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The 'Lund' Principle

Should not the churches act together in all matters except those in which deep differences of conviction compel them to act separately?

Christmas Bowl Appeal 2006-2007 *act for the christmas bowl*

(See pp. 2-3 for details of Tasmanian Christmas Bowl Program)



2006 Christmas Bowl Corflute sign—
available from the TCC office.



From the General Secretary

Christmas is fast approaching and I hope you, like I am, are looking forward to this season of celebration for the birth of Christ. Many are no doubt looking forward with anticipation to inspirational worship, gathering around the table with family and friends to share some of the best food and drink in the world, and to giving and receiving of gifts. Christmas can indeed be a great time of year for many of us.

Unfortunately there are many people in our world who will be lucky if they get one square meal on Christmas Day, much less participate in a feast. There are also many millions of refugees who will not be celebrating with family and friends, forced as they are to be in camps far from home. There are others who will not be feeling safe and secure

because of war and violence in their homelands.

As Churches acting together with our partner organizations in the Pacific, Asia, Africa and the Middle East, we can do something to improve the situations for many of these people. As you come to consider the giving and receiving of gifts this year I urge you to support the Christmas Bowl with generosity.

May you be blessed by Christ's love this Christmas and be enabled to bless others.

Rev'd Tim Matton-Johnson



Christmas Bowl Visitor Colleen Hodge

will be in Tasmania from 22—27 November. For details of her program and where you can meet her see page 2.

If you would like to invite Colleen to your congregation/group during that time, please advise the TCC office NOW.

A Christmas Bowl Prayer

"Lord, when I am hungry, give me someone to feed; when I am thirsty, give me someone whose thirst I may assuage. And when I am cold, someone to clothe.

"When I am sad, give me someone to cheer, when my burden is heavy, give me also those of others; and when I need love, may others ask for mine.

"May your will be my food; your grace my strength and your love my rest.

"May my whole life be a gift perpetually offered to you, O God, until the day when you are pleased to receive it back again."

CHRISTMAS BOWL VISITOR

Colleen Hodge



We look forward to welcoming Colleen Hodge (pictured) as our Christmas Bowl visitor this year. Colleen is the Manager of the Education and Communications Programs of

Christian World Service/National Council of Churches in Australia. As well as her day to day work promoting Christian World Service programs, she has visited a number of Christmas Bowl overseas projects and has therefore had the opportunity to see at first hand how funds raised through Christmas Bowl are making a difference in the world.

Colleen says she has been involved in ecumenical activities all her life—certainly with Christmas Bowl as a child.

Colleen first worked with the Action for World Development program in the 1970s, was an Anglican representative on the former Australian Council of Churches and a member of the Executive Committee in the 1980s, and was involved with the New South Wales Ecumenical Council's Development Education and Refugee Support Committees in the 1990s.

After working at the University of New South Wales for 13 years, and the Anglican Board of Mission Australia for 12 years, she accepted the invitation to her present position with the National Council of Churches in Australia in 2002 and has enjoyed the challenges of the last five years.

Colleen has had close contact with ecumenical partners in the Middle East, Africa, Asia, the Pacific and with Indigenous people in Australia. She values the generous and gracious friendships which have been offered to her by many colleagues.



CHRISTMAS BOWL MATERIALS

The theme for the 2006-2007 Christmas Bowl Appeal is *act for the christmas bowl*.

Kits have been distributed to congregations/corps/schools/groups over the last few weeks. If you haven't received your materials, please advise the TCC office (ph. 6234 2543 or e-mail tcctas@bigpond.net.au)

The 2006 Kit includes worship resources, church, school and youth group resources, clip art for pew sheets, a poster and bookmarks.

Extra kits, envelopes and bookmarks are available from the TCC Office.

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CHRISTMAS BOWL PUBLIC LAUNCHES

YOU ARE INVITED
to the
Public Christmas Bowl Launches

HOBART
Thursday 23 November
12.30 pm in the Elizabeth Mall

LAUNCESTON
Friday 24 November
12.30 pm in the Brisbane Street Mall

Colleen Hodge will be the guest speaker at both Launches. As well, a number of church and community leaders will be present.

Items of music, drama and dance will be provided by St. Michael's Collegiate School and Sacred Heart College in Hobart and St. Patrick's College and Launceston Grammar (*The Fellas*) in Launceston.

Please plan to be there to support these important events.

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU TO MEET INFORMALLY WITH COLLEEN AND LEARN MORE ABOUT THE WORK OF CHRISTMAS BOWL

In the South
at 4.30 pm Wednesday 22 November
Informal Gathering
at the TCC Office
163 Macquarie Street, Hobart

In the North
at 1.30 pm (following the Launch) on
Friday 24 November
Informal Lunch
at Pilgrim Uniting Church
36 Paterson Street, Launceston

In the North-West
at 12 noon Saturday 25 November
on the Esplanade at Penguin
(opposite the Uniting Church)
Bring and share Barbeque Lunch
(If the weather is not suitable, meet at the Uniting Church Hall)

Please publicise these events widely within your networks and plan to come. and bring your friends!
ALL welcome at ALL gatherings!

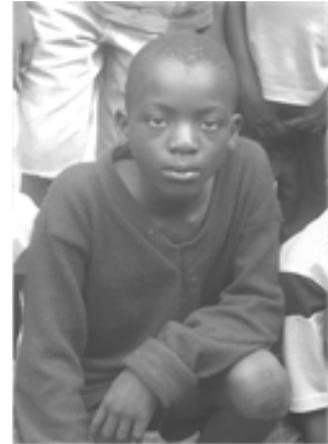
**Have you received a Christmas Bowl Corflute Sign
for display outside your Church?**



For people like Francis and Dheena affected by the 2004 Boxing Day Tsunami in Sri Lanka



To assist people such as Mary and others in the Occupied Palestinian Territories.



For people such as Abraham and others living with HIV/AIDS in Zambia

If you haven't received a sign, please contact the TCC Office, phone 6234 2543, or e-mail tctas@bigpond.net.au

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED
FOR CHRISTMAS BOWL SHOPPING
CENTRE COLLECTIONS!**

Tasmania has a tradition of Christmas Bowl collections in shopping centres throughout the State. But we need volunteers to staff the collection points. A complete list of centres (and dates) is below.

Please advertise widely within your networks and advise the TCC office (6234 2543 or tctas@bigpond.net.au) if you can assist and we will pass you name on to the local coordinators. The shifts are not long, and this is your opportunity to help make a difference in the world! A wonderful opportunity for churches to work together!

We are grateful to the following shopping centres that have agreed to support collections on their premises:

South:

Centrepont	4—23 December
Shoreline	14—23 December
Woolworths, Lindisfarne	21—23 December
Northgate	5—8 December
Claremont	11—15 December
Woolworths, Huonville	8 and 15 December

North:

Launceston Mall	12—15 December
Meadow Mews	5—6 December
Riverside	27—30 November and 1 December
Mowbray Market Place	7—9 December

North West:

Burnie Plaza	4—22 December
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**You are invited to an
ECUMENICAL EVENT**



at

Scots Uniting Church

29 Bathurst Street Hobart

7.00 pm Sunday 10 December

NINE LESSONS & CAROLS

Presented by Singers of Southern Tasmania Inc.

Followed by Supper in the G. A. Wood Hall

**Come and bring your friends to this special
preparation for Christmas.**

Donations to the Christmas Bowl Appeal

Please advertise the event as widely as possible.
A poster is enclosed to assist you.



**LUNCH TIME EUCHARISTIC
SERVICES AT ST. DAVID'S
CATHEDRAL, HOBART**

You are warmly invited to attend weekly lunch time Eucharistic services at St. David's Cathedral, Hobart— at 12 noon each Tuesday, commencing on 7th November. These services will have a focus on women, but will in no way be exclusive to women.

Please bring your lunch. Tea & coffee provided.



SCHOOLS SUNDAY
Churches celebrating and supporting local schools
25 FEBRUARY 2007

Schools Sunday is an opportunity for church communities throughout Tasmania to celebrate, pray for and support our schools.

Sunday February 25th 2007 is the day that has been set aside to celebrate Schools Sunday. But if that doesn't suit your church community or school, feel free to choose another date early in the school year that will better suit your situation.

A Schools Sunday Resource Pack has been prepared. The pack includes service outlines, a newsletter insert, prayer suggestions, a puppet play, a drama and ways to connect with your local school. The material has been prepared to help you celebrate Schools Sunday so feel free to use it in any way that would assist you.

The Resource Pack is available:

- email schools_sunday@optusnet.com.au
- www.supakids.org.au/schools_sunday
- phone Peter and Kathryn 6265 5809

Why not contact other fellowships in your area and hold a Combined Churches' celebration. This would be an excellent opportunity to connect with your local school.

We encourage you to **register your involvement** in Schools Sunday celebrations on the above website, e-mail address or phone number. We would love to hear stories of how church communities celebrated this day so that we might encourage others. This would be helpful to assist in planning and promoting Schools Sunday 2008

An initiative of Tasmanian Council of Churches' Commission for Christian Ministry in State Schools.



SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB

15 November 2006

Spirituality & Evangelism through Drama

Actor/Story teller—Noël Christian

You will be captivated by Noël as he expresses Bible stories using monologue and there will be an opportunity to discuss his dramatic evangelism.

At Moonah Café Bar & Bistro at 7.30 pm, finishing by 9.00pm. Meals from 5.30pm, but please book—6228 2768.

More information from Julia Dennis phone 6278 8486.

FAMILY WELLNESS PROGRAM

(presented jointly by Centacare & Clarendon Children & Family Services)

Courses are:

“Couples—The Strongest Link” (a 6 week program that focuses on the couples' relationship)

“Survival Skills for Healthy Families” (run over 3 Saturdays—offers practical guidelines for helpful family interactions which are demonstrated then practiced with participants).

Details of dates, venues, cost etc. available from Anne Matuszek at Centacare (phone 6278 1660 or e-mail fre.centacare@aohtas.org.au)



TOGETHER IN SONG SEMINAR

A Seminar for all worship leaders and church musicians
 (sponsored by the UCA Presbytery of Tasmania)

- HOBART— 7.30-9.30 pm Friday 17 November**
 @ Wesley Uniting Church, 58 Melville Street
- LAUNCESTON 2.00-4.00 pm Sunday 19 November**
 @ Launceston North Uniting Church
 128-132 Georgetown Road, Newnham

The seminar will feature a launch of *Together in Song* electronic resources and the new *TIS* Companion.

Presenters: The Rev'd Dr. D'Arcy Wood, the Rt. Rev'd Owen Dowling and Ms. Megan McLaughlin.

Please advertise this special event as widely as possible. A poster is enclosed.

ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH, SOUTH HOBART
 Invites you to the following special services during November and December:

Sundays 12 November 5.00 pm Choral Evensong & 19 November 10.15 am Christ the King—Solemn Eucharist & Procession

Sunday evenings in advent at 7.00 pm

26 November Advent Carols in Procession—All Saints Choir
 3 December “The Ceremony of Carols” by Benjamin Britten sung by the St. Michael's Collegiate School of Performing Arts Vocal Ensemble with Christina Sonnermann, directed by Anne Morgan

10 December Taizé Prayer for Advent

17 December Ceremony of Nine Lessons & Carols—All Saints choir

11.30 pm 24 December

Midnight Mass—All Saints Choir with organ & brass ensemble