

FORUM and nominations



An invigorating and participative programme is planned for the April Forum at Waikanae's *El Rancho*. See the flyer for more details and to register. The programme combines elements helpful to lay preachers and to all involved in worship as well as encouraging discussion about Uniting Congregations' future direction.

NOW is the time to nominate or re-nominate members of the UCANZ Standing Committee, who will then elect their co-chairs at the close of the Forum. *A nomination form was sent with this Newsletter.*

Congratulations to Te Atatu, Glen Innes, & Bucklands Beach Co-operating Parishes



Inductions have recently taken place at three Auckland parishes. We add our congratulations to the Reverends Tala Fa'amausili, Hinemoa Carpenter, Jeff Odihambo and the respective local churches as they begin their new ministries together.

New ways of working

This has been a year of many changes in working patterns for many people. UCANZ has also moved premises post-lockdown. After this unusual year with all its upsets, Margaret our Administrator has decided that retirement is the better part of valour. She concludes on 17 December.

The Personnel and Finance Committees see this as an opportune time to outsource accounting functions, leaving Adrian as the sole direct UCANZ employee. This also means he can work from home in Napier, whilst still being available for visits to Regional Forums, local churches and other bodies where UCANZ needs to be represented. To some extent he will share this role with the two Co-chairs.

The new postal address of UCANZ from January 2021 will be

UCANZ, PO Box 227, Napier 4140

The phone number remains 027 559 9042 and the primary email is office@ucanz.org.nz, although adrian@ucanz.org.nz will also remain for some time.

Directory

With all these changes coming occurring, the next edition of the printed UCANZ Directory will be delayed. Updates will be sought alongside the statistical information in June 2021. Meanwhile, you can find basic local church contacts at

<https://www.ucanz.org.nz/congregations/>

This is just one aspect of the UCANZ website which I commend to you. Should you find any errors, or have any amendments to suggest, please let me know.

Ngā mihi e noho ora mai,

Adrian Skelton
EO for UCANZ

