



KAPITI UNITING PARISH

Christian Churches of NZ - Methodist - Presbyterian

Mission Statement: To promote Christian faith and values in the communities of the Kapiti

Weekly Notices: 4 July 2021

This Sunday:

United@9: Maureen Calhaem
Waikanae 9.30 am: Syd Mephram
Raumati: Rev. Robin List

Next Sunday:

United@9: Combined with Raumati
Waikanae 9.30 am: Rev. Doug Lendrum
Raumati 10 am: Rev. Roger Wiig

Raumati Church Door Duty:

Merrill Baker, Nancy Lilly, Derek Townsend

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Parish Contacts

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Kate Foley 905 6946 or 021 120 8045

What are we doing? Where are we going?

The Rev. Stuart Simpson from the Central Presbytery will be running a 'Mission Discernment Workshop' on Friday, 9 July from 9.30 am. to 2.30 pm.

This is a time for us all to be together to share our ideas on the future of the parish: What we are doing; what we would like to see happening; what contribution to the wider community we could make.

You will be providing the lunch! Please bring along something to share (It's called 'finger food' – which some people think is an awful name for what can be a good time of relaxed talking together while we eat.)

Let's all take this opportunity to be involved in answering the questions: 'What are we doing?' and 'Where are we going?'

Put the date and time in your diary and plan to be there. It will be good for the parish!

Kia kaha
Roger Wiig



Rev. Stuart Simpson

Afternoon Women's Fellowship: meet this Tuesday, 6 July at 2 pm in the meeting room at Raumati. The AGM will be followed by a time of considering 'Bible Month' where favourite bible stories and verses will be shared. Can you recite a text from Sunday School days? Check it out and come prepared! Contact Rosalie 298 3343.

Mid-Winter Lunch: Thursday 8 July at 12 pm. The Raumati Women's Fellowship are getting together for lunch at the Waterfront Brasserie, Raumati. If you wish to join us please contact Merrill Baker, phone or Alison Johnston 902 3771 by Monday 5 July.

Lunch following Raumati Combined Communion service: Join in for lunch at Two Fat Chefs, 31 Marine Parade, Paraparaumu Beach on Sunday 11 July. Please RSVP to Carole Rudings by Friday 9 July 298 8165 or crudings@yahoo.co.nz

Draft Weekly Notices: Each week on a Tuesday the draft weekly notices are sent out to a small group of convenors and secretaries of groups and committees to ask for contributions to the weekly notices. If you would like to receive the draft version, please email Kate in the office.

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Diary Dates

Monday 5 July		
Music Playgroup	9.30 am - 11.30 am	Raumati
Tuesday 6 July		
Thrifty Place	11 am - 1 pm	Raumati
Afternoon Women's Fellowship	2 pm	Raumati
Wednesday 7 July		
Raumati Committee	1.30 pm	Raumati
F.I.T	4 - 5pm	Raumati
Thursday 8 July		
Café Playgroup	9.30 - 11.30 am	Raumati
Raumati Women's Fellowship Mid-Winter Lunch	12 pm	Waterfront Brasserie
Thrifty Place	11am - 4pm	Raumati
Vege Co-op Collection	2.30 - 3pm	Raumati
Friday 9 July		
Mission Discernment Workshop	9.30 am	Raumati
Café Playgroup	9.30 - 11.30am	Waikanae
Saturday 10 July		
Thrifty Place	10am - 12.30pm	Raumati
Sunday 11 July		
Lunch following Raumati Combined Service	11.30 am approx.	Two Fat Chefs

Mission Discerning and Planning Day - Workshop Plan

9 June 2021

Time: 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

Where: Kapiti Uniting Parish, Raumati Church

Type of meeting:	Mission Discernment and strategy	
Facilitator:	Rev Stuart Simpson, Presbytery Central Mission Catalyst	
Please read:	Included Materials	
Please bring:	Your energy, commitment, and ideas	
	Agenda topics	
9:30 – 9:45	Opening Prayer and Introduction	Agenda, facilities, and purpose of workshop. Expectations of each other.
9:45 – 11:00	Adopting Mission and Strategy	Why Mission is Important? How do we discern what God is calling us to do and then do it?
11:00 – 12:30	Discerning God's Mission	Listen
12:30 – 13:00	Lunch	
13:00 – 14:30	Participating in God's Mission	Act and Share
14:30	End with prayer	

Message from Rob Ferguson Lower North Island Synod Superintendent

Synod: Friday 6 August 10 am – 4 pm; Saturday 7 August 10 am – 3 pm, Feilding Methodist Church

Friday: bring your lunch (or go get it in town). Saturday: lunch provided at a minimal cost.

Friday used to be Ministerial Synod. This August, we encourage as many people as possible to also attend, ministers or lay. It is a time to refresh and resource our District folk. The Friday 'programme' is still being finalized: here's what's in place so far.

- Death and dying: a Christian perspective: Rev Alister Hendery. Alister has written two excellent books on this topic.
 - Creating a Mission perspective in a Parish: Ngaio's experience shared by Sue Brown and a parish team
- What's happening in Fiji with Covid and how can we offer support?: Rev Akuila Bale

We will have space to reflect on our own spiritual journey, and to share with each other how we find a sense of God as we work within our varied urban and rural settings as a Synod.

Saturday:

This is the "Business day". Where we will attend to reports from the connexion, our finances, and those things we often find less than exciting!

We will also hear from David Hanna about Housing, and the ways Parishes can become involved in working with the housing crisis. David will offer his perspective on success stories withing LNIS District.

Parishes are offered five minutes each to tell Synod about their success stories and their struggles as we turn our attention to Mission.

Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Thanks

Rosie Greening
Lower North Island Synod Secretary
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21-DAY INTERFAITH COMPASSION CHALLENGE

STARTS AUGUST 22, 2021!



Across all wisdom traditions, compassion is a foundational pillar. All too often, we conflate compassion with sympathy and empathy, but in practice, it is a distinct, regenerative and unifying force that transforms us and all those it touches. As Dalai Lama eloquently summarizes, "If you want others to be happy, practice compassion. If you want to be happy, practice compassion."

We invite you to join us for a 21-day compassion challenge, to explore different ways to bring this timeless virtue into our lives -- and to do it in concert with kindred spirits from around the globe. **Every day will feature a unique practice of compassion from a different faith tradition.** It will include parables, visuals and insightful prompts for daily reflection. As you submit your responses each day, you will also get to read other people's stories and interact in wide-ranging ways. In addition, we will host group calls throughout our time together to weave a collective tapestry of our emergent wisdom.

The challenge is being co-hosted by many of the 18 speakers in our recent [Prayer Circle](#), and will likely include many organizing partners like [Charter for Compassion](#), [Greater Good Science Center](#), [United Religions Initiative](#) and [Emory's Center for Compassion](#).

The revered mystic, Vimala Thakar, writes: "*Compassion is a spontaneous movement of wholeness. It is not a studied decision to help the poor, to be kind to the unfortunate. Compassion has a tremendous momentum that naturally, choicelessly moves us to worthy action. It has the force of intelligence, creativity, and the strength of love. This vast intelligence that orders the cosmos is available to all. The beauty of life, the wonder of living, is that we share creativity, intelligence, and unlimited potential with the rest of the cosmos. To realize that we are not simply physical beings on a material planet, but that we are whole beings, each a miniature cosmos, each related to all of life in intimate, profound ways, should radically transform how we perceive ourselves, our environments, our social problems. Nothing can ever be isolated from wholeness.*"

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