



**NEW ZEALAND FAITH
COMMUNITY NURSES
ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER**

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CONFERENCE NEWS

**'FRESH BALM for FUTURE PRACTICE
CHRISTIAN NURSES ON THE FRONTIER'**

'Wai hou rongoa wairua e mahi a mua'



*Plan to be there- 26th – 29th September 2005
Registration forms from secretary*

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Editor's News:-

Praise God that **Charles is continuing to improve** and is able to support Elaine in the preparation of Conference. This is a **real answer to prayer**. Let us continue to pray for him for complete wellness.

Elaine has undertaken much of the organisation with the support of **Diane, Wendy** and other Board members and we are so grateful to her for her great enthusiasm and support.

Sadly Elaine will be stepping down from the role of Chairperson of the Board as from the AGM at Conference.

Pray for the person of God's choice to fill this role..

However she will be a constant encouragement to us all.

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PROFILES OF CONFERENCE

SPEAKERS:

We are greatly blessed to have very experienced and interesting speakers.

- **ANN VAN LOON**

The Course co-ordinator is *Dr Antonia (Anne) van Loon*, a Registered Nurse employed as Senior research Fellow at Royal District Nursing service South Australia. Anne is also at an adjunct faculty at Flinders University and Australian Lutheran College, where she developed and teaches in two subjects of the graduate Diploma of theology (Faith Community Nursing). Anne has years of experience as a lecturer/researcher within university nursing programs at undergraduate and postgraduate level. Anne was the FOUNDING Chairperson of Australian Faith Community Nurses Association Inc. (AFCNA) and is the current Director of Development. The Faith Community Nursing model used in this course was developed during a pilot demonstration project that formed the basis of Dr.van Loon's doctoral research.

- **THE REV. DUNCAN MACDONALD**

is the CEO of the Selwyn Foundation. He has various responsibilities in his ministry work in four Dioceses (including Ely.UK) and has worked for 29 years in Anglican Care with the Anglican Church, especially in the field of aged care. He is passionate about the church providing services from a Parish base. Prior to his appointment with Selwyn Foundation Duncan was responsible for all ACC rehabilitation in New Zealand. He has qualifications in management, planning, accounting, finances, therapy and counselling and Theology and has papers published on topics related to his fields of work. Duncan has an intense love of everything related to the outdoors and his pursuits have seen him visit Nepal twice on tramping trips and he has been to Antarctica. His work with the Selwyn Foundation encompasses partnerships with Parishes delivering services to the elderly within the wider community.

- **PROFESSOR ELAINE WAINWRIGHT**

Elaine is the founding professor and Head of the school of Theology at the University of Auckland. She is a New Testament scholar who has published

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CONFERENCE.**

internationally as well as providing workshops and lectures to international conferences, Elaine's current research is on the healing in Greco-Roman work and early Christianity. She will address gospel healing for today.

- **FRANCES RABONE**

has worked at Mary Potter Hospice for over ten years- initially as a Counsellor and for three years as a member of the Spiritual Care Team. She is licensed through the Anglican Church to heal and anoint. Frances is also Pastoral Minister in the Parish of St. Michael's, Kelburn. Until recently she was a volunteer chaplain on the renal ward at Wellington hospital. She holds a Teacher's Certificate and an Honours degree in Sociology

Frances' will address Spirituality in a Hospice Setting.

The session will focus on the broad definition of spiritual care at Mary Potter Hospice and the role of the spiritual carer as part of a multidisciplinary team. It will look at some of the spiritual issues surrounding patients and their families.

- **LESLEY BATTEN**

Lecturer School of health Sciences, Massey University.
Building a healthy community of faith nurses in new Zealand.

Improving the health of New Zealanders and reducing health inequalities requires nurses to build on what already works well and find innovative ways of meeting community needs in collaboration with other providers. Existing Government strategies provide some guidance in terms of structures and population approaches but there is a unique opportunity for faith nurses to make a difference at the community level. In her paper Lesley will explore issues being faced by nurses who are already working to improve community health. Meeting community health needs must also be balanced with a capacity building approach for the community of faith nurses and strategies to achieve this will be outlined.

- **REV. WYATT BUTCHER B.Min. B.Com (VPM) Dip. Teaching.**

Wyatt has a background in Property Management, Agriculture and Teaching before training for pastoral ministry in the 1990's. A personal family tragedy caused Wyatt and Janice to rethink their faith and ministry in recent

years. Wyatt now works part time as an Ecumenical Chaplain in Mental health at Hillmorton Psychiatric Hospital in Christchurch. He is also South Island Consultant on Community Ministries for Baptist Action.

Wyatt will address **Spirituality in Health Assessment**. In this seminar we will consider the question of “What is spirituality?” How can we assess another’s or our own spiritual condition and beliefs? Who should be assessing? We will consider the relationship between religion, psychology and other related fields of understanding. There will be an overview of some models of assessment.

Mental health in our community A brief look at some of the statistics and current situation in New Zealand. Some observations are based on personal journey of discovery at Hillmorton Hospital as to reasons for our burgeoning mental health difficulties. The difficulties of being a Christian practitioner in a secular environment. Bridging the gap between humanism/ science and theistic/spiritual worldviews. Delusion or demon, how can we tell, what can we learn and how might our response differ.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS:-

- You are responsible to arrange your own travel.
- Buses run from Auckland to Wellington down SH 1 and passes through Waikanae.
- Flights arrive at various times from all around the country at Wellington Airport. If you notify Diane early she may be able to advice transport help from Wellington by minibus.
- Trains run from Wellington stopping in Waikanae.

Please book your travel arrangement early to get discounts.

Conference will include lots of -

- Fun,
- Fellowship
- Food

Elaine passes on the following letter from a Parish Nurse in Australia.

“for those who have been praying for Milly, her husband died on May 29th.” Milly writes,

“Peter passed from this life to the next in the most beautiful way possible- in his sleep at home, totally prepared to meet his Creator whom he knew so well and who had sustained him throughout his deepest sufferings.

As a family we were prepared as well for Peter’s death. Our faith helped us to see death as part of life, the beginning of eternal life where all is as it should be. Milly says that Ecclesiastes 3 reminds us there is a ‘time to be born and a time to die.’”

What a demonstration of the grace of God in their lives.

- Good ideas
- Training in the how to do's of FCN.
- Encouragement

**THE GRACE OF OUR LORD
JESUS CHRIST**

**THE LOVE OF GOD OUR
FATHER**

**AND THE FELLOWSHIP OF
THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**REST AND ABIDE UPON YOU AS
YOU SERVE THE LORD.**

DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER
with Diane (secretary) for the
Conference and if you have not paid your
Membership fees of \$25 each please do so as soon as
possible. This is a legal requirement for professional
accountability.