



# Alpine Presbytery

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## Newsletter 6th August 2020

### Grant round closing date

A reminder that the closing date for the next Grant round is 31 August. The information sheet showing the funds available, to which regions of the Presbytery they are applicable and the total amount available, can be downloaded here: [Alpine Grants Information Sheet August 2020](#)

Forms are available from the Executive Officer and must be received back by the due date. Please contact Ann McMillan, Convenor of Property and Finance Team, if you have any questions: [galatos.mcmillan@gmail.com](mailto:galatos.mcmillan@gmail.com); 027 3250397

**Alpine Mission Fund** applications also close at the end of August. The information sheet and application forms can be downloaded here:

[Alpine Mission Fund Information Sheet](#)

[Alpine Mission Fund Expression Of Interest](#)

[Alpine Mission Fund Application – General, \\$10,000+](#)

[Alpine Mission Fund Application – Building, \\$10,000+](#)

[Alpine Presbytery Strategic Framework](#)

### TELT Report discussion & response.

As a Presbytery, we have been invited by the Council of Assembly to give feedback on the draft report on Theological Education, Leadership and Training (TELT report).

You can find an overview of our process here:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1f6gEGKQ2fAgpCUOyk19ipbTg-aHyZ9rgTO2-hqEhZ\\_g/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1f6gEGKQ2fAgpCUOyk19ipbTg-aHyZ9rgTO2-hqEhZ_g/edit?usp=sharing)

We have had two sessions already:

#### Week one: overview and initial responses.

Meeting notes: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-dFa8DX45w3siCSMrF4Bto7YzY6iOL39C\\_OR9z92hTM/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-dFa8DX45w3siCSMrF4Bto7YzY6iOL39C_OR9z92hTM/edit?usp=sharing)

YouTube recording: <https://youtu.be/F2g7RrAktHM>

#### Week two: Q&A with TELT team.

Meeting notes: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1HazLkkLkLNuswhxs2GX-8H-rSCglLE93Zu2SZ\\_m\\_U/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1HazLkkLkLNuswhxs2GX-8H-rSCglLE93Zu2SZ_m_U/edit?usp=sharing)

YouTube recording: <https://youtu.be/GXFclXzw1lI>

We invite all who are interested to join us this coming Wednesday, 1-2:30pm for our third session. In preparation, please identify which elements of the report that we can give detailed, constructive feedback on.

#### Wednesday, 12 August, 1pm

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85357325330?pwd=MldiQ0M1S2w4RWU1NlpmMXFnQ051QT09>

Meeting ID: 853 5732 5330

Passcode: 020035

### COMING UP

**The Hope Seminar for Care for Creation:** 16 August, at Hope Hornby.

**First Aid Course:** 29 August at The Village, Papanui

**Presbytery Gathering:** 11-12<sup>th</sup> September, in Christchurch

**Garage Sale:** 12 September at St Andrew's Blenheim

**Presbytery Retreat:** 11-12<sup>th</sup> October, in Hanmer Springs

**Blenheim Garden Tour:** 17 & 18 October—contact St Andrew's Blenheim



## Garage Sale & Garden Tour

St. Andrew's Church, Blenheim has a **Garage Sale** on **Saturday 12th September** and a **Garden Tour** on **Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th October**.

If you feel like a break away, it's not too far to come to sunny Marlborough and you might like to time your trip to fit in with one of these activities. Our Garden Tour is famous for spectacular gardens, wonderful stalls and refreshments when you need them and it only costs \$20pp.

Enquiries to Kim at the Church Office 03 5787119.

## Lay Preachers Month

This is Lay Preachers Month and hopefully parishes are kicking into action and possibly using the [Order of Service Outline for Lay Worship](#) that we distributed last month.

We wanted to suggest that a great way of acknowledging lay leadership of worship in parishes would be by sponsoring the lay worship leaders in your parish to attend the **Lay Worship Leaders Training Day** which will be held on Saturday **3<sup>rd</sup> October**, 9.30am –3.45pm, at Christchurch North Methodist Church. The theme for the training day is "Leading Worship Together"— hoping to encourage people to work in teams within their own parishes to create service of worship. The cost per parish is \$30 regardless of how many people you send, and it promises to be a very practical and worthwhile day. Please would you be able to encourage your people to consider this. Enrolment forms will be distributed soon by Presbytery, or you can reserve places by emailing [lindacowan@xtra.co.nz](mailto:lindacowan@xtra.co.nz).

## Other Newsletters

[Bush Telegraph](#)—the monthly newsletter of the PCANZ

[The Buzz Newsletter](#)—from PYM

[A Rocha Aotearoa NZ E-News - July 2020](#)

## New books in the Hewitson Library

Here is a [new list of recent print and electronic additions](#) to the Hewitson Library, Presbyterian Research Centre, Dunedin.

This list includes a number of new books in the *Rita Mayne England Christianity & Cultures in Asia* collection. Thanks to a generous donation, this collection is self-funded and will continue to grow.

If you would like to borrow books for a personal or group project, the Library will mail them to you free of charge. If your parish is grappling with a challenge or exploring a topic they are also happy to send you a selection of books for an extended time-period. You can ask them to choose titles for you, or you can select the ones you would like from the [Library catalogue](#). Email [hewitson@prcknox.org.nz](mailto:hewitson@prcknox.org.nz) for details.

Anybody can become a member of the Hewitson Library and borrow books at no cost. If you would like to join please email them at [hewitson@prcknox.org.nz](mailto:hewitson@prcknox.org.nz) and they will arrange membership.

## New Zealand Community for Christian Meditation

The Christchurch branch invite you to a **Community Day, Saturday 15th August, 1pm-4pm**, at Chapel Street Community Centre, Cnr Harewood Rd & Chapel St, Christchurch.

The speaker will be Hazet Adam from the Wellington Islamic Community, speaking about the faith traditions and practices of Islam in New Zealand.

There will be short periods of meditation as well as discussion and good company. Tea and coffee will be provided. A donation of \$10 is requested to help with costs.

[Download the flyer here](#)

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## Presbytery Council Reporting in

Presbytery Council met on 30 July. Here's a little snapshot into what they attended to. Details of the decisions can be tracked here in the Minutes: [Presbytery Council Minutes July 2020](#)

The Moderator, Anne Stewart, led a reflection focusing on change and the way that attending to change from the inside of our beings usually leads to a more peace-filled approach and outcome. Quoting her favourite Franciscan, Fr Richard Rohr, Anne mentioned the 'tyranny of the urgent' becoming a way of life, and how Rohr suggests that by letting go and doing one or two things wholeheartedly we might be happier and more fulfilled. Rohr also emphasises that going to a deep place of contemplation more often results in an increased capacity to seek and achieve win-win outcomes. We are to go *deep* not do *more*. This generated an interesting discussion among the Council and a general chirpiness seemed to pervade the rest of the meeting.

Anne then constituted the meeting with this fine little prayer by Michael Leunig:

Dear God,  
We pray for another way of being:  
another way of knowing.  
Across the difficult terrain of our existence  
we have attempted to build a highway  
and in so doing have lost our footpath.  
God lead us to our footpath:  
Lead us there where in simplicity  
we may move at the speed of natural creatures  
and feel the earth's love beneath our feet.  
Lead us there where step-by-step we may feel  
the movement of creation in our hearts.  
And lead us there where side-by-side  
we may feel the embrace of the common soul.  
Nothing can be loved at speed.  
God lead us to the slow path; to the joyous insights  
of the pilgrim; another way of knowing: another way of being.  
Amen.



### Key decisions/reports:

- Resourcing project reports from our new mission pioneers Ben & Philippa Necklen (Hanmer Springs), and Josh Olds (Prestons)
- Alpine Presbytery approved the St Margaret's Christchurch final plans and costings to rebuild their church property at 92 Farrington Avenue, Christchurch, at a cost of \$2,860,000 + GST
- Rev Gene Lawrence's request for Study Leave was approved
- Rev Shona Bettany will pick up the MSB Convener role at Albury-Pleasant Point
- Rev. Dr. Alan Missen's stated supply with the Hurunui Churches is extended for a further twelve months
- Presbytery supports the Oxford Union Parish selling its Horrelville property (Methodist-owned)
- Presbytery supports that the Presbyterian Support (PSUSI) use of the \$1.8m grant in East Christchurch meets the criteria in the original proposal, agrees to the release of the funds over a five-year period, and looks forward to receiving an annual report on the progress of the project including the utilisation of the funds
- Approves the application from the Union Parish of Picton to lease their manse to the Christchurch Methodist Mission for a period of three years for social housing [just for the eagle-eyed among you, the manse will remain in Picton, and not be shifting to Christchurch for three years!!!]
- Martin is to prepare a draft report of good practice guidelines for maintaining boundaries around conflicts of interest, and confidentiality in the Presbytery
- Presbytery agreed to the request that Crossway Church (Christchurch) becomes a

### Presbytery Directory

We are now using Infoodle, so anyone wanting to access information from the Directory will need a logon.

Most Parish Offices have already been given a logon, so you may be able to get any information you need from there.

If you have a need for your own logon access, email Gail at [gail@alpinepresbytery.org](mailto:gail@alpinepresbytery.org). Please bear in mind that we do need to be aware of our obligations under the Privacy Act.

Union Church and offers our congratulations

- Presbytery acknowledges Rev Sheena Dickson's service as the convenorship of the Church & Society Task Group and membership of the Mission Fund Board. It was agreed that, because of the struggle to gather a committee, the Church & Society Task Group be thanked and discharged

The major energy in the meeting was spent on how we get about **Living our Strategic Directions**. Darryl Tempero came along for this part of the meeting and helped Council begin to lay the foundations of how to work in ways that would help realise the aspirations of the Draft Culture and Strategic Framework, especially in how it might be presented to the Gathering in September. Darryl and Martin are to work on shaping this material for that presentation.

Looking ahead we have the **Alpine Presbytery Gathering** on **11—12 September**, at The Village, Bryndwr, Christchurch, and the **Retreat** will be held **11—12 October** in Hanmer Springs.

The next Council meeting is on **27 August** using Zoom technology.  
[Is anyone concerned that Martin will be in control of the Mute button?]

## From last week

- **Executive Officer Spot**
- **First Aid course at The Village, Papanui**
- **Bush Fire**—newsletter of Presbyterian Women Aotearoa New Zealand
- **EcuAction 2020 Forum Series**



*An image from the EO's camera:  
The late afternoon sun makes the Christchurch sewerage treatment ponds  
look magnificent!*

## 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/](http://alpinepresbytery.org/resources/)

## 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](mailto:gail@alpinepresbytery.org)

Cut off date for next week's Newsletter is **Thursday 13 August**.

Dropbox link for documents mentioned in this newsletter: control & click, or copy & paste the link to your browser: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/5k528skz4niqgg/AABDjLatKUt2-C2reVHA6hVza?dl=0>