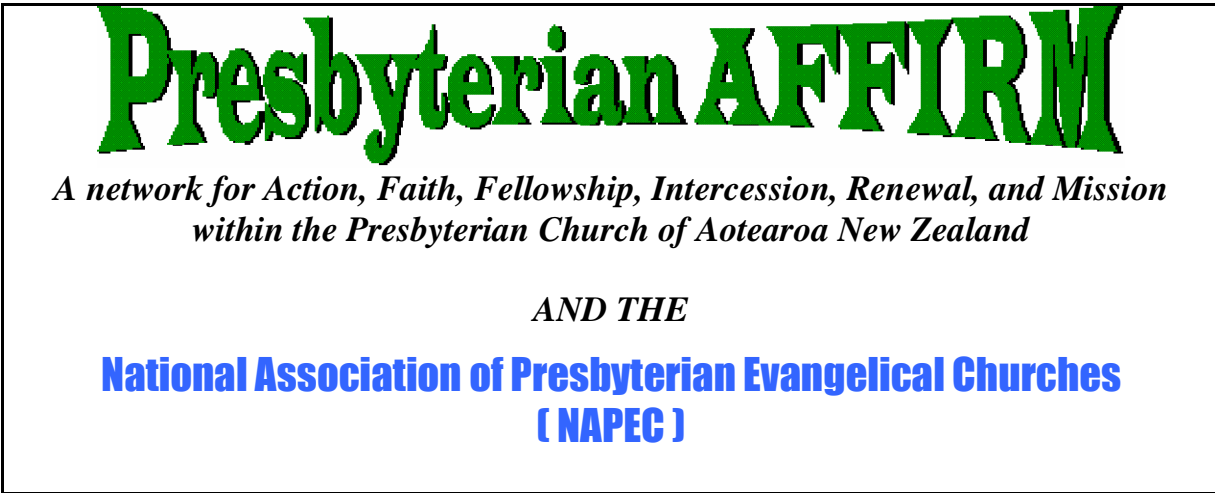


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Some of our newsletters are now by e-mail only.

URGENT PRAYER REQUEST FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND (21-27 May)

We have received word from '**Forward Together**' in the Church of Scotland (a parallel movement to Presbyterian AFFIRM) that they face a watershed decision on the question of homosexual leadership at their annual General Assembly this month.

The Assembly will hear an appeal against the decision of the Presbytery of Aberdeen to induct into a charge a minister who has openly declared himself to be living in a homosexual relationship in the manse. There is also an Overture that the Assembly make its will known clearly and decisively on this issue for the future.

You can read more about this at: forwardtogether.org.uk or confessingchurch.org.uk. The group have sought our advice and especially ask for our prayer during the General Assembly of 21-27 May. *Please mobilise your prayer chains and networks about this.*

➤ **Please note: FORTHCOMING AFFIRM-NAPEC CONFERENCE !!!**

**The National Conference will be held on
Friday 31 July (9 a.m.) to Sunday 2 August (1 p.m.)
at St Alban's Presbyterian Church, Palmerston North**

- **Keynote Speakers:**

Bishop Derek Eaton (recently retired Bishop of Nelson & mission partner in Egypt)

Dr. Meredith Wheeler (Head of the School of Mission & Ministry, Laidlaw College)

- **Plus WORKSHOPS** on relevant topics for church leaders
- **Plus** plenty of opportunity for fellowship and discussion.

Come for the full time or for one or two days.

Cost for the full conference is \$90 which includes all meals. Daily costs can be negotiated depending on the meals and sessions that you want to attend.

Accommodation is available with billets and at local motels.

Register by contacting Prue Drake (St Albans Office) at either
Ph. 06-357-9411 or office@stalbans.org.nz.

PRAYER REQUEST

Prayer is requested for two people currently receiving treatment for cancer: for **Christine Lange** (wife of AFFIRM's Co-Chairman, Stuart Lange), undergoing treatment for ovarian cancer, and AFFIRM Executive member **Mark Farmer**, undergoing chemotherapy for multiple myeloma. Steve Jourdain writes: "please include these two, and their spouses and families, in your prayers. Please pray for the effectiveness of the chemotherapy to aid God's healing, for daily strength and patience during their treatment, and for their full healing through the power of our Risen Lord".

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