



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.

Ministers have already received information concerning this. Similar material will be going out from the Assembly Office (Communications team) today to congregations, clerks and treasurers. The material will include the information set out below in terms of times, dates and venues.

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.

Work groups & Council:

- **Presbytery Council** holds its monthly meeting on **Thursday, 1st September** at 10am. Presbytery Executive Council meets weekly on the other Thursdays at Papatoetoe –St John's Church.
- **Property & Finance:** When: **Tuesday 16th August 2016** at 9am. Where: St David's Church, Khyber Pass Rd.
- **Ministry:** When: **Tuesday 16th August** 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 17th August** at noon for lunch then meeting at 12.30pm. Where: Ellerslie/Mt Wellington –St Peter's, 7 Harrison Rd
- **Youth:** When: **TBC** 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.

White space conversations

White space is the gap between words and lines. It is the silent partner to the text; a voice not shouting to be heard. White space conversations are an invitation to conversations that go between the words and beyond the lines of the noisy centre.

White space conversations are a series of short papers addressing issues of life, faith, order and imagination inviting generous, open, grace-filled and robust conversations within our Church by Rt Rev Andrew Norton, Moderator of the PCANZ. To read them, use the links:

[#1 The politics of love](#)

[#2 How the word lost its voice](#)

[#3 Speaking the truth to power](#)

Yet to come are: #4 From planning to design; #5 The fourth draw: naming bad behaviour; #6 The present future church

Climate Change Workshop

Saturday 20th August 10am -4pm

Lotofale'ia Methodist Church
34 Orly Ave, Mangere

You and your congregation are warmly invited to attend an ecumenical [Climate Workshop](#) on Saturday 20th August. The free workshop is being hosted by Sinoti Samoa and Public Issues of the Methodist Church, and the Anglican Diocesan Climate Change Action Group, and looks at what church leadership on climate change could look like now and in the future.

This event brings together church leaders, congregation members, and climate change experts to report on the exciting initiatives already taking place among churches in Aotearoa New Zealand and to envisage new avenues for learning, solidarity and action.

To register, please visit www.climateworkshop2016.eventbrite.co.nz

Download a poster: [here](#)



This month's **Splicer** Newsletter shares some of the goings on in the inner city SPLICE community including this one about the SPLICE BBQ trailer helping *neighbours meet neighbours*. Subscribe [here](#) to their monthly updates.



The Splice BBQ trailer is no stranger to a cold winter's eve, with two consecutive nights this month feeding the masses at the Turama Matariki Lightshow outside the Central Library. Last year in July it was the "Winter Warm-Up" with the unlikely combo of sausages, chess and knitting.

When the weather starts to warm again the BBQ is going to shimmy its way through the city and lurk in a friendly fashion at the bottom of apartment buildings. The BBQ Trailer is one of the larger community building utensils rattling around in Splice toolkit.



The **General Assembly 2016** website is now up and running and ready for registrations for Commissioners to GA and also for Delegates wishing to attend the Hope Conference taking place at the same time. Take a moment to have a look at what is offering:

www.pcanzassembly.org.nz

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