



Worship at General Assembly was one of the highlights of the gathering. Here is the invitation within the Communion Service

He was always the guest in other people's homes – upsetting polite company, befriending isolated people, welcoming the stranger, he was always the guest.

But here, at this table, he is the host.

Those who wish to serve him must first be served by him; those who want to follow him must first be fed by him; those who would wash his feet must first let him make them clean. For this is the table where God intends us to be nourished; this is the time when Christ can make us new. So come, you who hunger and thirst for a deeper faith, for a better life, for a fairer world. Jesus Christ, who sat at our tables, now invites us to be guests at his.

Resources

The following programmes are available from Heather Kennedy by email j.hkennedy@xtra.co.nz or from 25 White Street, Invercargill 9812 in hard copy by sending a self addressed stamped envelope.

‘Witness Devotions’ –

A post-Easter programme suitable for any time, plus Lenten studies from 2005.

Quiet Day Reflections ‘Water’-

A new programme prepared by Margaret Simpson

The 2005 Christmas

Programme

Plus two poems –

‘Nativity’ and ‘Sightings’.

Urgency

Has your Presbyterial/Region considered whether you could take on the role of the Policy and Administration Group? Could you do this in co-operation with a neighbouring area? The present Policy and Administration Group will retire in April 2007. The roles of Convenor, Deputy Convenor, Secretary and Treasurer are open for nominations. Natalie, Mary and Margaret are happy to talk through ideas, concerns and new possibilities with any interested group. Diane is willing to work with a new Treasurer as required.

Requirements:

To have a passion for APW

To represent the Association

To encourage members

Please give these offices your prayerful consideration. Names need to be sent to Margaret Clow before the end of the year, to enable a postal vote early 2007.

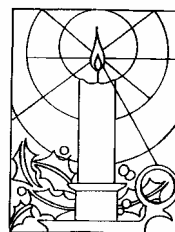
‘Gleanings’

will be published next month and then again in February.

Thanks to everyone who has contributed news. Our December issue will focus on Christmas resources, so please send your ideas.

Greetings Nan Burgess

Email n-burgess@xtra.co.nz



If you have not received an information pack about the Project, please contact Alison Linscott.

SNIPPETS

- **‘The Gathering’** is the new name of the Central Otago Presbyterial. They meet three times a year at different locations within the Presbytery. At their successful meeting in September, Jennifer Woods gave a wonderful range of book reviews from children to adults – very helpful for Christmas presents.
- **It has been decided** that the March issue of Gleanings will be larger and glossy to carry articles concerning the Mission Project, and this will permit photographs. Please send your news and ideas regarding the project.
- **Following the retirement** of the Chaplain at Turakina, the Rev. Hariata Haumate, minister in the Hutt Valley has been travelling to and from Wellington to give the girls and staff of the school some support three days a week. The retired Chaplain, Peka has bought a house in Ashhurst. Kia ora, e Peka.
- **Annual Meeting – Association of Anglican Women.** Betty Scarlet and Fay Turnbull represented APW and listened with interest to reports from every diocese in NZ as well as from the Polynesian Diocese. AAW is situated in Dunedin for the current three-year period.

What a Birthday Gift!

The total received from contributions to the Mission Birthday Gift amounted to \$27,739.15. This together with \$8,054.36 raised from Stamps amounted to \$35,793.51 which was allocated as follows:

\$10,000 Global Mission Office; \$2,200 Turakina College; \$2,000 each to Prison Ministry, Thailand; Vanuatu for Water Tanks, Women's Programme, Solomons, PCANZ Youth Ministry; \$1,500 each to St. Thomas' School, Jagadhri; Jagadhri Hospital; Emergency appeals Lebanon and Dafur, Sudan; \$1,000 each to NZ Friendship Farm, North Korea, Churches Education Commission, ECPAT, Christian Broadcasting Ass., Refugee & Migrant Service, Bible Society for children's Bibles in Entrea & Sth Pacific, Support of Ordinands in Dunedin; \$500 to Leprosy Mission and Pacific Leprosy Foundation. This leaves \$1,600 to allocate.

Without the commitment and dedication of the women of APW, these gifts would not be possible. A very warm thank you to everyone for this amazing result! Please pass on thanks to your parishes.

Alison Linscott, Mission Convenor

Gleanings in PDF

Requests have been made for Gleanings to be sent out in both PDF (or Adobe Acrobat) and a non converted version. There are reasons for converting to PDF, the key ones being ...

- documents sometimes 'move' in transmission through email and a document does not stay in its original format
- there could be a temptation by people to alter or replace an article for something they think would be more suitable for their district.

Therefore it has been decided that Gleanings will continue to be distributed in PDF version only. Some have said they do not open attachments; this means no matter what version it is sent in, you will not receive it.

For those cautious about downloading Adobe Acrobat, how about contacting one of the younger members in your congregation/community. Youngsters are great at working on computers. PDF can be downloaded on www.adobe.com Follow the instructions on line and you can't go wrong. Happy downloading!

For Regional/Parish Co-ordinators, please make sure Gleanings is distributed to as many women in your district as possible, not just APW ladies.



News from the Regions

- Over the last year women from Wanaka and Hawea and Cromwell have knitted forty-nine large blankets, thirty-three cot blankets, one hundred and fourteen jerseys for children, seven adult jerseys, plus many scarves, hats, gloves, slippers, singlets and lovely toys. These items will be baled in Cromwell, then transported to Christchurch by Fulton & Hogan, free of charge. From there the Freight Company of NZ gets the bale to Auckland free of charge. The bale is then put in a container on a ship bound for the Netherlands. The freight costs are met by Aucklanders who do not knit. From a depot in Holland the knitted items are sent to an orphanage in Ukraine where they will be given out at Christmas time.

Catherine Little

News from the Regions (cont'd)

- During the winter the Temuka APW organized a luncheon and display of local Art and Photography. Our aim was to raise money for our local Hospice. The public were invited to view the display and to enjoy a home-made lunch. The display encouraged much conversation and a very happy atmosphere quickly developed. A representative from the Hospice spoke of their work and praised the work done quietly by local people. Admission was by donation and we were thrilled to give the Hospice a cheque for just over \$1,300.

Jill Barnett

- Responding to Operation Cover-up, six women of the Riverton Union Church Fellowship met to sort, cut, tack and sew fabric given to the Mission-Without-Borders Convenor in Invercargill. The fabric was off-cuts from two clothing manufacturers. Members unable to help on the day were given fabric squares to make up at home, or quilts to blanket stitch and saddle stitch. Our effort resulted in thirty four rugs, seven vests and one jumper. All were displayed in the church and a photo and article featured in the Western Star newspaper. We have now been donated wool and are going to knit blankets for next year's Operation Cover-up.

Ann Hopcroft