

AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES CENTRE

Newsletter

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CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL – DEED IS SIGNED

The good news is that a Memorandum of Understanding and a Deed of Gift has now been signed by the trustees with the University of Otago. This will initially provide for the establishment of a Chair in Peace and Conflict Studies, the first step towards the setting up of the National Peace Centre. The Chair will be formally announced at a launch in Auckland on the 26th of October, attended by the Prime Minister.

OUR UPCOMING PEACE SYMPOSIUM

To celebrate this significant step, the Trust is holding a one-day symposium on Saturday 27th October at The Otago Centre in Auckland. We have assembled a program of dynamic speakers. You can look forward to presentations and panel discussion. We know that geographically many of you will be unable to come but you are invited to attend and celebrate with us if you can. The flyer is attached to this email. Please come if you can or pass on to others who may be interested.

WHAT'S OUR NEXT PHASE?

Now that phase one of this project is completed, forming a partnership with a university, we are ready to start phase two, which is to find a lot more money so that

we can grow and endow further lecturing positions. This will help the Centre to grow quickly and have more influence, to build up liaison between peace work inside and outside the universities and to be in touch with overseas peace centres. To help us with this, the trustees have appointed Annie Ackerman for a few hours a week to bring her skills to this phase of growing the Centre.

If you know of any funding bodies or individuals who can assist us in this development phase we would love to hear from you.

BEING IN TOUCH

We do apologise for the fact that it has been such a long time since the last progress report on the establishment of the Centre. There has been such a lot going on, with so much in progress and there has always seemed to be one more thing we have been waiting for before we had something finalised and could get in touch. We know that many of you have been wondering if there has been finalisation. Always, please, do feel free to email or phone at any time if you have any queries, concerns or suggestions.

In peace,

Margaret Bedgood & Dorothy Brown

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