

*The LORD is compassionate and gracious; slow to anger, abounding in love.
Psalm 103:8 NIV*

Chairperson's Report

Dear All,

Currently I am halfway through my deacon year here in Levin and have currently been accepted for priestly ordination which will happen at the end of November, certainly a busy time for me and family but we still have our head above water and smiles on our faces thanks to God.

I hope that like me you are organising annual leave, funding and booking of tickets and last but not least registration for the conference in Christchurch on the 28th of October. If you have a look at the web site you will see it is a full day. We can't help ourselves; we wanted to make the most of having nurses and people of God interested in faith and health in one space at one time. So come prepared for a full but what we believe will be an enjoyable day. The committee has worked hard to put together a programme that will not only inform but stimulate discussion around Parish Nursing. Please take the opportunity over the next month to think of others in your faith communities, your work place who might be interested in this movement, perhaps they would like to come along. As board members we find that most of the growth in Parish Nursing has occurred through word of mouth. So please use this time to share the story of Parish Nursing with those around you.

I look forward to meeting old friends and making new friends in October. Remember that with God's help we can bring about positive change not just for ourselves but for our faith communities.

Blessings

Wendy Scott

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Education Opportunities

Unitec:

There are post-graduate courses available at Unitec that may be of interest to you in Semester 2, starting the 24th July

* Long Term Health Needs

Helpful for anyone working with people whose illness or conditions are going to present issues over a prolonged period of time. Thus it could mean people with a disability, asthma, cancer, migraine etc; and those family members caring for them.

* Healthcare Ethics

A review of ethical theory, incorporating the current challenges of our modern world.

Unitec are offering a 50% fee reduction into semester 2, and would welcome new members into their classes

For more information contact Anne Keall, Programme Administrator.
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Primary Healthcare Nursing Post-Graduate Scholarships

Applications are invited for NZRN's wishing to apply for scholarships in the second semester of the 2006 academic year. These scholarships are to support nurses currently practising in primary health care settings to undertake post-graduate nursing courses in primary health care.

Closing date for applications is **5th July 2006**

For further information and application forms see the Ministry of Health website » Health Topics » N » Nursing Scholarships.
Website: www.moh.govt.nz

SORRY this will be too late, but check the website for next year's scholarships.

Quoted in a recent sermon at Nelson Cathedral:

Forgiveness is to release, to let go, to relinquish and get rid of sin—ours and those we've been victimized by.
(Dr. Lewis Smedes, wrote about what forgiveness is not.)

Here are some things that forgiveness does not mean.

- ❖ *When you forgive a person, this does not mean you are immediately healed.*
- ❖ *When you forgive a person, this does not mean you are going to be close friends.*
- ❖ *When we forgive a person, this does not mean we surrender the right to restitution or justice when appropriate.*
- ❖ *When we forgive a person, this does not mean that we trust them, yet.*
- ❖ *When we forgive a person, we are not avoiding pain; we are opening the door to healing.*

When we forgive, we take the journey at the pace we are able to handle...the deeper the hurt, the longer the journey.

CONGRATULATIONS!

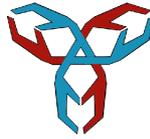
Charles Tyrell was made a Companion of the Queen's Service Order (QSO) for services to the community, in the recent Queen's Birthday Honours list. Part of this was for developing Parish Nursing in New Zealand. Charles is Dean of Nelson Cathedral and is married to Elaine Tyrell.



"Do all the good you can by all the means you can in all the places you can at all the times you can to all the people you can as long as ever you can."

"John Wesley

A ONE DAY SEMINAR FOR FAITH COMMUNITY NURSES



Come and Hear the Journey, Share in the Journey, help Build the Journey and be Empowered for the Journey as Christian nurses on the Frontier!

- ❖ This is an opportunity to explore the role of faith and healing in our current NZ society from a range of speakers and workshops.
- ❖ This workshop is for present and prospective Faith Community Nurses (Parish Nurses) to enhance their practice and ministry, giving opportunity for Nursing Council of NZ registration requirements.
- ❖ It will explore new skills and learning through panel discussion, practical workshops, and teaching sessions

Network, share experiences, and fellowship with other nurses and ministers from throughout New Zealand,

Keynote speakers: Dr Elizabeth Niven; Rev Wyatt Butcher

WHERE: Avonhead Baptist Church, Christchurch

WHEN: 28TH OCTOBER 2006

Further details and registration forms available on website:

www.faithnursing.co.nz

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Remember you can add this to your education hours,
for your portfolio and practising certificate.

ATTITUDE AND PERCEPTION

There once was a woman who woke up one morning, looked in the mirror, and noticed she had only three hairs on her head.

"Well," she said, "I think I'll braid my hair today." So she did and she had a wonderful day.

The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror and saw that she had only two hairs on her head.

"H-M-M," she said, "I think I'll part my hair down the middle today." So she did and she had a grand day.

The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror and noticed that she had only one hair on her head.

Well," she said, "Today I'm going to wear my hair in a pony tail." So she did and she had a fun, fun day.

The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror and noticed that there wasn't a single hair on her head.

"YEAH!" she exclaimed, "I don't have to fix my hair today!"

Attitude and Perception are everything.
Have a Good Day

Update from Wanganui

We are working steadily though have not yet branched out to education and running clinics.

This is because all four of us are so busy. Ruth Portland has been made Nurse Manager of the Home of Compassion in Wanganui. A wonderful position but of course this cuts down her available time.

We are recognised however, and it is surprising how often a call goes out to us.

For me, I had no idea the Spiritual aspect would predominate but it does.

I have found myself at the Hospice, not only giving Communion to the dying but running an impromptu prayer time with family. What privilege. When I look back, it is the unexpected that I believe has been my calling here.

One beautiful 40 year old (just happens to be my friend) who had a subarachnoid haemorrhage 6/12 ago, now receives communion from me once a week. Last week she asked if she could light the candle!

She is in a brain injury unit and the nursing staff are mind boggled at her responses when it comes to the Spiritual aspect. I took her to Mass one Sunday and she sang every word off the overhead!

God is good.

Next year I hope to get another 1/2 day that I can put into the work.

Pat may also do this.

Val Southcomb

From Auckland

Great news for Margaret Chiaroni, parish nurse at St John the Baptist Anglican Church in Northcote. Her position has been funded for another three years.

A get together for the Auckland area has been planned for July.

Angela Anderson

IPNRC eNotes - *from the International Parish Nurses Resource Centre.*

From the United Kingdom

Rev. Helen Wordsworth, Regional Minister for the Central Baptist Association of the UK, provides support to 150 congregations from London to the Midlands of Great Britain. She has also worked as a nurse, midwife, health visitor, and nurse educator, and continues this part of her ministry today as the **Director of Parish Nursing Ministries in the UK.**

This group has **grown to include 30 parish nurses** of various denominations, including Baptist, Church of England (Anglican), and Methodist, Salvation Army, Brethren and Pentecostal congregations. Currently, there are **five parish nurse coordinators in the UK**, with plans underway to add two more. For more information, visit their website at <http://www.parishnursing.co.uk/>.

“New Horizons: Changes, Challenges, and Choices” Westberg Symposium

The 20th Westberg Parish Nurse Symposium will be held at the Hyatt Regency, Union Station, St. Louis, from October 6-8, 2006. The featured keynote speaker will be Dr. Timothy Johnson, Medical Editor for ABC News, who holds joint positions at Harvard University and Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. He is the author and editor of numerous of health-related books and journals, as well as the recently-released spiritual memoir, [Finding God in the Questions: A Personal Journey](#).

For information on other IPNRC, publications, news items and resources, visit the IPNRC website at www.parishnurses.org.

From the Editor

Hello everyone, we are well and truly into winter, (in case you hadn't noticed!). I love the variety of ways Faith Community Nurses find to serve in their church families and communities. People are so creative. Please continue to pray for one another.

Please send me any items, testimonies etc. you would like me to include in the next newsletter.

May God bless you.

Kris Telfer.

When we honestly ask ourselves which person in our lives means the most to us, we often find that it is those who, instead of giving advice, solutions, or cures, have chosen rather to share our pain and touch our wounds with a warm and tender hand.

The friend who can be silent with us in a moment of despair or confusion, who can stay with us in an hour of grief and bereavement, who can tolerate not knowing, not curing, not healing and face with us the reality of our powerlessness, that is a friend who cares.

Henri Nouwen,
Out of Solitude.