

# The ANGLICAN PACIFIST of Aotearoa/New Zealand

Newsletter of the New Zealand Branch of the Anglican Pacifist Fellowship

## *From the Chairperson*

*Dear Friends,*

*This is just a brief message as my report to the AGM, the report from that meeting and any subsequent developments are included in this newsletter. I would like to say just two things: how sorry I was not to have been able to attend the meeting and see you all, and to thank you for inviting me to continue in this role for the coming year.*

*I look forward to working with you all.*

*In peace, Margaret.*

Anglican Pacifist Fellowship Annual General Meeting, Christchurch August 27, 2006

## *Chairperson's Report*

Greetings to our members at the Annual General Meeting and to all those who are unable to attend this year.

The work of Anglican Pacifist Fellowship in Aotearoa New Zealand this year has been overseen by the National Executive, comprising Chris Barfoot (Secretary), Pat Barfoot (Newsletter), Hugh Tollemache, Mary Davies, Pat Nicolas (Treasurer), Dorothy Brown (representing the Peace and Conflict Studies Centre, ANZPCSC), Lucy Nguyen (co-opted May 2006), and myself, with John Marcon receiving the minutes of meetings. The Executive has met three times, in November, February and May, in Auckland.

We have kept in touch with our members through the three issues of the newsletter. Membership of the APF now stands at 77. One of our tasks in this coming year might surely be to increase our support base to encompass a wider cross-section of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa New Zealand and Polynesia and certainly to broaden our demographic representation! We would like to explore ways of bringing the work of the APF to a wider audience in diocesan publications and in national publications such as Taonga and I encourage us all to look for opportunities to do this. And we hope that the holding of this year's conference in the South Island, for the first time for many years, and in Christchurch, the City of Peace, will raise the profile of the APF here.

The Auckland APF members, in conjunction with the Auckland Diocesan Social Justice Council, are hosting a theological symposium on November 4th as a contribution to the Church's work in the

## **IS VIOLENCE INEVITABLE??**

*a Christian response to our times —  
a day of focused conversation and discovery*

St Aidan's Hall, 5 Ascot Avenue, Remuera, Auckland  
(cnr Remuera Road and Ascot Ave)

**Saturday 4 November 2006, 9 am - 3.45 pm**

Speakers:

- Archbishop David Moxon: *Defining the Issues*
- The Reverend Dr Anthony Dancer, Social Justice Commissioner, Anglican Church of Aotearoa New Zealand and Polynesia: *Nurturing our theological vision of violence and peace making*
- Dr Nicola Hoggard-Creegan, Bible College of New Zealand: *The Roots of Violence in Human Nature*

In the afternoon participants will explore first in small groups then in plenary session the biblical and theological themes outlined in the morning.

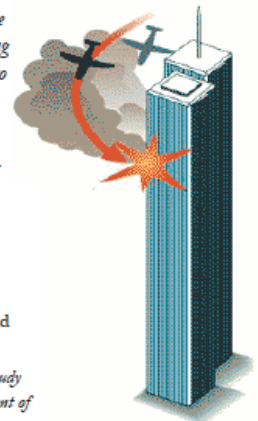
*The day is commended by the Bishop of Auckland and facilitated by the Diocesan Social Justice Council and the Anglican Pacifist Fellowship in accordance with Standing Resolution 36 of Synod 2002\* supporting the Decade to Overcome Violence.*

Register by 2nd November with Lucy Nguyen 520-2905, <starassist@ihug.co.nz> or Chris Barfoot 575-6142 <barfoots@xtra.co.nz> .

**Pay on the day.** \$20 (\$15 unwaged) to include lunch and snacks.

APF members: Coming from out of Auckland and would like to be billeted? Please ask Chris.

\* Standing Resolution 36 of Synod 2002 refers to the need to study "the biblical and theological questions involved in the development of





Decade to Overcome Violence. At that symposium one of the speakers will be our Bishop Protector, Archbishop David Moxon.

We also maintain links with other branches of the APF both in Australia, where Chris and Pat Barfoot visited APF members last year and in the United Kingdom. Both Chris and I have been invited to be on the Planning Group for APF involvement in the Lambeth Conference in 2008, and discussion of the ways in which our branch might contribute to that planning is an item for discussion at this Annual General Meeting.

For Chris Barfoot, Dorothy Brown and myself, much of our energy for peace initiatives this last year has been devoted to the advancement of the Aotearoa New Zealand Peace and Conflict Studies Centre of which we are the trustees and on which a separate report will be presented to this Annual General Meeting. We hope that the APF and its members will all continue to support the establishment of the Centre and Anglican initiatives to assist it.

During this year we commemorated the work of several great peacemakers, Sidney Hinkes, Richard Thompson and Bishop Godfrey Wilson. Many of us have also viewed the NZ film "Tau Te Mauri, Breath of Peace", which traces, through the lives and interviews with the participants, landmarks in the history of the peace movement in New Zealand in the last fifty years. One of the themes of this conference, situated appropriately in Christchurch, is to look back on the traditions of peace-making in New Zealand for the insights and the faith they can offer us for the future, and how these might be adapted to new challenges in a warring world, not only in Lebanon or Gaza or Iraq or Darfur or in the counter-terrorism offensive or disarmament initiatives, but also in race relations and domestic politics here at home.

The other central theme of our conference takes us from practical action to our theological base and the centrality of Jesus' Gospel message of peace and non-violent conflict resolution and peace-making.

Our task is surely to reestablish the fundamental centrality of that message in our own time and circumstances, and in our own Church to move it from the periphery of the Church's attention as the perceived preoccupation of a few on the margins to a place of genuine debate and reflection. We need to engage in all the issues where the Church currently expends its energies, whether financial, political, communal or social, issues both internal such as how money is allocated or what sort of community we would like and external for example about foreign policies and aid or poverty here at home, asking the question: what answer or direction here will enhance the coming of what Stanley Hauerwas has called "the Peaceable Kingdom"?

Recently I came across a saying which was noted as coming from the Middle Ages but which equally has ancient Jewish roots:

"In front of every person there goes a host of angels saying 'Make way for the image of God, make way for the image of God'."

This may appear to have more relevance to the nature of humanity, to the question "what does it mean to be human," than to peace-making. But indeed these two are inseparably linked: if, in every circumstance and at every level, we were to greet every other human being in this light, how could we not greet them in peace and reconciliation?

Finally, because in the end it is always we, as individuals and in community who have to act, I would like to thank all the members of the national executive and of the Christchurch conference committee for your work this year, Archbishop David for his endorsement and support and all of you, the members of the APF for your membership, your support and your prayers.

In peace,  
Margaret Bedgood, Chairperson,  
New Zealand Branch, Anglican Pacifist Fellowship.  
St. Bartholomew's Day, 2006

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## *PEACE CENTRE PROGRESS*

Between June and August this year Trustees Dorothy Brown, Margaret Bedgood and Chris Barfoot (all APF members), together with members of the steering/advisory committee, made submissions and personal delegations to the Vice Chancellors of the New Zealand Universities about hosting a National Peace Centre. As a result three universities expressed an interest in hosting and two other

universities were interested in a collaborative role. On 23rd September the national steering/advisory committee met with the trustees and a decision was made to enter negotiations with Otago University. A negotiating team has been set up which includes the Trustees and members of the steering/advisory and fundraising committees. Factors in this choice of Otago were the interest of the Vice-Chancellor



and other staff in the ethos of the Centre, the inter-disciplinary team approach and the fact that Otago has campuses in Christchurch, Wellington and Auckland. Recommendations of the steering/advisory committee included the need to include the indigenous peace movements as an integral part of the centre, the desirability of collaboration with other universities and a strong presence in Auckland.

The Trustees are grateful for the continuing support of the APF and thank the Fellowship for the additional grant of \$500 made at the Annual Conference and also for the donations which some members have made personally. This seeding money has enabled us to fund meetings of the national

steering/advisory committee and will be helpful in meeting initial expenses. Further donations from individual members are most welcome. Cheques should be made out to Aotearoa New Zealand Peace and Conflict Studies Centre and sent to PO Box 56 719 Mt Eden, Auckland 1446.

We would be grateful also for your continued prayers as we enter into negotiations with Otago University. Pray especially for the fundraising committee as they work with this University on a major fundraising campaign. Please pray that all that we do may be to God's glory and a centre may be established which will help our nation be an instrument of peace in this troubled world.

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## *APF Conference, 25-27 August 2006*

The Reverends Indrea Alexander and Ted Johnston are to be congratulated on organising a good conference in Christchurch – a good venue, a good atmosphere, a good attendance and a goodly number of visitors on the open day. Incidentally, it was pleasing to see three generations of the Mander family present: Margaret, her daughters Indrea Alexander and Bronwyn Tucker, son-in-law Wayne Tucker and granddaughter Yvonne Tucker.

On Friday evening members watched the film "Breath of Peace", a documentary on a number of New Zealand peace personalities set against a background of sea mammals and birds in their natural habitat.

On the morning of the open day, Saturday, Dr Chris Marshall of Victoria University gave a two-part lecture on "The Violence of God and the Hermeneutics of St Paul: A Proposal For Understanding God's Violence in the Bible" – a presentation which was both mentally stimulating and theologically challenging. The afternoon's lectures,

by Dr Laurie Guy and the Revd Canon Dr Geoffrey Haworth, were both on the early days of Christian pacifism in Christchurch (now known as the City of Peace).

The open day was rounded off by a "Looking to the Future" session, facilitated by Revd Dr Ken Booth, which brought forth some ideas from members and visitors. There was concern among both members and non members that APF was not well enough known in the Church. One suggestion was that the APF website, which gives the NZ contact, be included in as many church websites as possible. Another concern was encouragement; it was suggested that individual members should give encouragement to peacemakers wherever they came across them, whether inside or outside the Church. One participant described how she had rung the local mosque after September 11 and felt it had been a positive experience. Two of the visitors signed up as APF members before going home.

Folk singer Christopher Cape delighted members with his after-dinner repertoire which included his father's famous "Taumaranui on the Main Trunk Line", protest songs of the 70s and Roald Dahl's deconstructed nursery stories.

Most of Sunday morning was taken up with the AGM. The Chairperson's annual report is on pages 1-2. Current officers and committee were re-elected, with a new position, publicity manager, being taken up by Indrea Alexander.

*Copies of the Saturday lectures are obtainable from the APF secretary, Chris Barfoot. Laurie Guy's can be emailed, but Chris Marshall's and Geoffrey Haworth's are available only in hard copy at present, as they are from yet-to-be published documents.*

### **No WARP!**

(Network Opposed to Weapons and Related Production) is putting together new campaign materials in the run up to the annual forum of the Defence Industry Association, which will take place on 17 and 18 October at Te Papa, Wellington.

Already available are a national petition 'End government support for military exports', with the names of supporting groups, including the Anglican Pacifist Fellowship, printed on the petition form; and the updated No WARP! leaflet 'Made in New Zealand: a label to be proud of?' which gives an overview of some of the companies involved in military and weapons related production, and of government support for them.

For more information please go to <http://www.converge.org.nz/pma/nowarp.htm> or contact No WARP! c/o Peace Movement Aotearoa, PO Box 9314, Wellington, tel (04) 382 8129, or email <[nowarp@xtra.co.nz](mailto:nowarp@xtra.co.nz)>



# Caught at Conference



AGM participants (L-R): Ted Johnston, Margaret Mander, Wayne Tucker, Bronwyn Tucker, Trish Nicolas, Bill MacCormick, Geoffrey Neilson.



Between lectures: Back row: Mary Davies and others; front row: Yvonne Tucker, Margaret Mander, Chris Barfoot



Above: Indrea Alexander, Trish Nicolas, a Christchurch visitor, Cam Odlin  
Left: Bronwyn & Wayne Tucker with lecturer Laurie Gny

**Annual Subs/  
Donations/Koha**

A coloured dot means the APF has not received a monetary contribution from you since August 2005. Cheques may be posted to the Treasurer.



Lecturer Geoffrey Haworth



Lecturer Chris Marshall



Meg & Jonathan Hartfield

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