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# Moving On

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My Dad grew up in the same house all his life til he went to University. He went to one primary school, one intermediate, one high school and then on to university, all in the same city. I moved five times with my family before I moved out of home at the age of 20. Since then, I've continued to move around a lot. This month I moved into my 8th new home in 8 years. I've always been a transient person – my home is with people rather than places. I've probably moved more than most, but the reality is, that my experience of moving so often is not that unusual. Younger generations today are moving more than ever before – try comparing how much older members of your church have moved compared with the young people in your youth group.

Like the last seven, move number eight was not just a practical hassle. I found myself feeling a bit emotional, although I couldn't really pinpoint why. One thing I've worked out after so much moving though is that there is emotional baggage tied up in moving on - stuff you leave behind, and hopes and fears of what's before you... I've been told that for some people, moving can conjure up grief that is the equivalent of someone close to them dying. Certainly for many, it can involve feeling unsettled, uncertain and lonely for a period of time.

I am grateful for those who were around this time (and the other thirteen times) to help move some boxes and listen to me try and process the transition I was making and what it meant. The time, love (and patience) they gave was invaluable. A true blessing.

This issue of Fuel is all about trying to do and be that for the young people in our midst who are 'moving on.' It's a massive topic, so we've zoned in on the issues faced by young people moving from school to tertiary education. I hope you find some ideas of how you can help your young people move on well.

This Advent season, may God bless you, those you love, and those you find hard to love.

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'Transition' (according to the Collins Dictionary) '...a linking passage between 2 divisions in a composition...a bridge...'

Just the other day I was reading an article about hiking in the Himalaya. I was a bit sad to read that most of the old swing bridges made by the Sherpas are now being replaced by more comfortable, more reliable bridges to suit the many tourists trekking in the area. Not that I'm endorsing the use of unreliable or dangerous facilities in the outdoors, we all know the importance of OSH regulations and health and safety guidelines in youthwork these days don't we?! But as I read about the replacement of these old bridges, I realised that to me bridges are meant to involve risk! They are meant to involve a bit of fear! There is nothing like the feeling of standing on a skinny swing bridge, looking down into a raging river below and knowing that at that moment we are at our most vulnerable. I wouldn't want to make that experience comfortable even if I could. To me, this analogy sums up what Mr Collins knew all long - times of transition are just like bridges. They can be scary, they can be risky. They often make us feel vulnerable... but the coolest thing is that they are meant to! So we should relish the experience while it lasts, trust that God is with us at our most vulnerable if we look for Him and hope that He will lead us to a safer place on the other side!

*This is the last time you'll hear from Monica in this column. Mon's had a big year as PYM intern 2005. We're going to miss her HEAPS as she 'moves on' and wish her every blessings for the next road ahead.*

*Monica*

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## This issue:

### MOVING ON - FOCUSING ON MOVING FROM SCHOOL TO TERTIARY STUDY

Exploring moving on – thoughts and ideas about moving on from **HELEN HARRAY**. **HAMISH GALLOWAY** looks at what issues young people face as they gear up to move on, **RICHARD DAWSON** looks at issues young people face when they arrive at Uni or Polytech, plus heaps of ideas of things you can do to help your young people move on well...

### GLOBAL MISSION NEWS

**ANDREW BELL** compares our transition experiences with young people overseas, **TERESA CURRAN** is heading off on the CWM Training in Mission Programme plus check out the new Overseas Mission Resource Kit

### PYM NEWS

**ANDREW HARREX** tells about his first time at Connect 04, news about General Assembly 2004, and are you the new PYM Intern for 2005?

### PLUS...

Check out new resources on the block, upcoming events, job opportunities, and put Connect 05 in your diaries now!

### ON THE COVER

Photos by **Teresa Curran** and **Allister Lane** from the Connect 04 photo competition

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Every year, some of the *young people* we care for  
move on.

How do we **send** them off?

How do we **care** for them  
when they **arrive** at the other end?

How do we **care** for them **while** they're away from us?

**THIS ISSUE OF FUEL EXPLORES SOME OF THE ISSUES INVOLVED IN THE JOURNEY THROUGH TIMES OF TRANSITION - PARTICULARLY FOR THOSE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO ARE MOVING FROM SCHOOL TO TERTIARY EDUCATION.**

# Moving On

'Transition is the crucial point 'between', a point representing the condition after the old state of affairs has come to end and before the new one has actually begun.'

**- ROGER GRAINGER**

We are making transitions all the time.

**Like from school to university or polytech,**

**from university or polytech to jobs.**

From home to independent living, from halls to flats.

**From childhood, to puberty to adulthood.**

From study to holidays, uni to homelife.

At every stage of life and experience there are tasks to perform that are specific to that time.

We are all the time discovering ourselves and discerning our future.

**Sometimes** we progress through these transitions easily with **lots of support**, other times, maybe through no fault of our own, we do it very badly and we take a whole lot of baggage along with us into the next phase of life or relationship.



# To help your young people to **move on...**

## **Identify:**

Where am I on the journey and the transitions I've been making this year? Are there highs and lows? How do I feel about the things that have happened?

## **Evaluate**

Am I satisfied with how it went? Could I have done things differently?

Where has God been for me in the journey and the transitions this year?

What do I want to give thanks for?

## **Create a ritual**

As I move on, is there anything I need to leave behind, or sort out? Do I need to talk to someone about this? Is there a way I could symbolize the past year somehow, eg like processing what's going on by writing things down, praying, a ritual with a pile of stones or burning/throwing something away something that I want to leave behind...

Is there a scripture which relates to what I'm going through and how I'm feeling about it? Have I said goodbye well and let the year go so I can be fully present and able to relax into the holidays or new situation?

## **Think about:**

Am I still doing what I believe God wants me to do? Is there any refining to do of my direction and goals?

*The ideas on this page were taken from material by Helen Harray, minister at Student.Soul, the student church on Otago Campus.*

# Moving On. *leaving*

**HAMISH GALLOWAY** reflects on some of the stuff young people deal with as they gear up to make the transition from school to tertiary education.

Here at St Andrew's College we have just had our leaver's chapel service and have seen the year 13's off on study leave. There were tears! Talking to the students it was a case of mixed emotions – sadness at leaving a place of significance but also excitement about the future. Readiness to go is mixed. Some have been ready for some time and have been struggling with the confines of school rules – they are champing at the bit, they can't wait. Some have clear goals for next year; many others still have no strong ideas about what they want to do. Many are preparing to leave home for the first time to go away to study or overseas for GAP type years.

How can youth leaders help young people leaving school given these kinds of issues? For me, three main issues emerge.

- 1. EMOTIONAL ISSUES** – it is an emotionally charged time. The mixed emotions of leaving a place that has been so significant for so long come on top of exam stress. A call to say can I take you out for a coffee when you need a break from study and then being their to listen to the feelings that come with this time is invaluable.
- 2. MORAL ISSUES** – after end of school exams in Australia huge numbers of young people descend on the Gold Coast for a week of celebration. We don't have anything that structured but I notice a rite of passage type thing happening here in NZ as well. From the parties at the end of year 13 exams through to the orientation weeks at the universities these newly freed 18 year olds party hard. Often 'good' kids who have never been part of the party scene start to get more social. It is easy for these kids to make significant mistakes with drinking, drugs and sex. I think we need to be aware of this in the church and be specifically discussing how to cope with this time in a way that keeps faith alive – preferably before they find themselves in a compromising position.
- 3. FUTURE ISSUES** – I tend to take a two-pronged approach here. I really encourage those who have a strong idea of what they want to do. It is really positive for mental health to have goals and aspirations. Even if they change their mind later, the important thing here is that they have direction to motivate them. It is harder with those who are uncertain. But it is so early to be making these calls about career. I would be affirming of those who are not sure – it is very early still to be making such big decisions. I would encourage them to take time rather than rush into something they are unsure about. I have found the 'gap' year off between school and university works really well in these situations. Many who do this firm up directions and go on to tertiary study more focused and ready to study.

**HAMISH GALLOWAY**

Hamish is the Chaplain at St Andrew's College in Christchurch.

# 5 things to do for your young people who are leaving

## 1. GIVE THEM A LEAVING PARTY OR SPECIAL SERVICE TO 'SEND THEM OUT'

Give those leaving as well as those staying a chance to share, pray for the hopes and fears of those leaving

## 2. GIVE THEM A 'LEAVERS SURVIVAL PACK'

With special bible verses, a book of memories/notes from other youth group members, chocolate/lollies (for energy...) a photo of your youth group, stamped postcards for them to send home (addressed to the youth group), a contact list...

## 3. SPEND SOME QUALITY TIME BEFORE THEY HEAD OFF

Take them out for coffee, go for a walk, whatever works for the person leaving, but take some time to ask them some questions and give them an opportunity to process what's going on for them

## 4. HOOK THEM UP WITH PRESBYTALITY

Take advantage of belonging to the Pressie tribe and hook your young leaver up with someone at the other end who'll take them out for coffee and be nice to them – see the next page for details

## 5. KEEP IN TOUCH!

True friendships last beyond time and space. Keep your leaver on the mailout list, drop them an email or give them a call now and then to remind them that there are people at home who still love them and care about them even though they're far away

# Books to read:

## GODZONE: A GUIDE TO THE TRAVELS OF THE SOUL

– *Mike Riddell*

Easy and entertaining to read, this book is written in the style of a travel guide. More than just for people in times of transition, it's relevant to those who desire more out of life, as well as those who are seeking a deeper understanding of God.

## THE CURLY PAJAMA LETTERS

– *Michael Luenig*

The first time I read this book I didn't get it. The second time it explained my deepest questions about direction and meaning in life. Luenig follows the story of two friends through their letters to each other while one is travelling the world and the other is at home.

## WHERE IS GOD WHEN IT HURTS

– *Philip Yancey*

Times of transition often evoke feelings of loneliness, vulnerability uncertainty and grief. This book deals with issues surrounding pain, disillusionment and grief and offers sensitive and practical guidance.

# Movies to watch:

## SCHOOL TIES

**Plot:** A teenage boy from a working class background wins a scholarship to a prestigious college where he is faced with prejudice from the school and his friends

**Theme to explore:** being away from loved ones, dealing with and finding ways to respond to different values and prejudices

## TEEN WOLF 1 AND 2 (oldies but goodies...)

**Plot:** Both movies feature teenage boys who are faced with the choice of popularity amongst their peers or staying true to who they are and want to be

**Theme to explore:** dealing with peer pressure, keeping boundaries intact

## LORD OF THE RINGS TRILOGY.

**Plot:** Frodo and the troops go on an epic trip to recover the ring.

**Theme to explore:** Issues the emerge though journeying - emotions, hope, faith, sense of call, confronting evil, discernment etc.

# Moving On. *arriving*

**RICHARD DAWSON** reflects on some of the stuff students face when they arrive at University or Polytech.

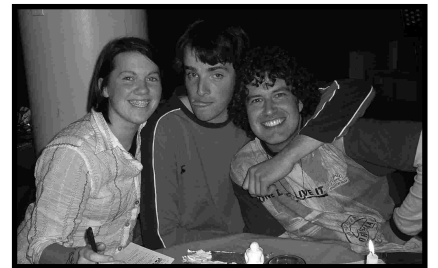
**BIG THINGS HAPPEN AT WHEN YOUNG PEOPLE ARRIVE AT UNIVERSITY OR TECH.** And they happen for a number of reasons. They happen because you've suddenly only got other students for immediate support (if you're studying away from your home town). They happen because you're at an age when you can make some pretty life changing decisions. And they happen because you suddenly have to rely on yourself a whole lot more.

**MOST STUDENTS GO THROUGH A PERIOD OF FEELING COMPLETELY LOST AND CERTAINLY LONELY AT UNIVERSITY OR POLYTECH.** The need for belonging is huge and so the tendency to stick to a group or to follow the crowd is also huge. This has both a good side and a bad side. On the plus side are the close friendships that can be made and the heaps of fun that can be had by both small and large groups alike. On the down side is the lack of boundaries that can often accompany those very same groups leading to actions which people regret deeply later on.

And then there's the question of head space. Now you may think you've got it altogether up there but that's probably only because you've never had to spend too much time outside the comfortable arena that is the home kitchen! When you go to varsity whether you leave home or not there's just a whole lot of stuff that isn't like it was and this has the effect of 'nuking' the playground that was your little emotional world. Add to that an unhealthy portion of lack of sleep, lack of regular physical exercise, too much to drink and a broken relationship or too and self doubt and depression can fall like Kylie Minogue's lower lip! We Kiwi's are never that great at admitting we've got problems in the emotional area and most students try and deal with it in typical Kiwi fashion – stuff it down so deep that it will never see the light of day! Needless to say this leads to all sorts of problems later on.

Solution? For my money the key is to get involved in a healthy community. That's what we're on about at Student.Soul. Student.Soul aims to involve the whole person in a redemptive community that celebrates Christ by helping students discover their gifting and passion. We try to care for the whole person whilst remaining focused on the need for Christ in every area of our life.

*If you've got young people going to study in Dunedin, tell them to check out Student.Soul. They worship every Sunday night at 7pm in the Student Common Room.*



## **RICHARD DAWSON**

Ricky D is the co-minister with Helen Harray of the student.soul church for students at Otago University.

## 3 ideas to help your young people transition well in their new place

1. Encourage them to hook up with a Campus Christian Group like TSCF, SCM, EU – there are a huge arrange of Christian groups on the different campuses for students to choose from.
2. Encourage them to keep in touch with a mentor-y type person who will encourage them to keep on track.
3. Encourage them to keep a journal which will help them track the journey they're on, see how far they've travelled, and see how God has been at work through their journey.

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Hospitality

# Presbytality

*Got young people going to work or study in a new city next year?*

One of the times when our young people dip out on God is when they finish school and move to a new place. Finding a new church often gets pushed down the priority list as other things become more exciting. Alternatively, many students find themselves lonely, isolated and overwhelmed. One of the perks of being Christian is that members of the tribe are everywhere. What better way to show our Christian tribal colours than by showing some hospitality to our young people as they leap into a big new chapter in a big new place in their lives.

Presbytality is about connecting young people on the move with youth workers/leaders they can relate to in their new home. It's about offering young people the opportunity to link up with a new church if they want to, but mostly, it's just about offering hospitality. Linking young people up with a youth worker who will take them out for a coffee and be someone they can catch up with in a new city.

## *What to do...*

1. Fill out the details of your young people on the Presbytality postcard that came with this issue of Fuel
2. Cut along the middle line, and send the bottom half back to us with a stamp on the front
3. A youth worker/youth leader will make contact with your young person within two weeks of the postcard being sent in
4. We'll send your young person the contact details of that cool youth worker/leader or church they can hook up with if they want to at the place they're moving to.

If you need more Presbytality cards, send an email to: [mo.mansill@presbyterian.org.nz](mailto:mo.mansill@presbyterian.org.nz) and we will send them out to you.

# Mission News

## CWM TRAINING IN MISSION PROGRAMME

Next year, Waikato youth leader Teresa Curran is taking part in 'Training in Mission', a programme where twelve young people from Council for World Mission member churches live, study and work together in mission for ten months. Participants spend five months in South Africa and five months in India focusing on three dimensions:

**STUDY AND REFLECTION:** aimed at increasing capacity to identify and understand current mission issues.

**WORK IN PLACEMENTS:** aimed at enabling me to involve myself with the joys and sorrows of people in their local communities and thus to increase my action-orientated skills.

**GROUP DYNAMICS:** aimed at promoting growth in understanding others and myself by living and working with people from other cultures.

The aim of TIM is to equip young people for a lifetime of service to Christ and His church. It challenges participants to learn to do mission in 'Christ's way.'

Teresa says, *'I hope that my engagement in this programme will equip me to help my local congregation and the wider Presbyterian Church to fulfil its mission calling. I am looking forward to going, but am scared about what I will face when I get there. I ask that you pray for me to have courage and clarity in the coming months as I prepare for this life changing experience.'*



Thinking about short-term mission opportunities for your youth group? Wondering how to get started?

Check out PYM and GMO's new **Overseas Mission Resource Kit** which contains:

- Helpful planning tips for team leaders
  - Key questions to ask when establishing the purpose of your trip
  - Useful resources for preparing your young people
  - Challenging thoughts on responsible mission
  - Important safety policy documentation
  - Specific cultural information about Vanuatu
  - Essential ideas on how to maximise your trip's impact
  - Creative debriefing suggestions
- Available from PYM, GMO or [www.presbyterian.org.nz/youth](http://www.presbyterian.org.nz/youth)

# Pray for...

## ANDREW JOHNSTON

Andrew has spent the last 18 months in Lusaka working at Messiah Ministries, an orphanage in Zambia. He's returning to NZ in December. Pray for him as he leaves behind the place and people he has grown to love, and for a good re-entry back home to New Zealand.



## CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2005

This year's theme is 'Plant Seeds, Plant Hope' recognising that food fuels life, the future, the hope. Give hope this Christmas by getting your youth group to support the CWS Christmas appeal. Your churches will be sent a fab pack full of info about the appeal with ideas for worship, discussion, and action, plus more information about the places and people that this year's appeal money will be aiding.

If you would like another pack or more information, contact CWS: PO Box 22652, Christchurch. Phone: 0800 74 73 72

# Global Mission guy Andrew Bell reflects on how our transient lives compare with our counterparts on the other side of the world...

It seems that from your teenage years to about 40, life is a series of transitions. Life is so transient in nature that change and short term objectives become the norm. Once all the hoopla of becoming a full blown adolescent (often referred to as an adult) is achieved, then it is the Big OE or Uni and the shift away from 'the Olds'. Then there is the ecstasy and heartbreak of romance and the choices of subjects and courses and ultimately something that old people call 'a career'. But having shifted cities, changed flat-mates 15 times and flown thousands of kilometres around the world – it suddenly hits you like a thunderbolt - 'I need to settle down'. There is normally a direct link between that thought and the desire to find a stable, long-term partner and marry him/her. Somehow many believe that if you attach yourself to another equally unsettled emerging adult, that the two of you will suddenly become 'peace and tranquillity...'

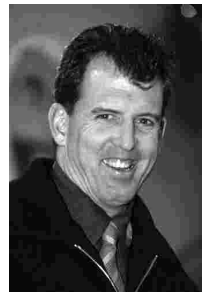
If this is the harsh reality of transience for us living in the Godzone, spare a thought for the young people of Sudan who have been driven from their homes by war. Think about the young people of the youth groups in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands as they try to recover from devastating cyclones that thrashed their islands. What about the kids of Beslan who had their friends and classmates slaughtered by armed Chechen militants who seized their school? And what about the Christian minority in Iraq who hide in fear because their Muslim neighbours believe that the Christian West has destroyed their nation and are trying to steal their oil...?

Then along comes Christmas, a time when we remember how God made a huge transition by taking on human form and walking amongst us. If God was not spared the 'journey of life', why should we be? There are only two alternatives that I can see - nail one foot to the floor, or fasten your Jesus belt and enjoy the ride of life.



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# PYM National News

## Presbyterian connect

2-4 July 2004  
National Youth Leaders Conference

### Pop Quiz:

1. *If over 150 Presbyterian youth leaders/workers/pastors come together for one weekend what has occurred?*
2. *When in a gathering of 30 or more and you are surrounded by people who are wearing hoodies with burning bushes on their backs where have you arrived at?*

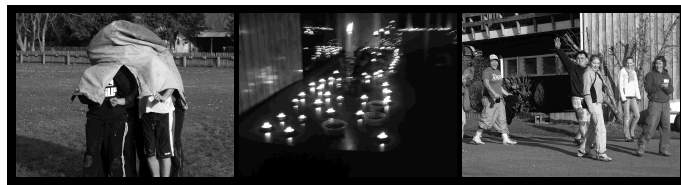
### Answer: Connect

I have to admit when I got on the plane I was sceptical. I had heard of Connect, seen the pictures in Fuel, had more than one conversation with Mo Mansill saying how valuable this could be, and yet still I had my doubts. By Sunday 3pm I was a believer.

Connect 04 was an amazing time of meeting people from near and far who do what I do. Some I had met before, most I met for the first time. Andrew Norton challenged us with his take on leadership – redefining how we see ourselves as leaders. Justin Duckworth challenged us with the example of Jesus – the best leader ever, who went to the cross. Seminars gave insight on doing youth ministry safely and being more informed. Small groups gave us time to discuss and respond to what we had been hearing/thinking/wondering.

Perhaps for me a defining moment was Saturday night worship, led by PIC Newtown, breaking into dance as a spontaneous act of praise. This was no ordinary Pressie gathering.

Connect 2005: 8-10 July @ Otaki. See back page for more details...



The flash dinner on Saturday night, the amazing worship sessions led by PIC Newtown, the burning tree as you entered camp, the welcome as you walked in, the good coffee, the map covered in names of youth workers from around the country, the Karaoke, the simulation youth-event-problem-solving challenge on Saturday afternoon, the Forest Lakes Camp site, the presentations on youth overseas in mission, the acknowledgment of those who had been in youth ministry for the long haul and had stuck around long enough to see the difference they had made... All done with class and allowing the vibe of Friday night when you stepped into camp to continue for the whole 40 hours. Can't really put into words just how refreshing, exciting, stimulating, fun it was. What I can say is I'm planning on going back next year. You should come too.

### ANDREW HARREX

Connect First Timer and Youth Worker from East Taieri Presbyterian Church

Assembly



2004

**The biennial national meeting of the Presbyterian Church was held in Christchurch on 19-24 September.**

The youth commissioners met during the weekend before to connect with each other and get themselves up with the play on the agenda for the following week. Assembly was an eye-opening and memorable time - congrats to Jared for winning assembly bingo, has anyone worked out what happened to the aunties and uncles? and don't forget... just like Jesus did (you had to be there). On another note, there were some significant decisions made which will impact on the church on all levels. You can read all about it here:

[www.presbyterian.org.nz/assembly](http://www.presbyterian.org.nz/assembly)

## samstock2005

**From Sep 24th – Sep 26th, the legendary Christian music festival that is Samstock was held at the Mosgiel AMP show grounds.** There was a wide variety of musical talent being showcased, with everything from hardcore to funk. The three-piece reggae/dub group Moped was a highlight with their upbeat and polished sound, along with the band Straightline from Hamilton.

Other fantastic acts included the ever funky Four Flavas, The Dry with their clean rock sound, Somebody's Cousin, and Luminous who are based in Hawaii. The festival was packed with loads of great music, great people (about 500 altogether), great food, great atmosphere, great weather (yes that's right!) and great times... which all just went to prove what so many people know already - that the Southern end of the country has got something pretty wicked going on!

Big ups to all the Samstock crew who put so much time and effort into organizing such a shindig (particularly Malcolm the man Gordan.)

# 2005

## Got a year to spare?

Are you...

Passionate about your faith?

Passionate about making Jesus Christ known to young people?

Interested in making a difference?

Wanting to help people in youth ministry across the country?

Do you want to...

Want to learn more about youth ministry leadership?

Want to grow as a person?

### Yes?

Then you should apply for the PYM Internship for 2005

### The Specifics:

#### What:

A year-long intership based in Wellington. The internship comprises of two main components:

- ❖ Working with and being mentored by the National Youth Coordinator through involvement in National, Regional and Local youth ministry projects, like Connect, Going Somewhere training programme, office based work, travelling, camps, regular involvement in a local youth group...
- ❖ Personal development through training and spiritual development.

#### Who:

The internship position is best suited to someone who has been involved in youth ministry leadership, is aged between 18-26 and is interested in filling a gap year in between school and tertiary study, or tertiary study and work.

**For more info and an application form, contact Mo Mansill at the PYM office asap.**

### Monica Yeoman, PYM Intern 2004 says...

*'Two highlights for me this year were going to American Samoa where I participated in the CWS Pacific Youth Work Conference, and going with Mo to the Te Aka Puaho Whanau Camp at Te Maungarongo marae in Ohope. Both trips were unique and special eye opening experiences. This year has been a huge learning curve for me. It's been a year jam packed with lots of lessons learnt about life, youth ministry, myself, sense of calling, but most of all, having my eyes opened to the mystery of God at work in our everyday lives.'*

### Jo Ryan, PYM Intern 2003 says...

*'When I started out, I didn't really have any idea what I was doing here, but I've learnt so much and grown so much that it puts my mind in a spin! I've been challenged to think, to dream and to act. This year has been pretty amazing!'*

# what?



# NEW resources



## RORY GRANT

From Dunedin gives us the low down on the new Quest DVDs.

Everyone's talking about it, some people have seen it, & it's got a really funky cover. Cool. What is it? It's Quest, a spunky new 7 session intro to Christianity, by the fun-fun people at Andy Harrington says it's 'the best tool I've seen in the last 10 years for reaching teens in their own language.' But he's Canadian. So how good is it really?

## Who's it for?

It's aimed at young people (my guesstimate: 14-18) who don't know stuff. *You need to have some relationship with these young people already.* It doesn't matter if it's your youth group, some friends they've brought along, or part of your chaplaincy at school, you've just gotta have some kind of community to start from. Once you have that, Quest can be great for you.

## What's so great about Quest?

**THE FORMAT** Each 1 hr session (including discussion time) is based in a different part of the world, and they have these really cool 'ad-break' things that pose questions like 'what's the worst thing you've ever done?' then ask lots of different people on the street. This is perfect at breaking the ice before involving participants in discussion.

**THE PRODUCTION** I've never seen anything this slick.

**THE TRAINING SESSIONS** on the extra DVD are top notch, you've got no excuse to go into Quest under prepared.

**THE OUT-TAKES** The bloopers are spectacular, & you've just gotta see the Christian Bookstore scene. Satire at it's best.

## What's not so great?

The cost - \$285 Can't afford the DVD's? There are videos, but beg, borrow or steal the DVD's. It's so worth it. If you just can't afford it, get youth alpha instead.

## Where do I get it?

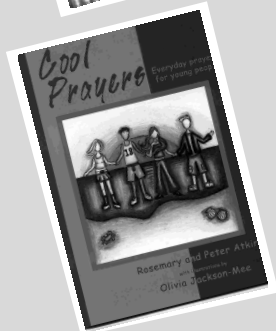
From the Alpha guys. [www.alpha.org.nz/cgr/quest.htm](http://www.alpha.org.nz/cgr/quest.htm)



## CD: Somebody's Cousin

Somebody's Cousin's debut album is out now. Hailing from the Otago/Southland region, and based out of Calvin Community Church in Gore, the band has been together for almost 3 years playing extensively throughout the South Island. The album, 'Brighter Day' bundles uplifting harmonies together with catchy riffs and ties it all up with an overall message of hope for young people. Next year, the Cousins will be touring for 6 months through High Schools.

**Where do I get it?** PYM Office (04) 381 8299; [mo.mansill@presbyterian.org.nz](mailto:mo.mansill@presbyterian.org.nz) or [www.somebodyscousin.com](http://www.somebodyscousin.com)



## BOOK: Cool Prayers

This 40-page NZ book of prayers by Rosemary and Peter Atkins is for 11-14 year olds. The subjects of the prayers were brainstormed by young people of that age group, and the illustrations were done by a young girl of that age as well. Monica says, 'This book is a winner! The poems are relevant to wide range of ages. There were some which really appealed to me as a nineteen year old and some which I think would really appeal to kids - as young as ten or eleven. The artwork by Olivia Jackson-Mee is simply incredible, it really brought the poems to life...'

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# Up Coming Events

## Faith Festival NORTH

**WHAT:** End of year celebration for Presbyterian Youth

**WHEN:** Friday 10 December @ 5:30pm – Sunday 12 December @ 12:30pm

**WHERE:** Mangatangi -140km from Tauranga, 80km from Hamilton, 70km from Auckland, 20km east of Pokeno, 14km west of Miranda Hot Pools...

**WHY:** We can do more together than alone!

**WHO FOR:** 13yrs & up, accompanied by a youth leader

**COST:** \$40 per person, \$35 pp for 2 or more in the same family

**WHO'S BEHIND IT:** St Andrews Presbyterian Church, Pokeno-Mangatangi-Kaiiua (now known as Crossroads Christian Centre)

**SPEAKERS AND SEMINAR LEADERS INCLUDE:** Mo Mansill, Steve Millward, Spy Team Tauranga, Felicity Auva'a and others...

**WORSHIP BAND:** PIC Newtown, Wellington

**SEMINARS:** Being a Christian at High School, making a difference, what makes for effective youth leaders and effective youth groups. Worship...

**OTHER BANDS:** Z Amigos, The Clevedon Pressie Worship Band...

**MORE INFO:** Contact Steve Millward, 948 Monument Road, Rd1 POKENO before the 5th December.

## Faith Festival SOUTH

**WHAT:** Faith Fest 2005

**WHEN:** February 18th – 20th.

**WHERE:** Cromwell Raceway, Central Otago;

**MORE INFO:** Julie Corbett: jacorbett@xtra.co.nz

## Group Ticket Buying for Parachute 2005

**Kohi Presbyterian Church is organising a group purchase of tickets to Parachute.**

**How much?** \$115.00 per adult ticket (13 years plus). This is the price for a group of 50+ purchased before 15 December.

**What do you get?** The ticket (obviously) for the cheapest price, and a Parachute 05 compilation CD for free!

**What's the catch?** You need to get your individual/group's order, with full payment (cheques made out to Kohimarama Presbyterian Church), to the address below by the end of November. (We also need name, address, email address and age of each person buying a ticket) If you already have a group of 50+, then it is probably easier for you to order the tickets yourself, but for smaller groups and individuals, this is the best deal.

**If you're keen, contact:**

Rev Richard Ward and Rev Nikki Watkin

**Address:** 34 Kohimarama Road  
Kohimarama  
Auckland 1005  
Ph 09 521 8142 (Home)  
09 528 0137 (office)

**Email:** kohipres@xtra.co.nz

# Notices

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

### CLEVEDON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Sth Auckland, Part Time**

Clevedon Presbyterian are looking for a Youth Worker with a passion for youth, who could work with our Youth Group age kids for 12 hours per week. This is a paid position and has a start date in January 2005. The basic outline of the work required is, running the Youth Group on a Friday night and all prep work for that as well as instigating study groups for the youth throughout the week.

**For a job description and/or more info:** Robyn and Jill Rangeley; Phone: 09 292 8061 (Church office); 09 292 8359 (home); 021 1278674; Email: rangeley@orcon.net.nz

### HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

**Tauranga, Full Time**

Holy Trinity is looking for someone who has Strong leadership skills and experience in youth ministry to join their ministry team. This is a full time paid position and would involve leading the growing and highly relational high school and intermediate youth ministry. The successful candidate will be passionate about youth and God. Holy Trinity is a large, vibrant, inner city Anglican Church which is evangelical/charismatic.

**For a job description and/or more info:** Holy Trinity Anglican Church, P.O.Box 327, Tauranga; Phone: 07 578 7718; Email: reception@holytrinity.org.nz

### ST DAVID'S UNION CHURCH

**Ashburton, Full/Part Time**

Do you have a passion for young people and for Jesus Christ? Are you looking for an interesting, challenging position? Then you could be the new youth worker at St David's...Key tasks will include: Leadership of the St David's Youth Group programme, Christian education and faith development of young people, facilitating youth participation in worship. The position could be full-time or part-time.

**For a job description and/or more info:** Revs Alan and Rachel Judge, St David's Union Church Office, 48 Allens Road, Ashburton; Phone: 03 308-5174 (office); 03 308 7778 (home); Email: alanandrachel@xtra.co.nz

### ST. MARGARET'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Christchurch, Full/Part Time**

Over the years, St Margaret's have developed youth programmes in the community that have reached large numbers of young people, and that also have been an effective training ground for leadership. We are looking for someone with the passion, vision and gifts to lead our team of committed young people, and help us build on this development. The position will involve oversight of our church youth group, as well as our successful and well-regarded community outreaches. Expressions of interest are invited for this exciting youth work opportunity, which will be available from the beginning of 2005. The position may be full or part-time, subject to negotiation.

**For a job description and/or more info:** St. Margaret's minister, Phil King; Phone: 03 359 0149; Email: phil@stmargaretsbishopdale.co.nz

## POST SCRIPT

### MARK YOUR DIARIES!

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8-10 July 2005  
National Youth Leaders Conference

**What:** National Pressie Youth Leaders Conference. A time to be connected, inspired, challenged and appreciated for all you do.

**When:** Friday 8 July – Sunday 10 July 2005

**Where:** Forest Lakes Camp, Otaki (an hour north of Wellington)

**Why:** Ask any of the 155 youth leaders who were there last year and they'll tell you that unless a frog jumps over the moon that weekend, they'll be back... Enough said.

Any comments, queries or if you want to advertise job vacancies or notices of regional or national events, contact Mo Mansill at the PYM Office: (04) 381 8299; Read Fuel on the web: [www.presbyterian.org.nz/youth](http://www.presbyterian.org.nz/youth)

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