



Mission statement: *Serving God Locally and Globally with Love*

In these exciting times of change for our women, let us reach out to the women in our parish and help them discover their identity and gifts in Christ. The Very Rev Pamela Tankersley's Bible study of Ruth and Naomi is a great resource to use.

Welcoming women to church: a smile, handshake go a long way. Do you make an effort to greet them? How can you as a leader, make your church or ministry a warm place for women?*

Thank you for your feedback and recommendations from groups on Nola Stuart's paper – we want to hear from you. Our 2012/2013 special projects are featured in the Spanz http://www.presbyterian.org.nz/sites/default/files/Winter.2013.SPANZ_Issue-54.pdf You should all now have received the 2013/2014 special project information from Joan Roberts. As we go to print we are in the process of finding a replacement United Nations Convenor, what a wonderful response we received 8 applications. Please pray for this appointment and our organisation. Lord Jesus, we seek your wisdom in our plans & decision making, we seek your peace ...to be still & know that you are God. We seek your humbleness so that we serve and reflect your ways with grace and gentle attitudes. Bless us, mould us, use us to glorify your work. In your precious name. Amen

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*source - giftedforleadership.com

'A Brighter Future at Home & Abroad'

For almost fifty years, our movement has been involved in a special project to assist beyond ourselves. Initially we produced the work of our hands, knitted scarves and vests for the Leprosy Mission and bandages for Jagadhri Hospital, then when freight charges became prohibitive, we raised money for "Water for Women", needs in Timor Leste, rebuilding earthquake ravaged Haiti, youth in Nicaragua and New Zealand, Hearing Association, Habitat for Humanity and many others. Some of these projects may inspired members more than others, but we have actively supported these projects for the good of others, in the hope of bringing a brighter future. In working on our projects, we are not just working to help the various individuals and groups, but as Jesus, said to his disciples in Matthew 25:40, whenever we did it for these people, we did it for him. This year the New Zealand focus of our project, believing that "the early years matter", aims to help Women's Refuge to train advocates for children who are damaged by traumatic events early in their lives. The overseas focus is the Women's Centre in Sri Lanka with the task to build a somewhat better future. **"Whatever you do for ...the least of these...you do for (Christ)"**

Matthew 25: 40

Why do 'The Early Years Matter'?

The first few years of life are crucial for every child. A child's experiences, both good and bad, in the early years largely determine how their brain develops, and whether they will become capable, contributing, well-adjusted adults. Children's brain development adapts to help them cope in the environment in which they live but this does not always set up the ideal conditions to thrive at school or in later relationships.

Special Project pack

REMINDER: the redirection order on the Alexandra PO Box is running out
Postal mail for the National Secretary and National Treasurer,
should be sent to **P O Box 239, Levin 5540.**

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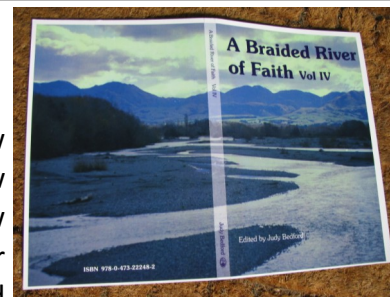
Our community awareness programme featured Altrusa International who support schools and kindergartens with goods so that they can address matters that are not able to be secured under normal channels. A Variety concert was very successful and raised \$550. The major portion was given to the Special Annual Project. A talented group of entertainers from the local community and St Davids made for an excellent programme. Afternoon tea was served. Seven members attended the Regional Day held at St Andrews in the City and entitled 'Women on the Way'



Mona Hamilton, of St James' Union Church, Greerton, has been awarded the "Bob Anderson Memorial Award" by the Tauranga Branch of Amnesty International for her work for the organisation over 23 years. She is heralded as a veteran social justice advocate. She is a tireless worker in church and community.

The Braided Rivers of Faith. from the first streams in 1993

This great collection of stories of significant New Zealand Christian Presbyterian women has now published 246 mini biographies as well as a few group reflections. Thank you everyone for contributing to the books, then buying them and now treasuring them as precious archive, a precious taonga.



The project began in 1993 when, as a result of reading the Presbyterian Women USA publication "Horizons" Jan Veitch dreamed of gathering N.Z. Stories of 'ordinary women who made an impression on others because of their faith'. Jan and others on the APW National Executive at the time, embarked on this as a project for 1994's Centenary of Women's Suffrage.

In those days the key players were Jan Veitch with the written material and Isobel Probert, working with oral histories.

Later, Lorna Laxon, Sheila Irwin and Sharon Ensor were involved in writing the material for electronic storage, and after a PCNZ grant was given (with encouragement from then Assembly Executive Secretary, Michael Thawley) there was finance available to move towards publishing this valuable first collection. Nan Burgess helped with editing that collection prior to its publication in 2002, and was later to edit Volume 2 for 2003 and Volume 3 for 2006.

One thousand copies of Vol 1 were printed and each of the others has sold about 500 copies.

I still have 3 x Vol 1, 1 x Vol 3 and several of Vol 4. Please contact me if you're interested in buying any of these and I guess that next year, I will have to arrange disposal of the excess books.

I enjoyed my involvement as Editor of Volume 4, learned some new skills and met many of you. The expenses have not quite broken even, but fortunately the APW Executive had been able to earmark some funding to ensure that publication was possible.

We have some wonderful people in our heritage, and pray that our lives and attitudes will be such that others will remember us with love and respect "She made an impression on others because of her faith"

Judy Bedford.

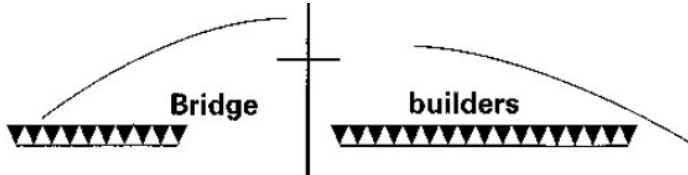
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The Levy's in Vanuatu

We often lose sight of our mission enterprises which have been so much part of our movement over the years. St Columba Church in Tauranga supports the Levy family in Santo, Vanuatu. Paula is a lecturer at Talua Ministry Training Centre, and husband, Roger is a great fix it man and helps the children with their lessons. He also works with work teams from New Zealand with all sorts of upgrades in the area. A water tank to provide lime free water for their house was a real achievement.



**7th Bridgebuilders
International Consultation:
4-7 April 2014
Invitation to Join the Celebration
from
Jane Prichard, International President**

We invite all Presbyterian and associated church women to attend the 7th Consultation to be held in Auckland on 4-7 April next year at the St Francis Retreat Centre, 50 Hillsborough Road, Mt Roskill. The St Francis Centre provides comfortable accommodation and excellent meals for those who will travel from centres outside of Auckland. Local women can also choose to live-in or to attend the Consultation on a daily basis.

We encourage your support. The registration form can be found on the Bridgebuilders web site, www.bridgebuilderstrust.org.nz or by sending an email message to Bridgebuilders Office Co-ordinator at bridgebuilderstrust@xtra.org.nz. The Bridgebuilders International Secretary Rose Taue-tule will also send the form if you write to her at PO Box 99-464, Newmarket, Auckland 1149.

We do hope many will attend the 7th Bridgebuilders Consultation. It is an opportunity for New Zealand women to meet with women leading church groups in countries who are our neighbours without the need for long travel. The speakers will be inspiring as we deepen our faith and international understanding through building new bridges together. The Consultation will be an exciting celebration. Some reading this will remember the first Consultation hosted by the Association of Presbyterian Women's National Executive also held at the at Francis Centre February-March 1996. This was when our relationship with the United Nations ECOSOC became strengthened. For the first time we hosted women from our counterpart churches in neighbor countries in the Pacific Basin, as well as South Africa. Through Bridgebuilders God's Kingdom has been made stronger in three-yearly meetings in Fiji, South Africa, Vanuatu, Taiwan and Samoa. So it was timely that New Zealand should hold the Bridgebuilders Board of Officers for the first time in 2011-2014. The Bridgebuilders Trust is hosting the Consultation.

MANAWATU PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

'Women on the Way' was the title for the meeting held on 3rd August and hosted by St Marks St Andrews. The meeting further pursued ways in which younger women of Presbyterian Women Aotearoa New Zealand could operate. It was suggested that a paid Executive Officer work with Global Mission and be stationed in Wellington. Regional and parish activities would have flexibility to operate according to their situation. The new National Secretary, Rev Shona Bettany and the Rt Rev Pamela Tanksley gave the scriptural background of Ruth and Naomi's journey which reflects parallels in which Presbyterian Women are proceeding. United Nations programme on Violence against Women and Children was discussed. Barbara Arnold, national president of National Council of Women gave us background to current issues and submissions being made to Parliamentary Select Committees. In response to the Public Health Nurses appeal, a very large amount of sheets, towels and linen was brought to the meeting and will be given to the Linen Bank at Wesley Goodwill for distribution by the Public Health Nurses.

Reference was also made to the discussion held at the National Business Meeting, May 2013 around moving forward the organization of PWANZ. In response the meeting shared Nola Stuart's letter expressing her vision for the future of our organization and much discussion followed. This discussion concluded with an overwhelming endorsement of the following recommendations:-

- **1. That within twelve months of the May 2013 National Business Meeting, that approval be sought to establish the position of a paid Executive Officer (complete with a Job Description) based in Wellington.**
- 2. That PWANZ would seek dialogue with Global Mission (PCANZ) so that a shared position with the Executive Officer might be explored.**
- 3. That PWANZ would discuss policy to put in place a Board in the name of Presbyterian Women Aotearoa New Zealand. It would include the Executive Officer plus members who would serve in a voluntary capacity. Positions on the Board would be nominated and voted in the usual way.**

It would be expected that the establishment of firm policy be completed with final recommendations to be considered at the next PWANZ Triennial Meeting 2015.

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Special Project 2013-2014

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The NZ part through Women's Refuge is to provide 100 Advocate Specialists for children who are being raised in Violent Family homes. The Overseas Project through CWS is centred on a Women's Centre in Sri Lanka The Centre works with young women workers in the Free Trade Zone factories which were established to produce low cost products (clothing), and in communities which were affected by the Civil War which ended in 2010.

There have been many changes in the format of our Presbyterials and the number of branches. Please would each Presbyterian make contact with our Missions Convenor, Joan Roberts, requesting the number of project packs required for their region.

Individual members who would still like to participate but do not belong to a Branch could make contact too.

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Presbyterian Women Aotearoa New Zealand.

Study Grant

We are pleased to offer a grant to women in our church seeking Christian training in 2013 to help course costs.

DO YOU KNOW WOMEN SEEKING TRAINING?

Application forms are obtainable from
National Secretary,
Rev. Shona Bettany
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email :- revsbettany@xtra.co.nz

Applications close
30th November 2013.