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Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus

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Revd Jenny Quince, Centre for Women's Studies Link Representative for Tai Tokerau shares with us some of her experiences travelling through Israel in June this year.

Travelling through Israel in June 2011, I came upon a wonderful God inspired community.

Kehilat Ha Carmel (Carmel Assembly) and The House of Victory were both formed in 1991 at the end of the Gulf War.

These are communities birthed in the midst of war.

Mount Carmel is connected to the biblical story of the Prophet Elijah and is a good example of the redeeming works of God.

His challenge to Ahab and Jezebel concerning the four hundred and fifty Prophets of Baal and the four hundred Prophets of Asheran is found in 1 Kings 18.

Strategically placed on the highest point of Mount Carmel this community is committed to teaching God's prophetic pur-

poses for Israel, the Church and the Nations in the end times.

The vision for Kehilat Ha Carmel is founded on the promises of God.

Isaiah 58: "Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter, when you see the naked to clothe him, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard. Then you will call and the Lord will answer, you will cry for help and he will say: 'HERE I AM'".



Views of the Worship Centre of Kehilat HaCarmel, a Messianic congregation

In order to achieve this purpose they hold Schools of Ministry and an annual convocation on Mount Carmel.

Women are very much in view working closely beside their male counterparts.

What really impressed me here was the Women's Shelter where African and other Middle Eastern refugee mothers and their children are being cared for with love, fed and clothed and counselled. They are only sent back to places like Sudan if it is deemed safe based on an individual assessment. I observed little children happily running around oblivious of the turmoil happening back in their countries of birth.

There is also a Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Centre called House of Victory, a clothing centre called Elijah's Cloak, a food programme called Raven's Basket, a Worship Centre and a Ministry Centre.

All areas are supported by Intercessory Prayer and Counselling.

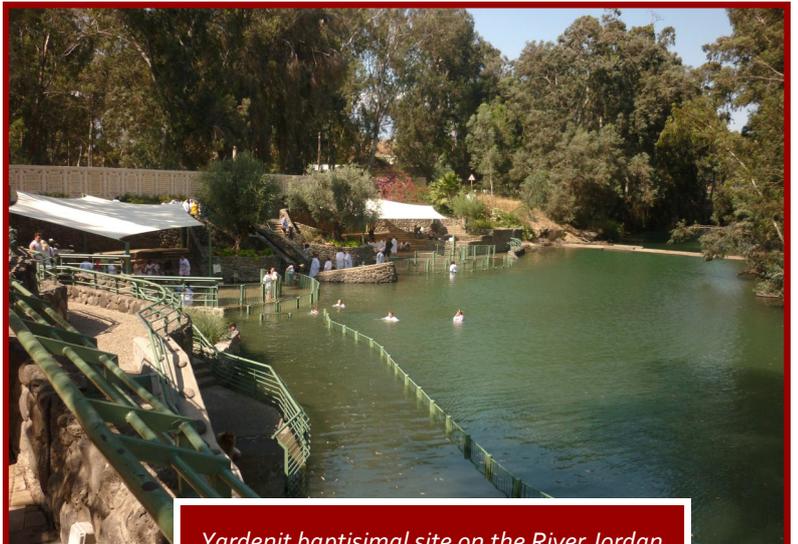


This community is always looking for volunteers especially for young women to love and care for the orphaned children.

If you feel a stirring in your heart to investigate further you can find more information on their website. There is also a book written by David Davis called *The Road to Carmel* which can also be accessed via their website.

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Yardenit baptismal site on the River Jordan



Yardenit is situated on the south side of the Sea of Galilee and hundreds of pilgrims come every day to be baptised in the River Jordan.

Jenny reaffirming her faith in the River Jordan

Signs inviting you to reaffirm your faith are everywhere. You are also encouraged to purchase or rent a white robe and a certificate which will be signed by the presiding

priest. As it was a Roman Catholic Priest baptising I decided it would not be "kosher" for me, an Anglican priest to stand in his line, so I decided to splash myself and reaffirm my faith personally!

Whilst I was doing 'my own thing' a Jewish woman asked me to explain what I was doing. I said I didn't feel comfortable 'under' a Catholic priest so I was pouring water on myself and offering up a prayer. She asked me if I would do the same for her.

The honour was mine and the glory was God's!



Celebrating a Book Launch from one of our own....

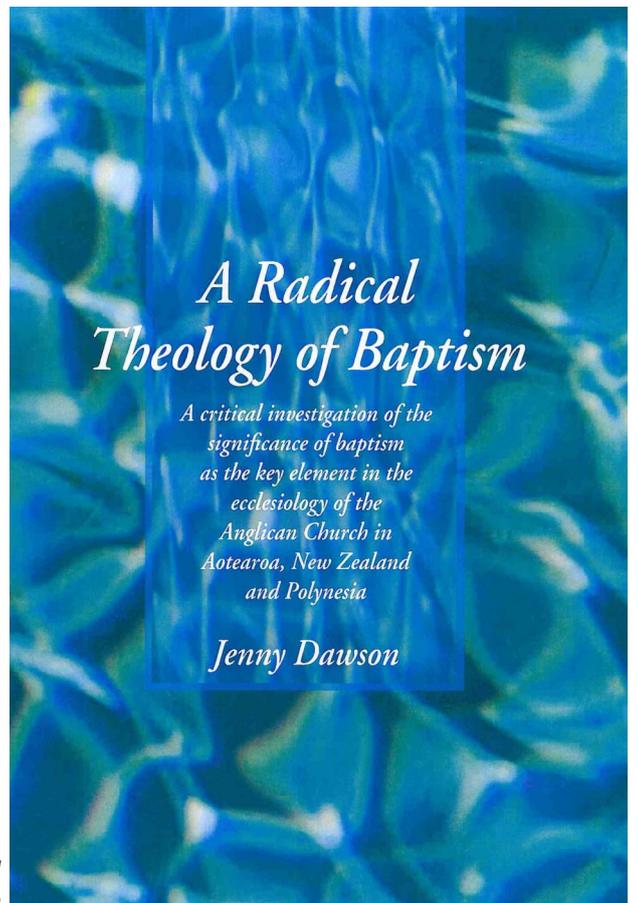
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"Reflection through her own experience brings to life the intricacies of what baptism means in people's lives, impacting in their local faith community, Whanau, society or international settings. Jenny recognises its implications and power for living the Gospel to right injustices and empower both lay and ordained, especially through Local Shared Ministry's emphasis on team relationship, groundedness in local concerns, and working together being at the heart of God."

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The Women's Studies Centre was set up to serve and to advance the interests and needs of the women of this Church particularly those undertaking Theological training.

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The Link Representatives from each Diocese and Hui Amorangi have been chosen for their leadership ability to identify, gather, facilitate, resource and encourage women in their educational preparation for ministry whether lay or ordained. It is hoped that the Women's Studies Centre can continue to enjoy the support of each Diocese and Hui Amorangi in this endeavour.

The issue of increasing numbers of women in representative positions across the councils and committees of the Church is seen as a high priority and the practice of intentional mentoring by those already in national and international representative roles is seen as a good way to expose women of this church to fulfill their potential as leaders.

Ensuring that women's voices and stories are heard now and in the future is also one of our continued aims whether it be by traditional methods of publication or using more contemporary technologies like website publication. We remain optimistic that through continued support the needs of women throughout this Province will be valued and recognized.



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