

**For all people of Presbyterian and cooperating congregations**

**in the Dunedin North Otago region**

**10am to 2.30 pm Saturday 9 June 2018**

**Weston Presbyterian Church near Oamaru**

**48 Main Road, Weston**

Many issues with which congregations engage locally are part of a wider pattern. Recent research in our Church has highlighted common themes amid our diversity. On this day we will explore them together in a way that helps us grow, encourage and lead together.

### **Speaking True, Seeking Hope**

In 2017 the Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership (KCML) commissioned research into the needs of leaders across the Church. Five themes emerged with which we wish to engage to help us act regionally and locally. It will be led by **Dr Rosemary Dewerse** who is the Thornton Blair Research Fellow at the KCML. Rosemary has participated in the Presbyterian Church from childhood. She has taught in theological colleges in New Zealand, in a Korean Presbyterian founded seminary in Central Asia and at the Uniting College for Leadership and Theology in Adelaide, Australia.

### **Women in ministry and leadership**

A research project has been under way over the past eighteen months, about the experience of women in various forms of ministry in the Presbyterian Church. This follows on from a similar survey conducted twenty-five years ago. The report based on this research is about to be published and offers us themes to explore as we continue on the journey of becoming and modelling to others a gender equal church.

Under these two headings, we will talk together about how, with mutual encouragement, we can take further steps with our congregations.

Lunch provided - \$10 each.

Participants are encouraged to car-share.

RSVP to [admin@knoxchurch.net](mailto:admin@knoxchurch.net) by Tuesday 5 June 2018

**Dunedin North Otago Resource Group**