

*Prayer is an upward leap of the heart, an untroubled glance toward heaven, a cry of gratitude and love which can be uttered from the depths of sorrow as well as from the heights of joy. It is a space in the busyness of life where the soul unites with God - be thankful for it!*

*And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight. Philippians 1: 9 NIV*

## General

Canon Dr Evonne Paddison, CEO  
Dawn Penney, EA-Office Manager

## Board Members

Bishop Stephen Hale (Chairperson)  
Elida Brereton (Deputy Chairperson)  
Doug Mitchell (Treasurer)  
Paul Cameron, Prof. Ian Harper, Scott Hawkins, Grant Lawry, Margaret Macmillan, Craig Ogden, Steven Terrell

## Council Members

Annette Blaze, Ruth Borchert, Lyn Bromage, Captain Brian Crowden, Liz van Dreven, Joan Gordon, Lyn Greenall, Margaret Griffiths, Val McDowell, John Patterson, David Price, Alison Thomas, Chris Tiller, Mark Winter, Ps Joan Gordon, Tony White, Geoff Whittaker, Chris Barnett, Mark Bates, Drew Gormlie, Lee Baulch Merle Hotchkin, Russell Monson  
Life Members: Ron Gleeson, Bishop James Grant

## Meetings

**Council AGM - 25th May 2010**

**Board Meeting - 25th May 2010**

## Give thanks for . . . .

- our Board members - may God continue to unite this group of people to stand as one in all that they do for this organisation and may He continue to bless each of them and their families as they willingly give of themselves
- our Council members as we prepare to meet on the 25th May at the AGM. May they come with renewed passion and empowerment as they each represent their church denomination. Give thanks for their faithfulness in giving of their time and energy willingly; as without faith it is impossible to please God

## Pray for . . . .

- Evonne - may she continue to lead this organisation with wisdom, patience and conviction and be strengthened and comforted by her faith in God whenever challenges seem too great. As Evonne meets with National providers and Government representatives in regard to the future of Chaplaincy - may relationships be forged and strengthened through a shared purpose. May Evonne be encouraged by the momentum that is building in a powerful way, and by the new doors that are opening. Pray for safety as Evonne travels extensively
- Executive Team Professional Development - may we reflect on what God has done in the past, in order that we may be spurred on to see what greater things can be achieved in the future

*Whether or not God will answer our prayers is not a matter of question, but how He will answer may leave us wondering*

## Week 2

### Give Thanks for . . . . .

- *New Appointments:* **Vivian Hill** - Hastings Westpark PS, **Paul Spyrou** - Glenroy PS, **Jane Lawrence** - Eaglepoint PS, **Jane Barclay** - Chaffey College, **Judy Blomeley** - Baringa School. Pray that they will each be a shining light and be godly witnesses for Christ in their schools
- the Chaplaincy vacancies that have recently been filled
- the opportunities Chaplains are being given to talk about their work in churches on ACCESS Sunday
- the positive influence Chaplains have in their school communities each day
- the connections that Chaplains are making with parents in their communities and supporting them as they endeavour to encourage them
- Chaplains enthusiasm, energy and promotion of ACCESS ministries

### Pray for . . . . .

- Chaplain Committees - give thanks for their invaluable support of Chaplains at the local level. For each group as AGM's are taking place at the moment
- Chaplains supporting hurting families - pray for wisdom, strength and sustainability as they connect daily with people, as they, 'do life'
- safety on the roads as people travel
- for the informative Chaplaincy Committee Forum at Shepparton - pray for safety of all those involved
- Chaplains supporting families confronted with financial stress
- school camps going on around the state; that everyone will be safe
- Chaplaincy vacancies that still exist across Victoria and that good quality Chaplains can be found for these positions
- current vacancies at Sale College, Sale PS and Korumburra PS - these are ongoing vacancies since the start of the year. Mornington Secondary College - there has been much interest in the position but pray that we appoint the right person to continue Chaplaincy in that school community
- Regional Days for Chaplains during May – please pray that these would be a time of learning, encouragement and positive collegiality for our Chaplains
- Police Records Checks – there has been some delays with receiving regular renewal checks for Chaplains. These are needed for them to continue their work in the schools. Please pray that these checks would be processed in a timely manner
- the Chaplaincy Committee forums yet to take place and that as many committees as possible are represented and that the participants will find the time informative and helpful
- the NSCA Chaplaincy forums - for continued funding.

### Staff:

Nerida Terrill - Director of Chaplaincy  
Rev Moss Arnot - Regional Support Manager  
Ruth Whitefield - Regional Support Manager  
Karen Danes - Regional Support Manager

Julia Forsyth - PA/Chaplaincy Administrator  
Adrian Irwin - Regional Support Manager  
Rev Ray Ollerton - Regional Support Manager

# Christian Education

## Week 3

### Give Thanks for. . . .

- the large number of younger applicants including many men, wanting to teach CRE
- the refreshing, energizing leave that Denise Nicholls (Director, Christian Education Services) was able to enjoy recently
- the wonderful Support Officers who attended the recent conference and dinner - pray for each of them in their work of encouraging team leaders and as they work with Principals to establish new CRE programmes in schools
- the unity of purpose within the Christian Education Services team. Pray for ongoing strength and vision to complete the tasks at hand
- the support and encouragement we receive from pastors and churches in the Western Metro.

### Pray for. . . .

- our dedicated and hard working team of Support Officers in their day to day interactions with Principals, Team Leaders and CRE teachers
- wisdom and creativity for our curriculum writers as they continue to formulate new material
- the new CRE program which commenced at Nagambie Primary School
- the resistance to CRE from an administration team in a large NE Victorian school
- wisdom for all Support Officers as they build relationships with schools
- the great need we have for people to come forward and apply to be Support Officer's in Gippsland and Wangaratta
- training of new teachers – on the Peninsula and in Sale this month
- people who have attended training courses to be CRE teachers - our need for each of them to complete their requirements and return them to ACCESS
- the appointment of an Administrative / Personal Assistant to the Director, Christian Education Services - that the right applicant would be found for the position
- all Principals and the pressure they are under to provide a wide curriculum and fit CRE into the timetable
- CRE teachers - where CRE has been included in the timetable in the last 30 minutes of the day – the most difficult time to teach a lesson
- an openness where new schools will be approached to begin CRE in Semester 2
- continued enthusiasm, joy and energy for all CRE teachers so that the message of the gospel will be communicated clearly to the students through the CE lessons.

### Staff:

Rev Denise Nicholls - Director of Christian Education

Nola Stacey - CRE Regional Manager (Barwon-South Western)

Glenys Ramsey - CRE Field Support Manager (Western)

Ruth Minahan - CRE Field Support Manager (Eastern)

Di Appleby - Curriculum Officer and Training

Shirley Culhane - Curriculum Coordinator

Jill Cayzer - CE Administrator

Philip Enchelmaier - Project Development Officer & PA to Director of Christian Education

## Week 4

# Administrative Services

### Give thanks for . . . . .

- Dennis Alphonsus who has joined the team in the capacity of Publishing, Sales and Marketing Manager. We thank God for the talents he has given Dennis and we pray that Dennis will feel welcomed, challenged and excited as he settles into his new role
- all our staff, that we would honour God in every part of our lives and trust Him for every need. Sometimes when we see how vast the need is and how limited our resources are, it is easy to become discouraged. Pray that we put our trust in Him, as He will not let us down and He will meet not only the basic need but the great ones
- our wonderful donors - may they each be encouraged by our work and may they continue to find the generosity of spirit to keep supporting this ministry financially in the future
- our many volunteers who give their time and talents in serving God alongside our ACCESS ministries staff
- our prayer supporters, who faithfully pray and support the team and ministry. We give thanks for each of them as every day their faithful prayers offer strength, comfort and encouragement to all our staff and volunteers.

### Pray for . . . . .

- our partnerships with other organisations. May we continue to seek collegial relationships as we work to see the synergies that can be built upon and strengthened to advance God's kingdom.

### ACCESS Sunday - 16th May 2010

May we encourage you to speak to your Minister regarding taking part in ACCESS Sunday this year within your own church - packs are available now by ringing the office or even contacting me

### Chaplaincy Fundraising Dinner - 9th August 2010

Pray that the dinner preparations will run smoothly and that we will see God victorious on the night

### Chaplaincy Conference - September 2010

Pray for all those involved in the preparation of this annual event. May they be strengthened and encouraged as the Conference draws closer

### Staff:

Mark Richardson - Director of Finance  
Linda Cameron - Fundraising Officer  
Elaine Letch - Payroll Accountant  
Wendy Pepper - Accounts Receivable  
Joy Sargeant - Reception

John Sullivan - Quality, Risk & Compliance Manager  
Dennis Alphonsus - Publishing, Sales and Marketing  
Maria Mascitti - Management Accountant  
Lyndal Crocker - Accounts Payable

*Dear Lord, Thank you for the precious people you have entrusted to pray for the work of this ministry. May they faithfully continue to pray and praise you and be encouraged by answered prayer. Amen*

We do invite you to contact us if you would like to be part of our

## 'Prayer Fellowship Group'

I can be contacted via email:

dpenney@accessministries.org.au or via my direct telephone number: 03 9811 0911