

What's the process?

- ⇒ Churches and individuals are invited to donate, adding to the \$2 million kickstart from the sale of Laughton House.
- ⇒ Churches, presbyteries or synods with promising growth projects request an application pack. Advice on completing applications is available from the Finance Manager.
- ⇒ The Press Go board allocates money based on the Press Go criteria.
- ⇒ Donations are matched to specific projects, with donors receiving regular, detailed information about the progress.
- ⇒ The wider Church is kept up to date through *Spanz* and www.presbyterian.org.nz/pressgo

Who makes the decisions?

The Press Go board assesses applications against the Press Go criteria, which you can find online at www.presbyterian.org.nz/pressgo

The Press Go board is:

- ⇒ Rev Ray Coster (convenor)
- ⇒ Neville Guy
- ⇒ Dr John Kernohan
- ⇒ Rev Andrew Norton
- ⇒ Lisa Wells

Board members' profiles are online at www.presbyterian.org.nz/pressgo

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to help shape
our future**



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Press Go
Presbyterian Church
of Aotearoa New Zealand

Why Press Go?

Pockets of our Church are growing, constrained only by lack of resources. But collectively we are rich, with the cash investments of congregations growing by \$50m in the past five years to a total of \$120m.

At the moment we have no way to collectively fund promising growth initiatives. Press Go enables this sharing of resources, and encourages everyone to become part of the mission of the wider Church. Like the Christian church in many Western countries, we're weathering a period of decline. But we can also see signs of energy and revitalisation.

Our Church was shaped during a different era, when Christianity was at the centre of Western society. We're proud of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand's history, and of the sacrifices that our forebears made to plant our churches. Like them, we create the church that future generations inherit.

Every week, we dedicate our individual and collective resources to God. We have all the resources that we need to support dynamic mission projects.

We know the conditions that nurture growth; we can identify projects that will succeed through recognition of the qualities that successful ministries share. These include: the belief we're here for others, not ourselves; a readiness to try something new; a strong administrative structure that supports a team of gifted leaders; worship reflecting the culture and context of the target congregation; a commitment to children and young people; the provision of warm hospitality in a welcoming environment.

Projects with these qualities need access to resources. General Assembly 2008 gave Press Go resounding support and encouraged all congregations to contribute at least a 1 percent return on investment assets.

Applications to Press Go will be assessed by the Press Go board against criteria developed through wide consultation. We will monitor every Press Go project closely, and provide both the wider Church and donors with regular updates. Every donor will receive specific information about the project that their gift makes possible.

Please support Press Go

You and your church can get involved by contributing money, prayer, advice or ideas; or by applying to Press Go to fund your growth project. Press Go needs your help to build the Presbyterian Church of the future.

