



Dunedin Methodist Parish

Finding Good in everyone Finding God in everyone

www.dunedinmethodist.org.nz

Presbyter:	Rev. Siosifa Pole	455 2923
Parish Stewards:	Dr George Davis	453 6540
	Dr Richard Cannon	477 5030
	Mrs Fay Richardson	489 5485
Tongan Steward:	Mr Palanite Taungapeau	456 3144
Parish Office:	Siosifa: parish@dmm.org.nz	466 4600
	Sarah: sarahc@dmm.org.nz	

PARISH BULLETIN

10th July 2011

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY 17th JULY 2011

9.30am	Mornington	S Pole
9.30 am	Mosgiel	R Masterton
11.00 am	Glenaven	S Pole
11.00 am	Wesley	R Masterton
1.00pm	St Kilda	TBA
6.00pm	Broad Bay	No Service

TODAY (Sunday 10 July) GLENAVEN INVITES YOU to a pot-luck lunch following the 11-12 service. All welcome to our 105-year-old church in Chambers Street, North East Valley, behind the rainbow sign. Hot and cold drinks provided. If you're reading this at Mornington or Mosgiel, please bring finger-food to share. For the rest: just bring yourself. There's always plenty of food if you didn't know about it in advance.

MORNINGTON WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The next Meeting will take place on the 11th July at 2 p.m. in the Church Lounge. The Speaker will be Rev. Brian Williscroft - the subject - Chaplaincy.

MOSGIEL LEADERS MEETING - Tuesday 12th July at 7.30pm.

PR&F MEETING - Thursday 14th July, 7.30pm at the Mission Office.

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

A short study on how to conduct one's prayer life. For personal use. Copies are available on the table in the Foyer for anyone interested. Geoff. Preston..Tel...473 0193..cell..021 235 4914.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The memorial service for Phyllis Irwin will be held on Friday 22nd July at 10.30am in the Baptist Church Hall, North East Valley. The date chosen would have been her 98th birthday celebration. For further information contact Shirley Ungemuth.

OPEN EDUCATION: A SPECIAL EVENT

On Wednesday, 27 July (note the date), the Open Education programme held as usual at Mornington Methodist Church, Galloway Street, will consist of a special Mid-Winter Feast, followed by a Celtic-style service of celebration, led by Anglican priest the Reverend Helene Mann. The dinner will begin at 6pm, to be followed by the service at 8pm. Judy Russell is our chef and promises a particularly delectable repast. The charge for both meal and service will be \$20; profits will go towards Christchurch earthquake relief. Please book your place for the meal before Monday 25 July by ringing Judy (455 3727).

INTERFAITH VIGIL FOR CHRISTCHURCH

To be held at St Paul's Anglican Cathedral in the Octagon, Saturday 16th of July 2011, from 5pm-- 6pm . Vigils are being held in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch at the same time. This vigil provides an opportunity for us all to reflect and pay our respects regardless of Faith, to be able to raise the morale of the Christchurch people, and let them know that they are still in our thoughts and prayers. An offering will be taken up for The New Zealand Redcross Christchurch Appeal. This event is brought to you by the Dunedin Abrahamic Student Interfaith Group as well as the Dunedin Abrahamic Interfaith Group (www.dunedininterfaith.net.nz)
Information: Angela Loosli 021 161 7536

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the following children celebrating birthdays:

15th July – Blaire & Nathan Hanna

15th July – Mackenize Pitts



Reflections on an International Christian Peace Conference

I was privileged from the 18th-25th May of this year to represent the Methodist Church of NZ at a World Council of Churches (WCC) International Ecumenical Peace Convocation (IEPC) in Kingston Jamaica. (see www.overcomingviolence.org) We gathered on the Mona Campus of the University of the West Indies. Part of the reason for gathering was to debrief and share together after the Decade to Overcome Violence, a programme promoted by the WCC from 2001-2010. It was a wonderful experience to be alongside so many people from all around the planet with such deep commitments to peace and justice. Each encounter I had with each and every person at the Convocation was precious and significant in one way or another. I have returned with many new friends and contacts. It was very interesting to meet members of the Moravian Church in Jamaica and to acknowledge the role of Moravians in helping to deepen John Wesley's Christian faith. This happened on a ship *en route* to America. John Wesley was particularly impressed by the Moravian Christians' composure when the ship was bombarded by a huge storm. One Moravian man I met in my Bible study group declared "O yes, Methodists are always thanking us for that!"

One Aotearoa-NZ Decade to Overcome Violence project was a "Singing Peace" songbook full of compositions by Colin Gibson, Shirley Murray and others. Thanks to John Thornley I was able to take 10 copies of "Singing Peace" to the Convocation. I strategically gave these away to younger members of the Convocation, including two young women Caribbean Methodist ministers in my Bible Study group. They were very appreciative. These songs will be sung in the Caribbean!

It was quite an experience to stay in the University hostel. Those on my floor were from Norway, Germany, India and Malaysia. The hostels on campus were all surrounded by high fences, complete with large rolls of barbed wire. Entry into my hostel was via guard-post. Entry onto campus was via guarded checkpoint. Kingston has a high level of violent crime, and for this reason was chosen as a good place for our Peace Convocation. On the first day we had the opportunity to visit a number of projects in the city, designed to reduce family and community violence. I visited Boystown, an educational community established by the Methodist Church and other groups, in the 1940's.

The highlight of the Convocation for me was the Bible studies, facilitated by Peter Macdonald, the leader of the Iona community in Scotland. The Bible passages we studied each morning were skillfully chosen to relate to the theme for the day. Here are the passages we studied. I suggest you study these passages yourself and think about how these passages can resource and encourage our journey towards justice and peace today. Notes are available (via this website, or from me) to assist your study: <http://www.overcomingviolence.org/en/resources-dov/wcc-resources/documents/bible-studies/iepc-bible-studies.html>

2 Samuel 13:1-22 Peace in the Community: The rape of Tamar.

Isaiah 11: 6-9 Peace with the earth: Harmony restored

Matthew 20:1-16 Peace in the Marketplace: Give us our daily bread

Ephesians 2: 11-22 Peace among the peoples: Christ is our peace

2 Kings 6:8-23 Go in Peace: Sending forth into the whole inhabited earth

In the WCC Ecumenical Review (March 2011) Fernando Enns writes: *The Peace Convocation is not a decision-making body of the World Council of Churches. That fact by no means lessens the Peace Convocation's significance. It will be a gathering of at least one thousand multipliers, theologians and practitioners from the various churches, from church agencies and peace networks, together with believers of other faiths, to move forward the reflection on a new ecumenical theology of just peace – and take it home to their particular realities, in order to test its validity.*"

I was the only delegate from Aotearoa-NZ attended the IEPC. This was my first experience of the World Council of Churches in action. I was impressed. My report can be shared far and wide, with the hope that something of the WCC's aims and intentions as expressed by Fernando Enns (above) can indeed happen in our land during the run-up to the next WCC Assembly in Korea in 2013. The difficulty however is that awareness of the WCC and its programmes amongst Christian people in NZ, even among members of Churches who are official members of the WCC, is low. I suggest that the leaders and members of those NZ Churches which are official members of the WCC, including our Methodist Church, take urgent action to raise the profile of the existence of the WCC, as well as its work, and the many valuable resources available from the WCC. Please see <http://www.oikoumene.org/> for some of these resources.

If anyone wants a copy of my full report please let me know

Greg Hughson, greg.hughson@otago.ac.nz 487 6226