



PressGo



Presbyterian Church
of Aotearoa New Zealand

Annual Report 2017



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Grant Highlights for 2017

**Bethlehem
Community
Presbyterian
Church**
\$175,000

**St Andrew's
Presbyterian
Church, Marton**
\$19,000

**Whakatane
Presbyterian
Church**
\$34,000

**Knox-Oroua
Presbyterian
Church, Fielding**
\$4,000

**Christchurch
North / Kiwi
Church**
\$4,000

Images from a PressGo Year



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The PressGo Board was established by General Assembly in 2008 to support the growth of the church by facilitating a process to support new and innovative mission and outreach in New Zealand. We administer several mission funds which enable this to happen.

This year we were very pleased to make the first ever Aroha grant from the Mission Enterprise Fund. We were invited to partner with the Whakatane Presbyterian Church, Te Aka Puaho and Presbyterian Support Northern and support Te Taurahere Whatumanawa (Heart Strings) project in rural Taneatua. This outstanding project, based around establishing a community garden,

works on so many levels – addressing food insecurity, building horticulture skills and community involvement and proving to be a bridge into addressing the broader issues of poverty, with some practical skills such as budgeting advice. The grant provided by PressGo has made it possible to employ Rev Tamiana and Honey Thrupp, long-time residents of Taneatua, as project leaders. Rev Chris Barnard from Whakatane Presbyterian Church emphasises that it is a different model of mission than that practiced for the last 500 years and that “it’s not about being confined to four walls, but rather sharing the Gospel through love, acceptance and walking alongside people, reaching Taneatua one person, one household, one street at a time.”



Presbyterian Foundation Grants awarded 2016

A total of \$153,326 was allocated to projects from the Presbyterian Foundation funds in 2016. This includes \$131,859 of new grants, \$21,467 relating to past years' commitments and a further \$4,000 for small grants in 2017.

Following the decision of General Assembly 2016, the Presbyterian Foundation funds are now administered by PressGo and are used to fund Small Grant projects which focus on people to people ministry and new initiatives.

Ahuriri Puturino Presbyterian Church	Central	Children and Families worker	\$5,000
Cashmere Presbyterian Church	Alpine	Family Ministries worker	5,000
Chartwell Uniting Church	Kaimai	Youth and Family worker	5,000
East Taieri Presbyterian Church	Southern	Fresh Expressions Children and Families worker	10,000
St Andrew's Presbyterian Church (Evans Rd congregation)	Kaimai	Youth and family internships	5,000
Hope Presbyterian Church	Alpine	Pikoura Kids workers	10,000
Kaio Kerikeri Presbyterian Church	Northern	Cornerstone Host	10,000
Knox Presbyterian Church, Waitara	Central	Community Youth Strategy	18,000
Mahurangi Presbyterian Church	Northern	24/7 Youthwork	5,709
Mercury Bay Cooperating Church	Kaimai	Community Meals	5,000
Mercury Bay Cooperating Church	Kaimai	Mercury Bay Day Camp	5,000
St Alban's Uniting Church	Alpine	Community outreach	12,000
St Clare's Cooperating Church	Kaimai	Bottletop Café	5,000
St Paul's Cooperating Church, Opunake	Central	Mission Opunake	15,000
St Paul's Trinity Pacific Island Church, Christchurch	Alpine	Musika Pacifica	9,000
Wadestown Presbyterian Church	Central	Parents' Support Group	3,650
Whakatane Presbyterian Church	Kaimai	Heart to Heart Expo	3,500

Although these grants were made by an allocation panel prior to General Assembly agreeing to PressGo administering the Presbyterian Foundation, the evaluations of these projects come back to the PressGo Board and make very encouraging reading.

The focus of small grants is on people to people mission and ministry, and one of the things we see is when congregations take their first steps into mission with young people or with children and families is that they are helped by the focus that a dedicated worker can provide. Others have been doing this for years, so what is creative and new for them looks quite different. As the small grant process develops further we will be looking for projects which show congregations taking big steps in mission and when funding a staff

member is part of the project, we will expect to see significant support from the congregation in terms of committed funding, and strong volunteer support. It is important that staff are linked into other resources of the PCANZ too; such as PYM and Kids Friendly because one the main reasons such positions fail is due to isolation. Sometimes expectations on staff are so high that there is no time for them to form supportive networks and thus potentially great ministries burn out. PressGo is therefore keen to ensure that grant-making leads to sustainable outcomes.

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PressGo Grants awarded

1 July 2016 – 30 June 2017

August 2016	Knox-Oroua Presbyterian Church, Feilding	Involvement in 3dm leadership group as part of wider parish support in conjunction with Presbytery Central	\$2,500 from MEF
August 2016	KCML	Development of business case for KCML new seedlings initiative	\$15,000 from MEF
December 2016	St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Marton	Marton Youth and Family Initiative	\$19,000 from MEF
December 2016	Whakatane Presbyterian Church / Te Aka Puaho / Presbyterian Support Northern collaboration	Tu Taurahere Whatumanawa Initiative working with low-income families in Taneatua	\$34,000 from MEF (Aroha portion)
May 2017	Bethlehem Community Presbyterian Church (Kaimai)	Building for the Future – construction of auditorium and other community spaces	\$175,000 from MEF
May 2017	Six presbytery applications to be considered	New Mission Seedlings - \$25k p.a. for 6 seedlings for two years each to be set aside pending application by individual parish / Presbytery / KCML partnership	\$300,000 funds tagged and set aside in MEF
May 2017	Christchurch North / Kiwi Church (Alpine)	Support for 3DM leadership/discipleship training	\$4,000 from Presbyterian Foundation (PF) as Small Grant

The total grants agreed (previous page), excluding the Presbyterian Foundation 2016 grants noted earlier, total \$549,500. Of these \$245,500 was paid from the Mission Enterprise Fund to new projects by balance date, \$52,070 was distributed to projects from grants agreed to in previous years and \$300,000 is tagged to be paid over time as the relevant projects are approved and proceed. A \$4,000 small grant was from Presbyterian Foundation funds.

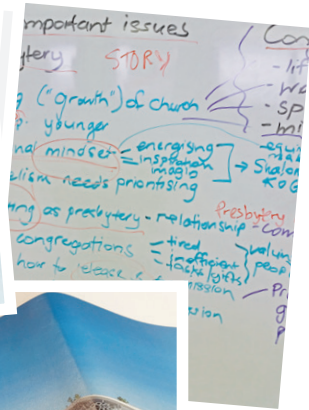
	MEF (Development)	MEF (Aroha)	Presbyterian Foundation (income only administered)	PressGo Fund invested	PressGo Operational funds	Total
Balance 1 July 2016	438,064	106,168	210,826	1,000,000	210,826	1,837,789
Funds introduced	439,446	113,180	75,935		49,274	677,835
Admin / Operations			-2,500		-171,329	-173,829
Grants paid			-153,326		-295,081	-448,407
Interest received	16,700	4,140	2,918		1,796	25,554
Donations received					109,770	109,770
Transfer for allocation	-263,570	-34,000			297,570	-
Balance 30 June 2017	630,640	189,488	133,853	1,000,000	74,740	2,028,721
Less Commitments	-300,000				-16,269	-316,269
Available funds	330,640	189,488	133,853	1,000,000	58,472	1,712,452

What does PressGo do?

PressGo has a role to foster change and growth in the PCANZ. The PressGo Board administers two main funding streams: the Mission Enterprise Fund and the Presbyterian Foundation. PressGo is one of the ways we as Presbyterians collectively fund promising mission and growth ideas.

We have three strands to our work: capacity building, inspiring mission and seed funding. While it is the latter that is of great interest to many congregations, it is our work in capacity building and inspiring mission that is proving to be most useful and, as this work is sometimes of a sensitive nature, the following is indicative of the activities the Board and Catalyst have been involved in over the last year.

- Provide assistance with a Mission Plan for multiple congregations
- Facilitate discernment process for Church Council
- Help identifying options regarding church development options
- Guidance on funding sources and case development for best result
- Help review mission plan and other documents for Presbytery
- Provide advice for parishes with earthquake strengthening to undertake – explore options
- Help parishes investigate the consequences of establishing separate Trusts for community mission activities
- Asked to advise on role of church campsites in Presbytery mission plans
- Provide information on “new expressions” within PCANZ to parishes looking for examples of good practice and process in listening, imagining and trialling
- Encouraged on-going work around missional imagination for a potential “turnaround” congregation
- Liaison with variety of Asian parishes and ministries regarding possible collaborative project
- Discussions with potential stakeholders regarding “new plants” and “fresh expressions”
- Facilitate operational review to highlight structural issues, and work with parish to resolve
- Advise on staff structure to achieve mission goals, review job descriptions etc to advance



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- Connect up various interest groups related to inner-city mission and inter-faith conversations and activities
- Co-present three-day stream at GA16 looking at contextualised expressions of mission within the PCANZ
- Assist with funding applications by parishes to sources outside PCNZ
- Work with clusters of parishes which are looking at working together
- (short of amalgamation) and explore options
- Contribute to blogs and print media on mission, fundraising, philanthropy and Christian Giving
- Speak or give workshops at regional Presbytery and national PCANZ and UCANZ forums
- Develop a Christian Giving resource for use in parishes

It's quite a list isn't it? The PressGo Catalyst is open to invitations from congregations and presbyteries to meet, facilitate a planning or discernment process, or to explore options for the future.

Bethlehem Community Church

The PressGo Board allocated \$175,000 from the Mission Enterprise Fund to Bethlehem Church, near Tauranga, this year.

This church was planted in 2008 and has received strong support from within the PCANZ since then. At that time the building was completed to stage 1 and worship took place in the church foyer. The stage 2 vision of developing an auditorium and expanding the children's church and community areas were the basis of their "Building the Future" project, which was enthusiastically supported by the PressGo Board.

Congregational giving set the pace for the \$1m project and when other community grants are received, the target will be achieved and building will commence. In their letter to PressGo, acknowledging the grant, the leaders of the church thank PressGo (and everyone who contributed to the Mission Enterprise Fund) for "this generous grant which allows us to follow the original vision of the founding members, our congregation and those who had the faith and foresight to purchase the land back in the 1960s for the future Bethlehem Community Church".



Thank you for playing your part

Without the legacy funding of the church, PressGo would not be able to achieve any of this, so it is important to record our thanks to the many congregations who contributed 10% of their property sales to the Mission Enterprise Fund, to the individuals who have consistently supported PressGo and to the congregations that faithfully donate each year. Along with the historic

funds in the PressGo Fund and the Presbyterian Foundation, these donations and contributions show the spirit of generosity we hope to encourage in all congregations. We also acknowledge the project funding received from Council for World Mission (CWM) in helping cover operational expenses. Thank you all!

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I showed God my plans

I showed God my plans
and God smiled ear to ear,
as if being presented
with a child's first poem.

I showed God my plans
and God wept,
knowing the precious under pressure
is fragile and easily breaks.

I showed God my plans
and God asked some questions,
wanting to save me from myself
yet enjoying my imagination.

I showed God my plans
and God laughed,
knowing that no plan
ever survives its paper.

I showed God my plans
and we danced
them off the page
and into a world in waiting.
And one day,
when I was ready,
I asked for God's plan.
There were no instructions
but a canvass,
an artist still at work,
a smile of delight,
tears,
laughter,
questions,
an imagination
and a dance.

Andrew Norton
New Year's Day 2014

One of the ways that Presbyteries, Church Property Trustees and PressGo can understand and interpret the role each congregation is called to take in God's mission, is through the production of a Mission Plan.

Sometimes this is a very simple process, other times it is as rigorous as a strategic plan or a business case. Whatever the model employed, we encourage congregations to hold a plan lightly as a document which records their discernment of God's mission in their particular neighbourhood at a particular time. This verse gives some sense of the joy of discernment.



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