



Opportunities for growth in 2017

“The object of a new year is not that we should have a new year.
It's that we should have a new soul”

- GK Chesterton

Ministry opportunities - *How is the Lord calling you to minister in 2017?*

Waimea Weekly - Would you like to be part of the Waimea Weekly editorial team? The team is made up of people with ideas for articles that will speak to our wider community. Team members don't have to write articles (some like to but it is not a requirement). The team meets most often via email with a face-to-face meeting every few months. Please speak with Karl or Fiona Summerfield, Shiona Frengley, Lorraine Leonard or Susan if this might interest you.

Prayers - Would you like to write our prayer suggestions for the weekly newsletter? If you are a person of prayer this might suit you to quietly work away in the background. (Our prayers are also often used in Church services at the discretion of the various Worship Leaders.) The prayer suggestions need not be written out in full but could simply be bullet points and some suggestions eg other churches, are made beforehand. Please speak with Susan if you'd like to know more.

Growth Opportunity - *What does the Lord want to reveal to you in 2017?*

Lenten Study - Lent begins 1 March with Ash Wednesday. We will be holding four practical studies during Lent. The theme is Listening and Responding to God. Rev Chris Donaldson will be leading the sessions. Chris is currently vicar of Havelock and has led and trained YWAM groups for years. The sessions will be held on Thursday evenings. Existing house groups will close for the 4 weeks so that everyone can attend. We'll begin at 7.00pm with dessert and coffee. Study time will commence at 7:30pm and we'll be done by 9.00pm at the latest.

Work Wanted - Lawnmowing / Garden work. Reasonable rates. Phone Jonathan 544 3972

Church Users - All those who use the church outside of service times are requested to be very careful about checking that the church side door is locked if you are the last person in the building. It has been left unlocked a few times lately. Also check to see that all the lights are off including the light which shines on the keyboard. Thanks.

Advance Notice: 10.45am Service Sunday 19 February - We will be meeting at Bethany Park Kaitereteri to join with Convergence Camp at **9.30am** (note change of time) where Bishop Justin Duckworth will be speaking on *Intentional Living* followed by Communion led by Bishop Richard.

Ticking the Boxes: Seminar 3 - 12.00pm Wednesday 15 March at St Barnabas Church, Stoke. *A balanced View On Retirement Living Options*. The speaker is Troy Churchon from the Commission of Financial Capability, Wellington. The Commission delivers impartial, objective information about some critical personal, legal and financial implications of choosing to become a retirement village resident. This is not a marketing event in any way. Registered attendees receive materials including our targeted hard copy booklet about living in retirement villages, and are invited to attend early for tea and light refreshments before we start. The seminar lasts around 90 minutes with dedicated opportunities for Q and A through-out. The seminar is free but people must register. Registration is easily done by ringing our call centre: 0800 268 269 or online: <http://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2017/thinking-of-living-in-retirement-village/nelson>. For further information about retirement villages and our events, see: <http://www.cffc.org.nz/retirement/retirement-villages/>

Board Member Opportunity - The White House is a Peer-Led Day Support Service managed and staffed by its members with the assistance of a Support Manager. Members are people who have used, or are currently using mental health services. The White House are looking for Board members with financial expertise and/or NGO service development experience and an interest in a peer-led mental health service. If you have done governance before, this would help too but isn't essential. Meetings are mid-week monthly from 10.00am - 12.00pm at The White House at 11 Wainui St, The Wood. For more information about The White House and details of the role please email: Andrea Ann Kepes- aakepes@slingshot.co.nz

Reflection Questions

- How do you see the Treaty of Waitangi? How did the original missionaries view it?
- What fears does working more closely with Maori raise for you?
- What benefits can you see?
- What does God's Word have to say to us about these issues?

