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Chairperson's Report

December saw the Tyrrells sharing their first Christmas together for 16 years but also gave me the opportunity to meet up with Revd Debbie Hodge and Revd Helen Wordsworth together with two new parish nurses in the UK. Helen shared with me that the prompt to consider faith community nursing came from the visit of a member of her congregation to Nelson, New Zealand where they read the notice board and picked up a leaflet! She has since done her Masters degree in parish nursing and with Debbie has set up training and support for PN's in the UK. It is wonderful how this ministry continues to spread throughout the world. More recently speakers have visited or plan to train nurses in Swaziland, Zimbabwe, Kenya, Madagascar and Hungary. I am thrilled that Debbie has agreed to join our conference in Auckland in October as one of our keynote speakers. Dr Anne van Loon in spite of a busy schedule has also agreed to provide elements of the introductory course as well as sharing her research into women who have survived childhood sexual assault. Please pray for these two committed women who give so much of their energy to this ministry.

The end of last year I heard from Hilda Faaslele who is coordinating a new project amongst the Pacific Island churches in Auckland. Funding has been provided by the DHB for four nurses and we look forward to welcoming them all to our conference too. We have had the visits of two overseas Parish nurses this year, firstly Sr Judith Mouch from USA and presently Linda Harris from Wales. The sense of God forging ahead with faith community nursing in our own land too is intense. We are truly blessed with the opportunities which have arisen and the people who have responded to the invitation to share in this work of God. I have a sense of running and trying to fly to keep up with Him! So the title of our conference is apposite: "Gaining height for a clearer vision" as we attempt to discern and follow all that He has for us as individuals and as a network of like-minded professionals.

Thank you for your interest and prayers. Now I challenge you to consider how YOU can respond to God's call. Join our membership, share your experiences, attend regional events or help to organise them and pray that we might be faithful to those in our care. We welcome all Christian nurses or those allied to the FCN ministry to join us at our annual conference as well as parish nurses. Check out our website on www.faithnursing.co.nz and let us know what we can do to respond to your needs. You will notice that Diane Webster has now taken on the mantle of National Coordinator and she is keen to support you in your work. Please pray for her in this new role and for the Board as they work on your behalf.

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they will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not faint".*

Isaiah 40:31



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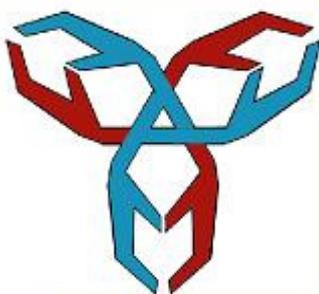
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From Around the World



World Forum updates:

Hungary

Helen Wordsworth has recently been in Budapest, Hungary, making a presentation on parish nursing to the Conference of European Churches Mission Consultation

Swaziland

Thandiwe Dlamini has returned to Swaziland from South Africa, where she was teaching parish nurse basic preparation again this year. She writes, "The training in the Archdiocese of Durban went exceptionally well as the recruitment of the nurses was very good. There were nine nurses, two of them male nurses, one a refugee from the Democratic Republic of Congo., who is already working with refugees. Now the parish Nurse programme will go on very well in the diocese."

Kenya

Please keep both Thandiwe and Helen in your prayers from February 27 to March 6, as they travel with Debbie Marsh and another parish nurse from the UK to introduce parish nursing in Kenya. There is a diocesan partnership there that is interested in exploring parish nursing.

Madagascar

Maureen Daniels, Director of Parish Nursing at Deaconess Parish Nurse Ministries in St. Louis will be traveling to Madagascar to present the parish nursing basic preparation class there. The curriculum has been translated into French and funding and potential parish nurses are being identified.

Zimbabwe & Mozambique

Conversations are well underway between Martha Erbach, IPNRC educational partner at Shenandoah University and faculty at Africa University in Zimbabwe to teach parish nursing basic preparation there for parish nurses from Zimbabwe and Mozambique. Africa University is a private university sponsored by the United Methodist Church, attracting students from all around Africa.

India

We look forward to welcoming Dr. Able, retired director of RUHSA at Vellore Medical College in India here at the IPNRC in the next couple of weeks

Germany

In March, we also will have the pleasure of welcoming Mattias Dargel, CEO of the Kaiserswerth Diakonie, where Florence Nightingale received

nursing training and where the idea of the "parish deaconess" was born.

There are also a number of parish nurses from the United States and Canada who have been involved in international mission trips. Parish nursing does seem to draw one out of one's comfortable backyard into the world's garden, doesn't it?

New Zealand



Valerie Sirrett attended the Westberg Symposium and World Forum in St Louis, Missouri last October. To read her report go to www.faithnursing.co.nz

Kiev

I'm doing Parish nursing...but without the credentials. The mission organization I am working with sponsors about 500 widows each week with basic food to live on and give medical aid as needed. I visit these ladies when they go into the hospital and care for their physical needs along with a nurse and nurse aid who I have trained. We wash hair and bodies and give clean clothes as well as vitamins and toiletries. We then pray and read the bible with them, and develop a plan of care as to follow up and treatment. Sometimes treatment is as benign as one follow up visit to home. Sometimes it is more complicated such as wound care and teaching sterile/clean technique for a person with open wounds. All this with the major goal of spiritual growth and care, not only to the patient, but also to the roommates in the hospital or family at home. We give emotional, physical and spiritual support.

Pam D'Andre -for more information on this mission visit www.MusicMissionKiev.org & click on Pam D'Andre

The Bahamas

Parish Nursing was introduced to The Bahamas as an extension of the Pastoral Care Ministries of Diocese 2000 & Beyond, a programme of the Anglican Diocese of The Bahamas.

The ministry of Parish Nursing and Health Care Ministry is a collaborative effort between church and state. Parish Nursing and Health Care Ministries was launched in the Bahamas on 4th February 2005 at the opening service. The introductory course spanned a three week period and brought together nurses from various denominations and they were certified and commissioned on 27th February 2005.



LIBRARY - NZFCNA would like to start a library of books, DVD's and resources that would be useful for FCN's.

- Do you know anyone who would be able to fulfill the role of librarian? Catalogue books, Keep track of books etc.
- Do you have any books or DVD's that would be useful and you would like to donate?

Please e- mail Diane admin.faithnursing@xtra.co.nz

Regional Reports



Auckland

There are 5 new churches starting under the ADHB scheme and these nurses would be keen to attend the conference. I am planning on gathering them together with the others in Auckland in April as they will all be on board, Margaret met with Sr. Judith Mouch while she was visiting and had a great time
Otherwise all is going well and we look forward to having you all up for the conference at Long Bay.
Angela Anderson.

Bay of Plenty

Dorothy and Jan have been active in support of the healthcare needs of the Elim church community. This involves visiting church members who have health problems; weekly clinic time where we give advice, follow up with weight and diet /food management advice, and prepare leaflets with health education emphasis. We presented a questionnaire to the church at the end of last year and the response was very good and the planned presentations, displays etc. are based on that response. I recently went Te Awamutu and spoke about FCN and setting up in their new church. This is Joan's initiative and her pastor is very enthusiastic. The talk was very well received. I have a 3 month visit to Scotland/England and Israel. I hope to interest Israeli Believers in FCN as a viable support for their congregations, and meet many friends. The whole trip is a gift from the Lord!
Praise God for continued interest in the church and among others in the wider church community in Tauranga and pray that we may be able to see FCN expand in the Bay of Plenty/Waikato areas.
Dorothy Finlay

Hawkes Bay/Manawatu

FCN is continuing to develop slowly for me here in Hawkes Bay. I continue to work on a voluntary basis through St Mary's Catholic Church, Taradale and feel that over the past year there have been positive developments made. In 2006 I introduced a successful health education programme to the parish, and I am planning more education sessions for 2007. I aim to focus on Woman's and Men's health and to hold separate sessions with visiting speakers. I felt blessed to have Sister Judith Mouch from Detroit visit earlier this month. I continue to receive referrals mainly from the hospital chaplain. I received a referral this week from the Village Coordinator of one of our Rest Homes. I was delighted that the Ministry is developing and becoming recognised in the community. I recently accepted the role of regional coordinator for the Manawatu region until such time as some one else is appointed. I have sent e-mails to the four Catholic nurses from Wanganui informing them of my support and I also enquiring as to how the Ministry was developing in the region
I continue to thank God for all the blessings I have received since commencing this Ministry and marvel at the work of the Holy Spirit.
Anne Simonsen

Wellington

Parish nursing is just bounding ahead here. The diocese through the Anglican social services board has made grants to two parishes to set up in the last six months. Helen Boorman and I have been given a letter of authority from the Bishop, which is a Diocesan license to carry out this ministry in a recognized form by the Diocese. Maureen Ashton who lives at Waikanae which is very close to us here in Otaki puts in a good number of hours in the Waikanae parish, and here we have two of us also putting in considerable hours. The PHO are aware of our work and the local medical practices are becoming more used to us being in contact with patients, providing transport, along with advocacy and education. Maureen is also the outreach nurse employed at the medical centre here for 20 hours a week, so there is quite a lot of sharing of work load and referral going on. The PHO in Otaki is well supported with various nurses etc working in specialized areas that are happy to have referrals from us also. Hopefully this will mean that patients are getting the best possible education and care. It really is quite exciting to be at this stage in our community. We also attend when possible nurses in-service /education programs at Levin, and can access Kapiti coast programs as well. It has for me, been good to have another nurse so close, and so we do a lot of peer support with each other. Looking forward to an exciting 2007 and know that this field of nursing is going to grow as people become aware of us.
Jenny Campbell

Nelson

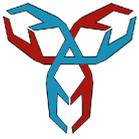
Wonderful news – Valerie Sirrett Parish Nurse for the Cathedral in Nelson has been successfully audited by Nursing Council. Elaine Tyrrell recently went to the UK for a holiday and had a great time. Elaine met up with Revd Helen Wordsworth, Co-ordinator of Parish Nursing Ministry in the UK, and Revd Debbie Hodge. The Health Outreach programme which I am involved with at All Saints Church here in Nelson had a successful commissioning in October 2006. We are in the process of developing a programme for this year. Parish Nursing is a wonderful ministry to be involved with and may the Lord continue to bless this ministry.
Jane Maries

Canterbury/West Coast

The Canterbury/West Coast database continues to grow as a result of the October workshop. Diane visited Marjorie and Francis on the West Coast in November and had an encouraging time hearing their respective stories. Marjorie from Greymouth has offered to write a record of her journey into Faith Community Nursing for publication in our newsletter and website. Francis from Hokitika, who works part time as a tutor with the Coast Polytech, has arranged a workshop for us to present FCN around the title of Holistic Care looking at Spirituality and Mental Health. It is a challenge but we have enlisted Wyatt Butcher's help to cover this topic with Lesley and me introducing FCN as a model of nursing addressing these topics. Three FCN meet with Sister Judith Mouch in January and talked about the development of the ministry in the USA and the relative issues we both face. It was wonderful to talk the talk and feel the connection as Christian nurses embarking on the same mission across the world. We have approached our local Canterbury Polytechnic asking for an opportunity to present FCN to the nursing students. We look forward to continue doors opening and thank God for the privilege to share with others this wonderful ministry.

*He went to him and bandaged his wounds,
pouring on oil and wine.
Then he put the man on his own donkey,
and took care of him.*

Luke 10:34 NIV



NEW ZEALAND FAITH COMMUNITY NURSES ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE 2007

'Gaining altitude for a clearer vision!'

Isaiah 40:31

Registered nurses working within pastoral teams have the privilege and responsibility to promote holistic health in their faith communities.

This is a demanding role requiring spiritual maturity, professional experience and highly developed communication skills.

This conference will provide opportunities for the following:

- *How to stay spiritually healthy*
- *Explore your spiritual gifting*
- *Develop your professional skills and talents*
- *Introductory modules for Faith Community Nurses*
- *Time out for reflection, refreshment and opportunity for ministry in prayer*
- *Enjoy national and international networking*

INTERNATIONAL SPEAKERS – Dr Anne Van Loon-Australia; Debbie Hodge-UK
Plus **NZ GUEST SPEAKERS**

WHERE: Vaughan Park, Torbay, Auckland
www.vaughanpark.org.nz

WHEN: 16-18th October 2007

FURTHER DETAILS AND REGISTRATION:

Email: admin.faithnursing@xtra.co.nz

Web Site : www.faithnursing.co.nz

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Websites

The Disability Spirituality & Faith Network

The Network has a vision to foster understanding and strengthen links between the disability and faith communities. Some of our members more closely identify with either a faith or disability community, others connect strongly with both. This diversity enriches our dialogue and challenges us all.

Aims & Objectives

- To encourage and promote dialogue within and between the faith and disability communities.
- To provide a place for disability communities to explore spirituality
- To advocate for disability issues within faith communities.
- To engage in theological reflection on disability within Aotearoa New Zealand.
- To promote discussion on ethical issues including those that affect human rights.
- To encourage and promote programmes for, with and between Disability and Faith communities.

Website: <http://dsfnetwork.org/>

Yahoo Groups forum - http://groups.yahoo.com/group/disability_spirituality_faith/

Diabetes: PUMP IT UP

Information about diabetes and insulin pumps

PUMP IT UP is designed to support people with diabetes and their families/friends who are using insulin pumps or are thinking about using an insulin pump. We are an independent group that offers no allegiance to any manufacturer. Our prime objectives are to increase the awareness and understanding of insulin pump therapy and have it funded by the Ministry of Health.

Website: www.pumpitup.co.nz

Parish nursing heals 'body, mind, spirit' in local congregations

By Pat McCaughan

This is the title of an article from the Episcopal News Service, January 2007.

To read this article go to http://www.episcopalchurch.org/3577_81007_ENG_HTM.htm

Please Pray:



- † For the board as they plan the October Conference, that they would know God's leading
- † Pray that the right speakers will be available, that plans will go smoothly
- † Pray that nurses who feel called to the FCN ministry will be able to attend
- † For Diane as the National Co-ordinator
- † Pray for Lisa Sinclair a fellow parish nurse from the US, as she completes her season of Parish Nursing and moves to Milwaukee with her husband where he will take on a new pastoral position, and where she will take a 6 month sabbatical

Be joyful always, pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

From the Editor

Hi everyone, here is the first newsletter for 2007. As you can see Faith Community Nursing continues to blossom in Aotearoa.

The board had a productive meeting in Nelson earlier this month planning the October Conference. It will be great. Try and make it a priority to attend. A time for learning and for fellowship with other Christian Nurses.

This is your newsletter so if there is anything you think should be included, if you would like to write about your area of FCN, or maybe a book review please contact me. krist@adhb.govt.nz

*Thanks
God bless you in your ministry.*

Kris