

# Circle



A magazine for New Zealand women



*'...hopes for better things to come.' Page 9*

# Refresh Renew Rejoice

**The new three-year theme for NZAAW  
was announced at Conference!**

**Refresh:** 'I will refresh the weary and satisfy the faint.'  
Jeremiah 31:25

**Renew:** 'Those who trust in the LORD will find new  
strength.'  
Isaiah 40:3

**Rejoice:** 'Rejoice in the LORD always, and again I say,  
rejoice.'  
Philippians 4:4

These theme words were prayerfully chosen by the  
AAW Triennial Conference organising team, to help  
provide a focus for the next three years.

**Please use them in any way you find helpful.**  
**Judith Mackenzie**

*(The NZ president has the privilege of choosing the three-year  
theme for her term. - Ed)*

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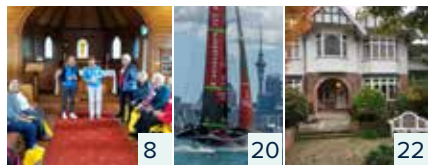
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**Cover: Pihopa (Bishop) Wai's thought-provoking article, 'Working Together' inspires: '.....hopes of better things to come.' Full article: Page 9**



# Letters

‘ I have been meaning to write to you and your team to congratulate you on the success of conference. It had a lovely, warm atmosphere with great speakers and workshops. It was nice to end in a relaxed way at the CSN’s lovely centre and enjoy their beautiful garden and chapel.

I know the work that goes on behind the scene to enable events like this to happen, so I hope you and the team are having a much deserved rest.’

**Pat Vincent, Past AAW  
President**

‘ Had a lovely morning service incorporating Anzac Day – really quite special – and of course, Anzac biscuits to follow! That afternoon the

‘Two Flat Ladies’ (not really) held a concert in our church with Anzac songs, a couple dancing foxtrot, and then the last part there was no clapping, and people were able to depart in their own time. So meaningful.

Great conference – and so neat meeting up again with members who we have met over the years. Workshops well organised, accommodation comfortable – and meals, always good when you don’t have to cook them – or clean up!!

Well done, Christchurch.’

**Norma Benton, Waikato/  
Taranaki AAW**

*The Circle Team thanks all for their constructive and helpful Conference feedback.*

# Editorial note

Domestic Violence is one of the greatest problems in societies throughout the world. Both New Zealand and the Pacific Islands have high rates of family violence.

'1 in 3 (35%) New Zealand women have experienced physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence (IPV) in their lifetime. When psychological/emotional abuse is included, 55% have experienced IPV in their lifetime.' (Fanslow & Robinson, 2011).

The National Council of Women New Zealand (NCWNZ) for many years have expressed their concern about the high statistics of family violence, and how to help alleviate the problem.

In 2018, the Joint Venture: Eliminating family violence and sexual violence project was established by government in response to family violence and sexual violence.

In this issue there are two articles about educational programmes that have been developed to help deal with the problems of domestic violence.

*These sections provide further information:*

- **Did you know?** – Features some additional organisations that work to assist with domestic violence issues.
- **Catalyst Corner** - a helpful book review. Note: *Out of the Blue: A Guide Through the Journey of Grief and Healing* by Mary Redmayne was featured in our February edition.

# From the President...

Thank you to all the AAW members who attended the NZAAW 22nd Triennial Conference held at St Margaret's College, 9-11 April 2021.

Those who participated or helped with workshops, morning or afternoon teas, transportation etc enjoyed the fun, fellowship and friendship during a great weekend. And we broke even!

*Our new three-year theme was announced: (Details on page 2)*

*Refresh*

*Renew*

*Rejoice*

We are thrilled that **\$500 was raised and given to Bishop Peter towards the Christ Church Cathedral Restoration**: - the result of auctioning the stunning Conference table flower arrangements.

## **Our guest episcopal contributors:**

Our Diocesan bishops continue to honour us with their thoughtful articles enabling deeper insight and meaning to the aims and work of the AAW. In this issue, the Anglican Bishop of Te Pihopatanga O Te Upoko O Te Ika, Bishop Waitohiariki Quayle (Pihopa Wai) who is committed to addressing the major issues affecting whānau in her region, sent an article via the Rev'd Antony (Tony) Brooking entitled *Working Together, White Ribbon Breakfast* with the positive statement: ".....hopes for better things to come." (Page 9.)

## **NZAAW Executive Committee**

At the AAW AGM held on Saturday 10 April 2021 Shelley Vette resigned as Overseas and Outreach (O & O) Convenor, after 5 years in the position. We thank Shelley for the work she has done for our missions, at home and abroad. Raewyn Dawson (Christchurch) is the new O & O Convenor, and she will have help from Janice Viles (Wellington) as a resource person.

## **Social Concerns**

Recently, I travelled to Auckland to attend an AAW Social Concerns meeting of the Diocese of Auckland. The guest speaker, David Tucker, explained the Tamaki Regeneration Project: a government and council supported programme that is committed to building 10,500 homes over the next 25 years. The aim of the project is to establish alongside the support of the local people a community that is balanced, inclusive and diverse in terms of its inhabitants' socio-economic status and ethnicity. (Julie Walker's full article will be available in the August Circle.)

## **NCWNZ**

The following week, a significant lunch time meeting of NCWNZ National Organisations' Members (NOM's) was held in Wellington, and I participated by Zoom from Christchurch. At this meeting, NOM's discussed ways for NCWNZ to progress in the future.

**Judith Mackenzie**

God help us to change.

To change ourselves and to change our world.

To know the need for it. To deal with the pain of it.

To feel the joy of it.

To undertake the journey without understanding the destination.

The art of gentle revolution.

Amen.

Michael Leunig, from 'A Common Prayer'

*(Grateful thanks to Julie Walker, Social Concerns, for including this prayer in her full Conference report. (abridged report page 15) – Ed*

# NZAAW 22nd Triennial Conference



*Mayor's address at the Friday Dinner*



*Morning Prayer: St Margaret's chapel*



*Flax weaving: the finished article*



*St Margaret's College Chapel*



*Julius House, St Margaret's College: our accommodation block*



*Sunday lunch in the garden at CSN*



*Mother Alena speaking in CSN chapel*



*Pat Vincent and Bishop Peter*



*Enjoying time together at CSN Retreat House*





# Pihopa (Bishop) Wai reflects

**Te Amorangi Ki Te Upoko o Te Ika**  
*(The Leadership of the Southern North Island)*

## **Working together**

*(via the Rev'd Tony Brooking, on behalf of Pihopa Wai)*

**Domestic Violence is a plague that does not discriminate. It takes many forms and knows no boundaries.**

**As the first Māori wahine (woman) Bishop in Te Pihopatanga o Aotearoa (The Bishopricks of New Zealand) I am looking to assist, promote and effect change to some of the horrific statistics impacting our communities, of which domestic violence is one.**

White Ribbon is a worldwide movement started by a Canadian group in 1991 that

has for many years brought to light the detrimental impact of domestic violence on all peoples and communities.

Since 2007 the campaign has been working here in New Zealand delivering a message of anti-violence towards women and children directly into our whānau (families) and communities.

**Delivery at the coal face has been the preferred mechanism, asking men to challenge other men to begin and champion the change.**

Here in our Amorangi, a collective whānau approach

has always been our preferred method, where men and women alike work together. To support the kaupapa (*guiding principles*) this year, this took the form of a community breakfast in one of our local areas, Highbury.



*\*White Ribbon Riders*

We were joined by the White Ribbon Riders (a group of women and men motorcycle enthusiasts), the local police, community groups and members from all walks of life.

**The meal commenced with a real sharing which included resources, stories, experience and, at times, tears. It was concluded with hugs, smiles and hopes for better things to come.**

Better things may begin simply with an idea. Good ideas supported with positive action can become a reality not just for the here and now, but for the future.

Christ provides us with many examples of positive action -often as a means to challenge outdated structures.

**As we look to new beginnings, let us turn to one of Christ's greatest commandments, and love our neighbours as we ourselves would like to be loved.**

Ngā Manaakitanga  
(*Blessings*)



*Child in Rocker (1916) Henry Lyman Sayen  
“...hopes for better things to come.”*

*The first female Māori Bishop in NZ - Pihopa Waitohiariki (Wai) Quayle lives in Palmerston North.*

*Archbishop Don Tamihere said, “She becomes not only the first Māori woman to be elected bishop, but the first Aotearoa New Zealand-born woman to be chosen to serve as bishop in any Tikanga.”  
(Culture)*

*Pihopa Wai is committed to addressing the major issues affecting whānau in her region, including housing, and youth suicide rates.*



*\*Images from White Ribbon stock*



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# Did you know...

Some information about organisations dealing with domestic violence issues:



***From White Ribbon's April Newsletter***

**'It is a difficult time for us as our funding relationship with ACC has now concluded. As a small player in the family violence space, we would argue that there is a need to engage in more educational campaigns.'**

With increasing rates of domestic violence and alarming surveys in Australia about the attitudes of young men (there is no equivalent NZ survey), we are committed to finding a way forward so that we can keep educating and challenging men's attitudes with the aim of reducing men's violence towards women.'

*To find out more visit:  
<https://whiteribbon.org.nz>*

***From Aviva's May Press release***



'Since COVID-19, Aviva has seen over a 30% spike in family violence referrals – it started with the NZ lockdown, but didn't end when it was over. Economists' predictions spell bad news for Aotearoa's most vulnerable, and for the charities that support them.'

**Even before the pandemic, New Zealand had the highest rates of intimate partner violence and child abuse in the OECD.** And housing insecurity, a rising cost of living, and job instability – while never an excuse for violence – are common stressors which cause it to rise.

Since we came out of lockdown we have closed to 'non-urgent' referrals for most of the year.

We have reopened three times and in less than three weeks we were overwhelmed again. Charities like Aviva rely on philanthropy and private donations to support the number of clients that they do – including many who do not qualify for government funding. We're already noticing the impacts as the average donation amount has halved. Ultimately, while the cycle of family violence remains unbroken in our society, we know the number of individuals and families needing help will continue to grow. In order to create safer homes and futures for our Tamariki (children), everyone needs to join us.'

*About Aviva: it is based in Christchurch but works NZ wide.*

*To find out more visit  
[www.aviva.org.nz](http://www.aviva.org.nz)*

### ***From Women's Refuge May Report:***



**'We undertake original research projects on domestic violence issues in New Zealand, to help us find ways to improve the safety and well-being of New Zealand women and children.'**

### **Current projects and reports:**

#### **Intimate Partner Stalking**

700 respondents were involved in this study.

#### **Pet Abuse Report**

Animals are both a source of comfort and a source of vulnerability.

#### **Reproductive Coercion**

This study looked at partner behaviours during all aspects of pregnancy.

#### **Economic abuse report**

This survey involved 445 women who considered themselves to have been victims or potential victims of economic abuse by partners.'

*To find out more visit:  
<https://womensrefuge.org.nz>*

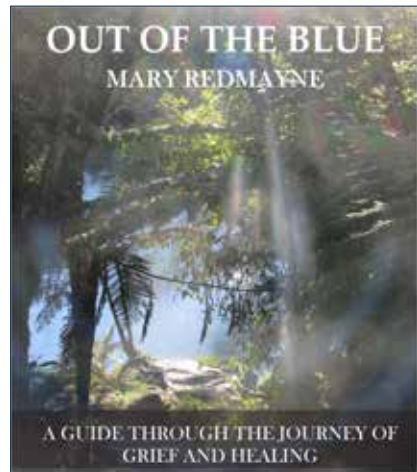
# Catalyst Corner

## **Review: *Out of the Blue* by Mary Redmayne**

I'm glad I read this. It is impossible to approach a book about grief without bringing our own darker experiences to the reading, and the author wisely takes this into account. She gives space for writing down the reader's personal responses and suggests support music for the difficult process. The playlist is an invaluable resource. The book is deceptively slight for the weight of its subject, and allows the eye to travel thoughtfully from one simple photo of trees and water to another, and from one sentence to the next. I enjoyed the practical reality of some comments as well as their linking to biblical and philosophical words. Each reader in this way makes an individual journey yet is accompanied by the author, co-

discovering a possible peace. I recommend *Out of the Blue* to any who wish to help others in times of deep grief, as well as those working through their own pain. Thank you, Mary Redmayne.

**Raewyn Dawson**



*In response to our highlighting this book in the last Circle, Raewyn was asked to review **Out of the Blue** for us. – Ed*

# Social Concerns

**Julie Walker, Social Concerns Convener**

*(extract from report to AAW Conference)*

**The Association of Anglican Women (AAW) is an important contributing member of the National Council of Women (NCWNZ) which is often referred to as an umbrella organisation, representing a wide range of views and organisations including AAW and other religious denominations.**

Should the organisation be seen more as a platform organisation, perhaps a springboard for the viewpoint of all women of Aotearoa? The point has been raised that it is difficult to be truly representative of all women.

There was discussion of the possibility of having no fees for membership to encourage

growth and diversity of membership so that all sectors of New Zealand society can be represented.

**The ‘digital divide’ remit received some of the greatest feedback from AAW members with real concern about different sectors of society being excluded from the digital world.**

**Julie adds, “I would love to hear of initiatives for social change that your AAW members are involved in.”**

*(NCWNZ remits were printed on page 5, November 2000 Circle- Ed)*

# Overseas & Outreach

## Overseas and Outreach – Who, What, Where...

### Raewyn Dawson, Overseas and Outreach Convener



#### **Who - our New Team**

Janice Viles  
(Resources) and  
Raewyn Dawson  
(Convenor).

#### **What – What was raised for Overseas and Outreach in the last six months?**

\$8,759 of which \$8,634 was paid out to Melanesia, Papua New Guinea and Polynesia as promised. Congratulations to all AAW groups that raised this wonderful giving.

We agreed at the Triennial Conference AGM to carry on these projects, which all provide essential support for women and children, for at least the next six months.

**Where - Anglican Missions (<https://angmissions.org.nz>) is the overall NZ Anglican Church funding agency, in**

#### **2021 sending support to:**

- \* Our NZ Church Missionary Society mission partners
  - \* The Lenten Appeal
  - \* The COVID 19 Global Appeal
  - \* Natural Disasters Response
- They include our AAW giving in their Prayer Booklets.

*Anglican Missions suggest: Donations to the Christian World Service Coronavirus Appeal will help protect thousands of families in India from COVID-19, and deliver hygiene supplies and emergency food rations to people with none.*

#### **Donations to the Appeal can be made:**

- \* On line: by direct deposit at: <https://cws.org.nz/donate-now-coronavirusappeal/>
- \* By Phone: 0800 74 73 72
- \* By Post: CWS, PO Box 22652, Christchurch 8140.



# Hutt Valley shows the way forward...

## Mary Houston

Yes, we have gone and done it. We have amalgamated!!

**At the end of February 2019, Holy Trinity Church, Parish of Avalon, was closed. The Women's Fellowship Group rallied to support its Leader Margaret Oxnam in her determination to keep the group going.**

Although parishioners had affiliated themselves to four churches in the Hutt Valley, several of our members were enjoying attending AAW afternoon meetings at St James as well as our evening meetings in members' homes.

**The membership of both our groups was in decline through natural attrition, so we could see amalgamation of the groups would provide**

**a bigger and stronger membership base on which to draw.**

We approached the Rev'd Peter Bengé, vicar of St James and Sue Barlow, the Coordinator of the St James' Women's Group. Both supported us. Our Diocesan leader Mary Driver was delighted.

The Rev'd Peter Bengé was unable to be present at either of the AGMs so wrote to us this letter to be read out by the clergy who were chairing the meetings:

*"I am really grateful to God for this decision to strengthen the life of the AAW branches of Holy Trinity and St James by making them one. A key value of our parish is togetherness, and we appreciate all efforts*



*Getting to know one another*

*to come together and work together. Jesus himself prayed before His crucifixion that his followers might be one.*

*“There is strength in numbers, strength in agreement, and strength in unity. While there may be a sense of loss of a group’s individual journey, there are all sorts of gains in being together.*

*“In fact, when I first heard your plan to amalgamate, I thought of a braided river, where the waters diverge for a while and then they come back together. Holy Trinity and St James used to be one parish. Then for a while there were two parishes, two or more*

*women’s groups which were supportive of each other but separate. And now today the two channels of water have come back together, and I believe you will strengthen each other by doing that.*

*“I pray that the flow of your life in God will deepen as you come together for this next stage of your journey.”*

**Now we are amalgamated what has been the result? A seamless, warm merging of two groups of women of faith, who are enjoying a spirited time together. So glad we have done it!**

### **Easter 2021**

As Easter approached, we waited  
In trepidation for the siren call on mobile phones  
Which would shut church doors,  
Bar the Walks of the Cross,  
Banish us to the distance of a Zoom church service.

Last year we learned a little  
About the hardship of worship at a distance,  
Unable to share closely the holy day of the Resurrection.  
Meanwhile others complained about spoiled holidays,  
Lack of Easter egg hunts.  
Central Otago rabbits rejoiced  
As the Easter bunny hunt became a Covid casualty.

This year there's holiday movement,  
Easter egg hunts, Walks of the Cross.  
Best of all we were able to gather  
To give thanks and celebrate the Resurrection.  
Let us always remember,  
Alone or together  
Christ is always our risen Lord.

**Lynne Hill, Mosgiel St Luke's AAW**

# Auckland

## St. Aidan's AAW Afternoon Women's Fellowship Group's Garden Party    Robyn Bridgman



*The Garden Party held in Robyn's garden raised \$2,221 for the Auckland City Mission Home Ground Project (Details about this project next edition- Ed)*

### **A Patriotic Defence of Costs.**

**Te Rehutai, (Spirit of the Ocean) won the America's Cup:** All New Zealanders are thrilled.

Even the famous Italians, who are well renowned for being excellent sailors and engineers, were overcome by our New Zealand men.

**It was a fantastic occasion to make us all forget the irritations of the COVID epidemic.**

And while some deplore the amount of money which it cost, as Jennifer Jones wrote to the NZ Herald, "It could not

have been won without the helmsman, sailors, tacticians, grinders, technicians, support staff, engineers, boat builders, designers, and sponsors, to name a few.”

**I believe that we in Auckland and maybe most of New Zealand felt very proud that our small country could have the yachtsmen of such calibre against the might of**

**the United States, Britain and Europe.**

After all we do not begrudge the Rugby hierarchy for their costs. Also, if it had not been for the wretched COVID, we would have had the financial benefit of many overseas tourists to swell the coffers.

**Robyn Bridgman, St Aidan’s AAW**



*Te Rehutai (Spirit of the Ocean). Photo by Phillip Jones*

# Christchurch



**Constable Seb Kohnke & Gabe** Introducing us to Gabe, a beautiful and exuberant four month old German Shepherd, Constable Seb Kohnke told us about the early life of a working police dog. Training methods are all food- or toy-orientated. When Gabe is 14 months old, if he has proved himself, he will leave Seb and go to an appointed training school. There are 15-20 working

dogs in Christchurch and they receive incredible vet care. Constable Seb has been in the police force 17 years and it is vital that he keeps fit – we saw this as he brought in Gabe. After a fascinating talk, we farewelled them – wishing both the very best. It is a sobering thought that occasionally, police dogs are killed while on the job.

**Ruth Perkins, Heathcote-Mt Pleasant AAW**

## Outing to Miaflora, Winchester



*Miaflora*

**Miaflora Cafe and Gardens, Winchester:** Some of the members of Marchwiell Daytime Group enjoyed a visit for their first meeting this year to Miaflora Cafe and Gardens, a lovely old two storeyed homestead (formally Kavanagh House) surrounded by a wonderful garden, a plant nursery and shop. There is also a selection of jewellery, scarfs, gifts etc. inside the homestead. It is situated on No. 1 State



Highway at Winchester, just north of Temuka and is open for lunch, coffee etc. Thursday - Sunday (and Monday if a Public Holiday).

**Janet Love, Marchwiell AAW**



**AAW Sunday:** On 7 February Rangiora AAW celebrated by dedicating a plaque in the St. Martins Church, Loburn during the usual service. The plaque was to commemorate the life and service that Rachel Wade Ensor had given to the Parish of Rangiora. The plaque was placed on the inside of the Church wall, next to a picture of 'Jesus knocking at the door' which was particularly significant as it was in memory of Rachel and Bill's daughter, Christine, who was killed in a parachute accident, 34 years ago. The plaque shows the

years of service that Rachel carried out as a sacristan and a loyal worshipper and also features our AAW symbol. After the dedication, our NZ President, Dr Judith Mackenzie, read the AAW prayer. Rachel was North Canterbury area Leader for many years. Diocesan luncheons were held at her home and many Rangiora AAW meetings were held there also. Rachel's love of the AAW was evident in her life and we thank God for her service.

**Ann Jelfs, Rangiora AAW**



*Dedication of plaque*



*Commemorative plaque*



*Jude reading the AAW prayer*



# Dunedin

## Dot Muir Dunedin AAW President

### Highlights for me from The Association of Anglican Women 22nd Triennial Conference.

- \* A huge learning time
- \* Warm welcomes
- \* Inspiring speakers and meaningful services
- \* Satisfying workshops
- \* Wonderful banner parade
- \* Singing at the Community of the Sacred Name.

As the theme for this conference was Renewal, we were all renewed, deeply refreshed, and enabled.

We all shared, sang, prayed, talked, and laughed together. We give thanks to the ladies who organised the conference as we all went home to our Dioceses so uplifted: thank you.

**We give thanks to our Lord for the strength he has given us to do his work in our world. Let us rejoice together. Amen**



*Morning Prayer: Dot (on left) and Raewyn*



*The Rev'd Dr Pauline Stewart: 'Support for families'*

## Footwear Fantasy – Fiordland



*From left: Adrienne Stewart, Jenny Tapsell, Miriam Dudfield, Robyn Keown, Klaska Murrell, Judi Manning*

**Footwear Fantasy**  
**Fiordland AAW Group** meeting was held late February for members to have a go at floral art - Footwear Fantasy. There was a lot of chatter and discussion as ‘masterpieces’ were created.

The Te Anau Autumn Show was to have been held early March with members recreating their entries for the show. However due to Covid level 2, the Show was cancelled.

**Judy Matthews, Fiordland AAW**

# Nelson

## Jan South, Nelson AAW



**Nelson News:** Rebecca Bowater, a well-known local photographer and nature lover, spoke at the

March meeting of Richmond Holy Trinity group. **Her first slide show: ‘God’s Creation’ combined Bible verses and amazing photos of the vast world created by God’s hand.** The second show contained Rebecca’s photos of alpine plants and N.Z. fungi taken on her tramping trips, followed

by exquisite bird photos: **birds feeding their chicks, and the godwits in their breeding plumage on the Motueka sandspit before heading off to their breeding grounds in Alaska.**

**Diocesan AGM:** The annual entertainment (group items around our 3-year theme) followed the Friday evening dinner at All Saints Nelson. The All Saints group were awarded the Audrey Landels rose bowl for a play based on Deborah from the book of Judges.



*All Saint’s Play:  
Noeline Curtis,  
Hilary Watson,  
Debbie Coulter  
and Kathy Cuthbert*

**On Saturday morning after our AGM, our guest speaker, Miranda Warner, shared how she had grown in her spiritual journey through Gratitude, Grace and Guidance.**

She spent a year in South Africa working in a maximum-security prison using theatre and drama skills to help them improve their life skills. Her limited knowledge of Afrikaans increased the challenges. She had a team of people praying for her and was very conscious of God’s grace in that situation, when the men would trust her and take part in activities based around

forgiveness, emotions and anger. Her way of seeking God’s guidance was in the first few weeks of the year to collaborate with God to seek a theme for the year, perhaps ‘courage’ and return to that as she dealt with obstacles, problems and failures as well as successes. She encouraged us as well to lean in to God as well as to the community around us. Our day ended with a service during which Bishop Steve continued on the growth theme by using the book of Ruth to show how gratitude, grace and guidance worked out in that situation.



*Miranda Warner*



*50 Years AAW badges: the Rev'd Pam Holdgate, Pam Brown, Florence Darlington and Beth Timpson. At rear, holding the banner: Joy Jermyn AAW president (LHS) and Kathy Peacock, secretary*

### **St Christopher's, Blenheim:**

Sunday 7 February was our NZ AAW Sunday Service, prepared and taken by various AAW members. The committee were commissioned by the Rev'd Kevin Gwynne. Four 50 Years AAW badges were presented

to Rev'd Pam Holdgate, Pam Brown, Florence Darlington and Beth Timpson by Heather Wadsworth our Marlborough Regional Leader.

### **Joy Jermyn, St Christopher's AAW**

# Polynesia

Litia Smith, Circle Correspondent, Polynesia



*Diocese of Polynesia AAW Sunday at St John's – House of Sarah banner*

**The House of Sarah:** *report supplied by the Rev'd Sereima Lomaloma*

## 'Sarah Carers'

The House of Sarah, through the Sarah Carers provides a referral service for women in the community. A Sarah

Carer 'provides a listening ear, a helping hand and a warm heart' to whoever is in need. Currently there are about 20 Sarah Carers in 11 parishes

and three more from one other parish are waiting to be commissioned. From March 2019 when they began, they saw or spoke with 100 women in that year alone. In 2020 there were an additional 124 clientele.

It is becoming obvious that the ministry offered by Sarah Carers is slowly being accepted. Sarah Carers work with other providers such as the Fiji Women’s Crisis Centre, Medical Services Pacific, Empower Pacific, the Police, and the Department of Social Welfare.

### **Preventing violence against women and girls during the COVID-19 pandemic:**

Since October 2020, the German Embassy in Wellington has been partnering with the House of Sarah to raise awareness in the community on the importance of preventing violence against women and girls during the COVID-19 pandemic. These workshops have been held in Nabunikadamu, Waidradra, Sigatoka, Wainaloka and for the young people in Suva.

*(More about the House of Sarah in subsequent editions - Ed.)*

### **Diocese of Polynesia, Auckland Archdeaconry**

Our current office bearers for the AAW Diocese of Polynesia:

*Auckland President:* Elisa Ann Lesi

*Parish Presidents:*

Eas Mangere: Mrs Soo Wilson

Lotu Vakaviti, Mrs Elisa Ann Lesi

Eas Manukau, Mrs Maple Paiaaau

Ofakimalie Laumaonioni, Mrs Seini Vaka

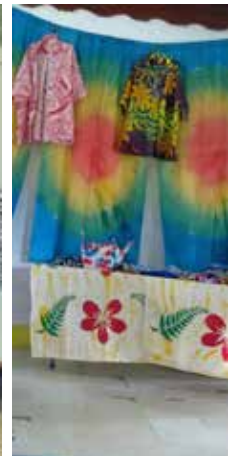
Anuradha, Mrs Lydia Rajan

We are blessed to share and do God’s work. With this Global Pandemic of COVID-19 all our plans and the whole world came to a standstill. For us here in Auckland we went into lockdown. As we approached level 1 with a lesser restriction on gatherings, we then planned what we were going to do for the remainder of the year. We were grateful for our continuous partnership with the wider Auckland AAW Diocese sharing their programmes – and encouraging us to have a space in the *Circle* magazine

on the news and updates of the AAW- Episcopal Unit here in Auckland and in the Diocese of Polynesia.

**May the Spirit of God continue to journey with us as AAW DOP in Aotearoa and all other AAWs so we may continue to worship and walk together in Christ and be Christ-like in our words and actions.**

**In Christ we move together  
Elisa Ann Lesi**



*'Tye n dye' garments generate income*



# Waikato & Taranaki

## **Norma Benton, Waikato & Taranaki Diocesan Representative**

### **A Call for Help**

#### ***From AAW Conference***

**Report:** As a Diocese with no President or Executive, I continue to keep in touch with members by regular newsletters – normally before Christmas, Easter and others after the NZ AAW Executive Meetings. This keeps them informed about the happenings of our Association of Anglican Women throughout New Zealand and Polynesia.

**I encourage them to subscribe to the *Circle* magazine, as it has so much information in it, and provides resources and ideas which they can use themselves.**

Regular newsletters from Shelley Vette (the former NZ AAW Overseas and Outreach Convenor) and

Julie Walker (NZ AAW Social Concerns Convenor) have been forwarded on to members, and hopefully they can forward to others or run off copies for those not on email.

**I do not know what will happen to AAW in our Diocese.** I am happy to continue at the moment, but of course, that won't be an on-going service.

**I would like to think that another Diocesan Representative can be found – better still, a whole new executive!**

**However, God is there to help us through, and I know members appreciate what is being done.**

# Wellington

## Mary Estcourt, Wellington AAW



**World Day of Prayer** was held at St Peter and Paul's Catholic Church. This was of special interest for those from Belmont Archdeaconry, Wellington, seeing that it was about Vanuatu and our recent O&O project. Attendees got an

insight into how hard life is for women living on these islands. There was good attendance from those around the Hutt Valley and part of their Church Women's groups with a mix from churches involved.

# Submissions/Subscriptions

deadline for next issue: 16 July 2021

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Circle Team Co-ordinator (details below)**

- We're looking for high-interest articles that inspire.
- If a group is elderly and the function is mainly a social one, with mutual support - that news is equally important.
- **We need high quality images**
  - Large jpeg files (usually at least 1MB in size)
  - Must be emailed to **Pat Owen** as a separate attachment
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  - No photoshop please
- If sending a number of images, please rank them in order of importance. (We may not be able to use them all.)
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# **The Association of Anglican Women (AAW)**

- Formed in 1969 for all Anglican Women to become members - married, divorced or single women.
- Prior to this New Zealand Anglican Women were part of Mothers' Union Branches.
- The Association of Anglican Women has more than 3,000 members - the largest organization within the Anglican Church giving a voice and representation to women.

## **Our Aims are....**

1. To unite in prayer and participate in the mission of the Church.
2. To promote, safeguard and nurture Christian family life.

## **Our focus**

To grow and move forward as an organization. We are constantly moving forward, growing and doing all we can to get the message of God's love to others.

## **Spread the Word**

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