

PRESBYTERIAN PEOPLE

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Employment update

Welcome to the October edition of Presbyterian People!



Presbyterian Church
of Aotearoa New Zealand

It may not feel like it, but summer is just around the corner which means outdoor activities and children's programmes over the holidays. And both of these things mean planning for the safety and wellbeing of our people!

Outdoor Activities

When planning outdoor activities for your parish, you will need to give careful thought to what you are doing. A church picnic is fairly straightforward, but if you're thinking of something a bit more adventurous make sure you practice 'due diligence' to ensure you have:

- The right people leading activities (especially anything that requires specific skills such as watersports, horseriding, bushcraft etc),
- At least one certified first-aider (and its clear to your leaders that the first-aider has authority should there be an injury),
- A clear plan of how to get there and how to get people out should someone be injured (and that those driving have full licences!)

Don't be afraid to bounce ideas off the people in your parish—I know of a situation where a youth group insisted on rafting on a river despite being advised not to by a congregation member who owned a farm alongside it. The trip ended when several teenagers were caught by the strong undercurrent and had to be rescued.

One tip, if you're really going off the beaten track, is to tell your local Ambulance service what you are doing. Spending a few minutes up front showing them exactly where you are going could save several hours trying to find you later on.



Also, make sure you take extra water, paracetamol and sun-screen as there will always be that one person who will forget to bring their own!

And one last thing—have fun!

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Children's Programmes

No doubt planning for holiday programmes is already well underway however don't forget to call on the expertise of our Kids Friendly Coach—Jill Kayser. For more information or to contact Jill directly go to our website www.presbyterian.org.nz and click on the Kids Friendly link.

And, if you haven't already done so, you are strongly encouraged to police check holiday programme leaders NOW to avoid the rush. Forms can be printed off from the Employment Resources section of our website.

Well Churches

There are only two more workshops left to run!

However if you would like to see the workshop run in your region, please email Simon Mcleay at simon@stcolumba.org.nz—a minimum of 10 people is required.

Dates and Venues:

Bay of Plenty

Bay of Plenty Presbytery meeting on 11 December 2007.

Manawatu Wanganui Presbytery

March 2008—more details to follow.

Please email Simon at simon@stcolumba.org.nz if you would like to attend either of these sessions.

Best Travel Fund

Best Travel Fund applications are now due!

The Best Travel Fund assists ministers and lay leaders with the cost of traveling for the purposes of study leave but time is running out for 2007 applications.

Please email me urgently for an application pack at:
juliette@presbyterian.org.nz.

Applications close **5pm 31 October 2007**.

