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EFM News April 2017

EFM NZ
Annual General Meeting 2017

Notice is given of the

2017 EFM NZ Annual General Meeting

to be held on

12 noon, Thursday 25th May 2017,

In the Dean's Vestry, Wellington Cathedral of St Paul,

Hill Street, Wellington.

As members of the EFM Trust, trainers, mentors, group members, and graduates are invited to attend.

Elections will be held for EFM Board members. Under the terms of our Trust Deed, nominations for Board members are to be made in writing, endorsed with the consent of the nominee, and received not less than 24 hours before the AGM.

If you are intending to come, would like your apology recorded, or would like a form to nominate a Board member, please email

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2017 EFM Conference

21-24 June 2017

at the University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee.

For details contact Valda admin@efm.org.nz

Please distribute this newsletter widely amongst your networks in the EFM community

2016 EFM Group Graduations

On Sunday 20th November 2016, the completion of the 4 year journey of study and reflection by graduates of an EFM group that had been mentored by Judith Wigglesworth was celebrated at St Michael & All Angels, Newlands

Congratulations to: ***Faye Cunningham*** ***Judy Haw*** ***Jocelyn How*** ***Jane Lim***

Liz Maclean ***Keith Mitchell*** ***Hera Whitehead*** ***Willie Whitehead***

The Wellington Cathedral of St Paul EFM Group mentored by Sue Woodhouse celebrated the completion of their 4 year EFM journey with a graduation celebration on 29th November 2016.

Congratulations to: ***Kate Amos*** ***Ruth-Mary Beach*** ***Rosemary Jamieson*** ***Chris Hartley***

In early 2017, Rotorua EFM Mentor, Alex Czerwonka, presented an EFM Certificate to celebrate completion of the four year programme.

Congratulations to: ***Christine Wood***

For each graduate EFM has represented an individual journey of exploration, discovery and growing in faith. It's also been a shared journey of deepening fellowship, discussion and reflection. Group members have read their way through an impressive pile of reading guides and text books, shared their lives and faith with respect, worshiped together, and supported one another. Their four year journey has required a great deal of commitment and perseverance; it's been enlightening and often challenging; and it has also offered each member much potential for fresh insight, spiritual growth, and a deepening sense of discipleship.

Photos taken at Newlands Graduation.

God who is love,

You hear us and are present with us wherever we are.

We ask that you help us find hope in the midst of hopelessness,

And order in the midst of chaos,

So that we may be witnesses to you and grow your kingdom.

Through Jesus Christ we pray.

Amen

Prayer composed by the Newlands EFM Group (Graduated Nov 2016)

O God, life giving source of all
You are the wellspring of life
We ask that Your spirit may flow
Like the water to reach
The Last, the Lost, and the least.

In your goodness give us wisdom
To use the riches of this earth
Forever and ever
For the good and worth of all.

O God, life giving source of all
You are the wellspring of life
We ask that Your spirit may flow
Like the water to reach
The Last, the Lost, and the least.

So that all people will know
Your love and Your kingdom on earth
Forever and ever
In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.

Lyrics and Music composed by:

Willie Whitehead

(Graduate, Newlands EFM Group Nov 2016)

EFM OFFICE CLOSED

The EFM Office will be closed from Tuesday 6th June 2017, and reopen on Wednesday 5 July 2017.

Introducing……

The Rev'd Br Andrew McKean TSSF

Hi, I'm Andrew, a recent addition to the EFM Trust Board. I completed EFM many years ago having been part of groups in Auckland, Newcastle NSW, Brisbane, and the Waikato.

I spent 13 years of my life as an Anglican Franciscan Friar, and even though I now belong to the Franciscan Third Order, I'm still known as Brother Andrew. This helps to avoid confusion in my role as Ecumenical Chaplain at the University of Waikato, where I work alongside Father Andrew, the Catholic Chaplain.

A great believer in the concept of life-long learning, I have a BA in Philosophy and a BTheol in Christian Thought & History, and am currently working on a DipGrad in Religious Studies and a GradCert in Spanish. Why Spanish? I got married a couple of years ago (to Christine, a good Kiwi lass) and we spent our honeymoon walking the Camino in northern Spain.

One of my future projects is to translate a book about St Francis' adventures in Spain into English.

If the Disciples had FaceBook ……

"He's not in there! Oh, wait - he's changed his status to 'risen' "

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

Fertile ground to grow your faith

Like the mustard seed, we need fertile soil to grow. Education for Ministry (EfM) is like that fertile soil and we are the mustard seeds.

Learning about the Old and New Testaments, church history, and discovering theology is the light shining on the soil, warming it so the seed will sprout.

EFM news from around NZ

What's happening with EFM in your area?

Let us know so we can include your news in the next newsletter.

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