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Presbytery Update

What a lot we have learned about being church in 2020. We have found ways to be together while being physically distant, we have Zoomed and live-streamed and pre-recorded, we have shared resources and worship experiences across our Presbytery and round the world. We cannot say “the church never changes” – this year shows us that we can and we have. How do we make best use of the things we have learned in the future? In November we will try some new ways of meeting together as the Southern Presbytery.

Presbytery will meet face to face on 13-14 November, in Alexandra and in Gore and in Dunedin. We will gather for worship and learning and business. The Moderator of General Assembly, Right Rev Fakaofa Kaio, will be with us. We will have workshops covering a range of topics from working with children and families to skills for eldership to care for creation. We will reflect together on what we have done and what we have learned in this past year, and we will imagine, dream and discern together where God might be leading us through those new experiences.



We will meet at St Enochs in Alexandra, and at Calvin in Gore, and at Leith Valley in Dunedin. What happens in the gathering in Alexandra will be shared by people who gather in Gore and Dunedin, and we will all be able to contribute to the discussions we have together. There are people who have found travel distance and expense a barrier to attending a Presbytery gathering. In November we hope that more people will be able to be part of the gathering at one of the satellite hubs.

The invitation to be part of this is not just for ministers and Presbytery elders – all are welcome as we gather! You can register online - [Click Here](#)

More information will be available on the website as plans develop, and in the next Southern Presbyterians newsletter.

Anne Thomson (Moderator-Designate)

What's Coming Up



Service of Closing and Deconsecration - Ohai Presbyterian Church

Sunday 20th Sept. 9:30am - 4:30pm

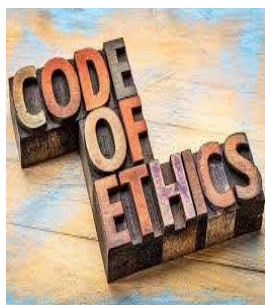
For more information, [click here](#).



Closing of Oteramika-Kennington Parish

Sunday 4th Oct. 2pm

For more information, [click here](#).



Workshop on Code of Ethics

Wednesday 14th Oct. 11am

This workshop designed for ministers, elders and ministry leaders will be presented by Wayne Matheson and Matthew Hague.

For more information, [click here](#).

Reminder!

Just a reminder that the presbytery office is closed for 6 Weeks. Alan Judge is taking 4 weeks study leave and then 2 weeks annual leave and so the office will be closed from August 31st until October 12th. During this time general enquiries and urgent matters should be sent to the Moderator and matters relating to workgroups directly to a workgroup convener.



Childrens Ministry

PCANZ is seeking an 'Associate Children and Families Worker'!

The Presbyterian Children and Families Ministry exists to see communities of faith inspired to share God's big story by engaging authentically with children and families. We are currently advertising for an Associate Children and Families Director (0.5FTE) who will join the team in:

- Leading the PCANZ into authentic engagement with children and families.
- Advocating for children and families so that they are woven into the fabric/DNA of the church and have authentic participation.
- Encouraging, equipping and supporting church leaders and those who work with children and families.

Applications close: 13 October 2020

Click here for a complete [job description](#).

For further information and to apply, contact Robin Humphreys, robin@presbyterian.org.nz



Youth Ministry

Looking After Our Youth Leaders



Employment Guide

Helping Churches Be Great Employers!

Thinking about employing someone to work with young people? FANTASTIC! This resource provides some important direction as your parish begins the employment process.

More Info, click [here](#).



Sustainable Practices

Creating a Culture of Care and Longevity for our Youth Leaders

This resource contains seven sustainable practices which we hope all churches will adopt. By doing so, churches will make a significant step towards sustainable youth ministry. Longevity for youth leaders means better serving and loving young people in the name of Christ.

More Info, click [here](#).



Coaching, Mentoring & Supervision

External input and a space for reflection is so vital for our youth ministry leaders, whether they are a volunteer or in a paid role. We can offer your youth leader one-on-one coaching, mentoring or professional supervision. We are also set up to point you in the direction of other quality people to come alongside your leaders too.

For more information, get in touch with Brad Kelderman. Click [here](#).

Labour Weekend Youth Camps



PUKERAU LABOUR WEEKEND CAMP

Date: Fri 23rd Oct – Mon 26th Oct

Location: Camp Columba, Pukerau

Ages: Year 7-13

Cost: \$60

So...we thought with Easter Camp not being able to happen this year we would mix things up a little to make Labour Weekend Camp more epic than ever! So this years camp is for Year 7-13!! All of our youth at one camp... EPIC!

For more information, click [here](#).



PUTOKOTOKO FAMILY CAMP

Date: Fri 23rd Oct – Mon 26th Oct

Location: En Hakkore Retreat, Waipiata

Ages: All Ages

Cost: \$50 - youth, \$75 - adult. Family options too

Putokotoko Camp is a fun environment for the whole family where we focus on building relationships with God, fellowship with others and great kai!

For more information, contact:

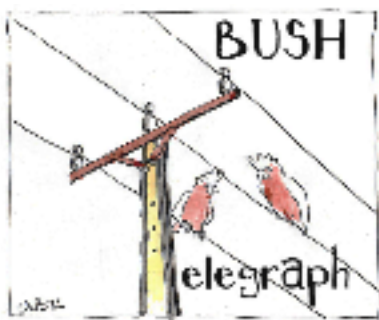
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To register, click [here](#).

National Church Updates

Click on the following links to see the latest news updates from the various resourcing and ministry departments of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand.



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