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Welcome to **enews No 3** for 2010.

5th July 2010

Dear Friends,

At present there seems to be a great deal of Social Responsibility news appearing in my email, so this email follows quite quickly on the heels of its predecessor. Below you will find details of some of these:

Cyber Awareness

Just as I sent the last enews I became aware that the following week was National Cyber Security Awareness week. After so much inaction for so long, it is good to see so much in the media about it. In previous enews I have spoken of some of the dangers, particularly those that impact on children and young people. Another big issue that has been highlighted is personal security as increasingly people are using the internet for banking and personal shopping. The importance of firewalls and other security programmes to protect your identity and personal details cannot be underestimated.

Scams, such as fortunes from Nigeria, have now been around for sometime, as have inappropriate websites and social networking sites. The 2010 National Cyber Security Awareness Week was held in partnership with industry, community and consumer groups and state and territory governments. This year the Government partnered with over 130 organizations to present relevant seminars and events. Even though this information is late, there is still much good material to be found at <http://www.staysmartonline.gov.au/> a website hosted by the Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy on behalf of the Australia Government.

Sexual Violence

– this was sent on to me by Deane Bray from the Australian Women's coalition:

**Action Alert: Say NO to Sexual Violence in Conflict
Make Women Count for Peace!**

Women hardly ever fight the world's wars, but often suffer the most and are targets of systematic sexual violence. And yet, they are barely present in peace negotiations.

Through the month of June, senior UN peacekeeping officials will open their doors to women peace activists in more than 20 countries to hear their concerns and recommendations for peacebuilding. The Open Days for Women, Peace and Security mark the 10th anniversary of landmark UN Security Council resolution (SCR) 1325, which calls for women's equal participation in peacebuilding.

You can play a role in making women count for peace. [Sign the Say NO petition](#) today asking governments to take three simple steps to make SCR 1325 a reality for women. Your voice CAN make a difference by sending a powerful statement to the UN Security Council as they consider how to accelerate the implementation of SCR 1325 in October this year. Say NO will bring you the voices of women peace activists and the Open Day events as they unfold. Stay tuned for more news.

The latest Small Screen

265 June 2010

Now available from the Young Media Australia website at <http://www.youngmedia.org.au/pdf/smallscreen/ss-265-June.pdf>

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Topics this month include:**

- ***World Summit report***
- ***Editorial: Give Karate Kid the chop***
- ***Pro-anorexia and pro-bulimia websites***
- ***Plugged in parenting***

As an alternative, click on the link <http://www.youngmedia.org.au>

1 From the menu select 'YMA publications'

2 Select '*small screen*'

3 Select 'Online *small screen* 'and *small screen* No. 265 June 2010. You will be asked for a password.

4 Type in the password above and the document will open and be available for printing.

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Anglicare Australia

One of the great privileges of my time as SR coordinator has been my contact with Anglicare Australia. In my 6 years as SR person the work of the Anglicare Office has expanded greatly as has its contact and influence with politicians. It truly does speak for the marginalized people throughout Australia that Anglicare agencies seek to support. As we are all aware there will be an election called in the near future and Anglicare is well prepared:

Anglicare Australia is developing its strategy for the federal election this year. Deputy Director Roland Manderson will co-ordinate the campaign, supported by a reference group consisting of Bishop Chris Jones, CEO Anglicare Tasmania; Susan King, Executive Manager - Social Policy Research Unit, Anglicare Diocese of Sydney; Andrew Yule, Communications Manager, Anglicare Victoria; and Jacqui McCann, Advocacy Coordinator, Anglicare SA.

We will best contribute to the election's policy debates by working together as a network and drawing on the experience and expertise of our member organisations. For that to work well, some one from every organisation will need to be the key campaign contact with good links to their management, policy and media teams.

I have been contacted by Roland Manderson to be the contact person for MU Australia. The latest copy of Anglicare E-News can be found on Anglicare Australia website www.anglicare.asn.au/e-news.htm

Australian Institute of Family Studies

The AIFS has recently held its annual conference. The list of papers and presentations highlights all the current topics of concern in family life in Australia today and the website, <http://www.aifs.gov.au/> is a wonderful resource for anyone looking for information. Of particular interest are the papers on family violence.

17th July

I had almost completed this enews when our almost 10 year old computer finally decided to die, so the Crossmans now have a new computer, and fortunately very little of importance was lost. When I started this enews Kevin Rudd was Prime Minister, we now have a new PM and are about to embark on another election campaign, and sorting through the media deluge we will all seek to find the essence of what we are being asked to decide. As we do so it is my prayer and my hope that we put aside our own interests and seek earnestly to perceive where God is leading this nation, ensuring justice and inclusion for all.

The following is the press release from Anglicare Australia:

17 July 2010

Building a society in which everybody counts

Anglicare Australia has called for the interests of all Australians to be the focus of this election campaign – and those with little political sway not forgotten or ignored.

“Australia should aim to be a fairer and more equal society” Ian Carter, acting Chair of the Anglicare Australia Council said today.

“The focus of the campaign for the August 21 election must put the people doing it tough in our community at the top of the agenda.

“Anglicare’s member organisations work with more than one in 40 Australians in communities right across Australia.

“It is clear to Anglicare staff working in these communities that

- a proper home is out of reach for far too many
- there are families living with disability without the support they need
- mental health support across the community is grossly inadequate
- older Australians are not guaranteed of the care they need and deserve
- Indigenous Australians are still profoundly disadvantaged and we need urgently to close this gap in health, education and life expectancy
- and finally, that many government pensions and benefits are simply not enough to live on; with spiralling costs of living particularly rent, food and utility charges

“We believe that everybody counts.

“Rather than being continually adversarial, Anglicare would like our political leadership to adopt a politics of hope: by appealing to the generosity and the thoughtfulness of the Australian people, and commit to investment in a society that really includes everyone, no matter what their health, circumstance or background.

“We acknowledge the current Federal Government’s recent investment in homelessness services and social housing. We welcome the Opposition’s promise of a major investment mental health, but there is a lot more to be done.

“Over the next few weeks of this Federal Election Campaign, Anglicare Australia will highlight some of the projects that can make a difference and some of the challenges that confront us in communities across Australia. We hope above all else that this campaign, and the next government, will bring us closer together as a community where everybody counts” Mr Carter said.

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and finally.....

As I have said in several enews, I have almost come to the end of my 6 years as Australian SR coordinator, and as I do so I realize how much I have learnt and grown. It has been a huge privilege and during this time I have talked in over half the dioceses in Australia. BUT IT IS TIME FOR SOMEONE ELSE TO PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER IF GOD IS PROMPTING YOU TO TAKE ON THIS ROLE. Please contact me if you know of anyone who may just be that person.

In the meantime, after much prayer, reflection and discernment, I have accepted nomination as Australian President. I am aware of the responsibility this entails, and the amount of time it will take, but I have sought guidance from my regional bishop, my archbishop (who is also the Primate) and my wardens and parish council. Apart from my family they are the ones who will be most affected should I be elected, and in every case I have been greatly encouraged and supported. One of the reasons it feels so right is I believe it is time for someone who is in the paid workforce (albeit part time) to show that it is possible to be involved at this level to encourage newer members who are in paid employment to pursue this avenue.

May you be blessed in all you seek to do in God’s name,

