

# Alpine Presbytery

*resourcing the braided river*

## Newsletter 2nd February 2023

*Cut off for items for inclusion in next Newsletter is **Thursday 9th February***

### **Presbytery Gathering**

Our Presbytery Gathering is happening from **Friday 3rd - Sunday 5th March**. This year we will be hosted by St Paul's Kaikoura. Registrations for the Gathering will be made available in the coming weeks. The tentative programme is as follows:

#### **Friday 3rd March**

- 3.00pm Arrive/Cuppa
- 3.30pm Welcome/Karakia, sung worship and reflection
- 4.00pm Sharing our Stories: St Paul's Kaikoura  
Comings & Goings  
Report from Presbytery Committees  
*(HR & Property and Finance)*  
Vote on Presbytery Budget
- 5.30pm Free Time
- 6.30pm Dinner
- 7.30pm Time with the AES & National Moderator
- 8.30pm Close

#### **Saturday 4th March**

- 9.00am Start  
Sung worship/reflection
- 9.30am Reflections on our Bicultural Heritage
- 11.30am Report from Presbytery Committee  
*(Hanmer NMS and Resourcing)*
- 12.00pm Lunch
- 1.00pm Mission Fund Review Report/Reflection
- 2.00pm Drawing the Threads Together
- 3.00pm Afternoon Tea
- 3.20pm TBC
- 4.00pm Induction Service
- 5.00pm Free Time
- 6.00pm Dinner

#### **Sunday 5th March**

- 10am Sunday Service at St Paul's

### **Moderator's Appeal for Te Maungarongo** **From PCANZ Moderator Right Rev Hamish Galloway**

Prior to Christmas we launched an appeal for urgent earthworks needed to retain a slope to the side of the national marae in Ohope. Thank you for all those who have contributed. We did get some feedback that Christmas was not the best time for this appeal. The appeal is still live, and the need is still real—contributions received so far only cover 1/10 of the cost. I would love your parish to consider promoting this for the New Year

Here is the link with more details:

[www.presbyterian.org.nz/moderators-christmas-appeal-for-ohope-marae](http://www.presbyterian.org.nz/moderators-christmas-appeal-for-ohope-marae)

### **Office space available**

Office space available for 2023 for like-minded people/organisations/business, 75 Hansons Lane Upper Riccarton.

- Hot desk or dedicated room (space for 4-5 people).
- Meeting room also available for booking
- Wifi, power and desk included
- Plenty of off street parking
- Lovely garden to take a break in
- Stairs only access

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## Notes from the 26 January 2023 meeting of Presbytery Council held online

**Present at the meeting were:** Rev Jon Parkes (acting in the chair for the Moderator), Christine Arnold, Lyn Heine, Ann McMillan, Brent Richardson, and Rev Martin Stewart (Executive Officer). There were apologies from Revs Phyll Harris, Rory Grant, & Jason King.

**Devotions:** Jon opened the meeting with devotions based on the writings of a rabbi identifying the importance of living with an attitude of life and a gift and a privilege. He led a prayer to constitute the meeting.

No one identified any conflicts of interest.

### Minutes

The Minutes of the Presbytery Council meeting held on 13th December 2022 were ratified, and the Minutes of the Extra Meeting of Council on 22nd December 2022 were approved.

### The Executive Officer Report

Martin Stewart reported on

- having a good summer break
- the **Induction of Rev Steve Talbot as Lead Pastor at Hope Presbyterian**, and the **Commissionings of our new Interns: Luke Blackbeard at Timaru Presbyterian, & Jono Lange at Crossway, Christchurch** all taking place in morning services on 19 February
- the **induction of Rev Martin Harrison at Kaikoura** will take place as part of the March Gathering on 4 March (Martin has served as supply minister at Kaikoura for a long time while some issues re the recognition of retirement savings schemes between the Presbyterian and Anglican churches have been ironed out)
- the **Ordination & Induction of Rev Ryan Feng at St Margaret's, Christchurch** is anticipated in March. In the meantime, Ryan will begin in a Stated Supply role at St Margaret's
- attending a 6-day silent retreat in March
- a review of the Hanmer Springs project is about to begin
- ways to better organise the scheduling of performance and position reviews, along with contract and programme reviews and funding applications in a timely manner.

### Property & Finance

Ann McMillan reported and Council approved

- the Alpine Financial Statements for the period ended 31st December 2022
- approve the shortform application from St Ninian's Christchurch, to spend capital property funds of \$42,000 to cover initial costs and a feasibility study re the development of their site working with PSUSI
- it was noted that the material from the CPT re updated Earthquake Policies will be discussed at the Council meeting in February).

### Andrew Norton Scholarship

Approval was given to the application for \$1950 from Rev David Sang-Joon Kim.

The next monthly Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday 23 February at The Village Papanui in Christchurch

### 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/)

### Online Worship Options

Visit the "Resources" page of our website to view the links from those of our churches offering this.

### Alpine Presbytery

**Culture & Strategic Framework**  
[Click here](#) to download this document, updated September 2020

# Professional Development Workshops

## Courageous Conversations and Trust & Vulnerability

Thursday 16 February 2023

Te Korowai, 44 Bealey Ave, Christchurch



**Awhina Mai Wellbeing Services** is a social enterprise of Presbyterian Support Upper South Island (PSUSI).

We are excited to present two short workshops to help you develop your skills in the workplace! These trainings are designed to be of immediate benefit to attendees but also provide a 'taster' of how our workshops might be useful as part of your organisation's future training and wellbeing strategy.

The two workshops themes are as follows:

### **9.00am - 10.00am, Trust and Vulnerability - the dance that grows successful teams**

It is common knowledge that trust is essential in creating a cohesive team however, many leaders struggle with exactly how to build trust and the role that vulnerability plays in this. This engaging presentation gives attendees helpful metaphors and language to turn the often-ambiguous concept of 'trust' into practical steps and ways forward aimed at creating productive, transparent, and healthy teams.

**10am – 10.30am** Morning tea provided

### **10.30am - 11.30am, Courageous Conversations - talking in the spaces that are uncomfortable**

Research shows that being able to engage in tough conversations is a critical component to enable teams and organisations to thrive. It can also be an area where many feel unsure of how to proceed and consequently avoidance, passive aggressive behaviours, and other not so healthy alternatives, can grow instead. This presentation is filled with practical examples and a simple structure that will be useful for all levels of your organisation, helping attendees grow confidence with conversing and stepping into the spaces that are uncomfortable, whether they are part of a team or managing a team.

**Cost:** \$150pp for one workshop or \$250pp for both.

To Register, go to [psuppersouth.org.nz/awhina-mai/services/professional-development/](https://psuppersouth.org.nz/awhina-mai/services/professional-development/)

All profits raised will help Presbyterian Support in their vision of a just, compassionate and inclusive society for all people. Presbyterian Support is a charity that provides a wide range of free social and health services to support vulnerable children, young people, families/whānau and older people. Your support is much appreciated!

### Coming Up

**Linwood Avenue Union Church Jubilee Market:**  
11 February

**Child Protection WOF Training:** 18 February, Christchurch

**Presbytery Gathering:** 3—4 March, Kaikoura

### From the last Newsletter

- **Vacancy: St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Hamilton—Full-time minister**
- **"Becoming Pākehā" - an evening with John Bluck**
- **Brother Peter Bray FSC in Christchurch**
- **PWANZ Special General Meeting: 25 February**

**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)

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Due to our obligations under the Privacy Act, logon access is not openly available; anyone wanting this should send a request to Gail at [gail@alpinepresbytery.org](mailto:gail@alpinepresbytery.org), advising of their position in their Parish or the Presbytery.