



Eastland Regional Youth Facilitator's Committee

REPORT TO THE WAIAPU DIOCESAN SYNOD 2012

The Eastland Regional Youth Facilitator, The Reverend Frank Ngatoro has, in the past, reported only to the Eastland Regional Executive each month. Over the last 12 months a decision was made that a local group focussing on providing ongoing support and assistance to Frank in his role would be useful. So a new committee has been established.

Until 31st March 2012 the role in Eastland has been a fulltime position but with funding for this role becoming more difficult to source, and in the interests of ensuring equity between the regions the position from 1st April, 2012 has become half-time.

We are pleased though to have Frank continue in this role, whilst supporting him in taking on study through Anamata, a Tuhoe iwi-based education provider, which works out of the Tairawhiti Taapapa.

Over the last twelve months Frank has continued his mentoring role at the local Cobham School which has included involvement with an after-school programme led by Frances White. As a decile 1 school this support is greatly appreciated by the school.

The Fish 'n Chips Club based out of the Gisborne-Te Hapara Parish has continued to thrive under the leadership of Joe and Robyn Hogan.

The Youth Alpha Course run at Holy Trinity in 2011 has resulted in a second smaller group of youth meeting on a Wednesday evening. Frank was involved over the 2011 – 12 year with this group and with Brendon Bryon-Kay who in 2011 was youth intern and in 2012 has been employed part-time by Holy Trinity to work with the young people in both youth groups.

Joan Edmundson has a lively group of boys meeting in the Waipaoa Parish contributing to the youth life of the region.

Occasional Youth services have also brought young people together in the Eastland region.

Eastland Top Parish teams reached new heights this year, breaking new ground and records. First of these new records was the longest time to get to Rotorua - 12 hours due to a slip on the Waioeka Gorge and the bus breaking down at Raupunga. However in spite of this the teams came back to Eastland with awards in the march past, and the concert evening.

Three young people from the Eastland region enjoyed the experience of being together and developing new friendships at the Three-tikanga Youth Pilgrimage in Rotorua in October 2011.

Frank continues to support the youth work in his own home parish of Waikohu, who provide a significant music ministry especially for combined services and youth services.

In conclusion, thank you to the entire Eastland region that supports Frank and the other youth leaders in their ministry to young people in the region.

Ma te Atua koutou e manaaki

Rev'd Adrienne Bruce (on behalf of the Committee) 3 July, 2012