

## REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup> 2014 - MINISTRY EDUCATOR

This last year has indeed been a year of blessing but also of challenge as Waiapu continues to explore what it means to be truly missional. In June 2013 I returned from a 3 month sabbatical to the Dioceses of Durham and Newcastle, UK. I was inspired by what I experienced, and have presented aspects of my findings in many different contexts. I subsequently invited 3 people I had met to NZ, and we have been fortunate indeed to have The Rev'd Rick Simpson, The Very Rev'd Richard Giles, and by the time you read this, Canon Dr Paula Gooder, spend time with us.

I remain deeply humbled by the stories of those I work with as they seek to discern God's call on their life. 6 people were involved in the May 2014 Discernment weekend in Napier and 6 people attended the Exploration weekend at Kopua in October 2013. Already I have 5 people interested for the 2014 Exploration weekend, and it has not been advertised at time of writing.

We have one student currently in his first year at St John's College, Peter Yi Jin, and 3 more are preparing to enter St John's in 2015. The Rev'd Rosalie McCullough was ordained Vocational Deacon in July 2013, and The Rev'd Deb Sutherland was ordained transitional deacon. The Rev'd Julie Guest was ordained priest in March 2014, she is now serving as curate at St Luke's Rotorua, as was the Rev'd Gaye Barkla who has responsibility for the Maungatapu church within the Holy Trinity Tauranga parish. A further candidate is training within the Diocese for possible ordination as vocational deacon.

All transitional deacons participate in a two year spiritual and ministry formation programme, Deacon2Priest, facilitated by the Rev'd Erice Fairbrother and me, and vocational deacons attend for 1 year. The Rev'd Rosalie McCullough 'graduated' in November 2013. The Rev'ds Deb Sutherland and Gaye Barkla are currently in their second year, and The Rev'd Julie Guest is in her first year.

Post Ordination training takes the form of weekend training in addition to the 4 day annual retreat at Kopua. The 2013 weekend focused on 'Time Wisdom' by The Rev'd Canon Stephen Cherry from Durham Diocese, UK.

The Rev'd Erice Fairbrother and I continue to offer workshops on Ethics to all licensed laity and clergy, in five venues. The 3 year cycle was completed in 2013 and Bishop David sent letters to all parishes listing those who had not attended any Ethics training over that 3 year period. We are pleased to report that this has been taken seriously by parishes and that attendance has not increased. All who hold licences, whether lay or ordained, are expected to attend 2 Ethics workshops in each 3 year cycle. Workshops are only 2 hours long, 10am – 12pm on a Saturday morning.

I have continued as the Diocesan Review group co-ordinator. We meet for training, and to subject the process itself to robust review. In 2013 Taradale, Riverslea and Clive parishes were reviewed. In 2014 the focus of the review group is on the Ruahine Mission area, encompassing all 7 parishes as they work together in a new model of ministry.

The Rev'd Rick Simpson was the keynote speaker at clergy conference 2013. Rick inspired us to unpack Luke 10 under the theme 'Leaving the Baggage Behind' as he explored missional Leadership in today's church. Rick is the director of post ordination training for the Dioceses of Durham and Newcastle, UK. He is an engaging speaker and many of the conference evaluations expressed the impact that he had.

The Diocesan Library has been an ongoing work. New books are purchased frequently and catalogued on the Kinder Library website. The postal service for library books is proving to be very popular, as is the sample box of small group resources I send out on request.

In conclusion, as this is my final report, I'd like to thank The Rev'd Erice Fairbrother, my knowledgeable teaching partner, Belinda Barnhill for her support with clergy conference, Colleen Kaye for her clarity of thought, and all of you – who have made my time here a blessing.

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