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Presbytery Update

November Presbytery Gathering Reflection from Alan.

Thank you for your attendance at last week's Presbytery meeting. The meeting felt very engaged and lively and the workshops were very much appreciated. We met in three locations and live streamed between all three, this experiment appears to have worked very well.

Thanks to the team at Alexandra Clyde Lauder Union Parish for your care, music and nourishing meals. You are all wonderful.

On Friday we inducted Rev Anne Thomson as Presbytery Moderator in a service of worship – a role Anne will hold for the next 2 years. The previous moderator Andrew Scott also shared his reflections on his experiences of our churches. We thank Andrew for moderating Presbytery over the last two years and providing leadership through some challenging situations.

We also presented a certificate of Call to the Rev Annie-Kate Williams for ministry within the Mornington Parish and recognised Crookston KiwiChurch as a ministry of the Presbytery.

Presbytery decided that the next full Presbytery meeting will be held on Saturday May 8th 2021

Presbytery Leadership

We have some changes to note coming from the Presbytery Meeting:

- ✓ Anne Thomson is now our Moderator
- ✓ Presbytery Council: Eric Gordon, Rainier Raath and Mike Kirkby Sing join Presbytery Council and Gwen Grimm and Luisa Fruean each finish 6 year terms. Eric represents the Clutha regional group and Rainier the Mataura Valley regional group. Mike will join the Council next year.
- ✓ Workgroup Conveners: Presbytery Council had made short term appointments of two workgroup conveners, Ken Harray has been affirmed as Finance Workgroup Convener and John Cromarty as Candidates Workgroup Convener. Carlton Johnstone takes up the convening of the Parish Reviews Workgroup and Bronwyn McCall joins John Willis as co-convenor of Nominating Committee.
- ✓ Recognised Ministries: Ministry Workgroup has formed an additional subgroup to assist with recognised ministries of Presbytery – Jono Ryan has been appointed to convene this subgroup.

Prayer for Faith Communities

The Presbytery is asking each regional group to recruit people who are willing to pray regularly for the spiritual renewal and growth of the faith communities within the region. An overall coordinator will also be found.

Spiritual Renewal and Growth

Presbytery also asked that the agenda for each Presbytery Council meeting include a section for discussion of issues connected to spiritual renewal and growth. Please let the Presbytery office know of the ways you and your congregations are experiencing spiritual renewal so these can be noted and shared where suitable for the encouragement of others.



Workshops

The Presbytery met in workshops at the Presbytery Meeting. The subjects of these were:

- Together in ministry with Children and Families – Robin Humphries
- Caring for Creation - Selwyn Yeoman
- Eldership, a practical workshop – Ken Williams and Erin Pendreigh
- Mission, innovation and signs of a new normal - Steve Taylor
- Reforming Understanding of contemporary Evangelism - Lynne Taylor
- Teaching like Jesus – Stephanie wells

Two were held by video conference enabling satellite meetings to participate

- Eldership, a practical workshop
- Mission, innovation and signs of a new normal

The Executive Officer expressed our appreciation for the ministry of those who work alongside Presbytery and our churches providing support and wise counsel to our leaders. Our people are

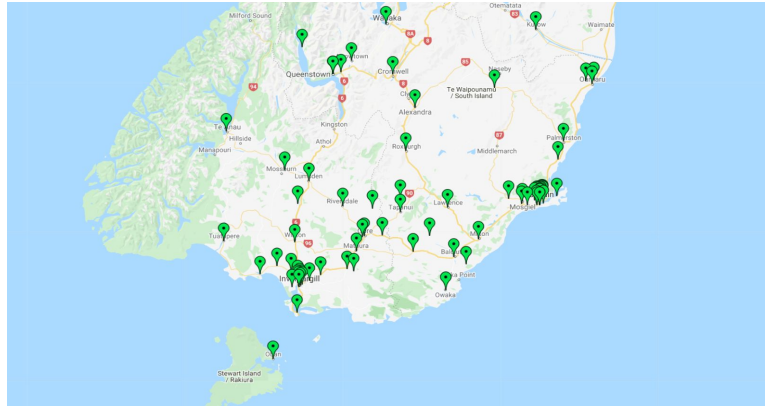
- Bronwyn Miller – Presbytery Treasurer
- Roslyn Boyes – Treasurer Support for consolidation of accounts
- Erin Pendreigh - Mission Advisor
- Brad Kelderman - Youth Advisor
- Cheryl Harray - Kids Friendly Advisor
- Rachel Bates - Kids Friendly Faith Development Project Coordinator



Have you Heard?

Ten Year Old Presbytery

Our Presbytery is now ten years old and moving into its second decade of development. As from 1 February 2010, the following presbyteries became Southern Presbytery: Dunedin and North Otago, Central Otago, Clutha, Maitauri and Southland. This has been a major development in the work and ministry of this part of the Presbyterian Church.



The Executive Officer encouraged each member of Presbytery to do all they can to stay engaged with the life of Southern Presbytery as we are all presbytery together. Most of our Presbytery members are engaged in the work of one or more of our work streams through Presbytery Council, Workgroups, Regional Group Leadership, Interim Moderators, Ministry Settlement Boards and representing the Presbytery on the boards of sister bodies. Participation in the workstreams enables the Presbytery to be connected and cohesive in its life. So, thank you for your ongoing commitment and participation.

Discounted Fees

Synod Executive have negotiated with their Lawyers, Anderson Lloyd in Dunedin, that legal fees for all parish property work will have a 15% discount. We hope this will assist parishes when they have property legal work carried out

What's Coming Up



KCML Graduation

Wend 25th Nov. 7:30pm - 9:15pm

Salmond College Chapel, Dunedin

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



Farewell for Rev Dr Steve Taylor

Thurs 26th Nov. 11:45am

Salmond Hall, Dunedin

For more information [click here](#).

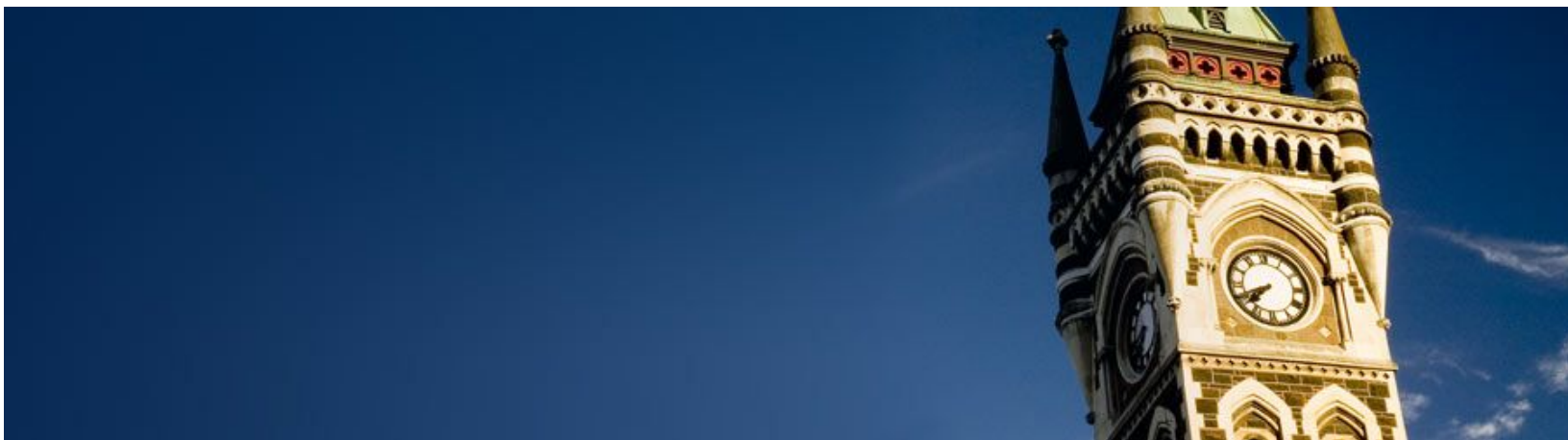


A Rocha Eco-Church Launch

Mon 30th Nov. 7pm - 8:30pm

Elim Church, Dunedin

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



Young Adult Ministry - Dunedin

The Presbyterian Church and Otago University have a long and healthy relationship, particularly when it comes to chaplaincy. If you have students attending university or polytech in Otago next year, one of the best things you could do for them would be to get them connected with the university chaplains.

Two of the chaplains, Rev. Olivia Dawson and Rev. Dr. Jordan Redding, are also actively involved with local Presbyterian churches in Dunedin and have a background in youth ministry (they have both recently spoken at Dunedin Easter Camp too!)

The Chaplaincy Department on campus is brilliant and offers weekly opportunities for connecting, prayer and spiritual practices. Additionally, the chaplains can help students find a church that suits them; can connect with students directly, either through their hall of residence or through a coffee catch up; and can also be a life-line if things start to fall apart. If you have a young adult heading to Otago Uni or Polytech next year, be sure to get in touch with our chaplains.

As well as on campus ministry, the various Dunedin Presbyterian churches offer a number of young adult ministry options between them. Two examples that are well connected to the university are Student Soul (Presbyterian Student Ministry) and Knox Church. There are a number of other churches doing good ministry with young adults. Our chaplains can help with finding the right connection.

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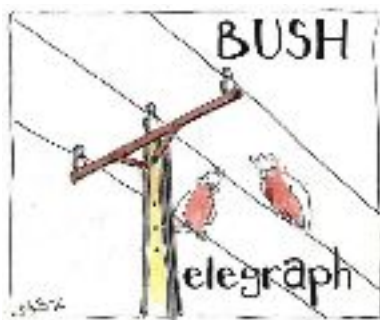
"Deeper Currents" is an initiative organised by the University of Otago Campus chaplains for those who want to go deeper. It is open to young adults between 18 and 25 and will run over eight weeks of semester one 2021. Our young adult years are a key time of formation. Even as we enjoy swimming in the shallows, it's good to take time to go deeper, to contemplate the mystery of life, and to ask questions of our purpose and calling in it all.

For those with young adults studying in Dunedin, please pass this link on to them

For more information and to register interest, click [HERE](#).

National Church Updates

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