



Alpine Presbytery

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Council of Assembly representative

Alpine Presbytery has a vacancy in its representation on Council of Assembly due to Rev Charissa Nicol moving to Dunedin. Expressions of interest or suggestions are welcome from people in the Presbytery. They would need to be with Martin Stewart by 20 March. Council of Assembly provide the trusteeship, oversight, and governance for the PCANZ reporting directly to the General Assembly. It is like a directorship position or board member in a not-for-profit entity. Skills in strategic thinking and organisational complexity as well as a commitment to being in close contact with Alpine Presbytery's Council are preferable. Please consider possible people prayerfully and submit possible names confidentially rather than sound any people out yourself—the Presbytery Council will oversee the process and make contact with suitable people.

Recipes for Life at Rakaia

St Andrews Church in Rakaia (part of Plains Presbyterian Parish) sometimes meets in the hall for Cafe Church. In January this was led by Rev Silvia Purdie on the theme of 'Recipes for Life'. Local folks expressed their creativity with a beautiful display of recipes and ingredients, butterflies and balloons. The interactive service was a fun and engaging conversation about what makes up a good life, including memorising Bible verses and sharing silly poems.

Above: enjoying some refreshments;

Right, Dorothy Knight with Madi and a display of recipe books



Notes from Presbytery Council meeting

The meeting was held on 17th February, on Zoom

Rev Brent Richardson led a prayer for **Rev Phyll Harris** as she was welcomed as newly elected Moderator of Alpine Presbytery.

Devotions: Phyll reflected on a quote from Henri Nouwen's book on leadership, that we are to offer our vulnerable selves. Nouwen had gone through a kind of spiritual crisis and the call he heard from God was to go among the poor in spirit for they will heal him. He did that, working with the L'Arche community. It got Phyll thinking about ministry and calling and how that affects everyday activities and how being in the present, here and now, is where God is meeting us and leading us into whatever our next steps are. What we do and are to do comes out of our being with God. She shared words of Jesus including the 'why worry about tomorrow' text in the Sermon on the Mount, and various verses from Matthew and Luke's gospels including the phrase from The Message translation of Matthew 11:28-30, 'learn the unforced rhythms of grace.'

The Minutes of the Presbytery Council meeting held on Thursday 27 January 2022

COMING UP

Alpine Mission Fund cut off for applications: 25th February

Presbytery Grants applications cut off: 28th February

Landscape Working Bee, Hanmer Springs: 8 March

Presbytery Gathering: 26 March (online)

Pathways Taster Day, Nelson/Marlborough: 19th May

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

Items for inclusion in next week's Newsletter should be sent in by **Thursday 3rd March.**



were ratified, and the voting for Moderator of Alpine Presbytery: 45 for, 0 against, was noted.

Executive Officer

Martin reported on a variety of aspects of his work including:

- Conversation with Peter Burley re Mackenzie and Alpine feasibility studies
- Phyll Harris – update on Alpine life as they attended the induction of Rev Julia DeGroot at Oxford
- Being unable to participate in the induction of Rev Dr Mary Caygill at Kaiapoi because of illness
- A Zoom re Mackenzie Cooperating with Bishop Peter and Rev Tony Kippax (from Geraldine)
- Conversations with Darryl Tempero (Alpine/Kiwi) & Jo Morrow (Rochester & Rutherford Halls)
- HR & PnF meetings
- Beginning to search for people to join the Complaints Officers team in Alpine
- Work on interpreting the latest Covid Guidelines update
- Commissioners to GA needing to be gathered

Council approved embarking on Phase 2 of the Home Tidy Feasibility in Christchurch

Human Resources

Council approved

- The Executive Officer to lead and set up the appointment process for a new minister and liaise with the feasibility study within the Mackenzie Co-operating Parish
- Setting up several Ministry Settlement Boards – St Ninians, St Margarets and Hurunui
- Lois Shipley, an elder in Timaru, to be Interim Moderator at St Davids Union and Morven Sidal authorised to conduct communion
- Wairau Parish authorised to explore a different ministry model for their future
- Paul Christensen authorised to conduct communion at New Brighton Union
- Potential ministry intern placements are being sought for 2023. Interested parties to contact the EO

Property & Finance

Ann McMillan & Christine Arnold led the Council through several things including the three-year budget forecast

Council approved

- the Alpine Financial Statements for the period ended 31st January 2022
- the 2022/2023 draft budget including the levy rate for 2022-23 at 1.08% of assessable Income (a 5% increase on the previous year) and referring it to the Presbytery for approval
- applying to the Alpine Mission Fund for a grant of \$300,000 to cover Presbytery staff costs for the next three years until June 2025
- the application from the Awatere Christian Joint Venture Church to spend property capital funds, of \$18,500 towards the purchase of the Playcentre building on church land
- the application from the New Brighton Union Church to sell their residential property at 24 Collingwood Street, Christchurch subject to certain criteria
- the application by Greymouth District Uniting Church to sell the church property at Reefton (in Methodist title), subject to certain criteria

Correspondence

Presbytery seeking nominations for a Council of Assembly Representative for Alpine Presbytery

March Gathering

Council agreed that the March Gathering take place on **Saturday 26 March from 9.30am** for approximately two hours and voting options be explored.

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/

Alpine Presbytery Culture & Strategic Framework

[Click here](#) to download this document, updated September 2020

Presbytery Directory

If you need to obtain information from the Presbytery Directory, please initially ask your Parish Office as they have been given a log-on to Infoodle.

If you do have a need for your own logon access, send your request to Gail at gail@alpinepresbytery.org.

Please do bear in mind, though, that we need to be aware of our obligations under the Privacy Act.

Notices & News from other organisations

Hospital Chaplain with Māori (Part Time 0.6FTE)

Dunedin and Wakari Hospitals. Part time Hospital Chaplain, 20 hours based at Dunedin Hospital, (General Health) and 4 hours at Wakari Hospital (Mental Health) Southern DHB. Closes: 21st March 2022. Go to <https://www.seek.co.nz/job/56001497> for more details

To be considered, please submit a CV, Cover letter and Application form.

Scholarship Opportunities at Saint Kentigern College, Auckland

Saint Kentigern College is a leading independent co-educational Presbyterian secondary school in Auckland and offers scholarship opportunities for students who would be entering the College in Year 9 in 2023 and beyond. Our goal of enabling exceptional students from all walks of life to achieve their dreams is rooted in the Presbyterian notion of wanting to contribute to society and seeking to help others to aspire and achieve. It is how we can help make a difference to the world.

We are really keen to reach out far and wide to young people who;

- demonstrate excellence in any area
- would uphold the Saint Kentigern values
- have an outstanding attitude
- have a clear vision of how they see themselves in the future and the contribution they would like to make to the world

Scholarships are available for up to 100% of tuition and Boarding; **Applications close on Friday 25 March 2022.**

For more information about applying for a Scholarship to Saint Kentigern College, visit our website at <https://www.saintkentigern.com/college/apply/scholarships/> or email Holly in our Admissions Team at skc_admissions@saintkentigern.com

International Rural Churches Association

Networking for prayer and conversation with video, worship and presentations: 7-8 March GMT, with Pacific, Aotearoa NZ, and Australia, contributions between 2pm and 5pm on Tuesday 8 March, NZ summer time. Anyone is welcome to join at any time throughout the whole 24 hours and to come and go as they wish. Stories and prayer will be shared from around the world, and the full list is available following the links to the [International Rural Churches Association website](#)

Please sign up using Eventbrite <https://irca2022.eventbrite.com> (no cost) and the Zoom link will be sent by email a day or two ahead. The Zoom Link will be good for the complete 24 hours. You will be able to add your prayer requests into the “chat” or maybe “live” - depending on the numbers of participants.

From the last Newsletter

- WOF Training for Youth & Children’s workers
- March Gathering
- Linwood Avenue Union Church ‘Year of Jubilee’
- International Women’s Day—8 March 2022
- Landscaping Working Bee in Hanmer Springs!
- Alpine Mission Fund and other Presbytery Grants
- Mission Coach for Kaimai Presbytery
- Te Waiora House – Relief Hosts
- West Papua Council of Churches

Dropbox link for documents mentioned in this newsletter can be accessed via this link (control & click, or copy & paste the link to your browser):

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/5k528skz4niqhgq/AABDjLatKUt2-C2reVHA6hVza?dl=0>

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