

## Association of Presbyterian Women (APW)

### Terms of Reference

- To unite in prayer, study, fellowship and service.
- To make a Christian witness in home, church and community.
- To support the work of partner churches in worldwide mission and evangelism.

### Report

- 1 After the Extraordinary Meeting of the Association on 30 April 2004. The National Co-ordinating Group (NCG) (eight members) replaced the National Executive of 14-20.
- 2 The NCG consists of: Policy and Administration Group (two conveners, secretary, treasurer): co-ordinators for mission, communications, education, United Nations. These groups are spread around NZ and each co-ordinator is encouraged to form a small local group for support.
- 3 In presbyteries where there is no longer an active presbyterial, regional co-ordinators are appointed, their main task is to liaise between the parish liaison person and the NCG.
- 4 The first year was spent in settling into new roles and rewriting the constitution to make it relevant to the new system.
- 5 The Harvest Field continued quarterly, a new "Gleanings" was produced in the intervening months. The conveners produced Gleanings after the editor resigned in May 2005. This immediate contact between the NCG and APW members greatly assisted the networking that we are striving to achieve throughout the APW.
- 6 In the second year the conveners visited most Presbyterials and a programme "Making Room at the Table" encouraged members to think about the changes in the APW. Most importantly time was spent talking with and listening to members.
- 7 The NCG prepared for publication a new book of devotions for meetings and a special centennial issue of Harvest Field. Both were available at conference.
- 8 In the last financial year the APW nationally supported: Interchurch Hospital Chaplaincy \$48,000: Palestinian Refugees \$14,520: Global Mission Office \$10,000.
- 9 Another \$28,000 was given to Turakina Maori Girls College, Presbyterian Youth Ministry, Jagadhri Hospital and St Thomas' School, Vanuatu Projects, and various other mission interests.
- 10 The Triennial Study Conference and business meeting, themed "Harvest of Promise", was held in Christchurch 21-23 April 2006. We celebrated 100 years of the publication of the Harvest Field.

- 11 At the business meeting, the following remits were carried: changes to the constitution, the cessation of Harvest Field, a new editorial team for Gleanings.

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