

October 2012

Invitation to Clergy and Parish Advocates/Links

Christian World Service is inviting you to one of 15 regional forums around NZ to promote your congregation's awareness of CWS' current ministry with its overseas partners and to make use of CWS's latest resources, including the Annual Christmas Appeal kit that your parish recently received.

You can choose to come for either a mid-morning or a late afternoon session (each lasting 1.5 hours) over the next few weeks. Each will give you time to meet each other and CWS staff member/s in ecumenical space, raise questions and give us your feedback. Feel free to bring a friend from your parish. These forums are being hosted at these times in the following regions:

Christchurch (2):

Wednesday, **October 24** (10-11.30am; or 5.30-7pm) at Knox Presbyterian Centre, 28 Bealey Avenue, Christchurch (ph. 379.2456)

Dunedin (2):

Tuesday, **October 30** (5.30-7pm) at All Saints Anglican, 786 Cumberland Street, Dunedin North (ph. 477. 8300)

Wednesday, **October 31** (10.30-12 noon) at Knox Presbyterian 'Gathering Area', 449 George St, Dunedin (ph. 477.0229)

Wellington (2):

Tuesday, **November 6** (10.30-12 noon; or 5.30-7pm) at St John's in the City Presbyterian, Cnr Willis/Dixon Streets, Wellington (ph. 385.1546)

Hawkes Bay (2):

Tuesday, **November 13** (5.30-7pm) at St Paul's Presbyterian, Tennyson and Dalton Streets, Napier (ph. 835.5359)

Thursday, **November 15** (10.30-12pm) at All Saint's Anglican, Cnr Puketapu/Church Roads, Taradale (ph.844.2998)

Northland:

Tuesday, **November 20** (10-12 noon) at St John's Co-operating, 149 Kamo Rd, Whangarei (ph. 435. 2396)

Auckland (4):

Wednesday, **November 21** (10-12 noon) at Lynfield Community Church, 35 The Avenue, Mt Roskill

Wednesday, **November 21** (7-9pm) at St Paul's Methodist, 12 St Vincent's Ave, Remuera (ph. 522. 0729)

Thursday, **November 22** (10-12 noon) at St John the Baptist Anglican, 47 Church Street, Northcote

Thursday, **November 22** (1.30-3.30pm) at Trinity Methodist, 474 Pakuranga Hwy, Pakuranga (ph. 576. 2407)

Bay of Plenty:

Friday, **November 23** (5.30-8.30pm incl. Pot Luck) at Wesley Methodist, 100 13th Ave, Tauranga (577. 1441)

Waikato/Thames Valley:

Saturday, **November 24th** (10-1pm incl. shared Finger-food lunch) at Chartwell Co-operating, Cnr Bellmont Ave/Comries Rd, Hamilton (853.7595)

Thanks to all these parishes who have agreed to host these forums, mostly at no expense. All these regional Forums will be posted on our website:

www.cws.org.nz. Do make them known to clergy in your area who may not be on our mailing lists.

CWS has undertaken this overseas ministry on your church's behalf for the past 67 years. Help us to spread God's love for our global neighbours and our partners' cry for global justice with your congregations and local communities.

It would be helpful to those hosting if you could **RSVP** to CWS' national office (Mandla, ph. 03. 366. 9274, email cws@cws.org.nz with: (i) your name/s, (ii) the date and (iii) time slot you wish to attend the forum at least **five days beforehand**. Thank you.

Please bring your parish's Annual Christmas Appeal Resource Kit with you.

My colleagues Pauline McKay (National Director), Jacqui Ryan (Northern Fieldworker, ph. 09.571-9150) and Kathy Harrison (Fundraiser) will be attending some of these forums with me.

If you have any questions, please contact myself at 03. 366. 9274 ext. 706 (office), email michael.earle@cws.org.nz or mobile 027. 5059.588.

We look forward to meeting up with you soon

In Christ's service



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PS. We would be interested to seek your views about expanding these forums to other regions next year