



“Celebrating Womens’ Achievements”- Thank you

Congratulations Association of Presbyterian Women (**APW**) and well done. Thank you all for your hard work over many years. Joyce Meyer said “Don’t look at how far you have to go, but look back at how far you have come” – thank you for your faithful devotion to our organisation your commitment and hard work raising funds for mission projects and outreach projects in our churches and communities. As Presbyterian Women of Aotearoa New Zealand (**PWANZ**) we shall continue the great work started, doing our best to keep the flame alive and burning. Prayer, vision, planning, surveys to start. Looking forward to wonderful celebrations next year.

Isaiah 9: 6 "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

The most important celebration of all is the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ, and as we wind up for the year – we stop, pause, breathe and reflect - wow it’s been quite a year! Thanks be to God for his love and guidance. You are probably busy with Christmas service preparations shortly, finish off catering events and baking, organising programmes and services, keep up the good work, keep walking to the cross doing your best for God – when all is said and done “We are unworthy servants, we have only done our duty” (Luke 17:10) May the love, joy and peace of the Baby of Christmas be with us all this Christmas time

Blessings

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PS: I am always happy to hear from you – lafulafu@xtra.co.nz



NCG News/Recommendations:

APW Celebrations 2014: That we celebrate regionally rather than nationally. In this way more members can be part of it, we want everyone to enjoy. To our individual members, our groups that have closed come join in find out whose having a celebration and go along, we encourage our existing groups to reach out and invite all our women to be part of this occasion. Why not start the day with zumba, run a mini womens’ expo (eg. PIC Porirua held a “Pinkalicious Day” have your hair done, massage, painted nails, crafts, Bible studies), games and fun themed days, a photo display, health days with tai chi and juicing, workshops, nice dinner, picnic for all the family a few ideas to help us along, it’s a day to celebrate women and have fun fun fun!

UN Convenor: We are pleased to announce Rev Carol Grant as the new United Nations Convenor. We thank all the applicants who applied, great to receive applications from Pacific women.

Special Projects: Lafulafu (and women) to hand cheques over to representatives of the groups. Watch this space for update

Study Grant: is available to all women in the church wishing to undertake training appropriate to God’s calling in different areas of church ministry. Application forms are available from National Secretary, Rev Shona Bettany (06)367 2067 or email revsbettany@xtra.co.nz. Applications close 30th November 2013.

NCG Retreat: Please keep NCG in prayer as they meet to pray, deliberate, discuss “moving forward” for our organisation, we will keep you updated of progress.

Teaching Hundreds to Heal Millions

Dr Beryl Howie's story By Bartha Hill

Over the last few years after many interviews with Dr Howie her over the phone and in person, Bartha Hill has been privileged to write her biography - but she only agreed for this to be done after the promise that it would not be published until after her death. This happened in December 2012. The story is now published.



In 1958 the London based Ludhiana Fellowship invited Beryl Howie, a newly qualified young New Zealand obstetrician/gynaecologist to join the staff of the Ludhiana Hospital in India. Beryl recognised God's calling and went to India.

It was no easy challenge, as in addition to her very busy clinical job she also had to learn at least one of two local languages. Her faith in God not only motivated her work but apart from her medical training she also encouraged the study of the Bible among her students and patients.

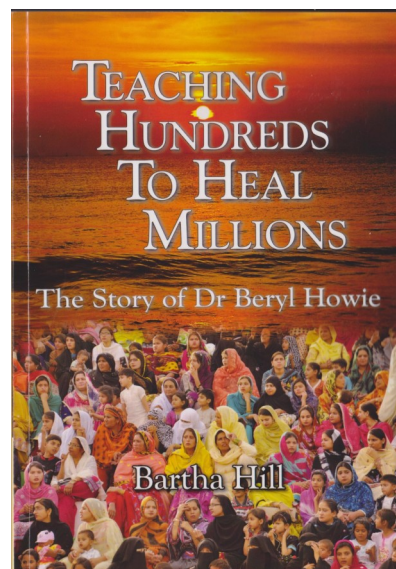
It came as a bit of a shock when just before she was due for her first furlough the Ludhiana Fellowship told her they had decided to move their support to training Indian doctors and asked her to find support elsewhere.

It was no easy task, but after exploring several options the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand invited her to become one of their missionaries and in 1963 she set off under new colours but to the same job.

Over the next few years, her work load increased and the old buildings became totally inadequate for the increasing number of patients as well as new equipment for the theatres. She was soon dreaming about a new hospital for women. During her next furlough she challenged the New Zealand churches to raise \$500,000 for this.

People all over New Zealand took enthusiastically to this project. When they had reached \$100,000 the New Zealand Government offered to contribute \$500,000 if the project raised that amount by Christmas. This challenge sparked off great enthusiasm among the New Zealand churches. Several other missionaries were at home on leave from India and others with a strong interest in Ludhiana helped to enthuse congregations and individuals to great heights; there are many stories in this book about the kind of projects people set up to make it happen.

Suffice to say that Beryl returned to India with the plans and funding to begin planning for a new hospital and start building.



At the same time she continued to work towards raising the standard of care of patients and develop high quality high educational and treatment standards of doctors, nurses and midwives.

But there was another exciting development. When Beryl first came to India, all newly trained doctors with any money went to the UK and, if possible, the USA for postgraduate training. Most of them then looked for work there and didn't return to India but rather supported their families from the high salaries they earned there.

Beryl longed to change the natural path of graduates to keep them in India to serve their own people. For that quality advanced training would have to be available. By 1980 84% of all graduates in Obstetrics and 29 of her MD graduates were in practice in India rather than go overseas.

In 1981, Beryl finally left India and found work in 2 other missionary challenges – one was to write a text book on Obstetrics and Gynaecology specifically for students in India, and the other was to visit missionaries all over South East Asia and set up better healthcare for these servants of the Lord.

After finally retiring to New Zealand, she was honoured with an honorary doctorate in Science by the University of Otago.

To purchase a copy of this book (24.95 including p&p) please contact Bartha Hill, the author of this book, by email: barthahill@yahoo.com. Special rates for 5 or more copies.

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This year is the 50th anniversary of the Association of Presbyterian Women. Here in Dunedin little time was wasted in setting up the Association. An executive was formed in March 1964 and the first inaugural Dunedin Presbyterian gathering met 2 June 1964 at the Knox Church Hall. Doris Petrie was appointed the first President. Later in 1969 she would become the President of the National Executive.

When to meet for the general meeting dominated the first meeting. Would it be morning or afternoon? The tension prevalent through the years of planning the merger of the women's organisations is apparent in this discussion. The now merged group of women meant that four groups required to be considered: The out of towners and older women who preferred the afternoon, the mothers of school children preferred 1pm and those Business women naturally preferred evenings. A compromise was eventually arrived at with the decision to meet alternately in the afternoon and evening. This arrangement continued for many years.

A new initiative emerged during the first year of the APW which played a continuing significant role. The Department of Parish and Community Service, under the Convenership of Adelaide McLean of Dunedin, offered new and adventurous projects for local mission. Ideal for the role, Adelaide was described as always 'simmering' with new ideas. With her enthusiastic support the Dunedin APW groups found a new impetus in redefining local mission activity; a concept, which had troubled Presbyterian women for at least 25 years. A new post-world War 1 generation of women began to moot for a shift to broaden mission to include the moral and social crisis as a consequence of the upheavals of war and depression. An opportunity arose in 1941 when the newly formed Council of Churches Campaign for Christian Order opened a channel for women to become involved in social and justice issues. The Campaign for Christian Order posed the question, 'What world order must arise to take place of the order this war is destroying? NZ must return to a godlier path' they were told. Their support of the Campaign eventually led to the formation of the Women's Fellowship, which existed uncomfortably with the PWMU for 15 years, amidst enormous changes taking place both in Overseas and local missions.

By 1958, with the New Life Movement and Stewardship programmes dominating many parish activities and overseas Mission responsibilities lessening, questions arose as to the splintered nature of women's work. Would it not be more efficient to have a united group?

A campaign began to take the idea around New Zealand. By November 1963 the General Assembly ratified the PWMU and Women's Fellowship recommendation that a merged women's group take place.

The Moderator, the Rev. J. S. Murray conducted the inaugural Service for the new Association of Presbyterian Women. Of note on this occasion are the number of women elders who dispensed the elements during communion; a moving moment when one considers the drawn out debate to accept women into eldership.

At the last Annual Meeting of the Dunedin PWMU Presbyterial, Mrs Janet Spence of Mornington, encouraged the women to capture the wider vision of the Church's mission and to go forward under the new APW as the 'mothers' of previous generations fulfilled their vision of missionary service. Dunedin APW Presbyterial has carried out its vision with diligence these last 50 years

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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Streams in the Desert

Friday March 7, 2014

PREPARED BY WOMEN OF EGYPT



There will be a World Day of Prayer Service in your area. Find out where and what time of day, and plan to be there.

Are there any other stories of the early days of APW - the 4 departments –Missions, Parish and Community, Programme, Prayer and Study, or meetings with a crèche, or children present? I remember my daughter at my feet with her zigsaw puzzles while Presbyterial was in progress. **Editor**

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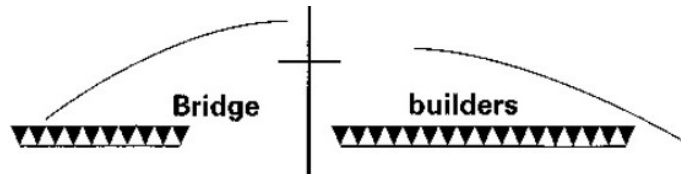
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Mission Birthday Gift and Stamp Allocations

Money raised by the sale of used stamps, and our
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scheme for the 2012/13 year has been allocated as
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\$10000 to Global Mission without tabs.
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\$2000 Nursing school in Jagadhri
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then find themselves in difficulty.

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