



North Pres News

- 18 August 2016

Welcome to North Pres News: In here you will find the dates for various Northern Presbytery events. More information can be found at our website at www.northpres.org.nz

Beneficiary Fund Roadshows

As some of you will know the Council of Assembly have had a group looking at a significant restructuring of the Beneficiary Fund (the Ministers' superannuation fund.) A number of Roadshows are being organised to explain what this will mean for both Ministers and their spouses, retired ministers and spouses who are already receiving an annuity and for Session/Parish Clerks and Parish Treasurers.

As refreshments are a part of the arrangement at the various venues, would you please let the Presbytery Office know if you are attending and the numbers. This will enable those who are arranging the meetings to assess accurately catering requirements. We need this information **not later than the 18th August**.

Please email Rosemary at administrator@northpres.org.nz as soon as possible, *thank you*.

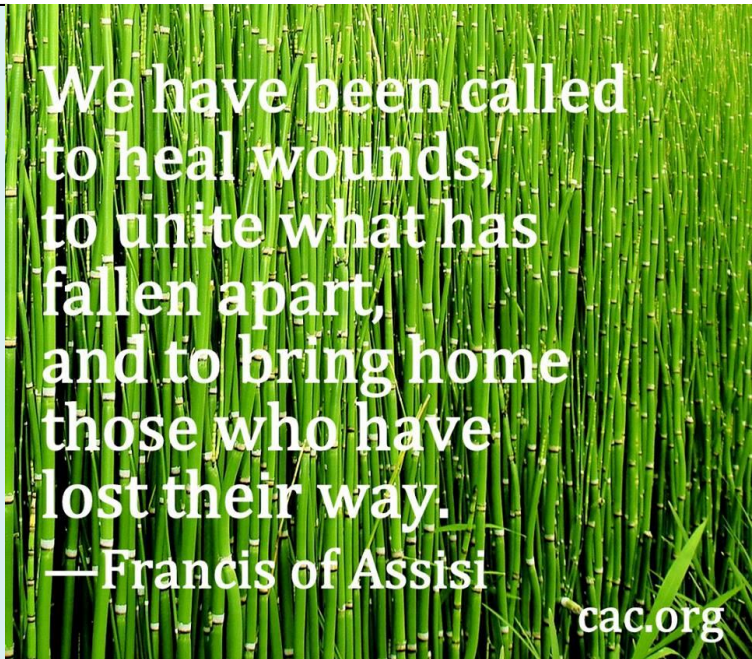
Here are the venues:

Monday 22 August, starting at **11am** at Whangarei -St Andrew's Church, Hunt Street.

Tuesday 23 August, starting at **1pm** Mairangi & Castor Bays Presbyterian Church, 10 Penzance Rd, Mairangi Bay.

Tuesday 23 August, starting at **6.30pm** Knox, 4B Birdwood Crescent, Parnell.

Wednesday 24 August, starting **4pm** St Columba at Botany, 480 Ti Rakau Drive, Botany.



We have been called to heal wounds, to unite what has fallen apart, and to bring home those who have lost their way.

—Francis of Assisi

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Memorial Minutes for General Assembly

Part of the preparation of the White Book for our Assembly includes the collection of memorial minutes from Presbyteries for ministers and lay people.

If there has been a death in your parish of a member deserving of a special mention via a memorial minute, since the last General Assembly in 2014, can you please provide a minute to us here at presbytery **very soon**. If you need help or advice in writing one, please let Alex know so he can help. clerk@northpres.org.nz

Nominations for the National Committees:

The national Nominating Committee is calling for nominations for a number of national committees, a list of which are set out in the memorandum. The closing date for these nominations is 5pm on 28 September 2016. Please read the full memo [here](#)



The **General Assembly 2016** website is ready for registrations for Commissioners to GA and also for Delegates to the Hope Conference: www.pcanzassembly.org.nz

Read the latest **UPDATE letter from the Moderator-Designate**, Rev Richard Dawson: http://www.presbyterian.org.nz/sites/public_files/10_Aug_GA16_Update.pdf

Please be encouraged to distribute this letter throughout your parishes. The General Assembly is for Commissioners but Delegates are most welcome to the HOPE Conference which includes a lineup of inspiring speakers and workshop options.

Supervisor Available

Vivian Coleman is a minister emerita of the PCANZ who has been supervising ministers under the auspices of CAIRA NZ for ten years. She supervises from her home in Cockle Bay Howick and currently has room for two or three more clients. The fee is normally \$80.00 for parish ministers. CAIRA pastoral supervision operates within a supportive, safe and confidential relationship which provides a regular opportunity to reflect on your ministry and professional growth. Viv has recently completed a research project on Ministry Development Review so can in particular assist with reflection on a review report.

If you are in need of pastoral supervision, contact Viv at 09 5350531 or by emailing vcoleman@ihug.co.nz.

Good supervision includes the following elements:

- It takes place in a safe and supportive environment where the supervisor gives their full attention.
- There is space for a minister to reflect on what they do and how and why they do it.
- It is usually the supervisee's responsibility to bring issues they feel need consideration.
- Supervisees are encouraged to find other ways of looking at things, to discover and explore options, to make their own decisions and acknowledge their own strengths and successes.
- The supervisor does not give lots of advice, take over responsibility for ministry work, or communicate with the church leadership.

As a follow up to the recent **Property & Finance Workshops**, the workgroup sent a memo to the Northern Presbytery. This memo contains some of the issues covered during the workshops and useful links for further information. You can read the memo [here](#).

Diary:

- **Regional Youth Service – Sunday 21st August, 6pm** at Manurewa –St Paul's Presbyterian Church, 217 Weymouth Rd, Manurewa
- **Game on! –Saturday 3rd September, 1-4.30pm** at St Cuthbert's College Sport Centre (Regional Youth event)
- **General Assembly 2016 –15th -19th November** in Dunedin - more details: www.pcanzassembly.org.nz

Work groups & Council:

- **Presbytery Council** holds its monthly meeting on **Thursday, 8th September** at 10am. Presbytery Executive Council meets weekly on the other Thursdays at Papatoetoe –St John's Church.
- **Property & Finance:** When: **Tuesday 20th September 2016** at 9am. Where: St David's Church, Khyber Pass Rd.
- **Ministry:** When: **Tuesday 20th September** at noon for lunch then meeting at 12.30pm. Where: Mt Roskill –St John's Presbyterian Church, 422 Mt Albert Rd.
- **Prayer & Healing:** When: **Wednesday 21st September** at noon for lunch then meeting at 12.30pm. Where: Ellerslie/Mt Wellington –St Peter's, 7 Harrison Rd
- **Youth:** When: **Wednesday 24th August** at 11am Where: 111 Great South Rd, Greenlane

Requests to work groups, should be made available to the group a week before the meeting along with any supporting material. Please email these to the Northern Presbytery office. Thank you.