



## Bay of Plenty Regional Executive

Report to Synod 2014

**Members:** Rev'd Adrienne Bruce (Regional Dean & elected chair); Reverends Alex Czerwonka & Paul Williamson; Mrs Lesley Cotterill; Mrs Dora Wickham.

### Meetings:

The committee normally meets about 3-4 times a year predominantly by teleconference. This year (unusually) has seen both clergy members away on Study Leave for extended periods which has impacted on attendance at meetings, and the number of meetings held.

### Key areas of discussion/tasks:

**Lay Training:** The committee (as a result of feedback to various committee members) was concerned at the lack of Lay Ministry Training currently available in the Diocese and began to explore ways to rectify this. A decision was made that the Regional Executive could assist in the provision of lay training and this could be funded through the BoP Mission Fund whilst also keeping options open for funding missional initiatives. A beginning was made to devise a simple three-year curriculum to begin to meet these needs. This was discussed with clergy at a Clergy Day and the consensus was that this needed to include a small Ministry Ethics component, guest speakers be invited and each day also include a workshop period for various licences held. A programme for 2015-2016 is to be put together by the new executive.

**Youth Ministry:** Aware that the Executive no longer has the brief to oversee Youth ministry there was still a desire to encourage this in the Bay of Plenty and some conversations with individual clergy and the Youth Facilitator were begun to encourage parishes to pick up and provide a youth activity for the rest of the region. Again, due to the dynamics of the year in terms of personnel etc this was taken no further.

**Papamoa Future Development:** Two meetings have been held to begin to explore future directions as per the Synod motion from 2013. This is proving a complex matter requiring more extensive research including a wider group than simply the Papamoa area. Future directions will also be enhanced with the input of a new bishop.

### Regional Conference 2014

In the light of the 200 years since the first sermon was preached by Samuel Marsden on NZ soil, it was decided to invite Keith Newman to be the Guest Speaker at the Regional Conference. Unfortunately at the last minute Keith was unable to attend, however he did send his very extensive and interesting slide and this, along with some conference participants with a keen knowledge and interest in New Zealand history, proved to be an interesting and enjoyable day never-the-less.

Rev'd Adrienne Bruce  
**Chairperson**