

NZFCNA Newsletter

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Chairperson's Report

Greetings and blessing to you all. As I begin the role of chairperson my first duty must be to pay tribute to Diane Webster who has held the roles of chairperson, treasurer, secretary and national coordinator for the last year. Diane has done these roles well and generously and her contribution to the well-being and progress of our organisation cannot be underestimated. She continues in the roles of national coordinator, treasurer and secretary, still a huge workload and enormous gift to us all. Helen Vaughn, new board member, has offered to assist in some of the secretarial work and I know Diane appreciates this. We are further blessed that Elaine Tyrrell continues her role as board advisor and we lean on her wisdom and experience frequently. I thank all these wonderful people on your behalf.

Our first serious board meeting took place in Auckland on Feb 19 & 20. We powered through a lot of agenda work, including goal setting for the year, and conference planning. We hope you will be able to come to the 2010 conference in Wellington on September 03 & 04. We've decided to have a non-residential conference this year, to allow people to choose accommodation according to their budget and hopefully enable more to come.

The theme is to be Transitions of life. This gives us a wide range of possibilities, as our lives and those we serve are full of transitions, small and large, and all more successfully experienced with Christ alongside us.

A major goal for the board this year is to identify support for each region and to work to provide what is appropriate for each region. Diane has communicated with the regional coordinators, and it would be helpful if you communicated your needs to your coordinator.

We ask that you pray for the board as we strive to provide the support and promotion that aids both the work of our association and the individuals who work in faith communities around New Zealand.

Every blessing

Elizabeth Niven





Regional Reports

Auckland

There will be Faith Community Nursing Regional Meeting on Saturday 20 March at 10am. It will be held again in the Training/Seminar room at Selwyn Retirement Village.

Please RSVP to Isabel Mordacai.

A quiet day for FCN's is planned for June, and another meeting planned for later in the year, Probably after the conference.

Hawkes Bay / Manawatu Region

Nicola Curtis is coordinating the meetings, which are proving to be valuable to all those involved in FCN in the Manawatu region.

Bay of Plenty

After many years of patiently waiting for the opportunity, Dorothy Finlay is commencing as a FCN in Holy Trinity Tauranga. The church has a large congregation, about 400 members, of whom a significant number are health professionals. Dot expects to be almost full time and was able to obtain her practising certificate on the basis of FCN.

Congratulations Dorothy!

Canterbury

A recent meeting was attended by eight nurses. Everyone introduced themselves and gave an update on their practice. The Bishop of Canterbury is supportive of Faith Community Nursing within region. There is an opportunity to present Faith Community Nursing at a Clergy retreat in April. A suggestion was made to use CD Health Board calendar within the Faith Community Nurse role. Diane Webster has made herself available to review individual nurses' set up of practice.

For where two
or three are
gathered
together in My
name, I am there
in the midst of
them."

Matthew 18:20
NKJ

2010 WESTBERG SYMPOSIUM - USA

A Westberg Symposium to remember, plan now to attend.
24th Annual Westberg Symposium, "Thriving in a Changing World,"
to be held September 17-19, 2010
at the Embassy Suites and Convention Center in
St. Charles, Missouri

The Lord is my strength
and shield. I trust him with
all my heart. He helps me,
and my heart is filled with
joy. I burst out in songs
of thanksgiving.
Psalm 28:7
NLT

From IPNRC enotes www.parishnurses.org

New Role for our Patron

Our Patron, the Very Revd Charles Tyrrell says farewell on Easter Sunday to the congregation of Nelson Cathedral where he has worked as Dean and Vicar for the past 16 years. He has been appointed as the Bishop's Advisor for the Care of Older People in Nelson Diocese. This is a new role which Charles has to develop and was created in response to the increasing population of those reaching retirement age including the Baby Boomers. Whilst the focus is on spiritual care, there is an understanding that this should be addressed holistically and Charles will be given the opportunity to develop his role as Patron of NZFCNA in tandem with this new position. We thank God for this means of developing the parish nurse role as Charles will be able to address the needs of sharing the vision with his fellow clergy and pastors throughout New Zealand as well as supporting parish nurses

Samoa Health Mission Tsunami Relief Project

A recent report has highlighted the wonderful work that has been done by volunteer nurses since the tsunami in Samoa. This is in spite of having very little medical equipment and limited supplies.

One nurse said, "I am still so amazed today at how hard the nurses work there, yet with only very minimal resources available. I was even more amazed at the dressing resources available – being just gauze, cotton buds, eusol, savlon and saline – yet they do such fantastic work. I came away thinking just how lucky we are here in NZ to be given and have available so many different resources for our diabetes management and wound care?"

Another commented on the difficulty sourcing supplies,

"The problem with the glucometers is that they find sourcing the consumable such as the strips are very difficult. Our main goal for this was to have our local people here be aware of the need for their unused, stock piled glucometer strips in their homes and how we could send them to Samoa for a good cause."



† Please pray for the people of Samoa and the Healthcare Workers as they recover and rebuild.

† If you are able to help with the supply of consumables, e.g. test strips please let us know.

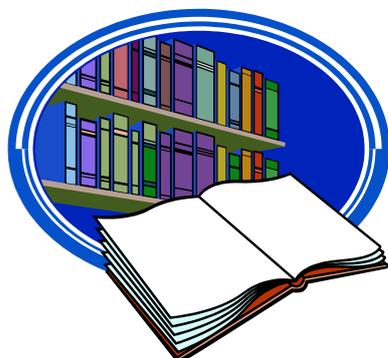
Please pray for:

- † *The members of the Board as they support FCN's around NZ*
- † *The Conference team as they begin to plan and organise.*
- † *Charles Tyrrell, our patron as he moves into his new role*
- † *FCN's and those considering this ministry around NZ*
- † *Healthcare Workers in Samoa.*

Kinder Library

Remember that as a member of the NZFCNA you can access the Kinder Library. They have a selection of books related to Faith Community / Parish Nursing.

For more information see their website:
www.kinderlibrary.ac.nz



From the Editor,

This is the first of this year's newsletters. As always there is much happening within the Faith Community Nursing Ministry throughout New Zealand. It is wonderful to see the acceptance of FCN growing among the churches.

As you will have read the 2010 conference will be held in Wellington, September 3rd & 4th. Make this a priority for the year as it is a wonderful way to network and share with other FCN's and to be encouraged in your work.

May the Lord Bless you.

Kris Telfer

HEALTH MINISTRY

Christ's love in action

AFCNA Conference

April 7-9, 2010

Campion Centre of Ignatian
Spirituality
99 Studley Park Road, Kew, Victoria

Stream 1: Introducing health ministry to
your Christian faith community

Stream 2: No health without mental health:
No mental health without spiritual health



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