



EFM Matters

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Introducing the Board

Education for Ministry in New Zealand is provided by Education for Ministry Trust—a charitable trust. It has a board, currently with 5 members, that meets 4 times a year to provide governance and guide the provision and growth of EfM in New Zealand. Until I joined EfM as administrator I had no idea who the board were or what they did. I thought that many EfM participants may be equally unaware.

Leanne Munro

Tena koe. Ko Leanne Munro tōku ingoa. Ko Tamaki Makaurau ahau.

I am married to Dugald and mum to Aroha (17) and we currently live in Wellington.

I grew up in Auckland, attending a small suburban Presbyterian Church in Mt Roskill. I trained as a nurse specialising in paediatrics and working in Auckland, Whanganui and Edinburgh (Scotland). I began my theological training as an independent student attending lectures at St John's/Trinity through the old Auckland Consortium for Theological Education in the early 1990's. I finished my training for ordained ministry in the PCANZ at the Knox School of ministry (now Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership) in Dunedin in 1998.

I was a parish minister in Hamilton for just over two years before getting married and joining Dugald in New York where he was working. We have been back in Wellington since 2003, where I have worked as parish stated supply and aged care chaplain before taking time off to be the so-called 'at home parent'.

I currently work parttime as chaplain in Aged Care for Presbyterian Support Central at one of their Enliven rest homes in Wellington. As a family we have worshipped at Wadestown Presbyterian Church here in Wellington. This will change due to the church's dissolution as a parish in a month's time.

I have an interest in encouraging fellow Christians to explore their faith and identity, particularly as it connects with being Christian in Aotearoa/New Zealand. I am excited by the 'local' content of the EFM course in Aotearoa/New Zealand and humbled to be asked to serve on the board of EFM. As current board chair, I decided last year it was time I took the plunge. So I am currently with the Te Awakairangi group, which meets in Lower Hutt, and soon to begin my second year. It's been a great way to refresh my studies without the stress of assignments.

No reira, manaakitia me te aroha.

Leanne

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Reading and Reflection Guide as an e-book

Last year a commitment was made to having the RRG for 2022-23 Year B available as an e-book.

Alas this has only been partly achieved. The RRG is available as a pdf.

If you would like to download it email Mike for details educationforministrynz@outlook.com

New EfM Mail Address

— please amend your records —

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An EfM Wedding

On 18 February EfM Administrator Mike Butler married Sarah Crawford. Mike and Sarah Crawford met in 2019 at EfM in Wellington Cathedral. Rev Catherine Froud, the mentor of Sarah's group was the celebrant and EfM board member Jean Malcolm celebrated the Eucharist, at which Mike and Sarah were the servers. The wedding venue was Springlands, Te Horo



Rev Catherine Froud marrying Sarah and Mike.



Rev Jean Malcolm celebrating the eucharist



Members of Mike and Sarah's EfM Groups

(L to R) Raewyn & Jonathan Berkahn, Sarah & Mike Crawford-Butler Bruce and Shirley McLeannan Cybill and Eric Tan.

Photos by Jo Moore Photographer

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EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

Fertile ground to grow your faith

Like the mustard seed, we need fertile soil to grow. Education for Ministry (EfM) is like that fertile soil and we are the mustard seeds.

Learning about the Old and New Testaments, church history, and discovering theology is the light shining on the soil, warming it so the seed will sprout.

Thinking about EFM?

Do you want to know more about EFM?

Are you keen to join or start a new EFM Group?

Please contact Michael, we would love to hear from you.

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Resignation of Dion Blundell



Dion Blundell has advised that due to family issues he has had to resign from the board. EfM thanks Dion for his interest in EfM.

Our prayers are with him and his family at this time.



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Trainers Corner



A place to find some ideas for EfM groups

Kia ora koutou. Here is a game which I use from time to time to help people get into the mind-set of thinking in metaphors. It works best when people know one another at least a bit.

THE METAPHOR GAME

Choose someone to be the Questioner and send them out of ear-shot.
The group chooses someone who is in the room to be the Subject.
Call the Questioner back.
The Questioner now has to guess who the Subject is by asking each member of the group a question.

The questions are phrased:

"If this person was a (*category*) what sort of (*category*) would they be?"

For each person they ask, the Questioner chooses a new category.

eg. "If this person was a *tree* what sort of *tree* would they be?"

"If this person was a *kitchen utensil* what sort of *kitchen utensil* would they be?"

"If this person was a *dog* what sort of *dog* would they be?"

"If this person was a *musical instrument* what sort of *musical instrument* would they be?"

Those who are asked are encouraged to give an intuitive answer, following their gut rather than analysing or intellectualising the answer, or basing it on what they look like.

The Questioner gets to ask each group member a question. Then, by the same sort of process - intuitively, following their gut rather than analysing or intellectualising their answer – the Questioner makes a guess as to which group member is being described metaphorically.

Rinse and repeat.

And above all, have fun!

Blessings – Ngā manaakitanga,

EFM Annual General Meeting 2023

Notice is given of the

2023 EFM NZ Annual General Meeting

to be held on

11am, Thursday 25th May 2023 in the Garden Room

of St Peters on Willis St

As members of the EFM Trust, trainers, mentors, group members, and graduates are invited to attend.

Elections will be held for EFM Board members.

Under the terms of our Trust Deed, nominations for Board members are to be made in writing, endorsed with the consent of the nominee, and received not less than 24 hours before the AGM.