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Presbytery Update

Presbytery Elders

Church Council's are asked to note that the current terms for their presbytery elders finished on December 31st. They should be making appointments soon of a Presbytery Elder for the next two years. Current appointments can be extended where the Church Council agrees. Union and Cooperating Churches may appoint a parish councillor who is not an ordained elder to this role.

Presbytery Council met on January 19th, a special meeting.

The purpose of this meeting was further discussion of recommendations of the Children and Families Ministry Review Task Group. After considerable discussion concerning the appointment of a new Children and Families Advisor it was decided to take a different approach to the one recommended by the task group. The task group proposed the Presbytery make the appointment itself, and seek funding from the Synod. Instead Presbytery Council has applied to Synod for both the funding for this role and for Synod to assume the role of its employer (Presbytery will manage the position). A further recommendation was 'That Presbytery develop a clear missional direction and strategy and discern what staffing make-up will best serve our needs in the next chapter.'-- will be discussed at the next meeting of Presbytery Council.

The next Presbytery Council will be in the form of a retreat at Seaview Lodge on March 9th and 10th.

Presbytery Meeting

The next Presbytery meeting will be held on May 8th in Dunedin. This will include

- Annual reports of our Regional Groups
- Some 'Workgroup' annual reports
- Approval of our next budget for Presbytery.
- Consideration of proposals to the General Assembly
- Selection of two nominations for Moderator Designate of the Assembly

Representation at Assembly

22 parishes have been asked to commission an assembly elder for this years General Assembly who will serve alongside a similar number of ministers. Parish GA elder forms should be sent back as soon as possible.

Changes ahead for PressGo

As a result of the Council of Assembly's PressGo Review 2019, there are a number of important changes ahead. PressGo's purpose has been redefined as "resourcing and equipping mission across the PCANZ". This is to be done by working alongside Presbyteries. There will be a number of ways in which this will happen, but the most important thing to communicate at this point is that the process of applying for Mission Enterprise Fund grants will change.

As from 1 November 2020 all applications for a grant from the Mission Enterprise Fund (MEF) must be made via the applicant's Presbytery.

Presbyteries may apply to PressGo for a top-up grant from the MEF for parish initiatives that have already received a Presbytery Mission Fund grant. Presbyteries that do not have a Mission Fund established may also make an application on behalf of the parish. It is expected that the parish will have made its own significant contribution to the initiative, in addition to any support gained from Presbytery or other funders.

There is currently no change to the application process for Small Grants from the Presbyterian Foundation, or MEF Aroha grants.

For further information please contact the PressGo Catalyst, Lisa Wells, by email: lisaw@presbyterian.org.nz, or by phone: 027 4455 723.

What's Coming Up



Zero Waste Programme for Churches

Sat March 13

Elim Church Dunedin

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



Induction of the Rev Andrew Scott

Thur March 18

Eveline Presbyterian Church, Oamaru

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



Easter Camps

Dunedin - April 2-5; Pukerua - April 1-5

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



Synod AGM

Fri April 16 - Sat April 17

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



UCANZ Forum

Fri April 16 - Sun April 18

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



Youth Ministry

EMERGE: Young Leader Development

PYM has just recently produced “Emerge.” This is a free two-year video-based leadership formation programme, aimed at creating a culture of servant leadership in our young people (Year 11+), developing their character, competency and sense of calling.

This two-year course has six sessions per year (12 in total):

Year 1

- Character and nature of God,
- Character of the Kingdom led leader
- What are my gifts, part 1:
Discovering your personality
- Discipleship
- Untangling the church: Why it’s important
- What are the lies we tell ourselves?

Year 2

- Trusting God in life and leadership
- What are my gifts, part 2:
Spiritual Gifts
- Working as a team/ team dynamics
- What is our life story?
- Building Authentic Community
- Self Care/Mental Health

Participants will gain clarity about their gifts and skill sets, gain understanding about their personal calling and have the opportunity to grow in that calling, connect with potential mentoring figures in their specific calling where possible grow a deeper connection, sense of belonging and participation with their local church .

The course is super easy to run and can be led by a volunteer youth leader in a church, done in partnership with other churches, or run as a regional or presbytery-wide training.

We would love you to pilot this new resource in 2021.

Please contact [Brad Kelderman](#) for more information.sed leadership

QUEENSTOWN RETREAT



CONNECT...cancelled...but it's not all bad news!

This year's national Connect Conference has been cancelled, partly due to the challenges faced in organising a national event over the next months amongst covid-19 disruptions and uncertainty. However... there are still opportunities for training and connecting at a local, regional and national level. More details will come out over the next few months, but already there are a number of training and networking options on offer.

CONNECT ONLINE

This year PYM is hosting six 90 minute long zoom based training times. These are free and are available to anyone. You can attend on your own from home or as leadership teams who gather together in someone's home or the church, even share a meal and participate online together.

The Connect Online training is offered as follows:

- 15 March Setting up your ministry to thrive [[Register Here](#)]
- 10 May Young Adults Ministry
- 12 July Intermediates Ministry
- 13 Sept Transitioning well, moving on from Intermediate and High School.
- 8 Nov Helping parents win

REGIONAL CONNECT (re:gen?)

Later this year we will run a one-day version of CONNECT somewhere in Southern Presbytery. This might look a lot like re:Gen has in the past (it might simply be re:Gen again) or we might mix things up a little bit. Stay tuned for more info and Regional Connect.

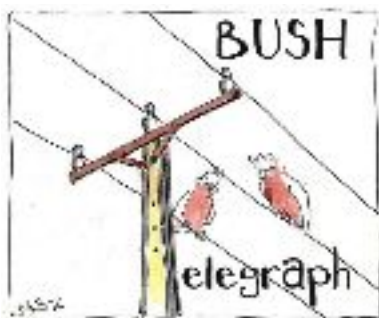
QUEENSTOWN KEY LEADERS RETREAT

November 27-30

We want to give the key leaders of our youth ministries the opportunity to connect and network with each other from around the country. The aim of this retreat is to reconnect, acknowledge, refresh and equip key leaders from across the PCANZ. And luckily for us, it's right in our backyard in Queenstown. More information will be available shortly.

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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