

## Friday 29 September

### Moderator designate announced

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The Rev Peter Dunn has been elected Moderator Designate for General Assembly. Peter addressed the Assembly, read or download his [address here](#) and watch video (coming soon). You can read more about Peter on the PCANZ website [here](#).

### GA23 business

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The summary of today's business is provided by the Assembly Business Work Group. For context, see the recorded video of daily GA business below when it is available.

#### Proposal F3: Earthquake-prone buildings policy (resumed from previous session)

Rev David Williams moved and it was seconded. Assembly engaged in a period of debate. The motion was carried

[23.052] That the Assembly request the Church Property Trustees to review and update the requirements of the earthquake-prone Buildings Policy (dated November 2022) and align their policy requirements pertaining to Earthquake Strengthening with those of the Building (Earthquake-prone Buildings Amendment Act 2016) and the relevant local authority.

## Interchurch Council for Hospital Chaplaincy

Mr Barry Fisk, CEO of the Interchurch Council for Hospital Chaplaincy, spoke to the report of the Council and responded to questions.

Mr Fisk moved, it was seconded.

[23.040] That the Assembly affirm the ministry of the Interchurch Hospital Chaplaincy and commend this to church councils.

Assembly engaged in a period of debate. The motion was carried.

[23.041] That the Assembly invite the Doctrine Core Group to respond to the invitation to make comment to the Interchurch Council for Hospital Chaplaincy on the matter of including chaplains of other faiths and beliefs.

## Presbyterian Support

Mr Jim Berry, Manukura for Presbyterian Support New Zealand, was associated with the Assembly for the purpose of the Presbyterian Support New Zealand report. Andrew Johnstone, Chair of Presbyterian Support New Zealand, and Prudence Stone, Executive Officer for Presbyterian Support New Zealand spoke to the report and responded to questions.

Ms Stone moved, it was seconded.

[23.045] That the Council of Assembly be asked to consider the successes within the innovative partnership between Presbyterian Support and the Presbyterian Church and lift its support, in the next budget round, of the Church's annual contributions to PresCare.

Assembly engaged in a period of debate. The motion was agreed.

## Assembly Executive Secretary

The Clerk of Assembly moved a number of changes to the Book of Order regulations from his report to Assembly be adopted, these were agreed.

The Clerk of Assembly also moved, and it was seconded and agreed

[23.032] That, pursuant to the Presbyterian Church Property Act 1930, the following be the Commission with Assembly powers to deal with such matters as may be submitted to it by the Church Property Trustees under Section 5 of the Amendment Act 1914 and to be the Commission under section 7 of the Presbyterian Church Property Amendment Act 1996 to consider applications under Part 1 of the Act:

The Rt Rev Rose Luxford (Moderator); Very Rev Hamish Galloway; Mrs Fiona Coughlan, Revs Anne Stewart, Sage Harris, Brett Walker, Richard McLean, Messrs Simon Shaw, Andrew Irwin and Assembly Executive Secretary, Associate: Executive Officer of the Presbyterian Church Property Trustees.

## Nominating Committee

Leave was granted to amend this report. Rev Alan Judge moved, it was seconded and agreed

[23.042] That the membership of national church committees, work groups and other nationally appointed bodies be as set out in the appendix, as amended, to the report of the Nominating Committee

[\* indicates new appointment]

### **Council of Assembly**

Convenor: Katerina Solomona (2023-27) Deputy Convenor: Rev Roxy Gahegan\* (2023-27).  
Members: Grant Holland\* (Alpine Presbytery 2023-27), Rev Mo Morgan (Central Presbytery 2021-25), .....(Pacific Presbytery 2023-27), Rev Andrew Scott\* (Southern Presbytery 2023-

27), Honey Thrupp (Te Aka Puaho 2021-25), Marion Sanders (Kaimai Presbytery 2021-25), Rev Dr Colin Marshall (Northern Presbytery 2021-25), Rev Micah Tang\* (Asian Congregations 2023-27), Rev Ryhan Prasad (Leadership Sub-committee 2021-25), Craig Donaldson (Resource Sub-committee 2021-25), Right Rev Rose Luxford (Moderator of General Assembly). Associates: Moderator of Te Aka Puaho, Moderator of Pacific Presbytery, Assembly Executive Secretary, Church Property Trustees representative, Synod of Otago & Southland representative.

### **Leadership Sub-committee**

Convenor: Rev Ryhan Prasad\* (2021-25) Deputy Convenor: .....(2023-27). Members: Honey Thrupp (Te Aka Puaho 2021-25), Brad Kelderman (2021- 25), Rev Prof Paul Trebilco (2021-25), David Dally (2021-25), Dr Andrew Hill\* (2023-27), Rev Dr Bonnie Robinson\* (2023-27), Rev Esther Sabey\* (2023-27), Sharon Spragg\* (2023-27), Rev Ed Masters\* (2023-27), Chris Lamborne\* (2023-27), Rev Tom Mepham\* (2023-27) .....(Pacific Presbytery 2023-27). Associates: Assembly Executive Secretary, KCML Principal; Synod of Otago & Southland.

### **Resource Sub-committee**

Convenor: Craig Donaldson\* (2021-25) Deputy Convenor .....(2023-27). Members: Eli Elikana (Pacific Presbytery 2023-25 2 year extension), Tania-Rose Taitoko (Te Aka Puaho 2018-25), Martyn Vincent (2021-25), Rev Tom Waight (2021-25), Fritsen Kristiano\* (2023-27), Ann McMillan\*(2023-27). Associates: Synod of Otago & Southland; Church Property Trustees; PCANZ Finance Manager, Assembly Executive Secretary

### **National Assessment Work Group**

Co-convenors: Rev Douglas Bradley(2021-25), Rev Mike Kirkby-Sing (2023-2027)\* Members: .....(Te Aka Puaho 2016-23), Soomemea Faatui (Pacific Presbytery 2021-25), Margaret van Ginkel (2023-2025 2 year extension), Laurie Mills (2023-25 2 year extension), Brent Richardson (2021-25), Paula Levy (2021-25), Jin Sook Kim\* (Asian Congregations 2023-27), Rob Pendreigh\*(2023-27), Cathy Fraser\*(2023-27), Amanda Guy\*(2023-27), Rob Williams\*(2023-27). Associates: Principal KCML, Leadership Sub-committee.

### **Book of Order Advisory Committee**

Convenor: Rev Dr Kerry Enright\* (2023-2025), Deputy Convenor: Rev Peter McKenzie\*(2023-2027). Members: Jordan Grimmer (2023-25, 2 year extension), Rev Brett Johnstone (2023-25 2 year extension), Andrew Irwin\* (2023-27), Efi Efaraimo (2021-25), Peter Weir\* (2023-27), Anna High (2023-25), Mayhaka Mendis (2023-25), Very Rev Dr Graham Redding (2023-25). Associates: Assembly Executive Secretary, Book of Order Advisor.

### **Personnel Work Group**

Convenor: Rev Stuart Simpson\* (2023-27), Deputy Convenor .....: Members: Rev Rainier Raath (2021-25), Lois Robertson (2021-25), Anesi Tauasili\* (2023-27), Rev Christine Sorenson\*(2023-27), Rev Gene Lawrence\*(2023-27).

### **Assembly Business Work Group (for 2023 Assembly)**

Convenor: Rev Alistair McBride (2018-23) Deputy Convenor. Members: Rev Heather Kennedy (2018-23), Rev Dan Spragg\* (2023-27). Rev Richard Gray (2023). Associates: Clerk of Assembly, Deputy Clerk of Assembly.

### **Assembly Business Work Group (for 2025 Assembly)**

Convenor: To be determined from the members. Members: Rev Shona Bettany\* (2023-27), Rev Anne Stewart\* (2023-27), Rev Dan Spragg (2023-27), Gerald Broadfield\* (2023-27). Associates: Clerk of Assembly, Deputy Clerk of Assembly.

### **Doctrine Core Reference Group**

Convenor: Rev Prof Murray Rae (2021-25) Deputy Convenor: Rev Dr Fei Taulealeausumai (2021-25). Members: Aaron Geddis (2023-25 2 year extension), Rev Malcolm Gordon (2021-25), Rev Dr Jordan Redding (2021-25), Margaret van Ginkel (2021-25), Timothy Lim\*(2023-27), Rev Mark Maney\*(2023-27), Rev David Williams\*(2023-27).

### **Church Architecture Reference Group**

Auckland: Roger Low; Wellington: John Grant, Ric Slessor; Christchurch: Rev Stephanie Wells, Rev Dugald Wilson, Gordon Galkie.

### **PressGo Board**

Chair: Very Rev Hamish Galloway\* (2023-27) Deputy Chair: Anne Overton (2021- 25). Members: Rev Mahaki Albert (Te Aka Puaho 2021-25), Hannah North\*(2023-27), Rev Pennie Otto (2021-25), Rev Won Hyuk Jung\*(2023-27). Associate: Assembly Executive Secretary.

### **UCANZ Standing Committee**

Members: Rev Stephanie Wells (2023-25 2 year extension), Rev Hanna Popea-Dell\* (2023-27).

### **Judicial Panel**

Makesi Alatimu, Wendy Aldred, Barry Ayres, Frazer Barton, Liliias Bell, David Carden, Roy Christian, Vivian Coleman, Mavis Duncanson, Rachel Dewar, Kerry Enright, Richard Fowler, Lorraine Francis, Mary Gibbs, Carol Grant, Richard Gray, Diane Gilliam-Weeks, Annette Hannah, Bruce Hansen, Bruce Harris, Tausala Iosefa, Andrew Irwin, Brett Johnstone, Tokerau Joseph, Fakaofu Kaio, Allister Lane, Alistair McBride, Robyn McPhail, Garry Marquand, Norman MacLean, Sylvia Miller-Hardie, Ron Mills, Cherie Moran, Nyalle Paris, Nathan Parry, Stephanie Pettigrew, Joanna Pidgeon, Alex Robinson, Michaela Ryan, Alastair Sherriff, Pamela Tankersley, Wayne Thompson, Ikipa Tongatule, Marilyn Wallace, Nicola Watkin, Peter Whiteside, Dugald Wilson, Virginia Wilson.

### **Church Property Trustees**

Chair: Rev Dr Ron Mills (until November 2023) Andrew Souness (from November 2023), Deputy Chair: Andrew Souness (until November 2023). Trustees: Paul Barber, Marie Burgess, Helen Carter, Brian Dangerfield, Margaret Galt, Roger Gyles, John Harvey, Hao Hoang, Alan Jamieson, Lyn Murray. Trustees on Leave of Absence: Right Rev Rose Luxford, Winston Timaloa. Associate Specialist Trustee: Ruth Rainey

It was noted that Church Property Trustee appointments are open ended, and only new trustees are appointed by Assembly. It was reported that the following trustees had retired since the last General Assembly: Rev Chris Elliott.

## Proposal F1: Bi-lingual Bible

Rev Ryhan Prasad spoke to this proposal and responded to questions.

Rev Prasad moved, it was seconded

[23.049] That the Church recognise the 2022 Bi-lingual edition of Te Paipera Tapu as its preferred Bible for use in worship throughout the country.

Assembly engaged in a period of debate. The motion was agreed

## Proposal F2: Church Council Quorum

Rev Stuart Simpson moved, it was seconded

[23.050] That the quorum requirement for a church council be eased to allow the absence of a minister in some circumstances.

After a period of debate, the matter was suspended.

## In brief...

There was a Presbytery Central presentation by Rev Stuart Simpson; Kaimai Presbytery presentation by Rev Simon Cornwall and Rev Reece Frith; overseas guests were introduced to the Assembly - Rev Collin Keleb, General Secretary Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu, Mrs Roslyne Keleb, Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu PWMU president, and Mrs Rossie Caleb, principal Onesua High School, and Collin and Rossie spoke to the Assembly; Rev Andrew Doubleday the Missions Facilitator for Uniting Congregations Aotearoa New Zealand was introduced to the Assembly; and the new executive officer for Christian World Service Dr Tim Pratt was invited to speak to the Assembly about the work of his organisation.

## Video: GA23 business sessions

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Watch video of GA23 Friday morning business below - afternoon sessions to come.

- Morning session 1 video, up to morning tea time. [watch here](#)
- Morning session 2 video, up to lunch time. [watch here](#)

## Video: Worship

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[Watch here the video of Worship](#) led by Rev Joshua Joseph Tepou on the second day of GA business.



## Video: Second keynote address: Rev Dr Andrew Callander

Rev Dr Andrew Callander gave his second keynote address which speaks to Rose's Moderator theme, "Authentic and Hopeful in Christ – beginning with what is *life-giving*". [Watch the video or download it here.](#) Andrew says he attended a workshop with Rose and was especially struck by a reading by Rob Voyle, "An Appreciative Inquiry Paradigm for Transitional Ministry". Appreciative Inquiry is a strengths-based idea—that focusing on what is working for people empowers them to imagine and incarnate life-giving ways of being and doing, whereas focusing on what is wrong locks them into unproductive cycles of failure and shame.... Download full text of Andrew's keynote addresses [here.](#)



## PCANZ ministry videos

The Presbyterian Church Schools Resource Office video was played at Assembly today giving a brief overview of the their work and people - watch the video below. <https://vimeo.com/866145822>



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Resource Office



## Video: GA evening event: CoA Emissions Reductions Workgroup workshop

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An evening where stories were shared, good news stories from across the country of Presbyterians involved in grassroots projects that promote emissions reductions, connect with their faith, and point to the hope that we all have in the coming Reign of God. After requests for the videos that were shown, the Group is happy to share the following links:

- Not for profit entity Manaaki Energy –St Andrews Hastings and the Maori Climate Commissioner, [watch video](#) and [download information](#).
- Ngaio Union Repair café, [watch video](#).
- Bathgate School Garden, Seedling Community, South Dunedin, [watch video](#).
- “We Can Produce Our Own Power” Documentary by 350 Aotearoa, [watch video](#).