

*Be the living expression of God's kindness,
kindness in your face,
kindness in your eyes,
kindness in your smile.*
Mother Teresa

Chairpersons Report

Hard to believe that we are now settled into a new Parish here in Levin, all family members (two and four legged variety) made the shift relatively easy. Life will settle into a normal rhythm once both children are back in school.

In between all board members busy lives Faith Community nursing work continues on. The board is organizing an exciting week-end of strategic planning over the 25/26 March in Wellington. Please pray for us as we move into this phase of developing our sustainability and growth over the coming years. We are still a small group of workers but our commitment has been enormous, we believe that with sound planning and management of what resources we have we can develop a structure to support the ongoing development of Faith Community Nursing here in Aotearoa New Zealand.

We have our regional support people in place, I encourage you all to utilize these people as resource people, perhaps as speakers to groups where there may be interest regarding Parish Nursing.

I have a request to help with the ongoing promotion of Parish Nursing, I am interested in developing a national database of just where everyone is practicing. It doesn't matter how big or small your situation is. This information will be invaluable for conference planning, for future seeding of Parish Nursing and as an overall resource base. This information will be utilized by the board alone.

Please send your name, number, e mail address, denomination and a small description of your work (i.e. Whether funded or not, hours worked etc). munford@inspire.net.nz

God Bless you all,

Wendy Scott

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NEXT NZCFNA ONE DAY SEMINAR

Will be in September this year.

Check next newsletter for more details

Education Opportunities

Unite:

There are post-graduate courses available at Unitec that may be of interest to you including -

- * Migrant & Refugee Health Semester 1, 2006 (Feb.20th)

The aim of this course is to equip practitioners to work in effective partnerships with communities in the area of refuge and refugee health.

- * Long Term Health Needs Semester 2 2006

The aim of this course is to equip practitioners to work as effective autonomous leaders in the field of long term health care

- * Healthcare Ethics Semester 2 2006

The course's aim is to extend moral and ethical knowledge required in increasingly complex health environments.

For more information contact Elizabeth Niven, Programme Coordinator,
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CAPS: Centre for Aging and Pastoral Studies

Offers courses by distance education through Charles Sturt University in Australia.

www.centreforaging.org.au

CAPS Conference

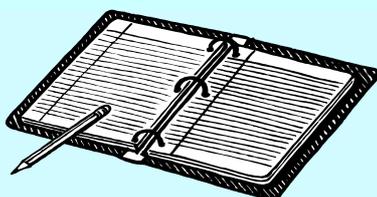
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IPNRC eNotes

From International Parish Nurse Resource Center

Westberg Symposium: The 20th Westburg Symposium,

“New Horizons: Changes, Challenges, and Choices” will be held in St. Louis from October 6-8, 2006.

Healing Words for Healing People;

Recently released is a book of prayers and meditations for health professionals by Deborah Patterson.

Published by The Pilgrim Press it is available at

<http://www.thepilgrimagepress.com/>, or order through your local Christian Bookstore.

Parish Nurse Resources for Sexual Abuse Survivors

Anne Van Loon, RN, PhD, of the Australian Faith Community Nurses Association, recently completed two books which are available free online for people wanting to do group work with women who are survivors of child sexual abuse (CSA).

She writes, “The books have received a fantastic reception from CSA survivors and the service providers to this group of women. The women's book is called *Reclaiming Myself after Child Sexual Abuse*. It is a guided 'self-help' book which can be used to work one-on-one with a woman survivor, or it can form the basis of group work. The process we used is described in the second book, *Facilitating Transition after Child Sexual Abuse*. Any person interested in downloading the books can find them at http://www.rdns.org.au/research_unit.

Check the www.parishnurses.org for more

PORTFOLIOS

If you are in the Auckland region and are struggling with your portfolio, I am an

assessor for my hospital and would be

happy to assist you to put it together.

You can e-mail me krist@adhb.govt.nz

Lead your life by example and shine the light that is within you, where all will be encouraged and blessed because of your living testimony.

Just up the road from my home is a field, with two horses in it. From a distance, each looks like every other horse. But if one stops the car, or is walking by, one will notice something quite amazing.

Looking into the eyes of one horse will disclose that he is blind. His owner has chosen not to have him put down, but has made a good home for him. This alone is amazing.

Listening, one will hear the sound of a bell. Looking around for the source of the sound, one will see that it comes from the smaller horse in the field. Attached to her halter is a small bell. It lets her blind friend know where she is, so he can follow her.

As one stands and watches these two friends, one sees how she is always checking on him, and that he will listen for her bell and then slowly walk to where he is trusting that she will not lead him astray.

Like the owner of these two horses, God does not throw us away just because we are not perfect or because we have problems or challenges.

He watches over us and even brings others into our lives to help us when we are in need. Sometimes we are the blind horse being guided by God and those whom He places in our lives. Other times we are the guide horse, helping others see God.

Author Unknown

Part of an article submitted by Dorothy Finlay

PRAYER POINTS

Please pray for the board as they prepare for their planning weekend over the 25th and 26th of March.

Please also pray for the Faith Community Nurses working around NZ. Pray that they would find support for their ministry and that new opportunities will open up for them over this year.

Pray also for nurses considering faith community nursing.



Tauranga Region

Dorothy Finlay is looking at setting up a FCN program at her local Elim church this year, with another nurse from that congregation. She is also arranging to speak to a group of retired Christian nurses about the FCNs to encourage prayer support locally and nationally. They are apparently great prayers and very interested in Christian nurses

Along with Anne Davidson she organised a potluck supper before Christmas for 5 nurses in the Tauranga area.

Auckland Region

Angela Anderson will be organising a get together for Auckland FCN's in the near future.

From the Editor

Hi everyone, we are now well into the New Year and for me at least, the holidays seem a long time ago. Everyone seems very busy on the FCN front.

If you have any experiences you would like to write a few paragraphs about for inclusion in this newsletter please email me at krist@adhb.govt.nz. Thank you.

May the lord bless you.

Kris Telfer.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him,
so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13 (NIV)