

Latest News: July 2003

(Post FCN training course)

In the future we hope to produce a well set out newsletter but in the meantime here are some snippets which may help and/or interest you.

1. Please find attached the contact details for those at the training course.
2. Congratulations to Valerie Sirett licensed by Bishop Derek Eaton on July 6th at Nelson Cathedral and to Pauline French who was commissioned on July 13th at St Paul's Cathedral, Dunedin as Parish Nurse there – see attached article from Otago Daily Times. Marjorie Newcombe is to be commissioned in August in Greymouth and the Nelson team hope to attend! Elizabeth Hopper has August 26th pencilled in for her commissioning so prayers for her too. Wow!
3. Raewyn McDonagh is sharing the vision with Euan Saunders of the Northpoint Trust with a view of setting up this ministry – please pray for these negotiations
4. A group are planning to meet together in the Palmerston North/Hamilton area for network and support
5. Jenny Campbell has a new ministry position and is continuing to respond to requests to spread the word in the North Island – she recently spoke at a gathering where the Ministry coordinator for the Church of Wales was present so when he came to Nelson Cathedral on 20th July he had already heard of parish nursing! Please pray for Jenny as Bishop Tom Brown considers a Parish Nurse Advisor role in Wellington Diocese.
6. Elaine has met with Bishop Derek Eaton re setting up consistent policies and training with the Anglican Church of Aotearoa New Zealand and Polynesia and he met with the other Bishops on July 21st. He wishes her to address the Bishops at their training in October. Ross Downes may come for support.
7. Elaine met Annette King, Minister of Health at the opening of the new Nelson Hospital developments on July 19th and is attending a dinner when she will field questions in Nelson on July 25th. Guess which topic Elaine will be sharing when she is introduced?
8. For those who get the Kai Tiaki – check out the July edition. Faith is also writing an article for the August one. Thanks to Wendy Scott, the NZ Nursing Review has been in touch and they should have an article in July or August.
9. Lesley Simpson, the General Secretary of OSL, an old friend of Elaine's advises us that Order of St Luke is reducing its literature resources but "we have approx 5 copies of 'Sent to Heal' by Harold Taylor at \$19.95 ea plus postage. Also the Study Guides to go with the book at \$2 ea." They can be purchased from a Christian bookshop in Napier with a greek sounding name – can Petrus and Debra advise? Otherwise I will chase up the author – let me know who wants one. 1993 version is only version in NZ apparently.
10. Please find attached the minutes of the first meeting of NZFCNA. We thank the work of the Board of NZAFCN working since the training in Christchurch in 2001. We are looking for offers of interest and nominations to stand for the new Board of NZFCNA – some are already listed – PLEASE LET ELAINE KNOW BY AUGUST 19TH of others so we can send out details and get the two branches (in North and South Islands) working. We were thrilled at our

first meeting – excellent sharing and offers of help and support. Please pray for Elaine and Diane in their new roles.

11. We are going to start work on the **competencies** – is there anyone else other than those listed who are willing to develop one of these based on a template and provided with details from us of how to go about it? Let Elaine know asap. We thank Anne and AFCNA for their generosity in sharing all the foundation work they have done in developing standards to act as a basis for our work.
12. Thank you for the evaluation responses and the cards Elaine has received – some really kind words and helpful comments
13. Please let us know what you want included in a newsletter and send in items to share. Web sites, articles, training opportunities etc Check out the AFCNA newsletter on www.afcna.org.au Suggest next newsletter in October so need items by end of September please.
14. For those who did not get the definition of Faith Community Nursing:

“Faith Community Nursing is a form of advanced nursing practice distinguished by its endorsement of a faith based perspective of the person, which focuses nursing care on integration, nurture and restoration of the whole person in all their dimensions (physical, intellectual, psychosocial, spiritual).

The practice context is the faith community and the geographic or cultural community it serves.”

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15. Anyone wanting examples of FCN brochures let Elaine know. Postage appreciated.
16. Remember to check out the Health and Disability Code – below find the information Elaine sent to the Anglican Church:

Requirements of Parish Nurses per telephone conversation with Heather Verstraeten, Advocacy Services, Nelson 16/7/03

Under the Health and Disability Act 1994:

1. **Providers (ie Parish Nurses and the Church if providing such a service) need to be aware of the Code of Health and Disability Services Consumers’ Rights**
2. **Providers need to actively promote the Code in whatever way possible eg place Code on display board, hand out pamphlets with the Code**
3. **Providers need to set up a Complaints system within their organisation eg what to do if unhappy with the service – who to contact; comment box or questionnaires. Advise parishioners of the local Advocacy system and how to access it.**

Suggest that Churches contact local Advocacy service and acquire pamphlets.

The Act will form part of the training for Parish Nursing under the NZFCNA.

Strongly recommend that Anglican Church produces a policy on this compliance with the Code if not already in existence.

Further information:

Advocacy Services:

Nelson: 03 544 4116

Christchurch 03 377 7501

Dunedin 03 479 0265

Auckland 09 373 1060

Wellington 04 494 7900

Other areas 0800 11 22 33

Health and Disability Commissioner

09 373 1060 (tel) or 09 373 1061 (fax)

PO Box 1791 Auckland

www.hdc.org.nz

17. Anyone who would like a copy of the dedication service held on the final day of the training and was unable to attend, let Elaine know as there are a few spare copies.

May God bless us all richly as we seek to find out the next steps in this ministry for Him. Pray that we may continue to support one another and that all might be done to the Glory of God.

Shalom

Elaine

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