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Alpine Presbytery Gathering & Presbytery Retreat

The Gathering will be held 11—12 September, at The Village, Bryndwr, Christchurch.

The Retreat will be held 11—12 October in Hanmer Springs.

More details for each of these to come, but note them in your diaries now!

Engagement with the TELT report

In April of 2019 the Council of Assembly commissioned a Task Group to conduct a review of Theological Education and Leadership Training in the PCANZ. This report is now available for Presbyteries to give feedback on the 24 recommendations to go to the next General Assembly.

This is a major report with significant and far reaching implications for the formation of ministry practitioners and leaders in our church in the years ahead and as such deserves our close attention and critique.

To this end, we are proposing 3 ZOOM meetings focusing our attention on key themes of the report. Feedback from these meetings will be collated into a report to be presented at the forth-coming Presbytery gathering in September.

ZOOM meetings will be Wed 29th July, 5th Aug, 12th Aug 1pm. If there is sufficient demand we can also do evening meetings.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85350703633?pwd=a1B1bUQyU1VzNXpJbHE4Uk9tOEM3UT09>

Meeting ID: 853 5070 3633

Password: 3TAPPd

Please ensure you have read the report ([available here](#)) prior to the meeting.

Praying for Children week: 2nd—8th August

For the past few years, Presbyterian Support Northern and PCANZ's Kids Friendly (now called the Children & Families Ministry) have developed Praying for Children resources to share with your congregations.

This year's overarching theme is about 'sowing seeds of love' and being inclusive of all children particularly those that are different. Each day we invite you to think and pray about ensuring that we include and nurture all children in our churches, in our communities and in our homes.

Children, through no fault of their own, can end up living in poverty, be neglected, struggle with a disability or exposed to family violence. Children with differences sometimes are left out because it takes more effort to include them. Together, as New Zealanders, we must work to make sure our children are treasured and enjoy a good, healthy life, full of opportunities in a country we all take pride in. Children's lives can be transformed through the power of prayer and action.

There is a suite of resources for the 'Praying for Children' week, which complement each other, and they can be found at the following links:

- ['Praying for Children' bookmarks](#) inviting people to pray each day

COMING UP

Presbytery Gathering: 11-12 September, in Christchurch

Presbytery Retreat: 11-12th October, in Hanmer Springs

Newsletter Items

Please share this Newsletter around your Parish, especially with members of Session/Parish Council and all office bearers.

Details of events, or requests to be added to the distribution list, should be emailed to gail@alpinepresbytery.org

Cut off date for next week's Newsletter is **Thursday 23rd July**.



- A **blog** written by Rev Roxy Gahagen to inspire and encourage you to pray and act for others <https://prayingforchildren2020.wordpress.com/blog-2/>
- A **power point** to be shown during the service – www.pcfm.org.nz
- **Stories** to share during the service ([download here](#))
- A **video clip** with an original song, ‘Hey Stranger, Hey Neighbour’ written especially by Rev Malcolm Gordon, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tJjOjsiuY5U>
- **The Blessing Kids** The blessing song based on Numbers took off around the world during Covid-19. This version is sung by children from around the world, including NZ. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uiWZXLsdE9w>

The Hope Seminar for care for creation

Sunday 16 August at Hope Presbyterian, Hornby. A partnership with A Rocha

Theme: “Don’t let it go to waste!” A conference for people who want to make a difference that is not just rubbish!

Programme:

4.00pm Intergenerational time and practical workshops

5.30pm Dinner

6.30pm Worship, speakers and workshops

Costs: Koha for the sessions plus a contribution for the dinner

Download flier here: [Creation Care Poster](#)

A one-and-a-half minute promo video is available here: www.youtube.com/watch?v=bJdsgGTr6IM&feature=youtu.be

Register at: <https://hopechurch.net.nz/event/creation-care-the-hope-seminar>

Facebook Event: www.facebook.com/events/196439408413758

Mental Health First Aid

Stepping Stone Trust are presenting a Mental Health First Aid course on 24th & 25th July at The Village, Bryndwr (in “the Common”).

Mental health first aid is a thoroughly evaluated, evidence informed, skills development course for community members. We all experience life’s ups and downs. Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) is a programme that helps you know how to deal with challenging life situations. It also teaches you how to support others who are going through a difficult time. Using real life situations, trained instructors show you how to listen without judgement and support and encourage people to seek professional help if needed.

The course is open to any adult (18 years and over) interested in attending Mental Health First Aid (MHFA).

For more information, and to register, go to the [Stepping Stone Trust website](#)

West Papua Action Canterbury Forum

Decolonisation in the Pacific—The Case for West Papua. Thursday 23 July, 5.30pm for refreshments, 6 pm start, at University of Canterbury, Rehua Building, Moana Room.

[Download poster here.](#) For further information contact Brian Turner, Convenor West Papua Action Canterbury, ph. 021 129 4305

From last week

- **Introducing the new Executive Officer**
- **Financial Year End XERO Course Material**
- **Gateways Community Scotland**
- **Volunteers Needed—CWS**
- **New journal table-of-contents - Hewitson Library**

Dropbox link for documents mentioned in this newsletter: control & click, or copy & paste the link to your browser: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/5k528skz4niqhg/AABDjLatKUt2-C2reVHA6hVza?dl=0>

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Alpine Presbytery Strategic Framework

[Click here](#) to download the Strategic Framework

Resources

A selection of resources – and links to resources – to assist you with your work and outreach can be found on our website here: alpinepresbytery.org/resources/