

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

Our work is impossible in human strength alone. Without the Holy Spirit going before us, empowering us and drawing people, all our efforts are in vain. That's why we need prayer. Together we can make a difference in our nation.

WE NEED PEOPLE CALLED TO PRAY.

Our work is impossible without an army of witnesses. Those witnesses need trained evangelists to teach, encourage, support and lead them. Working together, witnesses and evangelists can make a difference in our nation.

WE NEED PEOPLE CALLED TO GO.

Our work is impossible without money. Without adequate finance the work simply stops. We have a vision of an army of witnesses throughout the nation supported by commissioned evangelists. By the steady giving of the people of God we can continue to develop and grow. Our nation can see and hear the gospel. Together we can make a difference in our nation.

WE NEED PEOPLE CALLED TO GIVE.

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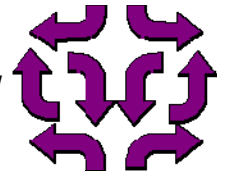
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Out and About

The past 3 months—while relatively quiet have been full of the unexpected. I landed on the operating table while a surgeon rearranged my hand—please pray for a complete recovery—Thanks.

Amongst the highlights has been Ladies Camp—some 100 women from around the South Island met at Teapot Valley Christian Camp. While I had a fairly low key role, I did have a refuge for a few hobbies (shame the rugby match was so foggy!!) The camp feedback has been encouraging.

One of my interest areas in ministry has been mediation and conflict resolution—actually I would rather work to build healthy church communities than sorting the fights out, but both areas are important.



In this edition I have majored on the theme of becoming "Peacemakers" and would recommend to you a seminar we are developing on this subject "Building Bridges—Finding Hope" or "radical communities in a divided age" (see page 4)

It was my privilege, along with Marie (a member of our mediation team) to attend and speak at the Christchurch/ Dunedin Dioceses Ministry School on this subject. I have come away both encouraged and challenged by the experience. The truth is we are often very poor at the way we handle our differences and I am willing to help us find fresh ways to relate to one another.

The Christian community has inflicted much damage to itself and the community about them and it is time we seriously addressed this issue, if not for our own health then for the gospel that we have to speak. If we don't demonstrate it in our actions it will never be heard by what we say.

Go well and peace—Richard

Great leadership is about good listening and secure responses while still preserving the space for differing approaches and perspectives.

In the midst of many voices there is discovered much wisdom and learning.

Rev John Simpson

Blessed are those ...

Blessed are those who are willing to enter into the process of being healed, for they will become healers.

Blessed are those who recognize their own inner violence, for they will come to know non-violence.

Blessed are those who can forgive self, for they will become forgivers.

Blessed are those who are willing to let go of selfishness and self-centeredness, for they will become a healing presence.

Blessed are those who listen with compassion, for they will become compassionate.

Blessed are those who are willing to enter conflict, for they will find transformation.

Blessed are those who

know their interdependence with all of creation, for they will become unifiers.

Blessed are those who live a contemplative life stance, for they will find God in all things.

Blessed are those who strive to live these beatitudes, for they will be reconcilers.

*By The Sisters of
St. Joseph, Concordia,
Kansas*

Just a thought or two

- Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited until you try to sit in their pew.
- Many folks want to serve God, but only as advisors.
- The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, but mosquitoes come close.
- When you get to your wit's end, you'll find God lives there.
- God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.
- He who angers you,

Hope in a divided Age

Mediation—If two people cannot reach an agreement in private, they should ask one or more objective outside people to meet with them to help them communicate more effectively and explore possible solutions. *"If he will not listen [to you], take one or two others along"* (Matt. 18:16). These mediators may ask questions and give advice, but they have no authority to force you to accept a particular solution.

Arbitration—When you and an opponent cannot come to a voluntary agreement on a material issue, you may appoint one or more arbitrators to listen to your arguments and render a binding decision to settle the issue. *"If you have disputes about such matters, appoint as judges even men of little account in the church"* (1 Cor. 6:4).

Accountability—If a person who professes to be a Christian refuses to be reconciled and do what is right, Jesus commands his or her church leaders to formally intervene to hold him or her accountable to Scripture and to promote repentance, justice, and forgiveness: *"If he refuses to listen [to others], tell it to the church"* (Matt. 18:17).

We could respond to conflict by escaping it. This only postpones a proper solution to a problem, and if we attack it will usually damage relationships and make conflicts worse. Therefore, you should generally try first to deal with conflict personally and privately by using one of the first three conciliation responses (overlooking, discussion, or negotiation).

If repeated efforts at personal peacemaking do not resolve a matter, then you may need to pursue one of the other conciliation responses (mediation, arbitration, or accountability), which will require the assistance of other people in your church or community.

From Peace Maker Ministries www.peacemaker.net

If you would like to work at developing healthy conflict skills in your church consider inviting us to run the seminar "Building Bridges—Finding Hope"

Can I be of assistance to you?

Two questions:

What is God saying to you about your church and the direction he wants you to take?

How can we assist you in achieving some aspect of this?

I run seminars—see page.4

Preach and teach on a range of topics—see web site or talk with me about the specific topics that would help develop and support the teaching of your church and/or group

I run parish camps, retreats, vestry retreats, men's breakfasts etc assist a church while the vicar/minister is away or during an interregnum

**Consultancy
Pastoral Supervision
Conflict and Mediation issues**

Even though Christians have experienced the greatest forgiveness in the world, we often fail to show that forgiveness to others.

Conflict—is there another way?

Conciliation Responses

The Gospel Is the Key to Peace. A true peacemaker is guided, motivated, and empowered by the gospel, the good news that God has forgiven all our sins and made peace with us through the death and resurrection of his Son (Col. 1:19-20). Through Christ he has also enabled us to break the habit of escaping from conflict or attacking others, and he has empowered us to become peacemakers who can promote genuine justice and reconciliation (Col. 3:12-14).

The six responses found on the top portion of the slippery slope are directed at finding a just and mutually agreeable solution to a conflict. These responses may be divided into two categories: personal peacemaking responses and assisted responses:

Personal peacemaking responses are carried out in private between the parties themselves. Although it is appropriate for one or both parties to seek advice on how to implement these responses, they should normally try to resolve their differences one-on-one before asking others to intervene in the dispute.

Overlook an offence—Many disputes are so insignificant that they should be resolved by quietly and deliberately overlooking an offence. *"A man's wisdom gives him patience; it is to his glory to*

overlook an offence" (Prov. 19:11). Overlooking an offence is a form of forgiveness, and involves a deliberate decision not to talk about it, dwell on it, or let it grow into pent-up bitterness or anger.

Reconciliation—If an offence is too serious to overlook or has damaged our relationship, we need to resolve personal or relational issues through confession, loving correction, and forgiveness. *"[I]f your brother has something against you ... go and be reconciled"* (Matt. 5:23-24). *"Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently"* (Gal. 6:1; see Matt. 18:15). *"Forgive as the Lord forgave you"* (Col. 3:13).

Negotiation—Even if we successfully resolve *relational* issues, we may still need to work through *material* issues related to money, property, or other rights. This should be done through a cooperative bargaining process in which you and the other person seek to reach a settlement that satisfies the legitimate needs of each side. *"Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others"* (Phil. 2:4).

If the parties cannot resolve a dispute through personal peacemaking, they should pursue one of the *assisted*

Calling cattle farmers and other interested folk

The Church Army is seeking to raise funds via a stock raising scheme.

Details are being worked out but if you would like to know more about this or help out in any way feel free to contact me or Head Office, phone (09)630 2282, fax (09) 630 2201 email: chrharmy@ihug.co.nz



FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Giving thanks for:

the privilege of sharing in the Christchurch/Dunedin Ministry School at the end of May.

The wonderful Ladies Camp. 100 attended. Pray for those who attended camp that they will work out their learning in their homes, workplaces and communities.

Praise God for the seminars and contacts already made this year and the response to the seminars.

Praise God for Canterbury Kids Coach and for the money that has been given towards the bus—pray that all the resources needed for this ministry will be supplied

Please pray for:

those who have attended the "You Can Do This" seminar will return to the ideas, challenges and themes of the seminar and work to apply them in their daily life and church community.

Pray for future seminars, camps and conferences that we have.

We give thanks for financial support that has been coming in and pray that this will continue and that a significant sponsor may be found .

way To Go!

God does not measure success in terms of results, but in terms of faithful obedience .

Skills for our time....

How about one of these seminars?

You Can Do This

- *being a friend to the friends of Jesus*

A 6 unit

7 hours seminar

That will challenge and excite you and your church. It has helped encourage and motivate people to live out their faith.



Home Partnership

A seminar to encourage you in your marriage and family life.



Other events

- *Leader's Retreats*
- *Camps*

The important questions are:

What is God saying to you about your church and the direction he wants you to take?

How can we assist you in achieving some aspect of this?

Building Bridges Finding Hope

- *Radical Communities in a Divided Age*
- *Mediation and Conflict Resolution*
- *Building a Relational Church*



Topics

- ◆ **Biblical foundations**--finding renewal in conflict.
- ◆ **Individual styles** of response to conflict.
- ◆ **Win-win negotiation skills.**
- ◆ **Skills to mediate** conflict between individuals.
- ◆ Tools to effectively **manage congregational conflict.**

Time

4 hour seminar to help develop an understanding of conflict and conflict resolution and mediation.

(NB If we are invited to act as mediators this seminar is part of the mediation process.)

Cost

\$200 (plus travel and printing.

The size of the group is not important

Contact Richard Dyer for more details, cost and to book a seminar in your church

Kaye's Corner

Hi all,

Thank you to all who prayed for our camp. It was a wonderful refreshing time. Many were ministered to and encouraged in their faith

This month I am writing about **apostolic ministry** today. First let us look at the functions of the New Testament apostles.

- The missionary aspect of taking the gospel to new places and cultures (Rom 15:20)
- The laying of a foundation (1 Cor 3:10)
- Appointing leaders (Act 14:23)
- Sorting problems (1 Cor 6)
- Promoting unity(1 Cor 3)
- Demonstrating the supernatural power of God (2 Cor 12:12)

Apostles are called by God not voted for by churches. (Gal 1:1) An apostle's training frequently involves many trials designed to produce a broken, humble character. As an apostolic ministry can be extremely challenging it requires determination and perseverance. Apostolic

authority is based on relationships and calling. (1 Cor 9:2) Apostolic ministries can be quite different; compare the ministries of Paul and James. Paul travelled widely planting and fathering churches. James was largely centred in Jerusalem.

The church today still has need of apostles to fulfil these six functions. The apostle has the big picture, the wider body of Christ, in view and has a kingdom mindset. I believe



many apostles function in the marketplace. They could provide leadership in e.g. business or agriculture where they work with a kingdom focus, providing for the needs of others.

In his book "The Apostle's Notebook" Mike Breen describes the functions of an apostle as a pioneer, planter, builder and bridge. The pioneer initiates new work while a settler establishes it. A planter focuses on a small group and sets a pattern for life and ministry, teaching the word and doing the works of

the kingdom. The bridge is able to build bridges into a new culture which could be local or overseas. This is our urgent need in New Zealand today. Each generation has a different culture. Our church culture can be a barrier to many hearing the love of God. The builder is concerned with foundations, structure and strategies.

Apostles work on the edge. Their call is to forge new paths for us to follow. Some are called to the edge of their denomination to find new ways of worship and communicating of the gospel. Some are called to church planting either locally or overseas. For some an apostolic ministry could mean rebuilding the foundations of an existing church so that it can become healthy.

Love

"God calls people from the edge into the centre, so they can lead others from the centre to the edge."

-Mike Breen