



The Rev Dr. Nancy Joan Burgess 3.11.1930—18.2.2010

Nan, as she was usually known, was actively involved in APW from the time she moved to Waikanae following her retirement in 1996, until the day of her death. She was a loyal and hardworking member of the local APW group, most recently serving as its secretary, and she was a regular attendee at meetings of Wellington Presbyterian, often assisting in organising its programmes. From 2000 to 2003 she was Programme, Prayer and Study Convener on the National Executive based in Manawatu, and continued for a further year as a member of the Interim National Executive based in Bay of Plenty. At the same time she convened the Task Group, appointed by the National Confer-

ence held in Feilding in 2003, to look at the restructuring of APW at national level. Most recently Nan has been editor of 'Gleanings', the APW monthly newsletter replacing 'Harvest Field'.

During her time on National Executive, Nan was instrumental in gathering together the stories of women of faith, written originally as part of the centenary of women's suffrage in 1993, editing them and painstakingly tracking down a photo of each of the women. In 2002 'A Braided River of Faith' containing the stories of 100 women was published, volumes II and III have followed and Nan was gathering stories for a

planned Volume IV when she died. The parade of banners at the 2002 General Assembly to celebrate 100 years of women's ministry within the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand was also Nan's inspiration, and she wrote the accompanying commentary for the parade.

Nan was ordained as a deaconess in 1958, later becoming an ordained minister of the Word and Sacraments, but it was the deaconess motto "By love, serve" which Nan lived by for the rest of her life. She will be sadly missed, locally and nationally, in the church and in the community, and we give thanks to God for her life and service, and for what she has meant to each one of us.

- **Marion Brash, Waikanae**



Some Easter Reflections

I have taken these from a lovely book I was given called 'Flashes of Brightness' by Ann Lewin. Published through the Methodist Church UK.

May Easter be for you a time of renewal, a reawakening to the love, joy, hope and forgiveness that comes through the power of the Risen Lord. May you enjoy the smell of hot cross buns, the freshness of morning dews, or children's chocolate coated smiles, or some rest and relaxation!

- **Heather Tate**

Challenge

On that night, there were
Two bowls of water.
The first was taken
And used for washing feet,
Symbol he said, of love.

The second was called for
And used for washing hands,
Disclaiming responsibility.

The bowls are constantly before us:
Into which will we dip our hands?

Compassion

Suffering, sharing
The pain;
Knowing within oneself
Some of the cost.
Spurred to activity.
One hand stretched out
To those who suffer,
One stretched out to
God who suffers too.
Nothing sentimental:

The sharp edge of love,
Like crucifixion.

Resurrection

There are times when,
All being darkness and loss,
There is nothing for it
But to pick up your cross
And dance with it.

Peter

What have I done? I who would
Never leave him, so I said.
What have I done? I slept
When he needed company,
Denied I knew him when he
Needed friends, ran when
They led him to a cross,
Stayed distant in his suffering.
How can I bear the memory of his
look,
The love accepting me as friend
Master, what have I done?

Easter Reflections ... cont'd.

Restoration

Master, don't tease. You know
I am your friend. Yet still you ask,
And how can I reply?
I swore unending loyalty, and then
Three times denied, but Lord,
I am your friend. And still you press,
You are my friend, then? Lord it hurts,
But in the hurting heals:
Three times I say it, Yes, I am your friend.
And gladly I will serve as you command.

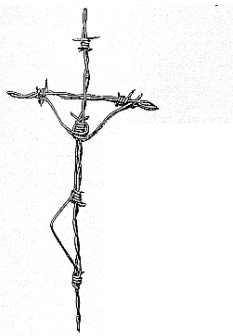
Known By Name

Who were you, Mary
From whom devils were cast out?
Did you disturb respectability
By washing his feet with tears,
An uninvited guest:
Or in embarrassing extravagance
Pour precious ointment on his head?
Were you notorious in your day,

Or a woman in the crowd from Magdala,
Who found new purpose
Being set free to love,
And used your gifts
In faithful ministry?

Perhaps it doesn't matter.
Perhaps like all of us,
You were a mixture:
Damaged and healed;
Longing to be loved,
And struggling to relate;
Passionate and reserved
By turns, working out
Costly discipleship.

The important moment
Was when you heard your name,
And answered and were sent,
No longer clinging to what kept you safe,
Strong in the power of the risen Lord,
To witness to new life.



Consider a burning candle: its life is also its death; death and life constantly interact. Just as one cannot experience true joy without having suffered great pain, so life is impossible without death, for they are a single process—Philip Capleau

Commission on the Status of Women

The following report was received from Mary prior to her departure for New York. A follow-up will be published in the next issue of Gleanings.

The Commission on the Status of Women session will be held in New York from 27 February until 13 March 2010 with the main focus being on reviewing progress since the Beijing Conference in 1995. As the UN Committee Convenor, I will represent Presbyterian Women New Zealand for the first week of the session. On 27 February I will take part in the Ecumenical Women Orientation Day where we are prepared for the process that takes place at the Commission, learn about advocacy and how we can assist with promoting the statement from Ecumenical Women to government delegations who will take part in determining the final outcome document and hear from women from around the world about developments in their countries since the Beijing Conference in 1995. On 28 February I will attend the NGO Forum where the regions around the world will report on the Regional Fo-

runs that have been held in the months prior to the NY Session. During the first week of the session I will participate in the NGO Parallel Event programme, meet with the NZ Government delegation to exchange information gathered and work with members of Ecumenical Women (EW) to bring the EW viewpoint and statement to as many international Government representatives as possible.

Thankyou to everyone who has responded to the questionnaire I sent out prior to Christmas. I appreciate that the timing was a difficult one for groups to manage and all responses are much appreciated. I look forward to reporting back to you all on my return from New York, where Presbyterian Women NZ is an active participant in the work of gender equality and the empowerment of women and children.

- Mary McIntyre, UN Committee Convenor.

Snippets

APW Night Owls -

- Our February 'smokeless barbecue' Picnic in the Park was transferred to the Church hall because of the weather. The theme was set up with a sun umbrella, sun tan lotion, bathing togs and towels, sunglasses, etc. on the carpet. The smokeless barbecue became a Fish and Chip party with individual packs handed to each person present. We talked about the biggest fish and chip party in the Bible - the Feeding of the Five Thousand in the terms of being one of the crowd before and after the Feast. We then had impromptu speeches of topical local issues with each person required to make three statements which could include questions. We alluded to the fact that the crowd of Five Thousand no doubt were discussing topical issues too.

- **Marjorie Empson**

- **Rehabilim Trust** was founded in Indonesia by the late Colin McLennan from New Zealand to assist disabled children and young adults to become independent and self reliant by learning and using

income generating skills. The trust is seeking donations, large or small. They may be sent to The Rehabilim Trust, PO Box 51 212 Tawa Wellington. To receive Rehabilim newsletters electronically, email rehabilim-trust@xtra.co.nz.

- **Turakina Maori Girls' College APW/PCANZ Boarding Scholarship Appeal** to date has raised \$51,680.00 with promises still in the pipe line. The closing date for this Appeal was 31st March 2010. From these funds, the Principal Terehia Channings has awarded 26 scholarships of varying amounts.

• **Co-operative Fund Raiser**

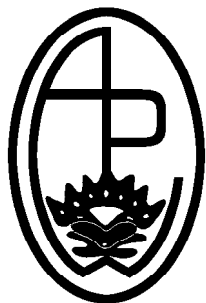
The Association of Presbyterian Women and the Methodist Women's Fellowship have, for some years now, worked on combined national projects. The ladies groups of the Upper Hutt Uniting Parish, which have their

Methodist & Presbyterian traditions, decided that they too, would get together in their fund raising efforts on behalf of the national projects.

The chosen method was a Garden Ramble, in which 8 people opened their gardens to members of the parish and their friends, and provided afternoon tea; all for a sum of \$10.00 per head. The activity was a huge success; socially it got people from the various parts of the parish working and walking together, while raising over \$900.00 for next year's project.

- **Margaret Boyd**

All contributions for the May/June edition of *Gleanings* can be sent to Hazel O'Brien, 3 Moehau Grove, Trentham. Upper Hutt 5018. email hazmic.ob@xtra.co.nz by **Monday 12 April**. Please use in the subject box 'Gleanings'.



APW NATIONAL BUSINESS MEETING

Saturday 29 May, 2010

Pacific Islanders Church, Newtown, Wellington

9.30 a.m.—3.00 p.m.

We ask all Regional Co-ordinators or their representatives to attend
All welcome



Urgent Notice to Regional Co-ordinators
Please forward the names of Voting Representatives
to
The National Secretary, email - jlittleapw@orcon.net.nz
by 15 May 2010

Come and show your support for the new team for APW

Theme: Women of the Pacific

Morning Tea, Devotions, Business meeting, Lunch (is provided)
followed by Pacific Women programme

This is a good time to come and share ideas,
be God inspired, catch up with old friends and make new ones

Any queries contact: lafulafu@xtra.co.nz or 0210754815

Your parish representative has full details about the National Business Meeting

National Business Meeting:

As you are aware the present Policy and Administration Committee completes its term of office in May 2010 and the United Nations and Communications Conveners also complete their term.

Calls for nominations are incomplete however we are excited to announce the following excellent nominations:

National Convener - Mrs Mary Mc McIntyre

Deputy Convener - No Nomination

Secretary - No Nomination

Treasurer - No Nomination

United Nations Convener - The Very Rev. Pamela Tankersley

Communications Convener - Nomination not yet confirmed

Pacific Island Representative - (subject to passing of remit) Mrs Faaolataga Leasi

Missions Convener - Mrs Rae Simpson continues

Resources Convener - Mrs Lois Diaper continues

We particularly request those in the Central Otago and Southland regions give serious thought to supporting Mary McIntyre with nominations for Secretary, Treasurer and Deputy Convener. The Present Treasurer will complete her term after the accounts are audited and the present Secretary will work with the new Secretary as needed. We ask for your prayers that APW may go forward with a full leadership team.

New Gleanings Team - members come from around the Wellington Region.

We are delighted and grateful for their offer: Hazel O'Brien, Shirley Fraser, Margaret Hastie and Lafu-lafu Ekenasio. The team have many other commitments and therefore the Gleanings will be published bi-monthly and will be four pages long.

