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Registry Reflections October 2006

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Inter-Church Christmas 'Events' and P/L Insurance

As outlined in a previous edition of *RR*, the question of Public Liability Insurance for combined churches events such as Carols Services is problematic for our Insurers.

If your parish is planning to join with other churches to conduct such an event, the best way forward is for one church to accept that it is their 'event' for that year, and invite the others.

For example, the Parish Council of Parish X can accept responsibility for the Carols Service in 2006 and invite the UCA, Baptist, etc, churches to join them. Our Public Liability policy provides unambiguous cover as it is an 'Anglican event', and we can provide our Certificate of Currency to these other bodies if they wish to see it. Then in 2007, a second of the cooperating churches could accept responsibility and provide a Certificate of Currency for their P/L cover for you to sight, a third church in 2008 and so forth.

Applications for Grants

Please be aware, as previously notified, that all applications for grants from such bodies as the Heritage Council, Tasmanian Community Fund and Local Government require the approval of Diocesan Council before being forwarded to the body concerned. Please send applications to the Registrar who will seek approval before signing and forwarding them to the relevant body.

Expenses Reimbursement for 'Honoraries', Casual Ministry...

The Registry carries responsibility for compliance with the various state and federal legislation in regard to employment matters across the diocese, including Workers' Compensation, Superannuation and Taxation, to name 3 areas which require due care.

Parishes are reminded that payments made to 'Honorary' priests, whether reimbursements, payments for casual ministry or whatever, are to be arranged through the Registry and not made directly to the recipient.

If there are questions of any kind in relation to this, please contact the Registrar as a matter of urgency.

Forms for casual payments and reimbursements are available on our diocesan website at <http://www.anglicantas.org.au/forms/index.html> or will be sent by email or mail on request.

Review of *Tasmanian Anglican*

Congratulations again to Sheelagh Wegman who produces *Tasmanian Anglican* for the ARPA award for 'Most Improved Layout' for the past year. Sheelagh took on the layout task for the new, magazine format which has been used since May 2005.

The Editorial Committee has commissioned an independent review of the magazine, to be conducted over the next month or two. Randomly selected parishioners will be asked for feedback, together with clergy and readers of the December issue.

Your feedback to help the Committee ensure that the magazine is as useful and helpful as possible will be very much appreciated. Please see the December issue for how to provide this feedback.

Diocesan Office Staff Change

Last week we farewelled Trish Smith, who has done sterling service over the past two years. Thanks, Trish.

Parish Financial Returns

Financial Returns, including the audited accounts for the parish for financial years 2005-6 and the Diocesan Assessment forms are now due. To date, just over 60% of parishes have lodged their returns. Please let us know if yours is likely to be delayed past the end of this month for any reason.

Anglicare's "Reach Technology"

Reach Technology is a division of Anglicare Tasmania committed to bridging the digital divide through providing support to low income earners, the disadvantaged and non-profit organisations in the form of advice, low price equipment and servicing. They offer computer repairs, onsite servicing, internet services and can source all brands of computer equipment at competitive prices. They also operate the "Computer Reuse Program" which accepts donations of computer equipment to refurbish into quality low cost computer packages for low income and disadvantaged Tasmanians as well as nonprofit organisations, churches and schools. Their phone number is 6234 6349, email is info@reachtechnology.com.au or have a look at their website www.reachtechnology.com.au.

Tasmanian Christian Convention 2006

The Tasmanian Christian Convention is being held at Camp Clayton, Ulverstone, from 27 December 2006 to 2 January 2007. This year's speakers are Mike Raiter, who is the Principal of the Bible College of Victoria, Ian Powell who is Rector of St Barnabas Church in Sydney's inner-west, and Stu Crawshaw who is the youth minister at Gynea Anglican Church.

For further information about the Convention please contact Anne on (03) 6344 8235 or by email on padavies@bigpond.net.au, or visit the website www.taschristianconvention.org.au.

Is your Church Register nearly full? - an update

We would like to apologise for not pointing out that the Anglican Book Room folk can source new Registers and other church supplies for you, if they don't have them in stock. Proceeds go to CMS and ABM. You can visit the Book Room at 30 Cromwell Street, Battery Point and their telephone number is 6223 8504.

Blessings

Russell Morton
REGISTRAR

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