizabeth





Prayers for our work

Almighty God,
By your grace alone
We are accepted and called to be Faith Community
Nurses
Strengthen us by your Holy Spirit
And empower our calling
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

What's going on in Health

It is useful to make regular checks on the Ministry of Health website. Visit <http://www.health.govt.nz> and put the address in your Bookmarks. Put a recurring note in your diary to check — maybe a particular date each month, or something like the first Monday each month.

The news current is:

- *information about 'Shake out' a concerted effort to get everyone practising earthquake drill—could be a good thing for your community*
- *News about Rheumatic Fever*
- *The latest on Whooping cough epidemic*

*These are the kinds of things we are expected to know about, and the information is so readily available. Some material would be good resources, printed out, such as **Long Term Residential Care for Older People: What you need to know 2012 July.***

Note also that there is a Quick Link to the Cochrane Library. This is a repository for the research that underpins Best Practice.

Nursing Council audit of practice—*are you prepared?*

“A number of faith community nurses have completed the audit process for Nursing Council and one aspect of the audit is to produce evidence of appropriate professional development. You will find the requirements on their website but we have selected the following (downloaded in July 2012) to encourage you to keep an up-to-date record of your own, should you ever need to be audited in the future:

Q:What can be included in my professional development hours?

A:You are responsible for seeking opportunities to learn and maintain your competence in the interests of patient care.You need to complete professional development in the context of your area of practice.These activities may be within the work environment or within an educational context.Your professional development may be taken as whole days or hours and include a variety of different learning activities such as degree courses, short courses, seminars, conferences, in-service education or online learning and Internet-based courses.

The level of your professional development should be appropriate to your scope of practice and work context. Mandatory or core training required by your employer should not constitute all of your 60 hours of professional development in three years. Some of your professional development must be relevant to your development as a nurse and to your area of practice.

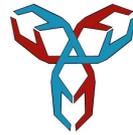
Journal reading may be considered a professional development activity if it takes place within a formal framework such as a journal club, a presentation to colleagues or to inform an educational or quality improvement process. Meetings may be considered a professional development activity if they have an educational focus and appropriate documentation is supplied, e.g. minutes with the education topic clearly identified.

You are also required to reflect on your professional development and supply a statement of learning.

NZFCNA encourages you to attend regional meetings where such activities occur (Nelson-Marlborough propose such an activity in August) or if you are more isolated, perhaps there is a local primary health nurse group you could attend. If neither of these is possible, you can download “Spiritual Care In Nursing: a Systematic Approach” from <http://www.ctrtraining.co.uk/> as the author Ian Govier has given his permission to do so. This forms part of the distance learning modules. You could then send a reflection to Elaine and email about it or better still have a Skype discussion. If you found an article which you preferred better, then you could send her a copy and undergo the same process. For further information, email

etyrrell@nmhs.govt.nz “

NEW ZEALAND FAITH COMMUNITY
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
Contact: admin.faithnursing@xtra.co.nz
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