



e-Messenger

The Methodist Church of New Zealand ~ Te Hāhi Weteriana O Aotearoa

"Our Church's Mission in Aotearoa New Zealand is to reflect and proclaim the transforming love of God as revealed in Jesus Christ and declared in the Scriptures. We are empowered by the Holy Spirit to serve God in the world. The Treaty of Waitangi is the covenant establishing our nation on the basis of a power-sharing relationship, and will guide how we undertake mission".



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Official Communications

A Message from the President and Vice President

Since the November Conference, the presidential team has attended to different meetings, parish celebrations and other activities within the life of our church.

The Saturday following conference President John and Vice President Olive were present at the opening of the Vahefonua Tonga's new parsonage in Mt Eden, and it was a lovely celebration and a beautiful parsonage for the superintendent of Vahefonua Tonga to reside with her family. The following week President John travelled to Christchurch on an earthquake solidarity visit. President John made pastoral contact with several presbyters and attended some meetings. One of these was with supernumeraries and widows. He felt great sadness when visiting the Durham Street Church site as he was presbyter there in the 1980s. Later in the month John travelled with the Tumuaki, Diana Tana, to Kawhia for the church anniversary there. This was followed by another supernumeraries gathering at Pakuranga for folk from the Auckland and Manukau districts. At the end of the month president John attended and participated in the service of reception of the Khyber Pass Fijian congregation into the Auckland Central Parish.

In December President John attended the Connexional Financial Review Committee and the Law revision Committee meetings. He also attended and participated in the Tamil Congregation carol service at Epsom, the Deaf Christian Fellowship 40th anniversary service at Avondale, and attended the Freddy de Alwis induction at Pakuranga Church.

In January John was present at the Ratana celebrations at Ratana Pa in the company of the Tumuaki Diana Tana and Rex Nathan. He attended two funerals in this month, for Loraine Reid in Christchurch, and David Alley in Auckland.

In February resident John and Vice president Olive were at the Powhiri to welcome new students attending Wesley College and their families. This was followed by the Service of Beginnings that was led by the presidential team. It was a great event for our young students and it was well attended by representatives of the student parents and families, the school community, representatives of the College Board and Board of trustees

Go well and have a blessed year.

President John and Vice president attended the Waitangi Day celebration at Waitangi and while they were in Paihia were privileged to take part at the Paihia Uniting church Sunday service and also at Russell. After the Waitangi celebration on Monday John and Olive joined the Trinity College course in Te Taitokerau on Tuesday and Wednesday.

In December Olive was present at the changing over of roles and responsibilities in managing of properties and finances from the English speaking congregation to the Samoan speaking parish in Hastings.



Also fitted in since Conference have been pastoral visits by President John. Most of these were to supernumeraries and widows. President John will do more of these as time permits. He sees pastoral care as an important part of the presidential role. These visits have been a way of affirming the ministry of these people and letting them know they are still valued by the church. There has also been a lot of correspondence to attend to, including heaps of e-mails.

So it is with some relief John has handed over the Mission and Ecumenical Secretary position to Rev Prince Devanandan. He now has more time to concentrate on being President, which he is finding is a demanding but fulfilling role.

Grace and peace

John and Olive

Appointment of new President's Legal Advisor

I have much pleasure in informing the Connexion that we now have a new President's Legal Advisor following the resignation of David Smith who was appointed a District Court Judge in December.

Howard Lawry is the appointee. Howard is a barrister with considerable experience in litigation. He has a considerable range of experience as a barrister. Howard is a member of the Law Revision Committee of the Methodist Church of New Zealand which is responsible for keeping the Laws and Regulations of the Church up to date with the needs of the Church. He was involved in writing and assembling the discipline procedures for the church. Howard is a member of the Disciplinary Procedures Tribunal for the Church. He is a member of the Mt Albert Methodist Church where he has served as a Parish Steward and is currently the Parish Council Chairperson.

John H Roberts
President



A Message from the General Secretary

February is the month of new beginnings. We especially celebrate with Parishes and Presbyters where there are new ministries. The Crossway congregation where I am a member is enjoying moving into the hall at Aldred in the St Albans Uniting Parish – a larger, more flexible venue than the Rest Home lounge which they have used in the last 8 months. In February there is a sense of freshness, hopefulness and excitement as we consider the possibilities of the New Year.

May this life of the Spirit guide us all through 2012.

These first few weeks of the year have been very busy in the Connexional Office. Wendy has done an amazing job preparing the Yearbook and Conference Minutes for printing. This is a mammoth task as we do our best to ensure every detail is correct. A big thumbs up for all who sent through their changes of details in December. This year the details of 'Hospital Chaplains' and the 'In Memoriam' pages are online, reducing the printing costs and paper required by 21 reams!



Greg Wright and the Property and Insurance Team continue to have their time dominated by the effects of the Christchurch earthquakes. The aftershocks of 23 December saw three churches closed until detailed assessment could be carried out. The Christchurch North property is now deemed too unsafe to use. While the congregation is happily housed in the hall of the local Roman Catholic Church, the more than 50 groups who used the premises are significantly inconvenienced.

The December aftershocks also affected negotiations for insurance cover. We are pleased that the Methodist and Anglican Churches have been working very closely together on insurance matters and that it has been possible to obtain insurance cover, including earthquake cover, for Methodist and Anglican properties. We are aware that the increased cost of insurance will be a cause of concern for many Parishes. Greg and I will be meeting with Synod Superintendents and Synod Property Secretaries in early March to consider how we will meet this and other challenges thrown up by the earthquakes.

Most of you will have seen the announcement from President John that Howard Lawry has been appointed as the President's Legal Advisor. This is an excellent appointment. Howard is a very experienced Barrister and Solicitor. His appointment continues long service to the Methodist Church by members of the Lawry family. Samuel Lawry was appointed first President of the MCNZ in 1913.

I will be attending the week-long World Methodist Council Steering Committee meeting at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina later this month. I will be leaving NZ late on 15 February and will be back in the office again on Monday 5 March. I will be reading/responding to emails and Wendy will also be monitoring emails and taking phone calls.

I recently read the provocative 'think piece' by Daniel Pink titled "Why you should have a bad idea every day". The rationale is that by letting your imagination run wild and describing the absolute worst solution, it gives people a canvas to place their better ideas. Because it's a 'bad idea' there is not the same defensiveness when our 'good ideas' are scrutinised, critiqued and corrected. Furthermore, the way-out 'bad ideas' are sometimes really good ideas, but we would not have had the courage to suggest such a big step. Daniel Pink has written some interesting books. I can recommend them.

Grace and peace

David





Connexional News

Travel and Study Grants Reminder 2012

Applications are invited for consideration
**These must be received by
February 15th**



Please note:

- Applications must be presented on the 2012 application form.
- All details including the 3 references, whenever possible references are to be attached to the application.
- Late applications or incomplete forms will be referred to the next meeting in June.
- The decision of the committee is final.

Application forms are available on the Methodist website or from the secretary Mary West
Email: maryw@west.net.nz.

Public Questions Network – January 2012 Newsletter

Please see the Methodist website for the Public Questions Network newsletter for January 2012
http://www.methodist.org.nz/public_questions_network

Congratulations - PHD Completed

Congratulations to Rev Susan Adams who was awarded a PhD in December 2011. Susan commenced this while she was engaged in the MTU Programme of Trinity College. The title is Wisdom to Act and it considers practical theology as both content and process of theological education and ministry formation. One of the programmes analysed was the MTU Programme. A copy of the thesis will be lodged in the Kinder Library.

Susan conveys her thanks to the Methodist Church for its support as she commenced this piece of work.

Will you be in the UK in September 2012?

Rev Robert Ward, the pioneer Primitive Methodist Missionary to New Zealand came from the Village of Sporle in Norfolk. This year marks the 150th Anniversary of the building of the present chapel, an event which will be marked on Sunday 16th September.

Rev Andrew MacKenzie has written to invite any NZ Methodists who might be in the UK at the time to come to Sporle for the occasion. Andrew can be contacted at epimeth@aol.com or you can advise the General Secretary at davidb@methodist.org.nz.



Do you enjoy creative liturgy?

Or would you like to contribute your insights to worship services?

Or does your congregation use SeasonsFUSION?

Seasons of the Spirit is offering a unique opportunity to join one or both of two exciting writing events as a writer or discussion participant!

Susan Burt, Coordinating Editor of Seasons of the Spirit will be leading these writing events to create resources for Lent-Easter 2014.

Friday 2 March 9.30am to 3.30pm

Saturday 3 Mar 9.30am to 5.00pm

at St John's Methodist Church, Hamilton
East

and

Friday 1 June 6.00pm to 9.00pm

Saturday 2 June 9.30am to 4.00pm

Sunday 3 June 12noon to 4.00pm
at Wesley Methodist Church,
13th Ave Tauranga

To register and for more information please contact Viv Whimster 07 578 6056 (home), 021 137 2349 (mob) or email jvwhim@actrix.co.nz

Red Beach Methodist Church - calling all bikies and those interested in motorbikes...

Come for a ride/drive to

Red Beach Methodist Church

76 Red Beach Road, Red Beach (Next to the Mobil service station)

for a Family Service

Sunday 29th February at 9:30am

speakers will be Amos and Steve, key leaders of the Redeemed Christian Motorcycle Group

This will be followed by the

Blessing of the Bikes at 11:00am

You are welcome to come to just the bike Blessing if you wish

There will be a BBQ to follow

More details: contact the Presbyter, Ian Hanley on 09 4100944

All makes and scooters welcome

Great ride, great people, great Blessings!





NOTE: a copy of the 2012 Information Leaflet and Application Form can be accessed on the Methodist website:

http://www.methodist.org.nz/organisations/methodist_women_s_fellowship

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

All previous Application Forms are now outdated

Master copy Application Forms for 2012 are available for **every Parish with a Methodist component**. Please display these prominently on your notice board and include in your information leaflets.

Each applicant is responsible to photocopy an Application Form as required

ONLY THE 2012 APPLICATION FORM WILL BE ACCEPTED

The Smethurst Committee values the co-operation of Presbyters in providing a reference in support of a grants request.

Please Note:

- 1. All applicants require a reference from their Presbyter or a recognised church leader.**
- 2. Where the applicant is studying away from home, a referee in support of the Grant request must be from the Parish where the applicant is currently attending.**

Please ensure that all applicants and referees read both sides of this Information leaflet PRIOR to making an application

Revised Information Leaflet (2012) or Information Leaflet Administration No.108 *Receivers of Inheritance* (pp 13-14) will give guidance in determining eligibility for assistance. The **updated information** is on the reverse side of this form.

Where the applicant is a Presbyter or partner of a Presbyter
the District Superintendent must be the Referee.

Closing dates for all Applications for 2012

20 March – 20 June – 20 October

No late Applications will be considered

Catherine Dickie
Convenor Smethurst Grants Committee
December 2012





Job Vacancies

Note: these advertisements are also available on the Methodist website
http://www.methodist.org.nz/administration_division/job_opportunities

Kaitaia Union Parish – Minister (full-time)

We are praying for a new Ordained Minister, Pastor, Leader, and Biblical Preacher.

We want to continue the refreshing of our worship and parish life that has begun under a year's transitional ministry and impact a new generation.

The successful applicant would work under Methodist oversight alongside the full-time parish superintendent.

A profile of the parish is available on request.

Inquiries should be directed to:

Rev Nigel Hanscamp, Director Mission Resourcing, Methodist Church of New Zealand

E: nigel@missionresourcing.org.nz

T: 09 525 4179 or 021 570 385

St Stephen's Methodist Church, Tauranga – Minister (half-time)

St Stephen's Methodist Church, Tauranga is a church where everyone is important. We are a very loyal group of people of mixed ages and cultures and part of the Tauranga Methodist Parish.

We are seeking an ordained minister (1/2 time) who will work at deepening relationships within the congregation and help and inspire us all. The successful applicant would work under Methodist oversight alongside the full-time parish superintendent.

A profile of the parish is available on request.

Inquiries should be directed to:

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Ecumenical Hospital Chaplain – Auckland DHB

The Interchurch Council for Hospital Chaplaincy Aotearoa New Zealand

Applications are sought from experienced chaplains or other suitably qualified ordained clergy for a full-time chaplaincy position covering the Mental Health Service Acute Inpatient Unit and both the Mental Health and Physical Rehabilitation Units in the Auckland DHB. The position is being offered on the basis of an initial term of 3 years.

For further information and contact details please see the Methodist website:

http://www.methodist.org.nz/administration_division/job_opportunities.

Closing date for applications is Friday 2 March 2012

Office Administrator – Tauranga Methodist Parish

We seek an experienced office all rounder to fill a busy and varied role.

The role is a permanent part-time position of 15 hours per week with possibility of extension.

You will be a member of a team providing administration support to the Parish.

To be successful in this role you will need to have a high level of initiative and multi tasking skills.

You will also need to be confident in a range of computer systems.

Duties will include:

- Data inventory management
- Electronic report maintenance
- Reception and telephony
- Accounts payable/receivable

To apply please send a covering letter and your CV to

Job Application

PO Box 2019

Tauranga 3140

Or email to Tauranga.methodist@xtra.co.nz

Closing date Wednesday 15 February





REMEMBER

In your Prayers

I wish to notify the Connexion of the passing of Mollie Owens, Snells Beach Community Church, Mahurangi Methodist Parish. Mollie was the daughter of the late Thomas Garland, well known as 'Uncle Tom', who was well known in the Methodist Church (Pitt Street) and also in the broadcasting industry. Mollie's funeral was held at the Life Church Hall in Snells Beach on Saturday 26 November 2011.

All messages to: Ross Owen & John Owen, Ph: 09 425 6151

We regret to inform the Connexion that Rev Judith Parkes died in Blenheim on Wednesday 21 December 2011. The funeral and celebration of Judith's life was held on Saturday 24 December in the Wesley Methodist Church, Blenheim.

We extend our love and sympathy to Basil and the family.

Messages may be sent to 166 Battys Road, Blenheim 7201, email judith-rae@xtra.co.nz, or phone (03) 578 9901

It is with regret that we inform the Connexion that Rev David Alley died on Saturday January 7th in Auckland hospital after a short illness. The funeral was held at Pitt Street Methodist Church, Auckland on 12 January.

We extend our sympathy to Sandra and family.

Messages can be sent to 11 Alison Road, Surfdale, Waiheke Island. 1081 e-mail dsalley@xtra.co.nz.

With sadness we advise of the death of Deacon Elva Reynolds. Deacon Elva Reynolds died on Tuesday 3 January. This was rather unexpected as despite being in care for the past 6 months following a stroke, she had been very bright and positive over Christmas and was looking forward to learning how to use a computer, but she got pneumonia and passed away peacefully. She was in her 93rd year. A celebration of her life was held Tuesday 10th January at St Andrew's United Hokitika.

Messages may be sent to Rosalie Sugrue, 47 Manawa Ave, Raumati, 5032 e-mail: sugrue.rm@clear.net.nz.

With sadness we advise the death of Rev Loraine Reid in Christchurch on Wednesday 4th January after a long struggle with cancer. A celebration of Loraine's life was held at Saturday January 7th.

We extend our sympathy to Terry and the family.

Messages may be sent to the family c/- Terry Reid, 31 Leinster Terrace, Lincoln, Canterbury 7608. Email tandlreid@snap.net.nz.



With sadness we advise the Connexion that Muriel (Grace) Baker, wife of the Rev Ted Baker died at Auckland hospital on 17th January. Grace suffered a stroke and a fall which broke her hip and she died in hospital without regaining consciousness.

Grace was 93 and will be sadly missed by Ted and the immediate family - as well as by the Mt Eden congregation and the wider Church. The funeral was held on Monday 23 January at Mt Eden Methodist Church.

Messages can be sent to the Rev Ted Baker, c/- Edenvale home, 9 Edenvale Cresc, Mt Eden Auckland.

It is with sadness that we advise the Connexion of the death, at Devonport, of Rev David Pond, on 30 January 2012. David initially served the church as a Deacon, then candidated again for the Presbyterate, with a particular emphasis on healing ministry. David was aged 91 and had been married to Rosemary for 67 years.

David's funeral took place at Trinity Anglican Church, Devonport, on Friday 3 February.

We extend our sympathy to Rosemary and their children Val, Eileen and Diane.

We express our sympathy and care to each of these families as they grieve and lovingly remember.





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PAPUA NEW GUINEA

You may have heard and read about the sinking of a ferry with over 300 people on board in the Medang region of Papua New Guinea. Please uphold the people and the churches of Medang in your prayers in the services on Sunday 5 February 2012. I will send more information if I receive any from the United Church of PNG.

SEARCHING FOR UNITY

A press release from the WCC on 1 February 2012 stated:

"Searching for unity must remain our goal. Divisions between churches remain a scandal that we have to overcome" Rev. Dr Olav Fykse Tveit general secretary of the World Council of Churches (WCC) said today at a "Pilgrimage of the Holy Robe" an ecumenical preparatory event being held this week.

Tveit made these points in his speech on "ecumenism in motion" at the International Ecumenical Forum (Link:

<http://www.oikoumene.org/index.php?RDCT=8579279aa943798c70e9>) taking place from 30 January to 3 February in Trier, Germany.

The event was organized by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Trier in partnership with the Evangelical Church in Rhineland, the Orthodox Bishops' Conference in Germany and other church organizations, focusing on the theme, "And join together what is separated".

The theme was based on the woven fabric of the robe worn by Jesus before his crucifixion (John 19:23).

In his speech, Tveit called ecumenical dialogue a key to addressing changes in our societies and communities. He stressed that strategic cooperation requires a strong "will to stay together and search for unity, which must remain our goal".

"Unity among the churches is a gift of God and a calling to be received so that the churches are the living mystery," said Tveit.



"Unity is the sign and instrument of God's reign to come and contributes through their very being to reconciliation and healing of the world that is suffering from injustice, war and environmental destruction," he said.

Tveit also introduced to the audience the theme of the upcoming 10th Assembly of the WCC in Busan, Korea: "God of life, lead us to justice and peace". He called this theme an opportunity to address the challenges faced in the life of the planet and the future of the churches.

"The Assembly theme is a liberating statement at a time in history when part of humanity has accumulated the power to alter and destroy life on planet earth as we know it," he said. "Praying that the God of life will lead us to justice and peace as one fellowship, the churches are giving account of their hope," Tveit added.

Prince Devanandan
Secretary - MM&E

World Council of Churches Stewards Programme

The World Council of Churches (WCC) Stewards Programme is an opportunity for young people to deepen their understanding of the ecumenical movement. The programme has three phases:

- Ecumenical learning programme
- Assisting in an international ecumenical event
- Ecumenical project planning

Expressions of interest in participating in the Stewards Programme for the next meeting of the WCC Central Committee to be held in Crete, Greece, 29 August to 5 September 2012 are now invited.

Being a steward means hard work. The main areas of work are: worship, conference room, documentation, press office, sound system, as well as other tasks such as general administration, sorting mail, delivering messages.

Stewards will form a community of young people from different churches, countries and cultures, who bring their faith, backgrounds and visions to an ecumenical experience of togetherness and friendship.

Stewards have to be between 18 and 30 years old. English is the working language of the programme. Patience, ability to work with people from other countries and cultures, and a willingness to work together as a team, are essential

The WCC will be responsible for board and lodging expenses during the time of the programme. Travel costs to and from Crete are the responsibility of the steward. Please note the MCNZ has no funds set aside to assist with travel. The steward would have to do their own fundraising.

Expressions of interest are invited from suitable young people. These should be made to:

Mission and Ecumenical Secretary

Rev Prince Devanandan

PO Box 11 903

Ellerslie

Auckland 1061

E-mail: meth.mission.ecumenical@gmail.com

More information and an application form is available from Prince Devanandan.

Please note that applications have to be in the hands of the WCC by 15 March 2012, so expressions of interest need to be finalised by the end of February.



World Council of Churches Assembly 2013

The World Council of Churches (WCC) has approached its member churches advising that the next assembly of the WCC will be held in Busan, Korea in October 2013. The theme for the assembly is *God of Life, Lead us to Justice and peace*". The assembly is expected to deepen the churches unity in Christ and provide direction for the common witness of the churches in the world. Assemblies take place every 7 to 8 years and are the highest governing body of the WCC.

The number of delegates per member church is determined by the total membership of each church. On this basis the Methodist Church of New Zealand (MCNZ) has been invited to nominate 1 delegate by 31 July 2012.

Mission and Ecumenical is now calling for nominations for the MCNZ delegate to this WCC assembly. Nominations are invited from recognised parts of the Methodist church, e.g. synods, boards, committees and councils.

In making a nomination the criteria for selection should be carefully considered. These are set out in the attachment, as is the selection process that will be followed.

Nominations should be made by the end of February so that a name can be confirmed by the Council of Conference meeting at the end of March.

Nominations are to be sent to:

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Methodist Mission and Ecumenical Special Appeal 2012

Solar power unit for Sasamuqa Hospital Choiseul Province, Solomon Islands



Why a solar power unit?

Over the past year Methodist Mission and Ecumenical, New Zealand has provided medical equipment for Sasamuqa Hospital. Some of this equipment is hi-tech and the current electricity supply, which is diesel generated, is not capable of supporting much hi-tech equipment. This can be overcome by installing a quality solar power unit at the hospital, sufficient to meet the operating needs of the new hi-tech equipment.

We have seen what this can do at Goldie College (also in the Solomon Islands) where we provided a solar power unit to run the computer lab.

About Sasamuqa Hospital

Sasamuqa Hospital (also known as P J Twomey Memorial Hospital) is located in Sasamuqa village on remote Choiseul Island. Sasamuqa Hospital was established in 1905. Methodist Church of New Zealand deaconesses with nursing qualifications and experience, and missionary nursing sisters, served this hospital for many years. Sr Lucy Money was one of those who served here long-term. Today the staff are all Solomon Islanders, though two doctors supported by the British Methodist Church are spending a few months there until April 2012. You can help Sasamuqa Hospital provide better quality health care to its wider community in South Choiseul by supporting this appeal.



Sasamuqa Hospital solar power unit appeal 2012

Please send your donation to:

Rev Prince Devanandan
Methodist Mission and Ecumenical
Private Bag 11 903
Ellerslie
Auckland 1542

Amount: \$ _____
Name: _____
Address: _____

Cheques should be made out to Methodist Mission and Ecumenical

Methodist Mission and Ecumenical is registered with the Charities Commission
so you can claim a tax rebate on the donation.

Receipts will be issued with acknowledgement of your donation.





ECUMENICAL

News & Views

The World Day of Prayer

The World Day of Prayer will again be observed on the first Friday in March 2012 (2 March 2012)

The ecumenical service was prepared by the Malaysia WDP Committee with the theme:
"Let Justice Prevail"

There is also a children's resource

For more information and indications of interest in observing World Day of Prayer in 2012, please contact the National Liaison Officer, Raewyn Dawson, at wdpnz@xtra.co.nz or PO Box 27088 Christchurch 8640.

Aro Valley Community Music Tuition Centre

"Fun, exciting, Music Teaching Studio Located in Aro Street!"

A new affordable community music tuition centre has enrolments open for 2012 for people who wish to learn keyboards in Saturday Morning Classes. Fully registered, experienced and qualified music teachers.

For more information go to www.aromusiclessons.com or contact:

Phone (04) 934 5822,

Cell: 021 236 3100,

Email: chris@aromusiclessons.com"

Winter/Spring 2011 'Music in the Air' now available

John Thornley's biannual journal exploring the arts and spirituality

Colin Gibson's keynote address to the 2011 annual conference of the Hymn Society of Great Britain and Ireland July 18-21 is covered in this issue.

Colin's title: 'Building Jerusalem: New Zealand Hymns on Social Issues'.

Other writers featured include: Rosalie Sugrue (on Hagar), John Meredith (What do I believe? - a sermon for Ascension Sunday), and Jill Wallis (10 years after 9/11). Bill Bennett's new collection of 116 original lectionary hymns culled from his composing between 1992 and 2010 is reviewed by Colin Gibson. Also included is full text and pix (10 b&w and 1 full colour) of Editor John Thornley's 24 May 2011 celebration of Bob Dylan's 70th birthday in the Palmerston North Globe Theatre, including 'storytelling' from John, along with two blues singers and the Michelle Robinson Dance Theatre troupe contributing. (And adding here, John's daughter's response after the show: 'And you didn't preach, Dad!')

(Contact John Thornley: johngill@inspire.net.nz)



Northern Tour with renowned NZ Hymn-writer Colin Gibson

23-28 October 2012

These Hills Workshops, in conjunction with the NZ Hymnbook Trust,
are organising ecumenical workshops in:

Whangarei - Tuesday 23rd October evening 6:30 - 9:30 pm.

Warkworth - Thursday 25th October evening 6:30 - 9:30 pm.

Mairangi Bay Presbyterian Church - Saturday 27th October, 10am - 4 30pm,
with a middle session "Involving Children and Youth" led by Robyn Allen Goudge .

St Matthew's in the City, Auckland - Sunday 28th October
attending morning service, shared lunch, then hymnfest 1pm - 3pm.

The NZ Hymnbook Trust's books and CDs will be available.

Contact: Gaynor McCartney email gaynormcc@xtra.co.nz or ph 07 8778372, cell 0211678171

More Details will be sent out later and published on our website (below).

These Hills Workshops, Music & Ministry www.thesehillsworkshops.wordpress.com/workshops/ is a small group centred in The King Country, committed to providing quality tutors at two workshops a year, mainly in our sparsely populated, geographically huge region.

Registration is Free because we want everyone interested to attend.

Donations to cover Tutor Travel are encouraged.

Our first workshops in 2012 are '**Worship as an Art Form**' led by **Mark Pierson** :-

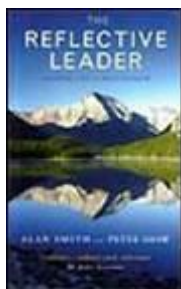
Te Kuiti - 17th March, at St Lukes Anglican Church, the Esplanade, 10am - 4pm, Shared Lunch.

Taumarunui - 18th March, at the Anglican Church, 32 Huia St, 1pm - 4pm.

Mark's book, *The Art of Curating Worship*, will be available for sale at these workshops.

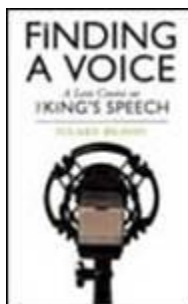


Click here to view our [February Selection](#) of new and interesting books and resources:



The Reflective Leader:

Standing Still to Move Forward. Alan Smith, Peter Shaw.
132pp Canterbury.
\$35.00 *



Finding A Voice:

A Lent Course on the Film "The King's Speech." Hilary Brand.
Darton Longman Todd.
\$19.99*



The Easter Story.

Joy Cowley.
Pleroma.
\$19.99*

On sale 18 Feb 2012

*plus p&p

February highlights:

- **Book of the Month: Reflective Leader:** Leaders in today's complex and fast changing world need more time to reflect, not less. This book looks at how leaders can develop the habit of reflection and how that capacity can make a tangible difference to the flourishing of an organisation.
- **Lent/Easter resources.** Click these links for:
 - [Worship Resources & Commentaries](#)
 - [Group study, personal reading and reflection books](#)
 - [Children's ministry, including crafts and activities, and Easter children's story books](#)
 - [Lent/Easter Specials](#)
- Join our **Book of the Month club.**
- Other Featured & Recent Titles.
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