**2018 Report from Church Army New Zealand to   
General Synod/Te Hinota Whanui**

CANZ has had a very eventful 2017, with the former National Director Philip Clark passing away beginning of September, after 2-½ years of extraordinary ministry during his illness, defying the cancer that was ravaging his body! At the same time training up his successor, Monika Clark, to continue with his God-given ministry, mission and vision of reaching all of New Zealand, and beyond, with the life transforming Good News of Jesus Christ. Philip’s funeral was a truly special event with people from the length and breadth of the country attending and a clear Gospel message preached, he would have approved!

Despite the circumstances, we also saw wonderful blessings: missions, conferences and training events, equipping ordinary followers of Christ to share their God-stories and the Gospel and people being won for God’s Kingdom, and Christian leaders being trained to do the same.

One particular highlight was the inauguration of CANZ training students at St John’s Theological College in CPM/T4T principles and processes, and St John’s 2018 curriculum continuing to include that course, as well as Bishopsdale Theological College following suit, having invited CANZ to run CPM/T4T based Evangelism and Disciplemaking Discipleship courses and workshops with their students in conjunction with training in collaborating parishes in Nelson Diocese.

Other highlights were:

* Training the 2017 cohort of YWAM students in Tauranga in CPM ready for their 2-year mission in Nepal
  + CA International Leaders’ Conference in April
  + Conferences and training events in various churches in Auckland, Tauranga, Dunedin, Christchurch, New Plymouth, The Interdenominational Engage (Evangelism) Conference
  + The CANZ Board Retreat Weekend to seek God’s will for the future of CANZ
  + Over a dozen keen young individuals across NZ via Skype, etc budding evangelists and potential church leaders, being coached and mentored to grow in faith and evangelistic and leadership skills
  + Being invited to contribute to the Minita a Whanau training event in the Far North in February 2018, and, indeed, having been invited by Bishop Kito to get involved in Hui Amorangi training across the nation

So it looks like 2018 will be a very busy year for CANZ, equipping ordinary Christians all over the country to have the confidence in their competence to share their faith and the life giving Gospel of Christ and empowering (future) Christian leaders to make disciples who make disciples, that there may be no place left in New Zealand where Jesus has not been made known.

**Monika Clark**

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