

Greetings!

I'm pleased to launch pre-orders for *We're All Equally Human*, Book 2 of the Coffeeshop Conversations trilogy.

Equally Human aims to empathise with and educate both gay and straight, inside and outside organised religion.

It is intended to resource the church in its ongoing discussions about members of the rainbow community.

The importance of us *all* recognising each other as equally human whatever our orientation is re-affirmed here.

This debate has been present in New Zealand mainstream churches since the 1970s and has raged since 1991.

Public debates do not allow time and space for considered laying out of the relevant points nor exploration of underlying forces greater than all of us.

It has been a privilege to have time to investigate and write on this topic. You can help spread this resource to others not yet entirely convinced.

Take advantage of Susan's personal offer during April:
1 copy \$25, (\$29 posted); 2 copies each \$24; three copies, each \$23 in recognition those copies might be given away to further spread the conversation.
(4+ copies \$22.50 each).

P & P \$4 for 1-3 copies, \$7 for 4+ copies during April.

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(Or, buy one to read before ordering more to give away or sell on) Books available a week or so after Easter.

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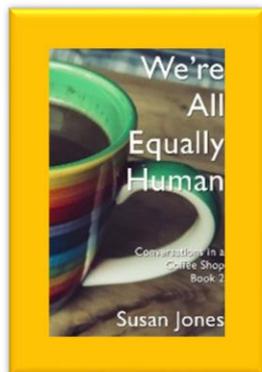
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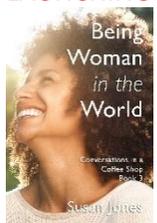


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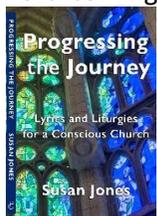
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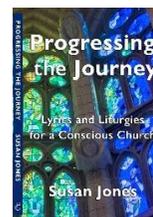
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Progressing the Journey

Lively congregations and alert leaders will welcome this collection of new hymns and original liturgies by a confident and experienced writer. The songs have a quiet eloquence, their language is simple and direct, and they deal with many of the real life issues which confront us in the 'new normal' world. That they are set to well-known tunes will make it easy to absorb them into a singing congregation's vocabulary of praise. The liturgies are fresh and vital in thought and language: a useful alternative to the sleepy long-established formulas which still clog our much-changed religious world. I strongly recommend Susan Jones' *Progressing on the Journey* and her deeply contemplated and whole-hearted expression of distinctive New Zealand themes and images; this is a very rich new spiritual resource for troubled times.

Colin Gibson, hymn writer and composer



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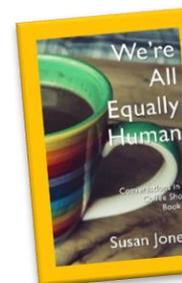
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Wherever you are, You are on the Journey

Susan Jones offers an oasis for those parched by long treks through dry lands. In conversational form she gently removes boundaries, encouraging people who may have found the whole issue of religion too difficult to navigate. What better setting than a coffee shop for renewing the search for faith in times when the quest for meaning seems to have become not only unfashionable but reactionary. Offering breadcrumbs of hope along the way, Jones informs, encourages, imagines, and enchants. She has faced the difficulties of authenticity herself and discovered a way to live redemptively in a complex world. A book of possibilities, and a conversation of genuine encounter. Buy one for yourself, and one to give away.

Mike Riddell, author and film maker



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We're All Equally Human

Like a mighty tortoise crawls the Church of God, brothers we are treading where we've always trod." This re-imagining of a line in the hymn Onward Christian Soldiers stuck an immediate chord. Underlying my reluctance to write a comment about Susan Jones' *We are all Equally Human*, Charity's journey raised buried emotions I had thought long dealt with. Journeying alongside Charity I was reminded once again that the cliched "coming out" is a life-long journey; it is one that we never grow out of. As Charity discovers each unexpected, if not surprising, response to her spiritual journey of self-recognition, her coffee conversations reveal rich insightful explanations. They move across cultural, historical, sociological, and importantly, biblical and theological pathways offering empathetic reassurance. I found myself saying yes and yes and finally Hallelujah! Susan Jones' *We are all Equally Human* removes the tension that surrounds religious debates on sexuality. It points to the significance that being "equally human" is also a life-long journey.
Yvonne Wilkie, former Archivist, author in the history of women in Religion.

Orders for copies of *Wherever you are, You are on the Journey* and *Progressing the Journey: Lyrics and Liturgy for a Conscious Church* can be added to orders for *We're All Equally Human*.