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*Warm Greetings Presbyterian Women
in the name of Our Risen Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ*

Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.

Proverbs 22:6 NIV

Recently my class (5 and 6 year olds) sat the annual Sunday School Union Scripture Examination, we read, memorised and studied scripture and stories from the Bible. Emotions exploding, butterflies, sore tummys, excitement, eagerness filled the hall, and then it was all over. The best part of the day for them was the yummy cuppa tea afterwards, and getting to play with their friends - of course. I grew up sitting these exams and am now a teacher. I never understood why I had to sit exams mum wanted us to and so we did. My dear mum has passed and I want to thank her, I now know the importance these exams were for my future, they were small building blocks to build my foundation and faith in Jesus Christ and it has put me in good stead for many challenges in life. Let us continue taking our children to Sunday School

Thank you all for your smiles, handshakes, kind words of encouragement and support and prayers for myself, Mrs Sauvao and Rev Shona Bettany the 'newbies' at our Business meeting in Wellington, minutes which are available on the PWANZ website. Thank you Jan and your team for job well done God bless you all, and thank you Pamela for staying on until we can find a replacement for the United Nations convenor, ladies please come forward if you are interested in this role. More information to follow. We look forward to working alongside the rest of the National Coordinating Group.

Celebration of 50 years of the APW (now PWANZ) work next year. What a privilege and honour to salute the women who have worked tirelessly in their parishes fundraising for the many mission projects we have supported over 50 years. Were you here in the beginning and would like to share your story/photos let me know I would love to hear from you. We will keep you posted of progress.

Presbyterian Women – Where to from here? What are your thoughts?

We have Nola Stuart's paper which is available on the PWANZ website to get the ball rolling and we encourage you all to please hold discussions in your groups. We will at some stage in the near future appoint someone to work and lead this important project.

Young women - Rev Shona Bettany is looking forward to working with our young women. Be assured there is a place for you here – you are very welcome – we can and will work together young and old side by side, we need your skills, talents and time, please come and help our work.

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

Galatians 6:9 NIV

Keep up the good work – you are doing a brilliant job. Thank you all for your love and commitment to our work especially our special projects.

Lafulafu Vanila Ekenasio

Convenor,
Presbyterian Women Aotearoa New Zealand

Delegates say The Grace together at the end of a busy day at the national business meeting



National Business Meeting Report

The National Business Meeting, with the theme, “***Where to from Here***” was held at St John's in the City, Wellington, on Saturday 25th May 2013.

The Rev Monica Redman led us in devotions from Psalm 23, giving us some insight into the image of the Shepherd – and how he leads us and restores our soul. She illustrated her message with several of her shoes, telling us how and where her ‘Soles’ have taken her and changed as she has worn them. We especially warmed to the saying if we “Pop our Clogs” the Lord can restore our Souls.

We remembered all those ladies who had passed on in the last year. Especially we remembered Mary McIntyre who died on Thursday 23 May 2013.

It was ratified that our subscriptions be raised to \$8.00 per member in line with MWF. \$6.00 to go to National and \$2.00 to the Presbyterials.

Ola Leasi presented her report on the 57th meeting off the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW). This year's theme was *Eliminating all sorts of violence against women and girls*, focused on the relentless epidemic of violence against women and girls.

The Mission Project packs will be out in July. If you do not receive yours, please contact Joan Roberts.

Jan Thomson thanked the meeting for the continuing support of Turakina Maori Girls' College.

Recognising the missional aspect of our organisation, our Guest Speaker was Lesley Picking. Lesley is Strategic Relationships Manager for Womens Refuge. She talked about the plight of women at risk, and showed a very powerful DVD on the ‘Brain Wave Trust’. At lunch time a koha of \$350 was received, which was given to Lesley for the work of Women's Refuge.

Liz Miller shared the highlights of the Consultative Workshop meeting with younger Presbyterian women, held in February 2013. The young women want to belong, but have encountered obstacles to this. Networking and fellowship within our Parishes, letting the younger generation plan their own meetings/Gatherings is necessary. In moving forward, it does not have to be ‘our way’ or the way things have always been.

Nola Stuart's report/paper ‘*Where to from here*’, was agreed to, in principle. This paper recognises that we need to consider a different way of being Presbyterian Women, as we move forward into the future. Electronic communication will be a part of this.

It was decided that the Secretary's position be a paid position, up to 16 hours per week.

The Nan Burgess bequest will be used during this transition time, as we look for a way forward for Presbyterian Women.

Please note that next year, in 2014, we celebrate 50 years of APW/PW. More details to come.

The following officers were elected:

Lafulafu Ekenasio Convenor

Le'autuli'ilagi Sauvao Deputy Convenor

Rev Shona Bettany Secretary

We thanked our retiring NCG personnel - Jan Harland, Convenor; Liz Miller, Deputy Convenor; Valerie Anderson, Secretary; Fotu Lualua, Communications Co-Convenor; and Hazel O'Brien, Gleanings Editor. Pamela Tankersley is also retiring from the position of United Nations Convenor, but as there were no nominations for this position, she will continue to hold this position while we advertise for a replacement, and an appointment is made.



The new members of our National Coordinating Group
Shona Bettany, Secretary, Lafulafu Vanila Ekenasio, Convenor, Le'autuli'ilagi Sauvao, Deputy Con-

CONVENOR of the UNITED NATION COMMITTEE

Pamela Tankersley has completed her term as the Convener of the United Nations Committee and the position was not filled at the Business meeting in May. As the position requires some specialist skills and knowledge, the meeting agreed that a description of what the role involves and the desired attributes of a Convener would be circulated in Gleanings. Nominations will be called for by the end of July; NCG will compile and circulate a short list of candidates and conduct a postal vote as soon as possible.

The Convener's role is to head the UN Committee whose job is to educate PW about international women's affairs and advocacy for a better world for women and girls and to manage PWs Consultative Status at the UN, partnering with other NGO groups in NZ and with Ecumenical women at the UN. The Convener usually represents Presbyterian Women in New York at the Commission on the Status of Women. Pamela Tankersley has offered to train her successor in the way in which our representative has carried out this function.



Faaolataga (Ola) Leasi who accompanied Pamela at the last UN meeting in New York

Expressions of interest in taking on this role by any woman in the Presbyterian Church can be made to the Secretary, the Rev Shona Bettany, revsbettany@xtra.co.nz, who will forward a more detailed job description. Nominations for the role must be made through a local branch or regional Presbyterian of Presbyterian women, to the Secretary by 31 July,

MARY MCINTYRE.—16.3.1948 - 23.5.2013

Mary McIntyre, died at home in Bannockburn 23rd May 2013.

Mary McIntyre a leader who's input into whatever she was involved with, was invaluable and inspirational.

Mary's voice at the United Nations, where she represented Presbyterian Women of New Zealand with consultative status at the UN Economic and Social Council has been stilled, but her commitment to the underprivileged will be forever remembered.

Her involvement was not only with Presbyterian Women, but with Plunket, Parent Teacher Association, Sunday church, and Inner Wheel, of which she became District Governor. Mary went on to become a Rotarian in her own right, earning a sapphire to her Paul Harris fellowship in 2006.

A skilled communicator, she touched base easily with strangers, and made friends for life. She was a natural leader, a warm humorous woman who could lift moods and insights. Her energy and drive, her good humour under pressure, her ability to set priorities and still deal with the unexpected were some of the aspects that we as Presbyterian Women most admired.

Mary was at the beginning of her term as Convenor of Presbyterian Women Aotearoa New Zealand in May 1910, her dream being, to have all women in the church known as Presbyterian Women not just those who are paid up members. This was not to be, but we will forever remember Mary McIntyre for her compassion and drive, with her family at the heart of all things.

Love and Blessings as we all remember our Mary McIntyre.



Mission Department

Apologies to those who have been trying to reach Joan by email—there was an error in Gleanings her email address is syjob@xtra.co.nz.

Stamps

Some groups may be struggling to find out where to sell used stamps. Joan has a list of dealers throughout the country. Email her and she will send you an address in your area.

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News from Knox, Whakatane.

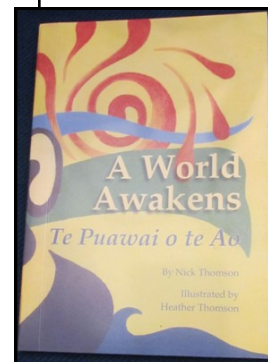
"Heart to Heart Expo & Family Festival" was enjoyed on a sunny Saturday, 11th May at Knox Presbyterian Church, Whakatane. It was the second year of the event with the assistance of Presbyterian Support (Northern).

Inside the church hall 16 community organisations/ agencies displayed their purposes and services. They had staff available to chat, give advice, and hand out appropriate brochures. Citizens Advice Bureau, Budget Advice, Whakatane District Youth Council, Corrections Services, Bible Society, Family Works, Grandparents Raising Grandchildren were amongst those taking part.

The church grounds buzzed with activities for children: knock-ems, walking the plank, face painting, a treasure hunt, icing cup-cakes in the Messy Church, bouncy castles, producing a "work of art" on the theme "Who is my hero? Who has my heart?" For the last, there were prizes of 2 bikes and an i-phone.

There was also free clothing from our Opportunity Knocks shop, live band music, Kapa Haka performances, spot prizes, Zumba dancing outside which drew a large crowd from the community. Of course the hangi (280 meals cooked on site), 570 sizzled sausages, 400 freshly cooked scones topped with jam & cream plus cuppas ALL given away free were a big draw card to this safe family-friendly environment. Our Women's Fellowship members had plenty of opportunities to serve & share God's love in our community! Thus we gave practical witness to our church's logo "Have a Heart".

"A World Awakens" is a poetic rendering of some Maori myths of crea-



tion., perhaps a Maori equivalent of Longfellow's "The Song of Hiawatha" Sir Mason Durie and past principal, Dawn Mitai-Pehi both commented on their interest in reading how their mythology is viewed by Pakeha.

It is available for \$20, plus \$5 p&p from:
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c/- N P Thomson
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