



Thursday 23 October 2025

Please note that only the Opening Service and Closing Service will be live during GA25, however, there will be recorded video of daily business shared here as it becomes available. As per GA23, there will not be a series of GA news emails but instead a daily summary of key decisions as noted by the Assembly Business Work Group during business.

- See links for daily summaries, GA25 video channel, photos, and the Moderator's opening and closing service messages on the [PCANZ website here](#).
- See Assembly minutes on the [GA25 website](#)

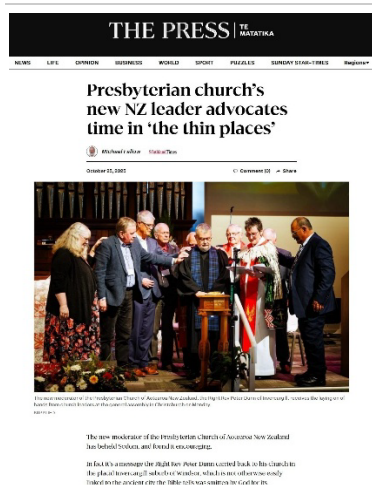
GA25 Closing Service Thurs 23 October 2025

Watch below or [download here](#) the GA25 Closing Service. From 11.45am on Thursday 23 October you were able to watch the General Assembly Closing Service live.

[Download here](#) a pdf of the Moderator Right Rev Peter Dunn's closing service message.



Moderator in the News



On 25 October, our new Moderator Rt Rev Peter Dunn was interviewed for a profile in [The Press](#) Christchurch, [The Southland Times](#), and [The Waikato Times](#), "Presbyterian church's new NZ leader advocates time in 'the thin places'".



On 23 October our Moderator Right Rev Peter Dunn was interviewed in the [Southland Express](#) newspaper - see the [story online here](#) the story also appears on the [Otago Daily Times website](#). Our Moderator has also been covered in [Anglican Life](#) and [CWM News](#).

GA25 Thurs 23 Oct: Day 4, video 1, morning worship and business

Watch below or [download here](#) Day 4, video 1.



General Assembly Review (rescheduled from the previous day)

Rec 026a. Lost: That a task group be formed to expand on the work done in 1998 on models of consensus decision-making and how we could begin to implement this in our life together.

Rec 026b. Lost: That the consensus decision-making task group consult with Te Aka Puahou and the Uniting Church in Australia in the first instance.

Rec 091. Agreed: That the General Assembly Review Group be thanked and discharged.

Leadership Sub-committee

Rec 039. Agreed: That Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership be given responsibility for the training and the period of probation of a candidate for local ordained ministry, and the Book of Order be amended accordingly.

The legislative changes regarding the Book of Order from the above agreed recommendation were all passed.

GA25 Thurs 23 Oct: Day 4, video 2, business

Watch below or [download here](#) Day 4, video 2.



Leadership Sub-committee

Rec 040. Carried: That local ordained ministry candidates be assessed using the national assessment selection process.

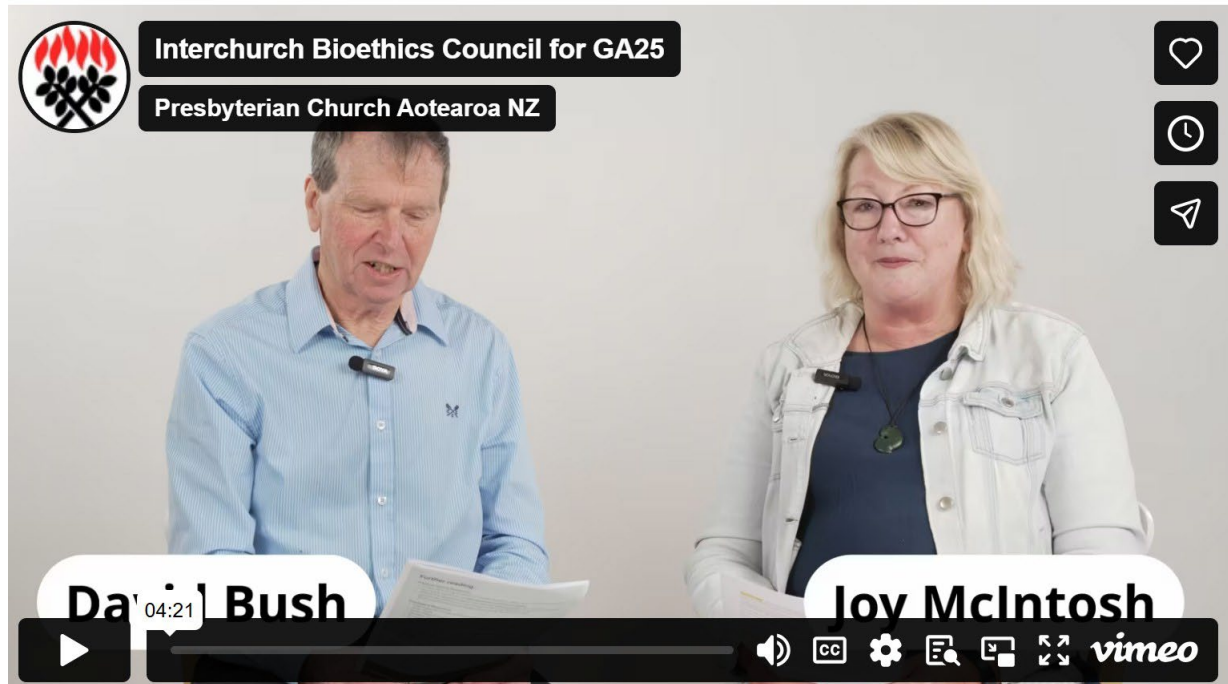
Rec 041a. Agreed: That the decision of the 2022 Assembly to amend the requirements for the reception of ministers of other denominations to the Ministerial Roll to include "an approved induction programme to be completed within the first year of reception" be fallen from.

Rec 041b. Agreed: That the requirement for 12 months prior membership of a Presbyterian congregation be reinstated for reception of ministers from other denominations to the Ministerial Roll.

Remaining business

Carried: AES moved that all remaining business be moved to the COA: recommendations 074, 075, 076, 068, 082-086.

Interchurch Bioethics Council



Watch the Interchurch Bioethics Council video address created for the Assembly [here](#) or below. Read the InterChurch Bioethics Council's 2025 practical resource (led by Rev Dr Jordan Redding) on *Churches and Climate Adaptation*. The reality of climate change can awaken feelings of anxiety and despair. As church communities it is hard to know how to respond. However, while climate change will undoubtedly happen to us, we are not merely passive sufferers. We have agency – both as individuals and communities – to respond to climate change and prepare for its impacts...[download the resource here](#).

PCANZ White Ribbon



2025 White Ribbon call to action

Sacred Spaces, Sacred Lives: From Silence to Action

Watch the PCANZ White Ribbon video address created for the Assembly [here](#) or below. The PCANZ theme for White Ribbon Day 25 November is "Sacred Spaces, Sacred Lives". For GA25, PCANZ White Ribbon supplied all Commissioners with PCANZ White Ribbon branded Fair Trade unbleached organic cotton eco tote bags which contained a PCANZ White Ribbon pamphlet and poster. PCANZ White Ribbon will be sending parishes resources for White Ribbon Day 25 November soon, see the [website here](#) which will be updated soon.

Ministry videos and greetings created for the Assembly

[Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu greetings to GA25](#)



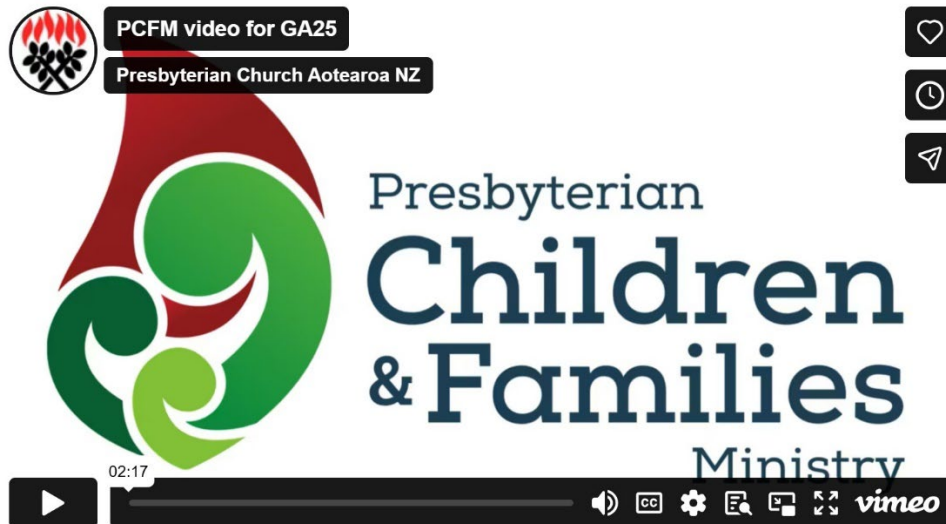
[Global Mission video for GA25](#)



[Knox Centre Ministry and Leadership \(KCML\) GA25](#)



[Presbyterian Children and Families Ministry \(PCFM\) video for GA25](#)



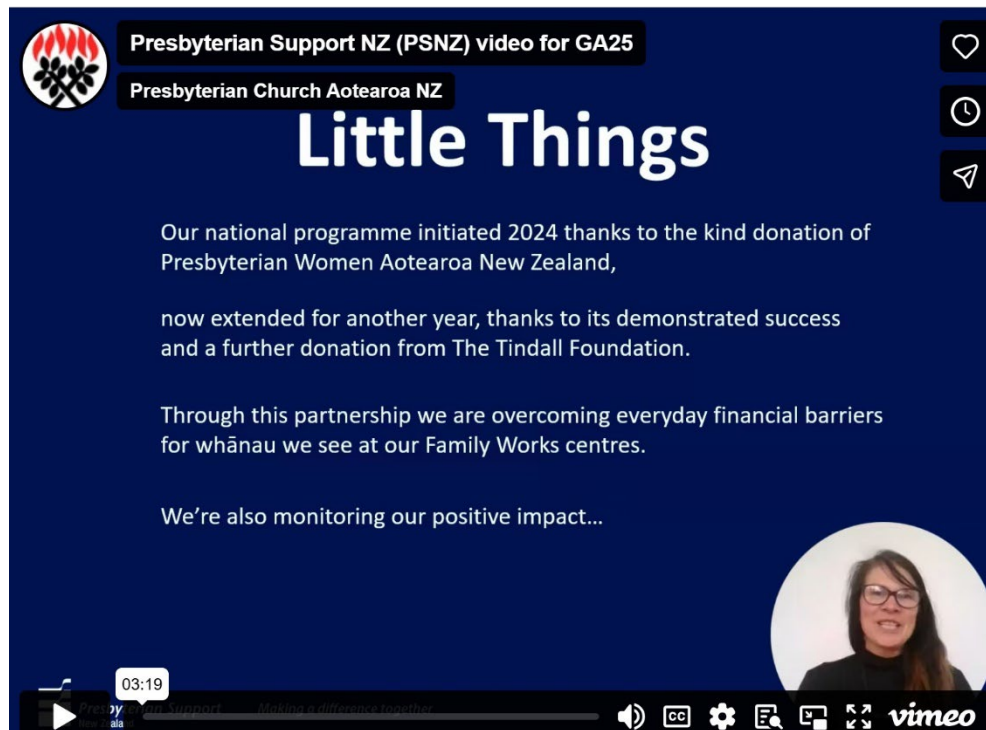
[Presbyterian Church Schools' GA25 video](#)



[CWS greetings to the Assembly](#)



[Presbyterian Support NZ \(PSNZ\) video for GA25](#)



[PCANZ Finance & Operations team video \(2023\)](#)

