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**Minutes of Session 1 of the 2014 General Assembly  
Saint Kentigern College, 130 Pakuranga Road, Auckland.  
Saturday 4 October, 9.00 am**

The ministers and ruling elders of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand, elected as representative members of the General Assembly, together with associate and observer members, convened pursuant to the appointment of the General Assembly meeting at Rotorua, October 2012.

The Assembly was welcomed by representatives of the tangata whenua, and Northern Presbytery.

The Right Rev Ray Coster, outgoing Moderator of the General Assembly, constituted the Assembly with prayer and led public worship.

The Assembly Clerk, the Rev Martin Baker, moved, it was seconded and agreed:

[14.001] That the Roll of the Assembly, as laid on the table, be accepted.

### **Roll of the 2014 General Assembly**

**Moderator:** Right Rev Andrew Norton

**Assembly Clerk:** Rev Martin Baker

#### Christchurch Presbytery

Elders: Mr Alan Cooke, Mr Denis Elvidge, Mrs Lindsay Evans, Mr Alan Ferguson, Mrs Pamela McKeachie, Ms Ann McMillan, Mrs Sue Missen, Mr John Robinson, Miss Elizabeth Taggart, Miss Liz Whitehead

Ministers: Rev Makesi Alatimu, Rev Chris Elliot, Rev Hamish Galloway, Rev Phyllis Harris, Rev Peter Jackson, Rev Dr Alan Missen, Rev Dr Andrew Nicol, Rev Dr Blair Stirling, Rev Arii Taimataora, Rev Dugald Wilson

Youth: Mr Jonathan Barb, Mr Sage Harris

#### Gisborne-Hawke's Bay Presbytery

Elders: Mrs Christine Gould, Dr Stephen Jenkinson, Mrs Michelle Loveday, Mr Stewart Patrick, Mr Richard Rangihuna, Mrs Pam Thrupp, Mr Bruce Tucker

Ministers: Rev Fraser Paterson, Rev Ian Pimm

#### Kaimai Presbytery

Elders: Mr Leslie Allan, Mr Neil Colyer, Ms Carolyn Costley, Dr Tim Lee, Mr Howard Marsters, Mr Dennis McFarland, Mr Bill McKinnon, Mrs Ann Owen, Mrs Dawn Phillips, Mr Graham Robertson, Mrs Cathy Rogers, Mrs Dawne Ross, Mr Butch Rothman, Mrs Elaine Torrance, Mr Charlie Turia, Mr Ian Wards, Mrs Margaret Whiting

Ministers: Rev Chris Barnard, Rev Simon Cornwall, Rev Reece Frith, Rev Fergus Keith, Rev Ed Masters, Rev Alistair McBride, Rev Simon McLeay, Rev Wilson Orange, Rev Mary Petersen, Rev Ian Pittendreich, Rev John Rush, Rev Heather Simpson, Rev Lance Thomas, Rev Mike Uttley, Rev Jim Wallace, Rev Tony Westcott, Rev Dr Mario Weyers

Youth: Miss Lily Marstorp

Manawatu Wanganui Presbytery

Elders: Mrs Diana Baird, Ms Stephanie Crow, Mrs Nancy Hazeleger, Mrs Jenny O'Leary, Mr Max Restieaux, Ms Sue Swinbourne

Ministers: Rev Phil Bettany, Rev Steve Jourdain, Rev Hamish Kirk, Rev Gene Lawrence, Rev Chris Purdie, Rev Phil Warner

Youth: Miss Michal Baken, Miss Jasmin Vanderwerff

Nelson-Marlborough Presbytery

Elders: Mr Stuart Borlase, Mr Donald Brooker, Mrs Beth Campbell

Ministers: Rev Alistair McNaughton, Rev Brendan O'Hagan, Rev Jonathan Parkes, Rev Ralph Penno, Rev Johanna Warren

Youth: Mr Conrad Demmocks

Northern Presbytery

Elders: Mrs Jean Allan, Mr David Anstiss, Mrs Alyson Atchison, Mr Michael Bain, Mrs Francine Benefield, Mr Rod Biel, Mrs Nooroa Blenkarn, Mr Malcolm Boyd, Mr Ed Brown, Mr Matt Cave, Mrs Lauren de Chalain, Mr Keith Denne, Mr Brian Derrick, Mr Rennie Douglas, Mr Bruce Eirena, Miss Tuliloa Fa'amamafa, Ms Teresa Folau, Mrs Ailsa Freeman, Mr Alistaire Hall, Mrs Stephanie Hansen, Mrs Liz Hansen, Mrs Denise Hunter, Mr William Kang, Mr Tanupo Maiuu, Mr John McGregor, Mr Malcolm McLeod, Mr Nomairaro Melota, Mr Dan Mills, Dr Malcolm Milmine, Mr Trevor Moran, Mrs Cherie Moran, Chang Kyun Nam, Mr Bruce Sowerby, Mr Ross Sutherland, Mr Bryan Thompson, Mr Robert Tingey, Mr Iona Togipau, Mr Ikipa Puletaoki Tongatule, Miss Aliitasi Tugaga

Ministers: Rev Johnvin Anugraha, Rev Hilary Beresford, Rev Glynn Cardy, Rev Matt Chapman, Rev Mark Chapman, Rev Warren Deason, Rev Ben Dykman, Rev Mika Fa'amausili, Rev Martin Fey, Rev Kevin Finlay, Rev Lorraine Francis, Rev Kevyn Harris, Rev Tani Haunga, Rev Fakafo Kaio, Rev Emma Keown, Rev Dr Stuart Lange, Rev Alisa Lasi, Rev James Lee, Rev Doug Lendrum, Rev John MacDonald, Rev Kontiki Makani, Rev John Malcolm, Very Rev Garry Marquand, Mr Gary Mauga, Rev Dr Robyn McPhail, Rev Ron Mills, Rev Geoff New, Rev Mary Nicholas, Rev Robin Palmer, Rev Rob Pettersen, Rev Kent Potter, Rev Sa Si'itia-Asi, Rev Tony Spadow, Rev Pauline Stewart, Rev Iona Su'a, Rev Micah Tang, Rev Peter Temita, Rev Wayne Toleafoa, Rev Tom Waight, Rev Sandra Warner, Rev Nikki Watkin, Rev Mark Wen, Rev Enere Wichman

Youth: Ms Masele Bakulich, Mr Duane Deetlefs, Ms Rosita Euini, Miss Emma Howden, Mr Young Jin Kim, Miss Matalena Samuelu, Miss Abigail Suwantika, Mrs Angel Swasbrook

Pacific Islands Synod

Elders: Mr Ioane Iosua, Mrs Fia Mitimiti, Mr Muli'aga Savai'inaea, Mrs Emi Suanui

Ministers: Rev Ngatokotoru Ine, Rev Apa Leali'ifano, Rev Robert Robati-Mani, Rev Leiite Setefano, Rev Ere Talagi-Ikitoelagi, Rev Pelu Tuai

Youth: Miss Naama Ine, Mr Meauli Seuala

Presbyterian Women of Aotearoa New Zealand

Ms Lafulafu Vanilla Ekenasio, Mrs Leautuli'ilagi Sauvao

### South Canterbury Presbytery

Elders: Mrs Valmay Rayner, Mrs Esther Sabey, Mr Alistair Young

Ministers: Rev Indrea Alexander, Rev Neil Cowie, Rev Les Gosling, Rev Dr Susan Jones

Youth: Mr John Simpson

### Southern Presbytery

Elders: Mr Alistair Calvert, Ms Joyce Campbell, Mrs Debra Clark, Mr Nigel Crocombe, Mr Craig Donaldson, Mrs Christine Hansen, Mrs Margaret Hill, Mrs Sandra Hunger, Mr Ross Johnston, Mrs Lee Kearon, Mrs Teina Marie, Ms Bronwyn McCall, Mrs Helen McLeish, Mr João Petrecelli, Mr Fergus Sime, Mr Murray Smith, Mr Philip Somerville, Mr Anthony Blake Soper, Mrs Deborah Taylor, Mrs Pauline White, Mr Peter Whitlock, Mrs Jane Wilden, Mrs Avis Williamson

Ministers: Rev Chris Burgin, Very Rev Peter Cheyne, Rev John Daniel, Rev Tony Dawson, Rev Richard Dawson, Rev Dr Kerry Enright, Rev Ian Guy, Rev Dr Bruce Hamill, Rev Helen Harray, Rev Andrew Harrex, Rev Tokerau Joseph, Rev Alan Judge, Rev Barry Kelk, Rev Heather Kennedy, Rev George Kopa, Rev Rose Luxford, Rev Martin Macaulay, Rev Ivan Martinez, Rev Henry Mbambo, Rev Martin Oh, Rev John Park, Rev Nancy Parker, Rev Murray Rae, Rev John Ranstead, Rev Murray Shallard, Rev Anne Thomson, Rev Dr Kevin Ward, Rev Tekura Wilding, Rev Ken Williams

Youth: Mrs Tasha Francis, Mrs Melissa Martin, Mr Jeremy Selfe

### Taranaki Presbytery

Elders: Mr Graham Armstrong, Mr Neil Walker

Ministers: Rev Robert Anderson, Rev Andrew Callander, Rev Dennis Flett, Rev Amos Muzondiwa

### Te Aka Puaho

Elders: Mrs Faye Apanui, Mr Pat Apanui, Mrs Whaitiri Rangihika, Mrs Honey Thrupp

Ministers: Rev Kay Taitoko, Rev Wayne Te Kaawa, Rev Hone Te Rire, Rev Amiria Te Whiu, Rev Te Wharekotua Turuwhenua

### Wairarapa Union District Council

Elders: Mrs Rosemary Ward

Ministers: Rev Lorna Clarke, Rev Bobby Kusilifu

### Wellington Presbytery

Elders: Mr Paul Barber, Ms Pule Moana Dunn, Mr Roy Ferguson, Dr David Hamilton, Mr Afa Lotoaso, Mr Chris Rosanowski, Mr Tinokura Tairea, Mrs Janet Todd, Mr Filo Tu

Ministers: Rev Anna Gilkison, Rev Clare Lind, Rev Falkland Liuvaie, Rev Peter MacKenzie, Rev Richard McLean, Rev Lionel Nunns, Rev Nathan Parry, Rev Doug Pa'u, Rev Hana Popea, Rev Michelle Shin, Rev Stuart Simpson, Rev Tony Wood

Youth: Ms Madeline Enright, Miss Rebecca Phillips

## **Installation of the Moderator**

The Assembly Clerk moved, and it was seconded:

[14.002] That, pursuant to the election process of the Church, the Rev Andrew Norton be affirmed as the Moderator of the 2014 General Assembly, to hold office until the induction of his successor at the next ordinary meeting of the Assembly, or as this Assembly determines.

The outgoing Moderator, the Very Rev Ray Coster, inducted the Rev Andrew Norton by prayer to the office of Moderator, and presented to him the Moderator's Korowai tapu. Mr Norton signed the Centennial Bible.

The new Moderator addressed the Assembly on the theme of "Spacious Love".

### **Act of Commemoration**

The Moderator and the Clerk, with the congregation standing reverently, conducted the Act of Commemoration, recalling by name those whom the Church in its courts had remembered.

### **International Guests**

The Moderator welcomed those attending the opening service. He acknowledged the following international guests:

Rev Dr Min Heui Cheon, Executive Secretary for the Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea; Rev Dr Victor Hsu, Associate General Secretary for Ecumenical Relations, Presbyterian Church in Taiwan; Rev Allan Nafuki, Mission Secretary and General Secretary Designate, Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu; Rev Kalorongo Ova, Moderator, Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu; Rev Jackson and Jenny Talivo, Rev Kyung Kim, Deputy Secretary, Council for World Mission; Rev Dr Deirdre Palmer, Moderator of the Synod of South Australia, Uniting Church in Australia.

The Moderator led the celebration of the sacrament of Holy Communion.

The opening service concluded with the benediction.

Keynote speaker Rev Dr Steve Taylor gave the first of three addresses on the theme of "Mission and Hospitality".

The Assembly adjourned at 12.30 pm, to resume business at 1.30 pm.

Andrew Norton, Moderator

Martin Baker, Clerk



**Minutes of Session 2 of the 2014 General Assembly  
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Saturday 4 October, 1.30 pm**

The Moderator constituted the new session with prayer.

The Moderator welcomed commissioners to the Assembly. He acknowledged in particular those ministers and elders who were attending their first Assembly, and overseas guests.

**Assembly procedures**

Mrs Margie Apa and the Rev Richard Gray, the Assembly Business Work Group conveners, explained Assembly procedures.

Ms Apa moved *en bloc*, it was seconded and agreed:

- [14.003] That the reports and proposals printed in the Assembly Reports and Extra Reports be received and be the working documents of this Assembly.
- [14.004] That the Standing Orders as printed be accepted as the standing orders for the 2014 Assembly, with one minor amendment.
- [14.005] That the Facilitation Group, as per standing order 24, comprise Cunningham Atchison, Sally Carter and Karen Nelson.
- [14.006] That the timekeeper for this Assembly be Daniel Spragg.
- [14.007] That the scrutineers for this Assembly be: Michael Frost, Roxy Gahegan, Andrew Howley, Carlton Johnstone, Carylyn Kelly, David Kim, Jin Sook Kim, Jill McDonald, Brendan McRae, Chris Milham, Erin Pendreigh, Jordan Redding, Jon Schoneveld, Mose Taumaoe.
- [14.008] That Heather McKenzie be appointed Deputy Assembly Clerk until the close of the 2014 Assembly meeting.
- [14.013] That the Assembly recognise the following associates:  
Margie Apa, Richard Gray & Shona Bettany (Assembly Business Work Group), David Ryan & Ailsa Salt (Book of Order Advisory Committee), Colin Marshall (Council of Assembly), Paul Westbury & Kos Van Lier (Church Property Trustees), Diane Gillian-Weeks (Leadership Sub-committee), Jenny Flett (Resource Sub-committee), Lafulafu Vanila Ekenasio (Presbyterian Women of Aotearoa New Zealand), Neil Walker (Nominating Committee).

**Memorial Minutes**

The Assembly Clerk moved, it was seconded and agreed:

- [14.009] That Memorial Minutes for the following be placed in the records of the Assembly: Rev Lorna Elizabeth Aberley, Mrs Joan Marian Anderson, Rev Edward (Ted) Alexander Brash, Rev Eric Henry Zealand Chapman, Rev David Alister Calvert, Rev Dallas Ronald Clark, Rev Dennis Cyril Clow, Very Rev Dr John Oliver Evans, Rev Ailsa Maureen

Fletcher, Rev Ian Alexander Galloway, Rev Robert Graham Herbison, Rev Alan Craig Herron, Rev Catherine Adelaide Hollister-Jones QSM, Mr Robert (Bob) Douglas Hopkirk, Rev James Thomas Hunter, Rev Donald Stewart Knight, Rev Nokise Malaefou Korua, Rev Samuel James Daniel McCay, Rev John McKinlay, Sr Rouie Lawrence Mercer, Rev Douglas McKay Phillips, Rev Isobel Jessie Probert, Mr John (Jack) Cochraine Smaill, Rev William (Bill) Tibbles, Rev Donald Rutherford Wilson.

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## **Anniversaries of Ordination**

The Assembly Clerk moved, it was seconded and agreed:

[14.010] That the General Assembly acknowledges the following anniversaries of ordination, and that the Moderator convey the warm congratulations and greetings of the Assembly to those for whom these milestones will be celebrated before the next Assembly:

1950 (65 years anniversary as at 2015):

Rev Zelda Miller, Rev Nolan Martin

1951 (65 years anniversary as at 2016):

Rev Robin Smith, Rev Ivan Bacon

1955 (60 years anniversary as at 2015):

Rev Colin Mitchell, Rev Bruce Patterson,

1955 (60 years anniversary as at 2016):

Rev Murray Hall, Rev Charles Naylor, Rev John Murray, Rev Thomas Hawea

1960 (55 years anniversary as at 2015):

Rev Robert Coates, Rev William Moore, Rev Donald Reekie, Rev Fran Glen, Rev Ian McCallum, Rev Ronald Bichan, Rev William Woods, Rev John England

1961 (55 years anniversary as at 2016):

Rev Murray McMeikan, Rev John Brinsley, Rev Peter Wedde, Sr Jean Robinson, Rev Robert Paterson, Rev Hadyn Pirie, Rev John Carruthers, Rev Alan Dunn, Rev Glyn Thomas

1965 (50 years anniversary as at 2015):

Rev Arthur Palmer, Rev Brian Wendelborn, Rev William Millward, Rev Wilson Daniel, Rev James Milne, Rev Brian Williscroft, Rev Phillip William Brown, Rev Margaret Martin, Rev Bruce Spence, Rev Evan Sherrard, Rev Graeme Ferguson, Rev Peter Carter

1966 (50 years anniversary as at 2016):

Rev Raharuhi Koia, Rev Lindsay Day, Rev David Connor, Rev Neal Whimp, Rev Warren Wilson, Rev Ernest Trask, Rev Ian Grierson, Rev George Robertson, Rev Ria Sporry, Rev John Balchin, Rev James Veith, Rev Ned Ripley, Rev Setu Masina, Rev Eric Hind, Rev Peter Marshall, Rev Maurice Brown, Rev Kenneth Irwin, Rev Kenneth Calvert.

## **Ministerial Roll changes**

The Assembly Clerk moved, it was seconded and agreed:

[14.011] That the General Assembly confirms the changes to the Ministerial Roll, from 1 October 2012 to 30 September 2014.

[Refer page 34]

## **Nominating Committee membership**

The Assembly Clerk moved, it was seconded and agreed:

- [14.012] That the Assembly confirm Presbytery, Union District Council, Te Aka Puaho, and Pacific Islands Synod representatives on the Nominating Committee as listed:

Convener: Neil Walker 14/16, Co-convener: Anne Thomson 14/18  
Northern: Jane Pelz, Alex Robinson, Fiona Sherwin  
Kaimai: Anne Owen, David Balchin, Sandra Thomas  
Te Aka Puaho: Faye Apanui,  
Pacific Islands Synod: Apa Lealiifano, Robert Robati-Mani  
Central: Steve Jourdain, Sue Swinbourne, Bobby Kusilifu, Michelle Shin  
Alpine: Alastair McNaughton, Phyllis Harris, Les Gosling  
Southern: Anne Thomson, Heather Kennedy, Murray Smith  
Council of Asian Congregations: Hyeun Kim

## **Te Aka Puaho**

The Rev Wayne Te Kaawa moved, it was seconded and agreed:

- [14.014] That all presbyteries, including Te Aka Puaho, Pacific Islands Synod and the Council of Asian Congregations, be required to make both a written report and verbal presentation at all future General Assemblies.

The Rev Richard Grey moved, it was seconded and agreed:

- [14.093] That recommendations 14.015 and 14.016, from Te Aka Puaho, be referred to the Council of Assembly for further consideration and costing.

[14.015] That General Assembly makes its relationship with the Pacific Conference of Churches a priority relationship.

[14.016] That all reports to General Assembly be translated in the languages that make up PCANZ and that translation service be also offered at General Assemblies to enable people to speak in their own native language.

## **Council of Assembly**

Council of Assembly Convener, the Rev Dr Colin Marshall presented the report of the Council.

The Assembly paid tribute to Dr John Kernohan for leading the Commission for Knox and Salmond Colleges, and for his long service to the Church Property Trustees.

The Very Rev Ray Coster presented material for Dialogue Groups Topic 1 "Mission Strategy".

## Leadership Sub-committee

The Rev Diane Gilliam-Weeks, Leadership Sub-committee convenor, spoke to the sub-committee's report.

Ms Gilliam-Weeks moved, it was seconded and carried:

- [14.043] That General Assembly
- a. affirms the role of all people who are gifted to preach and encourages them to take advantage of theological and preaching training already available
  - b. upholds the authority of moderators to determine who may fill the pulpit.
  - c. agrees that beyond this, no national policy is needed in this area.

Ms Gilliam-Weeks moved, and it was seconded:

- [14.044] That the Supplementary Provisions for Book of Order chapter 9 (Administration of the Sacraments) be amended by the addition of a further section, as follows:
- "3. Authorisation of interns and probationers to administer the sacraments
- 1.1.1 National Ordained Ministry interns and Local Ordained Ministry probationers may be granted authority by the Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership to administer the sacraments during the course of their internship or probationary period. Such administration of the sacraments must be conducted under the supervision of the intern's or probationer's mentoring minister."

Following debate, Ms Gilliam-Weeks was granted leave to amend the motion to read:

- [14.044] [amended] That the Supplementary Provisions for Book of Order chapter 9 (Administration of the Sacraments) be amended by the addition of a further section, as follows:
- "3. Authorisation of interns and probationers to administer the sacraments
- 1.1.1 National Ordained Ministry interns and Local Ordained Ministry probationers may be granted authority by the presbytery or synod in which the intern serves to administer the sacraments during the course of their internship or probationary period. Such administration of the sacraments must be conducted under the supervision of the intern's or probationer's mentoring minister."

The substantive motion, as amended, was agreed to.

Ms Gilliam-Weeks moved; and it was seconded and agreed:

- [14.090] That Appendix Two of the Leadership Sub-committee report "Ordination and Ministry: A discussion paper" be sent to presbyteries for discussion and response from presbyteries and individuals by the end of May 2015.

The work of the Leadership Sub-committee was acknowledged.

## **Press Go Report**

The Rev Sharon Ross-Ensor and Ms Lisa Wells presented a report on the work of Press Go.

## **Resource Sub-committee**

Ms Jenny Flett, Resource Sub-committee convenor, presented the report of the sub-committee.

Ms Flett moved, it was seconded and agreed:

- [14.045] That the Council of Assembly consult with the Church Property Trustees to review the Beneficiary Fund.

The Assembly acknowledged the work of Ms Flett in her role as convenor of the Resource Sub-committee.

## **Presbyteries Task Group: Reform of Presbyteries**

The Very Rev Garry Marquand presented the task group's report on the reform of presbyteries.

Mr Marquand moved, it was seconded and agreed:

- [14.046] That the Assembly approve the amalgamation of the Presbyteries of Taranaki, Manawatu-Wanganui, Gisborne-Hawke's Bay and Wellington, and Wairarapa Union District Council to form Presbytery Central, and that the boundaries of the new presbytery be those represented by the old presbyteries.

- [14.047] That the Assembly approve the amalgamation of the Presbyteries of Nelson-Marlborough, Christchurch, Ashburton and South Canterbury, and West Coast Uniting Church Council to form Alpine Presbytery, and that the boundaries of the new presbytery be those represented by the old presbyteries.

The work of the task group, and Mr Marquand's leadership, were acknowledged.

## **Presbytery presentation: Alpine Presbytery**

The Rev Barry Ayers gave a presentation on the formation and focus of Alpine Presbytery, and its mission.

## **Presbytery Presentation: Presbytery Central**

The Rev Steve Jourdain gave a presentation on the formation and focus of Presbytery Central.

The Moderator and the Rev Wayne Te Kaawa led in prayer for the new presbyteries.

## **International Speaker**

Rev Dr Victor Hsu, Associate General Secretary for Ecumenical Relations, Presbyterian Church in Taiwan, addressed the Assembly.

The Assembly adjourned at 5.25 pm, to resume at 10.30 am on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2014.

Andrew Norton, Moderator

Martin Baker, Clerk

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**Dialogue Groups**

Commissioners met in dialogue groups to discuss issues presented in Session 2.

The Assembly resumed in plenary session.

**Retiring Moderator Address**

The retiring Moderator, the Very Rev Ray Coster, addressed the Assembly.

The Moderator expressed the thanks of the Church to Mr Coster for his service as Moderator of the General Assembly from 2012–2014.

**Introduction of Dialogue Group topics - 2**

The Rev Diane Gilliam-Weeks introduced the topics to be discussed in Dialogue Groups session 2: declaring ourselves a cross cultural church; composition of the Council of Assembly; new legislation regarding representation at General Assembly.

**International speaker**

The Rev Kyung Kim, Deputy Secretary, Council for World Mission addressed the Assembly. The Moderator acknowledged the significant contributions of Council for World Mission to the PCANZ, and the strong partnership.

**Keynote speaker**

Keynote speaker, the Rev Dr Steve Taylor, gave the second of his addresses, on the theme of "Mission and Hospitality".

The Assembly adjourned at 12.30 pm, to resume again at 1.30 pm.

Andrew Norton, Moderator

Martin Baker, Clerk

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**Approval of Minutes**

The Assembly Clerk moved, it was seconded and agreed:

That the minutes of Session 1 of the Assembly, as circulated, be approved, subject to corrections of error and omission.

**Presbytery Presentation: Kaimai Presbytery**

The Rev Mary Petersen and the Rev Lance Thomas gave a presentation on the development of Kaimai Presbytery over the past five years.

**Book of Order changes**

The Assembly Executive Secretary moved, it was seconded and carried:

- [14.041] That new Supplementary Provisions to the Book of Order, as set out in part A of this report and adopted by the Council of Assembly, be ratified by this General Assembly.
- [14.042] That amendments to existing Supplementary Provisions to the Book of Order, as set out in part B of this report and adopted by the Council of Assembly, be ratified by this General Assembly.

Mr Baker moved *en bloc*; it was seconded and agreed:

- [14.048] That General Assembly delete the word “charge” from the Book of Order.
- [14.049] That General Assembly adopt the following changes in regulations  
(a) Amend Chapter 2.2 and 10.6(4) by deleting the words “Guide to Procedures in Cooperative Ventures” and replacing them with the words “Procedures for Cooperative Ventures”.  
(b) Amend Chapter 8.4(1) by adding “(v) to undertake the duties of Coordinating Partner or Participating Partner for Cooperative Ventures according to the Procedures for Cooperative Ventures.”
- [14.050] That General Assembly amend Chapter 14.15(1)(c) by deleting the words “Association of Presbyterian Women” and replacing these with the words, “Presbyterian Women Aotearoa New Zealand.”
- [14.051] That General Assembly amend Chapter 7.11(1) by adding at the end of the sentence the words, “save that up to 40 per cent of the members of a parish council need not be elders who have been ordained in accordance with Chapter 9.”
- [14.052] That General Assembly amend Chapter 14.23 by adding: “7A. If the Council of Assembly decides that it is impractical or undesirable to delay any action or implementation of the matter, subsection (7) does not apply.”



- [14.053] That General Assembly amend Chapter 8.4(2) by adding a second sentence: “For the avoidance of any doubt, a person may not appeal from a church council to a presbytery on an employment matter which is governed by the relevant Parliamentary legislation.”; and amend Chapter 14.23(1) by adding a fourth sentence: “For the avoidance of any doubt, this section does not apply to an employment matter which is governed by the relevant Parliamentary legislation.”
- [14.054] That General Assembly amend Chapter 16.2(7) by deleting the words “Church courts” and replacing them with the words “church councils”.
- [14.055] That General Assembly amend the following clauses by adding the words, “and Pacific Islands Synod” after the words “Te Aka Puaho”:
- (a) Chapter 8.17
  - (b) Chapter 10.5
  - (c) Chapter 14.9
  - (d) Chapter 14.26
  - (e) Chapter 14.31
  - (f) Chapter 15.4

There was no debate.

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

Mr David Ryan, Book of Order Advisory Committee convenor, moved *en bloc*, it was seconded and agreed:

- [14.057] That the other amendments to the Book of Order contained in Appendix 1 to [the committee’s] report be adopted.
- [14.058] That the amendments to the Book of Order contained in Appendix 2 to [the committee’s] report be adopted.

There was no debate.

Recommendation [14.056] “That the amendments to Book of Order chapter 8.17, regarding representation at General Assembly, was referred to Dialogue Groups.

### **InterChurch Bioethics Council**

**Inter-Tertiary Chaplaincy Council** and Aotearoa NZ Tertiary Chaplains Assn

Ms Margie Apa moved *en bloc*, it was seconded and agreed:

- [14.059] That ministers and elders encourage their people to access the InterChurch Bioethics Council website and raise relevant issues with the InterChurch Bioethics Council.
- [14.060] That General Assembly affirm the importance of ongoing support for tertiary chaplaincy in Aotearoa-NZ through involvement in the Inter-Tertiary Chaplaincy Council and the Regional Ecumenical Tertiary Chaplaincy Trust Boards.

There was no debate.

## Nominating Committee

Mr Neil Walker, Nominating Committee convenor, moved *en bloc*, it was seconded and agreed:

- [14.061] That the membership of the Nominating Committee membership be 17, as follows:
- a) two co-convenors, with the convenors to be appointed at alternate Assemblies so that the presiding convenor is replaced at the next Assembly by the co-convenor elected at the previous Assembly
  - b) two representatives from each presbytery, to serve for two Assemblies, with one to be appointed each Assembly from a list of two or more names supplied by the presbytery, so that the presbytery always has one experienced representative and one new representative.
  - c) one Asian representative.
- [14.062] That the Nominating Committee executive comprise the two convenors and three other members from the committee, as appointed by the whole committee.

Mr Walker moved, and it was seconded:

[14.063] That the Nominating Committee be given power to make mid-term appointments to national committees, work groups and other nationally appointed bodies, to fill vacancies that occur between Assemblies.

[14.064] That the Nominating Committee executive be given power to fill minor mid-term appointments but significant mid-term appointments must be made by the whole committee.

Following debate, Mr Walker was granted leave to amend both recommendations.

The substantive motions, as amended, were agreed:

- [14.063] That the Nominating Committee be given power to make mid-term nominations to national committees, work groups and other nationally appointed bodies, to fill vacancies that occur between Assemblies.
- [14.064] That the Nominating Committee executive be given power to nominate minor mid-term appointments but significant mid-term nominations must be made by the whole committee.

Mr Walker moved *en bloc*, it was seconded and agreed:

- [14.065] That all nominations for appointment to national committees, work groups and other nationally appointed bodies be made through the Nominating Committee.
- [14.066] That the supplementary provisions for the process of nominating Moderator-Designate be amended as follows:  
Each presbytery shall vote to nominate one candidate for the position of Moderator-Designate of General Assembly from names submitted by churches within its bounds. The nominations from the 7 presbyteries will be sent to the Assembly Executive Secretary to be

included on the ballot paper for the Election of the Moderator-Designate.

### **Church Property Trustees - Beneficiary Fund**

Mr Paul Westbury, Chair of The Presbyterian Church Property Trustees, moved, it was seconded and agreed:

[14.098] That approval be granted for the amendment of the Trust Deed of The Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand Beneficiary Fund in order to meet the requirements of the *Anti-Money Laundering and Countering Financing of Terrorism Act 2009* and the *Ministerial Exemption Notice* dated 13<sup>th</sup> March 2014.

The Assembly paid tribute to Mr Geoff Foster and Mr Westbury for their work on the restructuring of the Church's insurance arrangements.

### **Presbyterian Savings and Development Society**

Mr Simon Bilton, PSDS General Manager, gave a presentation on the changes to the structure of Presbyterian Savings and Development Society.

Ms Margie Apa moved, it was seconded and agreed:

[14.099] That General Assembly conveys the gratitude and thanks of the Church to the board and staff of Presbyterian Savings and Development Society for their years of service and offer its commendation and prayers

### **Presbyterian Women of Aotearoa New Zealand**

Ms Lafulafu Vanila Ekanasio and Mrs Leautuli'ilagi Sauvao gave a presentation on behalf of Presbyterian Women of Aotearoa New Zealand. The Moderator accepted the gift of a Jubilee quilt.

Ms Ekanasio moved, it was seconded and agreed:

[14.067] That General Assembly commend and actively support the work of Presbyterian Women as they continue their valuable service to the church and community, and seek new ways to celebrate the ministry of women and girls in our Church.

### **International Speakers**

The Rev Allan Nafuki, Mission Secretary and General Secretary Designate, Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu, and the Rev Kalorongo Ova, Moderator, Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu, addressed the Assembly.

### **Proposals**

#### **Active commitment to peace and reconciliation**

Mr Paul Barber moved, and it was seconded:

- [14.068] That General Assembly call on political leaders to commit to active initiatives to promote peace, through non-violent conflict resolution and to oppose armed conflict.

There was debate. The motion was lost.

Mr Barber moved, it was seconded and carried:

- [14.069] That the General Assembly encourage congregations, church schools, and social service agencies with a connection to the PCANZ to establish a programme of Just Peace based on the World Council of Churches' Ecumenical Call to Just Peace 2011.

### **Active Retired Ministers**

The Rev Alan Judge moved, it was seconded and carried:

- [14.070] That a Supplementary Provision for Regulation 10.32A be drawn up by the Book of Order Advisory Committee, to give effect to the following:  
Where a retired minister wishes to remain active in the life of their presbytery, the minister may request the designation "Senior Active" on the Presbytery Roll of Ministers.

### **Amalgamating Congregations**

The Rev John Malcolm moved, and it was seconded:

- [14.071] That an appropriate regulation be added to the Book of Order to enable two congregations to amalgamate without the need for one or both congregations to dissolve.

Mr Malcolm was granted leave to amend the recommendation.

- [14.071] [amended] That an appropriate regulation be added to the Book of Order to enable two or more congregations to amalgamate without the need for one or both congregations to dissolve.

There was debate on the substantive motion, as amended. The motion was lost.

### **Church property building standards**

The Rev Phil Warner moved, it was seconded and carried:

- [14.072] That, in light of the difficulties and huge costs which would be incurred by local congregations in upgrading their buildings to 67% of New Building Standard, the Presbyterian Church Property Trustees be requested to allow congregations to upgrade their buildings to the lower percentage of 34% or similar, in line with most local body building requirements.

### **Confession of Belhar as authoritative statement**

Dr Glen Pettigrove was associated with the meeting.

Dr Pettigrove moved, and it was seconded:

- [14.073] That the Confession of Belhar (1986) be included in the list of confessions recognised as authoritative statements of our reformed heritage, in section 1.1(7) of the Book of Order.

There was debate. The motion was lost.

### **Fossil fuel divestment**

The Rev Dr Bruce Hamill moved *en bloc*, it was seconded and agreed:

- [14.074] That General Assembly regard investment in the fossil fuel industry to be unethical, socially irresponsible and contrary to the Church's stated mission – in particular its 'care for creation'.
- [14.075] That General Assembly request the Church Property Trustees and other agencies to divest their funds from (i) coal, oil or gas companies listed on the New Zealand Stock Exchange whose main business is the extraction and/or production of fossil fuels, and (ii) the 100 largest global coal companies and the 100 largest oil and gas companies; and that a period of time e.g. 3 years be set as a deadline for sale of any existing stock holdings in these companies.
- [14.076] That General Assembly request that no future investment in the above companies be contemplated by the aforementioned agencies, but rather that investment in sustainable energy industries be considered.
- [14.077] That General Assembly encourage all congregations and members of the PCANZ to seriously consider the same action (2 and 3 above) in relation to their own investments.

### **Commission on Diversity**

The Rev Hamish Galloway moved, and it was seconded:

- [14.094]
1. That, given the complex inter-relationships between proposals F7 through to F14 and the second motion of F15 to the General Assembly 2014, and on the advice of the Book of Order Advisory Committee, the General Assembly refer those proposals and matters relating to sexuality in leadership and the conduct of marriage, including liberty of conscience or conviction, to a special commission established under Section 14.3 of the Book of Order.
  2. That the purpose of the special commission be to facilitate a programme of informed study and discussion throughout the Church on those matters referred and report comprehensively on them, with recommendations, to the 2018 General Assembly.
  3. That Council of Assembly be directed to draw up terms of reference and to appoint the convenor and members of the special commission, ensuring that the commission includes representatives of the Doctrine Core Group and the Church's lay membership, and reflects the age, gender and cultural groupings of the Church.

4. That, apart from discussion initiated by the special commission, all formal discussions in Church courts and General Assembly on the matters referred to the special commission be suspended immediately until the special commission's report is presented to the 2018 General Assembly and that regulations as currently provided by the Book of Order continue to apply.

There was debate. The motion was lost.

The following recorded their dissent to the decision.

Alistair McBride, John MacDonald, Rose Luxford, Paul Barber, Alyson Atchison, Doug Lendrum, Dennis McFarland, Margaret Whiting, Chris Elliot, Ann McMillan, Susan Jones, Stuart Simpson, Chris Rosanowski, Philip Somerville, Mary Petersen, Bruce Hamill.

The Assembly adjourned at 5.30 pm to resume at 8.30 am on Monday 6 October.

Andrew Norton, Moderator

Martin Baker, Clerk

**Minutes of Session 5 of the 2014 General Assembly  
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Monday 6 October 2014 at 8.30 am**

The Assembly met in Dialogue Groups.

The Assembly resumed in plenary session.

**Approval of Minutes**

The Assembly Clerk moved, it was seconded and agreed:

That the minutes of sessions 2 and 3 of this Assembly, as circulated, be approved, subject to corrections of error and omission.

**Retiring Assembly Executive Secretary Address**

The retiring Assembly Executive Secretary, the Rev Martin Baker, addressed the Assembly. He reflected on his eight years in the role of Assembly Executive Secretary, and expressed his hopes for the future direction of the Church.

**National Ministries**

The Assembly Executive Secretary introduced National Ministry team members, who each gave presentations on their work: Ms Jill Kayser (Kids Friendly), Ms Anne Jackman (Presbyterian Research Centre), Mr Gordon Fitch and Mr Matt Chamberlain (Presbyterian Youth Ministry), and Rev Kyoung Han (Asian Ministries).

The Moderator acknowledged the work of the National Ministry Team and led in prayer.

**Assembly Executive Secretary appreciation**

The Rev Dr Colin Marshall, Council of Assembly convenor, formally expressed the appreciation of the Assembly for Rev Martin Baker's service as Assembly Executive Secretary. The Moderator presented Mr Baker with a gift, and led in prayer.

**International Speaker**

The Rev Dr Deirdre Palmer, Moderator of the Synod of South Australia, Uniting Church in Australia, addressed the Assembly.

**Keynote Speaker**

Keynote speaker Rev Dr Steve Taylor gave the third of his addresses, on the theme of "Finding Lost Things".

The Assembly adjourned at 12.30 pm to resume business at 1.30 am.

Andrew Norton, Moderator

Martin Baker, Clerk

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Monday 6 October at 1.30 pm**

The Moderator opened the session with prayer.

**Approval of Minutes**

The Assembly Clerk moved, it was seconded and agreed:

That the minutes of Sessions 4 and 5 of the Assembly, as circulated, be approved, subject to corrections of error and omission.

**International Speaker**

Rev Dr Min Heui Cheon, Executive Secretary for the Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea, addressed the Assembly.

**Presbytery Presentation: Pacific Islands Synod**

The Rev Don Ikitoelagi gave a presentation on progress since the inauguration of the Synod as a Presbytery at the 2012 Assembly. The Moderator led in prayer for the Pacific Islands Synod.

**Dialogue Group Feedback:  
Mission Clarity, Mission and Property, Supporting Mission**

Facilitation team members Mr Cunningham Atchison, the Rev Sally Carter and the Rev Karen Nelson, provided an analysis of responses and feedback on comments on discussion topics: Mission Clarity, Mission and Property, and Supporting Mission.

Council of Assembly convenor Rev Dr Colin Marshall was granted leave to withdraw notices of motion [14.017] to [14.025] and replace these with notices of motion [14.100] to [14.104].

- [14.017] [Withdrawn] That 10% of the proceeds of all congregation and presbytery property sales (excluding the sale of manses or worship centres for the purposes of their replacement) go to the Mission Enterprise Fund.
- [14.018] [Withdrawn] That the Mission Enterprise Fund be administered by the Church Property Trustees.
- [14.019] [Withdrawn] That the Mission Enterprise Fund be used by Press Go for its purposes of inspiring mission, building capacity and seed funding.
- [14.020] [Withdrawn] That, as a matter of course, the Press Go Board consults with all presbyteries whose congregations are working with Press Go in the development of their mission.
- [14.021] [Withdrawn] That Press Go remain accountable to the Church through the Council of Assembly, and report regularly on its activities to ensure the highest degree of transparency and accountability.
- [14.022] [Withdrawn] That the balance of the net sale proceeds of any property be available to the congregation which sold the property for up to five years from the day of settlement, within which time the congregation will develop and receive presbytery approval for plans to allocate or use the funds for



advancing God's mission. Any funds remaining at the end of five years will be released to the Mission Enterprise Fund.

- [14.023] [Withdrawn] That General Assembly invite the Synod of Otago and Southland to consider taking the action necessary to enable the Synod to use funds for the purposes of the Church's mission without restriction to the area south of the Waitaki River.
- [14.024] [Withdrawn] That 20% of funds received into the Mission Enterprise Fund be used, in consultation with Te Aka Puaho, for the support of and ministry among vulnerable and socially disadvantaged communities.
- [14.025] [Withdrawn] That the Assembly invite the Church Property Trustees to provide 10 percent each year of the interest earned on balances held in the Presbyterian Investment Fund (excluding those bequests and other trust funds whose uses are specifically described) to support three specific strategies:
- (a) Funding presbytery-approved new mission enterprises, church plants and 'fresh expression' endeavours.
  - (b) Funding or supplementing the stipends and salaries of those who work in congregations that can demonstrate to the satisfaction of presbyteries that they are growing.
  - (c) funding the work of Press Go's mission catalyst.

The Very Rev Ray Coster was granted leave to introduce a new motion.

Mr Coster moved, it was seconded and carried:

- [14.105] That the Council of Assembly consult with presbyteries on the establishment of a Mission Enterprise Fund including timeframes for implementation.

The following recommendations replaced those withdrawn by Dr Marshall:

Dr Marshall moved *en bloc*, it was seconded and carried:

- [14.100] [Replacement] That Press Go remain accountable to the Church through the Council of Assembly and report annually on its activities to presbyteries to ensure transparency and accountability. This will include a five yearly review by Council of Assembly.
- [14.101] [Replacement] That 10% of the net sale of property proceeds, where exclusions do not apply, are released to the Mission Enterprise Fund.
- [14.102] [Replacement] That 10% of the interest on Presbyterian Investment Fund funds, where individual parishes agree, are released to the Mission Enterprise Fund.
- [14.103] [Replacement] That 80% of the Mission Enterprise Fund be used to support Presbytery approved projects in conjunction with Press Go including mission projects, seed funding and the support of stipend/salary for specific mission projects, and that a 20% allocation be used to support ministry among the vulnerable and socially disadvantaged – partnering with Te Aka Puaho in the first instance.
- [14.104] [Replacement] That Council of Assembly work with partners to engage with Mission Enterprise Fund development and that this will include,

but not be limited to, the Synod of Otago & Southland, UCANZ and Co-operating Ventures.

**Council of Assembly: Appointment of Assembly Executive Secretary**

Rev Dr Colin Marshall moved, it was seconded and agreed:

[14.091] That the Council of Assembly's appointment of the Rev Wayne Matheson as Assembly Executive Secretary Designate be ratified.

Dr Marshall moved, it was seconded and agreed:

[14.092] That the Rev Wayne Matheson be appointed Assembly Executive Secretary, effective from 21 October 2014.

**Presbytery Presentation: Southern Presbytery**

The Rev Alan Judge and the Rev Rose Luxford gave a presentation on the focus and organisation of the Southern Presbytery.

The Moderator closed the session with prayer.

The Assembly adjourned at 5.00 pm to resume at 8.30 am on Tuesday 7 October.

Andrew Norton, Moderator

Martin Baker, Clerk

**Minutes of Session 7 of the 2014 General Assembly  
Saint Kentigern College, 130 Pakuranga Road, Auckland  
Tuesday 7 October at 8.30 am**

The Moderator opened the session with prayer.

**Approval of Minutes**

The Assembly Clerk moved, it was seconded and agreed:

That the minutes of Session 6 of the Assembly, as circulated, be approved, subject to corrections of error and omission.

**Presbytery Presentation: Northern Presbytery**

On behalf of Northern Presbytery, the Rev Dr Stuart Lange and Miss Abigail Suwantika gave a presentation that focused on the mission outreach and organisation of Massey-Riverhead Parish.

The work of Dr Lange in producing a DVD 'Te Rongopai' to mark the bi-centennial of Christianity in New Zealand was acknowledged.

The Moderator led in prayer for the members of Northern Presbytery.

**Dialogue Group Feedback:**

**Declaring ourselves a cross-cultural church**

**Composition of the Council of Assembly**

**Representation at General Assembly**

The Facilitation Group provided an analysis of responses and feedback on comments for the following discussion topics: Declaring ourselves a cross-cultural church, Composition of the Council of Assembly, and Representation at General Assembly. They reported unanimity on declaring ourselves a cross-cultural church and a clear preference for the Council of Assembly's recommendations, rather than those of the Nominating Committee, for the composition of the Council of Assembly. They indicated that responses to the proposed representation at General Assembly were mixed.

Leave was granted for the Nominating Committee's recommendations for the composition of the Council of Assembly [14.033] to [14.039] to be withdrawn.

[14/033] [withdrawn]

That the Council of Assembly consist of the following members: a convenor and deputy convenor (the deputy to be appointed as convenor at the next Assembly), seven representatives, one from each presbytery (chosen by the Nominating Committee from a list of two names supplied by presbyteries), one Asian representative, the Moderator, *and* the convenors of the Leadership and Resource Committees, making a total of 13 voting members.

[14.034] [withdrawn]

That the practice of having non-voting associate members in attendance at each meeting (the Moderator of Te Aka Puaho, the Moderator of the Pacific Islands Synod, a nominee appointed by the Synod of Otago and Southland and a nominee of the Church Property Trustees) be discontinued, but the Council may invite any other persons to attend their meeting as required.

[14.035] [withdrawn]

That the Nominating Committee appoint all members as before, based upon the previous considerations of diversity, but consider also the importance of competence and skill in governance.

[14.036] [withdrawn]

That each Council member be appointed for a four year term, which may be extended for another two years.

[14.037] [withdrawn]

- [14.038] That appointment as deputy convenor be considered a new appointment. (withdrawn)
- [14.039] That the attendance of the Assembly Executive Secretary at Council meetings be in a non-voting capacity.
- [14.039] That, at the 2016 General Assembly, all existing Council appointments conclude but any existing council member may be appointed again as if commencing a new term.

### **Declaring ourselves a cross cultural church**

The Rev Diane Gilliam-Weeks moved, it was seconded and agreed:

- [14.026] That the title to Book of Order Chapter 1.5 be changed from “A multicultural Church with a bi cultural commitment”; to  
*“A cross-cultural and multicultural Church with a bicultural commitment “*
- And that a clause 4 be added to explain what this means and which reads:  
*(4) The Church affirms that it is cross-cultural in that it recognises that the richness of the Christian Gospel and its proclamation can be found in the sharing of experiences, wisdom and learning from many different cultures. The Church stands in opposition to any view that favours one culture over another as holding a monopoly on the interpretation or transmission of the Christian Gospel. In affirming the Church to be cross-cultural the church is also affirming that the Christian gospel creates community across cultures.*

### **Council of Assembly membership**

Ms Gilliam-Weeks was granted leave to make minor wording changes to the Council of Assembly’s recommendations for membership of the Council.

Ms Gilliam-Weeks moved *en bloc* (and as amended), it was seconded and agreed:

- [14.027] That Council of Assembly membership be made up of one person from each presbytery (Northern, Pacific Islands Synod, Kaimai, Te Aka Puaho, Central, Alpine, Southern), Moderator of General Assembly, convenors of Resource and Leadership sub-committees and an Asian/Multicultural representative.
- [14.028] That the Nominating Committee invite each presbytery (other than Te Aka Puaho & Pacific Islands Synod) to submit the names of three suitably skilled people from which the Nominating Committee will make recommendations to General Assembly- enabling a good mix of age, experience and gender.
- [14.029] That the Nominating Committee recommend to General Assembly names for convenor and deputy convenor of the Council, with at least one of the two to have significant organisational governance experience.
- [14.030] That associate (non-voting) members of the Council of Assembly be the moderators of Te Aka Puaho and Pacific Islands Synod, one representative each from the Synod of Otago & Southland and the Church Property Trustees, the Assembly Executive Secretary, and the Moderator-elect in the year before taking office.

- [14.031] That these amended regulations be referred to presbyteries and congregations under the special legislative procedure.
- [14.032] That these amended regulations be adopted ad interim and that the Nominating Committee be directed to apply them to the formation of the Council of Assembly for agreement at the 2016 General Assembly.

### **Representation at General Assembly**

Following debate, leave was granted to amend clause (3) (b) (ii) of motion [14.040].

Ms Gilliam-Weeks moved (as amended), it was seconded and carried:

- [14.040] That chapter 8.17 of the Book of Order be amended as follows:
- (1) A presbytery is responsible for the organisation of appointments of commissioners to attend the General Assembly.
  - (2) The selection of commissioners is to be based on the total number of full members of congregations within a presbytery, on a fair and reasonable basis, and in accordance with clause 3. For every 100 members, a presbytery will commission one elder or one minister and will allocate the commissions across the congregations within the presbytery.
  - (3) In making that allocation, the presbytery will take into account
    - (a) the number of members of each congregation
    - (b) the desirability of ensuring that, as near as practicable, commissioners include:
      - (i) equal numbers of ministers and elders,
      - (ii) recognition of the diversity of congregational types (e.g. gender, culture, rural/urban small/large) within the presbytery.
      - (iii) those in active leadership roles in the Church,
      - (iv) those in non-congregation based roles who are full members of a presbytery, such as chaplains.

### **Presbytery Presentation: Te Aka Puaho**

The Rev Hone Te Rire and the Rev Amiria Te Whiu gave a presentation on the life of Te Aka Puaho. They noted celebrations and milestones, and spoke of the challenges that Te Aka Puaho still faced.

### **Proposals**

#### Leadership called by the Spirit

Mr Paul Barber moved *en bloc*, and it was seconded:

- [14.078] That the General Assembly acknowledge there are already ministers and elders in same sex or de facto relationships or Civil Union partnerships who are living Christ-like lives of service, witness, discipleship and empowering others to follow Christ; that the Spirit has given them gifts to do God's work; that this is evidence that God has already welcomed people in same sex or de facto relationships or Civil Union partnerships and is calling them to leadership.
- [14.079] That, given this, the PCANZ welcome people in gay, lesbian, bisexual or de facto relationships or Civil Union partnerships as full members of

the Church and acknowledge that their relationships are not a barrier to leadership.

[14.080] That Section 9.1(1A) be deleted from the Book of Order.

Approximately 100 commissioners abstained from both the debate and from voting by leaving the floor. People returned to the voting floor once voting on all sexuality and marriage matters was complete.

There was debate on motions [14.078] to [14.080].  
The motions were lost.

The following commissioners recorded their dissent:  
Jean Allan, Susan Jones, Peter MacKenzie, Robyn McPhail.

#### Leadership Ruling Variation

The Rev Doug Lendrum moved, and it was seconded:

[14.081] That the General Assembly allow presbyteries and church councils when ordaining, commissioning or inducting a minister or elder to fall from Book of Order, Section 9.1 (1A), provided that a 2/3 majority of the members and associate members present at a duly constituted congregational meeting approve that the minister, elder or deacon responding to the Call or appointment to that congregation meets all other criteria for induction, ordination or commissioning.

There was no debate. The motion was lost.

The following commissioners recorded their dissent:  
Jean Allan, Susan Jones, Peter MacKenzie, Robyn McPhail.

#### Withdrawn Proposals:

Liberty of conscience in conduct of marriage

Liberty of conviction meaning

Ministers and the conduct of marriages

Understanding the effect of lost proposals

Leave was granted to withdraw the following motions:

[14.082] [withdrawn] That the Assembly uphold the historic understanding of liberty of conscience and conviction and the right of private judgment that is contained in the Declaratory Act and Formula, and affirm the rights of a minister to exercise liberty of conscience and conviction and right of private judgment with regards to officiating at any marriage.

[14.083] [withdrawn] That the General Assembly, seeking to hold in appropriate balance the Reformed principles relating to the rule of Scripture, the role of Confessions of Faith, and the importance of individual conscience, determines that...

(1) The words "liberty of conviction" in the 2010 ordination formula (which was adopted in association with the *Kupu Whakapono*) are intended by General Assembly to capture the sense of three similar phrases in the Declaratory Act of 1892-3 (i.e. "the right of *liberty of conscience*", the "*right of private judgment*", and "*diversity of opinion*"), and their only specific application is in relation to the *Subordinate Standards*. The purpose of those words is to assist ministers and elders to subscribe wholeheartedly to the

Subordinate Standards, by allowing for scruples of conscience on any particular details in the Subordinate Standards that may cause difficulties.

(2) “Liberty of conviction” is “only on such points as do not enter into the fundamental doctrines of Christian faith contained in the Scriptures and subordinate standards” (The General Assembly has at times identified or re-affirmed some “fundamental doctrines”, but has never claimed to do so comprehensively, and has not ruled that matters of life or order are excluded from being “fundamental doctrines”).

(3) *The phrase “liberty of conviction” is not intended to diminish the authority of the Word of God as this Church’s “supreme rule of faith and life” (Reg. 1.1), does not modify General Assembly’s authority to make binding decisions on any matters of faith, life or order, and does not remove the obligation to act with concern for the peace and unity of the Church.*

- [14.084] [withdrawn] That in order to give clear direction to ministers that is consistent with the PCANZ’s beliefs and standards, General Assembly declares that ministers of this Church may only conduct a marriage service for the union of a man and a woman.
- [14.085] [withdrawn] That General Assembly declares that ministers of this Church may only conduct a marriage service for the union of a man and a woman.
- [14.086] [withdrawn] That, in consistency with its own Christian doctrine of marriage, and for the sake of the good order and peace and unity of the Church, General Assembly declares
- (a) that it authorizes ministers of this Church to conduct a marriage service only for the union of a man and a woman
  - (b) that ministers are bound by that ruling
  - (c) that any subsequent change to the Church’s doctrine and practice in regard to same-sex marriage and any permission for Presbyterian ministers to solemnise same-sex marriages must be approved by General Assembly through appropriate enabling legislation under the Special Legislative Procedure.
- [14.087] [withdrawn] That, in the light of the 2012 General Assembly declaring that this Church upholds the historic Christian understanding of marriage as “the loving, faithful union of a man and a woman” and does not support same-sex marriage, General Assembly itself clarifies that any change in its doctrine or practice of marriage would need specific enabling legislation, and that (irrespective of their personal opinion on this matter) all Presbyterian ministers are bound to abide by General Assembly decisions, and are therefore not at liberty to solemnise same-sex marriages.
- [14.088] [withdrawn] That this Assembly clarifies that if a motion fails to meet the 60% threshold in a General Assembly vote, that does not mean that the opposite view has been approved.
- [14.089] [withdrawn] That the Assembly Office be asked to clarify to the church and the media that the 2012 General Assembly did not “agree” that Presbyterian ministers are permitted to conduct same-sex marriages.

Ministers and the conduct of marriage:

The Rev Martin Macaulay moved *en bloc*, and it was seconded:

- [14.095] That in consistency with its Christian doctrine of marriage, General Assembly declares that the ministers of this church may conduct a marriage service only for the union of a man and a woman.

[14.096] That this proposal be sent down to presbyteries and church councils and brought back to the next General Assembly under the Special Legislative Procedures.

[14.097] That this provision be adopted ad interim.

The motions were carried, with 153 voting in favour and 46 against.

The following commissioners recorded their dissent to decision [14.095]: Jean Allan, Susan Jones \*, Peter MacKenzie, Robyn McPhail\*.

\* *with reasons. See addendum for reasons, and response to reasons.*

Ms Margie Apa moved, it was seconded and carried:

[14.107] That Book of Order chapter 6 be amended by the addition of a new clause:  
6.5. A minister may solemnize marriage only between a man and a woman”.

The following commissioners recorded their dissent:

Jean Allan, Susan Jones, Alistair McBride, Dennis McFarland, Peter MacKenzie, Robyn McPhail.

### **National committee appointments**

Mr Neil Walker, Nominating Committee convenor, advised amendments and additions to the list of membership of national committees and work groups.

Mr Walker moved, it was seconded and agreed:

[14.108] That the membership of national church committees, work groups and other nationally appointed bodies be as follows:

#### Council of Assembly

Convener: Colin Marshall 12/16, Deputy Convener: Jenny Flett 14/18

Members: Marie Burgess 14/16, Janet Sim Elder 12/16, Anna Gordon 12/16, Steve Millward 12/16, Johannes Suwantika, 12/16 Richard McLean 14/18

Representatives: Mitch Jaram (Te Aka Puaho), Andrew Norton (Moderator of General Assembly), Ere Talagi-Ikitoelagi (Pacific Islands Synod), Diane Gilliam-Weeks (Leadership Sub-committee convenor), Anne Edgar (Resource Sub-committee convenor).

Associates: Wayne Te Kaawa (Moderator, Te Aka Puaho), Nathan Pedro (Moderator, Pacific Islands Synod), Lyn Murray (Synod of Otago and Southland), Bruce Hansen (Church Property Trustees), Assembly Executive Secretary.

#### Resource Sub-committee

Convener: Anne Edgar 14/18, Deputy Convener: Ron Mills 14/16

Members: Geoff Foster 12/16, David Hall 12/16, Penelope Stevenson 14/18, Diane Baird 14/18, Don Ikitoelagi 14/18, Craig Donaldson 14/18

Associates: Assembly Executive Secretary, PCANZ Finance Manager, Fergus Sime (Synod of Otago and Southland), . . . . . (Church Property Trustees), John Postlewaite (Te Aka Puaho)

#### Leadership Sub-committee

Convener: Diane Gilliam-Weeks 12/16, Deputy Convener: Stephen Garner 14/18

Members: Margaret Garland 12/16, Karima Fa'iai 12/16, Bruce Fraser 12/16,



Joyce Campbell 14/18, Deborah Bower 14/18, Paul Ramsay 12/16, Jim Wallace 12/16

Associates: Assembly Executive Secretary, Alan Judge (Synod of Otago and Southland), . . . . . (Te Aka Puaho), . . . . . (Presbyterian Youth Ministry), Graham Redding (Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership), Glen Pettigrove (Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership Advisory Board), Jane Poa (Pacific Islands Synod), Jim Veitch (UCANZ)

Assembly Business Work Group

Convener: Richard Gray 14/16 Deputy Convener: Shona Bettany 14/18

Members: Alex Robinson 14/18, Alison Tait 14/18.

Associate: Assembly Executive Secretary

Book of Order Advisory Committee

Convener: David Ryan 12/16

Members: Pamela Tankersley 12/16, Ross Sutherland 14/18, Alex Robinson 14/18, David Carden 14/18, Ailsa Salt 14/18.

Associates: Assembly Executive Secretary, Book of Order Advisor

Judicial Panel

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Co-conveners: Ian Dittmer 12/16, Douglas Bradley 14/18

Members: Sa Si'itia-Asi 08/14, Jim Wallace 09/14, Alyson Atchison 10/16, Robert Robati-Mani 10/16, Sue Macaulay 12/18, Lynne Baab 12/18, Heather Simpson 12/18, Hana Popea-Mauigoa 12/18, David McNab 12/18, Dorille Shadbolt 12/18, Ken Williams 12/18, Alastair McNaughton 14/18, Sun Mi Lee 14/18 Nyalle Paris 14/18

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Dunedin: Michael Ovens, Ken Baker, David Mollison

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Executive of Uniting Congregations of Aotearoa New Zealand

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Mark Johnston 14/16

Turakina Maori Girls College

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Convener: Bruce Hamill

Members: Graham Redding, Murray Rae, Wayne Te Kaawa Ross Sutherland, Jeff Pelz, Mark Keown, Stuart Lange, Don Ikitolagi, Karl Lorier, Karen Nelson, Kerry Enright

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Heather Kennedy

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Pacific Islands Synod: Apa Lealiifano, Robert Robati-Mani

Central: Steve Jourdain, Sue Swinbourne, Bobby Kusilifu, Michelle Shin

Alpine: Alastair McNaughton, Phyllis Harris, Les Gosling

Southern: Anne Thomson, Heather Kennedy, Murray Smith

Asian Congregations: Hyeun Kim

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Convener: Neil Walker

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## **Moderator Designate**

Mr Walker advised that, pursuant to the Church's election process, the Rev Richard Dawson had been nominated as Moderator Designate of the General Assembly. Mr Dawson's election as Moderator Designate was confirmed by acclamation.

The Moderator welcomed Mr Dawson and his family to the Assembly. Mr Dawson addressed the Assembly.

## **Assembly Week workshops**

Brief presentations were given on the following Assembly Week workshops: Transformation, Secular Society, Spiritual Formation, Global Mission, Presbyterian Youth, Offspring.

## **National Ministry**

The Rev Phil King, Global Mission Co-ordinator, gave a presentation on the global aspects of national ministry.

## **Keynote Speaker**

Keynote speaker Rev Dr Steve Taylor gave a brief address on his observations of the Presbyterian Church, including its strengths and challenges.

## **Vote of Thanks**

The Rev Lance Thomas proposed a vote of thanks to the local arrangements team. The Assembly expressed its appreciation by acclamation.

## **Adjournment**

The Moderator declared the business of the 2014 General Assembly closed. He announced that the Assembly would next meet in Dunedin, in October 2016.

The Assembly concluded at 12.50 pm with a benediction.

Andrew Norton, Moderator

Martin Baker, Clerk

## **Addendum to Minutes of Session 7 Ministers and the Conduct of Marriage**

### **Reasons for dissent to decision [14.095]**

1. The issue of same sex marriage is not reckoned by the Doctrine Core Group to be of the substance of the faith. In the spirit of our Presbyterian ethos, liberty of

conscience is therefore appropriate and not legislation over ministers' interpretations of what is the ethical, pastoral and missional path to take. In the past we have found solutions to matters of liberty of conscience and therefore we could also find a solution here that would enable us to continue in mutual respect and recognition of the value of the ministry of those who see things differently within our denominational family.

2. As a regulation, this constrains the ministry and mission of ministers, congregations, and new forms of mission in their response in faith to God's call on them. It also constrains the mission and ministry of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand. Those who can in conscience offer ministry, including the solemnising of marriage, to gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people reach people who might otherwise be denied loving service in the name of Christ. The ability to conduct same sex marriages is therefore a missional tool which, through this decision, is being taken out of the hands of those who have a ministry to this group within our church.
3. Judgment rests with God. The task of God's people is to embody in our life together the love of God, and give it all the space it needs. The love of God does not have parameters.
4. The cross-cultural commitment of the church affirms us as diverse peoples living together in the love of Christ. Gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people are not an exception to this. Being cross-cultural is to make community across cultural divides. Sexual orientation is one of many cultural divides in our church and the ability to make community across this divide too is important. Restricting ministers' ability to perform same sex marriages damages the opportunities to make such community.
5. The deepest unity we have as Christians is the unity of trusting faith, which cannot be encapsulated in statements of belief or circumscribed within particular moral standards. Scripture shows many occasions where people were asked to begin relationships with those they formerly felt were irreconcilably different from them. Naaman was asked to submit to the healing action of Elisha by immersing himself in what he considered to be an inferior river, Peter was asked to welcome Gentiles into the church, people ready to stone the woman caught in adultery were asked by Jesus to take another route than their current law, and Jesus changed his attitude when challenged by the Syro-Phoenician woman.
6. Within the church we often proclaim we 'accept the sinner but do not accept the sin.' This position is indistinguishable to those outside the church. Banning Presbyterian ministers from performing same sex marriages creates the public perception that we reject and exclude people who find themselves, for whatever reason, happier in same sex relationships. Only when warm and accepting relationships are formed between Christians and those yet to know Christ can the intricacies of the church's position on sexual orientation be talked through without misunderstanding and alienation. Taking public stands such as this simply creates a public persona of a church unwilling to update itself or to participate missionally in the culture in which it finds itself.
7. The ideal we should be aiming for in the church is that *all* intimate relationships be loving, mutual, faithful, long term and non violent. It is virtually impossible to legislate for these criteria. The time spent arguing against alternate sexual orientation needs to be more usefully directed to helping all with their relationships, including those of ministers, whatever the orientation of the partners involved. Scripture calls for us to be known for the *quality* of love practised among us.

## Response to reasons for dissent

1. The opinion of the Doctrine Core Group on this matter is open to question, and was not endorsed by General Assembly. Marriage is not some inconsequential matter on which liberty of opinion can apply. Regardless of whether or not marriage is a fundamental doctrine (and General Assembly has never ruled either way), marriage is clearly important throughout Scripture and in the teaching of Jesus, and it is invariably about the union of man and woman. The Presbyterian Church is

constitutionally bound to respect the Word of God as its supreme rule of faith and life. It thus cannot allow its ministers to marry people of the same sex. The 2012 Assembly confirmed the doctrine of this Church that marriage is between one man and one woman. Practice should be consistent with doctrine.

2. Appropriate mission and the call of God cannot rightly involve doing what is clearly contrary to the Word of God and the Church's own doctrine. Regardless of what society or other denominations may allow, ministers of the Presbyterian Church are bound to abide by the Church's own standards.
3. The statement that "the love of God does not have parameters" displays an antinomian understanding of the love of the God which is not supported by Scripture. The grace of God calls us to costly discipleship under Christ as Lord. The love of God is never a justification for moral licence. The whole storyline of the Bible tells the consequences of taking God's love for granted and ignoring the call to follow God's ways.
4. The Word of God and the teachings of this Church sees sexual relationships outside of loving faithful marriage between a man and a woman as falling short of God's intentions. Neither the Word of God nor this Church see them as a category of cross-culturalism. Christian community can only be formed through conforming to the way of Christ, not through uncritically adopting the ways of the cultures around us.
5. Our Church's unity does not lie in our diversities, nor in vagueness of doctrine or fluidity of practice. Biblical unity is about a common faith in Christ as risen Saviour and divine Lord. Unity is strengthened when we subject ourselves together to the Lordship of Christ, and to the Word of God as our supreme rule of faith and life. All races are offered salvation in Christ, but everyone comes to this salvation through repentance and faith. In every culture there are some things that are affirmed by Christ, and others that are challenged.
6. When the Church is true to its own standards, it may well be misunderstood by some, and even resented. But whenever the Church is not faithful to Christ and the Scriptures, it lacks authenticity, and loses public credibility. The Church is subject to Christ, not to shifting public opinion. God's mission is about more than simply loving and accepting people. God's mission includes the call to repentance and faith.
7. Such a broad and loose sexual ethic contravenes the explicit teachings of the Scriptures, and has never been endorsed by this Church. "Loving, mutual, faithful, long term, and non-violent" are fine qualities for relationships, but this Church recognizes that God also intends other qualities for intimate sexual relationships, that they occur within marriage between a man and a woman.

## **Changes to the Ministerial Roll**

1 October 2012 to 30 September 2014

### Licensings:

Gary Mattock, Southern Presbytery, 02 December 2012; Rob Pettersen, Northern Presbytery, 5 December 2012; Murray Shallard, Southern Presbytery, 5 December 2012; Simon Cornwall, Kaimai Presbytery, 17 July 2013; Andrew Callander, Taranaki Presbytery, 8 December 2013; Andrew McNaughton, Nelson-Marlborough Presbytery, to 1 January 2013; Gary Mauga, Northern Presbytery, 30 January 2013; Andrew Nicol, Southern Presbytery, 24 March 2013; Reece Frith, Kaimai Presbytery, 1 July 2013; Catherine Burton, Kaimai Presbytery, 9 December 2013; Tani Haunga, Northern Presbytery, 11 December 2013; Edward Masters, 12 December 2013; Ivan Martinez, Southern Presbytery, 7 April 2014.

### Receptions to the Roll:

Meekyung Choi, from Presbyterian Church in Korea, 19 March 2013; Philip Ross McDougall, from Anglican Church, 1 June 2013; Anthony Martin, reinstated, 15 May 2013; Philip McDougall, from Anglican Church, 1 June 2013; Micah Chu Hang Tang, from Christian & Missionary Alliance Church Union, Hong Kong, 16 August 2013; Wayne Toleafoa, reinstated, 19 December 2013; Waldir De Souza, 28 February 2013; Glyn Cardy, from Anglican Church, 7 April 2014; Stephan Van Os, reinstated, 7 April 2014.

### Ordinations and Inductions:

Peter Cheyne, from Member, Southern Presbytery, to Minister, Mornington Parish, Southern Presbytery, 15 October 2012; Hai-Chang Jung, from Member, Northern Presbytery to Minister, Logos Parish, Northern Presbytery, 11 October 2012; Hail (Hyun Sook) Kim, from Member, Northern Presbytery, to Minister, New Covenant Parish, Northern Presbytery, 11 October 2012; Young-soo Kim, from Member, Northern Presbytery, to Minister, Jesus Love Parish, Northern Presbytery, 11 October 2012; Chang-Bum Ko, from Member, Northern Presbytery, to Minister, Good Neighbour Parish, Northern Presbytery, 11 October 2012; Ian Pittendreigh, from Minister, Flagstaff Parish, Southern Presbytery to Minister, Bethlehem Parish, Tauranga, Kaimai Presbytery, 8 November 2012; Gene Lawrence, from Minister, St Andrew's Parish, Wanganui, Manawatu-Wanganui Presbytery, to Member, Manawatu-Wanganui Presbytery, 30 November 2012; Lance Thomas, from Minister, St John's Parish, Rotorua, Kaimai Presbytery, to Minister, Rotorua District Parish, Kaimai Presbytery, 2 December 2012; Gary Mattock, from Licentiate, Southern Presbytery, to Minister, Balclutha Parish, Southern Presbytery, 27 January 2013; Murray Shallard, from Licentiate, Southern Presbytery, to Minister, St Andrew's Parish, Gore, Southern Presbytery, 03 February 2013; Wimuthu Te Whiu, Te Aka Puaho, to Amorangi Minister, Tai Tokerau Maori Pastorate, Te Aka Puaho, 5 February 2013; Sa Si'itia-Asi, from Other Recognised Minister, Wellington Presbytery, to Minister, St Giles, Mt Roskill South Parish, Northern Presbytery, 13 February 2013; Bobby Kusilifu, from Minister, Palmerston/Dunback Parish, Southern Presbytery, to Minister, Lansdowne and St Luke's Union Parishes, Wairarapa UDC, 2 June 2013; Eric Mattock, from Minister, Kurow Parish, Southern Presbytery, to Minister, Maniototo Parish, Southern Presbytery, 5 May 2013; Andrew Nicol, from Licentiate, Southern Presbytery, to Minister, St Margaret's Bishopdale Parish, Presbytery of Christchurch, 19 May 2013; Rob Pettersen, from Licentiate, Northern Presbytery, to Minister, Iona Blockhouse Bay Parish, Northern Presbytery, 12 December 2012; Mervyn Rive, from Local Ordained Ministry Probationer, Wairarapa UDC, to Local Ordained Minister, St Andrew's Union and St James' Union Parishes, Wairarapa UDC, 12 May 2013; Reece Frith, from Licentiate, Kaimai Presbytery, to Minister, St Paul's Katikati Parish, Kaimai Presbytery, July 2013; Keith Hooker, from

Other Recognised Minister, Kaimai Presbytery, to Minister, Calvin Gore Parish, Southern Presbytery, 1 July 2013; Gary Mauga, from Licentiate, Northern Presbytery, to Minister, St Andrew's Henderson Parish, Northern Presbytery, 30 January 2013; Iona Su'a, from Other Recognised Minister, Southern Presbytery to Minister, Orakei Parish, Northern Presbytery, 27 February 2013; Fraser Paterson, from Minister Emeritus, Wellington Presbytery, to Minister, Gisborne Parish, Gisborne-Hawkes Bay Presbytery, 1 June 2013; John Daniel, from Member, Southern Presbytery, to Transition Minister, Kaikorai Parish, Southern Presbytery, 4 June 2013; Micah Chu Hang Tang, from Reception to Minister, Auckland Chinese Parish, Northern Presbytery, 18 September 2013; Simon Cornwall, from Licentiate to Minister St James' Greerton Parish, Kaimai Presbytery, 16 December 2013; Junghun Choi, from Licentiate, Northern Presbytery to Minister, North Shore Korean Parish, Northern Presbytery, 1 December 2013; Edward Masters, from Licentiate, Wellington Presbytery to Minister, Rotorua Districts Parish, Kaimai Presbytery, 12 December 2013; Tani Haunga, from Licentiate, Northern Presbytery, to Minister, Mt Albert Auckland Parish, Northern Presbytery, 11 December 2013; Catherine Burton, from Licentiate, Kaimai Presbytery, to Minister, St Peter's Tauranga Parish, Kaimai Presbytery, 9 December 2013; Andrew Callender, from Licentiate, Southern Presbytery, to Minister St James' New Plymouth Parish, Taranaki Presbytery, 8 December 2013; Wayne Toleafoa, from Other Recognised Minister, Northern Presbytery, to Minister, Te Atatu Union Parish, Northern Presbytery, 13 March 2014; Matthew Jack, from member, Southern Presbytery to Minister, Knox Christchurch Parish, Christchurch Presbytery, 16 March 2014; Mario Weyers, to Minister St Andrew's Te Puke Parish, Kaimai Presbytery, 3 April 2014; Chungman Cho, (non PCANZ) appointed Minister, Korean Presbyterian Church of Auckland, Northern Presbytery, 03 April 2014; Andrew Callender, from Licentiate to Minister, St James' Presbyterian Church, New Plymouth, Taranaki Presbytery, 8 December 2013; Makesi Alatimu, from Minister, Owairaka Pacific Islanders Parish, Northern Presbytery, to Minister, St Paul's Trinity Pacific Christchurch Parish, Presbytery of Christchurch, 14 February 2013; Alistair McNaughton, from Licentiate to Minister, St Paul's Parish, Kaikoura, Nelson-Marlborough Presbytery, to 31 January 2013; Murray Shallard, from Licentiate, Southern Presbytery, to Minister St Andrew's Gore Parish, Southern Presbytery, 3 February 2013; Makesi Alatimu, from Minister, Owairaki Pacific Islands Parish, Northern Presbytery, to Minister, St Paul's Trinity Pacific Parish, Christchurch Presbytery 14 February 2013; Wayne Toleafoa, from member, Northern Presbytery to Minister, Te Atatu Union Parish, Northern Presbytery, 13 March 2014; Clive Thomson, from Stated Supply, Kaimai Presbytery, to Minister, Knox Hamilton Parish, Kaimai Presbytery, 14 March 2013; William MacDonald, from Other Recognised Minister, Northern Presbytery, to Minister, St James' Quay Street Auckland Parish, Quay St, Auckland, Northern Presbytery, 7 April 2013; Caleb Hardy, from Other Recognised Minister, Northern Presbytery to Minister Mairangi & Castor Bays Parish, Northern Presbytery, 15 November 2013; Anne Stewart, from Minister, St Stephen's Bryndwr Parish, Christchurch Presbytery, to Minister, The Village Christchurch Parish, Christchurch Presbytery, 2 December 2013; Martin Stewart, from Minister, St Stephen's Bryndwr Parish, Christchurch Presbytery, to Minister, The Village Christchurch Parish, Christchurch Presbytery, 2 December 2013; Wharekotua Turuwhenua, to Amorangi Minister, Te Aka Puaho, 01 December 2013; Rachel Judge, from Minister, St David's Parish, Ashburton, Ashburton Presbytery to Minister, Mornington Parish, Dunedin Southern Presbytery, 1 February 2014; Malcolm Gordon, from member, Kaimai Presbytery to Knox Centre for Ministry & Leadership, Northern Presbytery, 1 February 2014; John Cromarty, from Member, Southern Presbytery to Minister, St David's Invercargill Parish, Southern Presbytery 10 February 2014; Malu Fruean & Luisa Fruean, from St James' and St Paul's Parishes, Ashburton, Ashburton Presbytery, to Ministers, Tokomairiro Co-operating Parish, Southern Presbytery, 27 February 2014; Ivan Martinez, from Licentiate, Southern Presbytery, to Minister, St Stephen's, Leith

Valley Parish, Southern Presbytery, 29 April 2014; Kerry Enright, from Other Recognised Minister, Wellington Presbytery to Minister, Knox Dunedin Parish, Southern Presbytery, 1 May 2014; Mike Uttley, from Minister, St Peter's Tauranga Parish, to Minister, Fairfield Hamilton Parish, Kaimai Presbytery, 4 June 2014; Brenda Marshall to Local Ordained Minister, St James', Woodville & St Paul's Pahiatua Parishes, Manawatu Wanganui Presbytery, 01 August 2014; Gene Lawrence, from member, Manawatu-Wanganui Presbytery, to Minister St David's Palmerston North Parish, Manawatu-Wanganui Presbytery, 20 July 2014, John Rush, from Other Recognised Minister, to Minister, Tirau Parish, Kaimai Presbytery, 31 July 2014.

Co-operative Venture appointments (non-PCANZ ministers):

Mary Nicholas (Methodist Church), to Minister, St John's Raumanga Co-operating Parish, Northern Presbytery, 30 January 2013; Indrea Alexander (Anglican Church), to Waimate District Co-operating Parish, South Canterbury Presbytery, 1 March 2013; Andrew McDonald (Anglican Church), to Mackenzie Co-operating Parish, South Canterbury Presbytery, 30 April 2013; Alison Molineux (Methodist Church) to Taupo Union parish, Kaimai Presbytery, 6 February 2014.

Retirements:

Ken Baker, Southern Presbytery, 5 November 2012; Tom Etuata, Wellington Presbytery, 6 November 2012; Pamela Tankersley, Wellington Presbytery, 31 October 2012; John Balchin, Northern Presbytery, 24 December 2012; Ray McKendry, Southern Presbytery, 1 July 2013; Graeme Munro, Southern Presbytery, 31 May 2013; Louise Stevenson-Wright, Southern Presbytery, 3 July 2013; Sione Faitala, Northern Presbytery, 4 July 2013; Rilma Sands, Manawatu-Wanganui Presbytery, 31 July 2013; Don Hall, Northern Presbytery, 30 July 2013; Paul Ranby, Manawatu Wanganui Presbytery, March 2013; John Turton, Manawatu-Wanganui Presbytery, 31 July 2013; Barbara Curteis, from Other Recognised Minister, Northern Presbytery, to Minister Emerita, Northern Presbytery, 10 September 2013; Richard Lawrence, Kaimai Presbytery, 17 September 2013; Gary Marquand, Kaimai Presbytery, 31 August 2013; John Howell, Kaimai Presbytery, 1 October 2013; Carol Grant, Southern Presbytery, 31 October 2013; Fogatia Levi, Kaimai Presbytery, 31 December 2013; Kenneth Gordon Wall, Manawatu-Wanganui Presbytery, 16<sup>th</sup> February 2014; Asora Amosa, Pacific Islands Synod, 1 January 2014; Hariata Haumate, Wellington Presbytery, 20 February 2014; Erana Manihera, Te Aka Puaho, 13 February 2014, Hamueva Rangiahua, Te Aka Puaho, 5 December 2013; Robin List, Wairarapa UDC, 30 September 2013; Diane Gilliam-Weeks, Wellington Presbytery, 13 May 2014;

Deaths:

Kenape Faleo'ese (28 September 2012), Donald Knight (19 October 2012), Sr Rouie Mercer (24 October 2012), Dallas Clark (8 November 2012), Graham Herbison (23 January 2013), Donald MacMillan (15 February 2013), Alan Herron (12 March 2013), John Evans (1 April 2013), Rangiaukume Sanderson (23 February 2013), Samuel McCay (31 January 2013), Malaefou Korua (23 May 2013), Isobel Probert (9 March 2013), Uili Aukuso (14 July 2013), Eric Chapman (3 July 2013), William Tibbles (6 July 2013), Ian Galloway (31 July 2013), James Hunter (14 August 2013), Ailsa Fletcher (11 September 2013), Keith Sellar (3 September 2013), John McKinlay (7 September 2013), William Lindsay (10 October 2013), Dennis Clow (18 February 2014), Catherine Hollister-Jones (23 February 2014), Lorna Aberley (6 March 2014), David Calvert (24 April 2014), Donald Wilson (23 May 2014), Alan Goss (30 June 2014), Allan Simpson (5 June 2014), Graeme John Hunkin (15 June 2014), Peter Davies (1 August 2014), Douglas Phillips (25<sup>th</sup> August 2014), Wynford Davies (9 September 2014), Bryan Wilson (24 September 2014).



Removals from Roll (inactive in ordained ministry):

Paul Andrianatos, 12 July 2013; William Brown, 1 July 2013; Michael Katipa, 24 July 2013; Noel Khokhar, 25 June 2013; Dong Gyu Lee, 1 July 2013; Feleti Ngan-Woo, 1 July 2013; Daniel Rikiriki, 24 July 2013; Alan Sarte, 12 July 2013; Paul Sung-Won Lee, 28 June 2013; Daniel Winstanley, 25 June 2013; Robert Murdoch, 13 August 2013; Lourdino Yuzon, 30 September 2013; Fa'avae Le'aupepe, 15 October 2013.

Removals from Roll (disciplinary):

Ock Youn Jang (David), 6 September 2013; Karl Lamb, 23 October 2013; Roger Hart, 4 December 2013; Paora Hunia, 10 March 2014; Tarei Te Moni, 19 March 2014.

Resignations from Ministerial Roll:

Robert William, 22 March 2013; Christopher Bedford, 31 January 2013; Stephen Lindsay, 6 March 2014; Paul Rogers, 31 December 2013; Monika Redmond, 8 July 2014;

Other Changes in Status:

Malcolm Gordon, from Minister, St Paul's Katikati Parish, Kaimai Presbytery, to Other Recognised Minister, Kaimai Presbytery, 20 October 2012; Laurie Ennor, from Minister, Malvern Co-operating Parish, Christchurch Presbytery, to Other Recognised Minister, Christchurch Presbytery, 31 January 2013; Geoff King, from Minister, Knox Christchurch Parish, Presbytery of Christchurch, to Other Recognised Minister, Christchurch Presbytery, 26 December 2012; Chang-Ho (Philip) Kang, from Member, Northern Presbytery, to Other Recognised Minister, Northern Presbytery, 11 October 2012; Selwyn Yeoman, from Minister, Coastal Unity Dunedin Parish, Southern Presbytery, to Member, Southern Presbytery, 2 December 2012; Karen Nelson, from Minister, St Aidan's Conifer Grove Parish, Northern Presbytery, to Other Recognised Minister, Northern Presbytery, 24 February 2013; Sharon Ross Ensor, from Minister, Wadestown Parish, Wellington Presbytery, to Member, Wellington Presbytery, 26 May 2013; Jangwon Seo, from Minister, St Andrew's Hanshin Korean Parish, Manurewa, Northern Presbytery, to Other Recognised Minister, Northern Presbytery, 6 January 2013; George Dempster, from Minister, Dannevirke Parish, Manawatu-Wanganui Presbytery, to Member, Manawatu-Wanganui Presbytery, 31 March 2013; Neil Cowie, from Minister Emeritus, Southern Presbytery, to ministry enabler, Pukakai Co-Operating Parish, South Canterbury Presbytery, 21 July 2013; Sandra Wright-Taylor, from Minister, St Mark's Avonhead/Upper Riccarton Parish, Christchurch Presbytery, to Member, Christchurch Presbytery, 1 August 2013; Helen Wallis, from Minister Emerita, Christchurch Presbytery to Minister Emerita, Southern Presbytery 3 September 2013; Matthew Jack, From Other Recognised Minister, Southern Presbytery to Member, Southern Presbytery, 15 March 2014; Martin Dickson, from Minister St Paul's Kamo Parish, Northern Presbytery, to Other Recognised Minister, Northern Presbytery, 31 January 2014; Stephanie Wells, from Minister, St James Spreydon Parish, to Transition Minister, Malvern Co-operating Parish, Christchurch Presbytery, 22 February 2014; Frank Glen, from Minister Emeritus, Presbytery of Christchurch, to Minister Emeritus, Southern Presbytery, 29 April 2013; Alan Judge, from Minister, St David's Ashburton Parish, Ashburton Presbytery, to Member, Southern Presbytery, 6 May 2014; Ewing Stevens from Minister Emeritus, Northern Presbytery to Minister Emeritus, Southern Presbytery, 10 March 2013; Yvonne Smith, from Member, Christchurch Presbytery to Member, Southern Presbytery, 20 March 2014; Sue Fenton, from Minister, Wadestown Parish to Member, Wellington Presbytery 06 February 2013; Marty Van't Wout, from Minister Knapdale Waikaka Parish, Southern Presbytery to Member, Southern Presbytery, 6 June 2014; Junghun Choi, from Other Recognised Minister, Northern Presbytery to Minister, North Shore Korean Parish, Northern Presbytery, 1 December 2013; Maxwell Garrity from Minister

Emeritus, Christchurch Presbytery to Minister Emeritus, Wellington Presbytery, 01 January 2014; Reg Weeks, from Minister Emeritus, Southern Presbytery to Minister Emeritus, Wellington Presbytery, 13 May 2014; Barry Ayers, from Minister, Pohutukawa Coast Parish, Northern Presbytery to Member, Christchurch Presbytery, 7 July 2014; David Anderson, from Minister Knox Fitzroy New Plymouth Parish, Taranaki Presbytery, to Other Recognised Minister, Southern Presbytery, 1 July 2014.

Transfers to Pacific Islands Synod from Northern Presbytery:

Linda Hope, Sione Faitala, Don Ikitoelagi, Jonathon Pouli-Lefale, Penetekoso Togatama, Maheu Papau, William Cuthers, Ena Petaia, Solomona Uitime, Fele Nokise, Reti Simanu, Apa Leali`ifano, Fieta Faitala, Ere Talagi-Ikitoelagi, Toko Ine, Uea Tuleia, Aotafago Lemuela, Robert Robati Mani, Le`i`ite Setefano, Karima Fai`ai, Si`itia Si`itia, Pelu Tuai, Carlson Taitua.

## Memorial Minutes

Aberley, Rev Lorna Elizabeth QSM

18 September 1911 – 6 March 2014

The hymn 'I feel the winds of God today, today my sail I lift', seems to epitomise Lorna's life. Her parents were people of faith and gradually Lorna was drawn into the Bible Class movement in Hawera. She felt called to serve overseas as a missionary and in 1936 was accepted by the Missions Committee and began to prepare herself. After a 2 year course at the Presbyterian Women's Training Institute in Dunedin she trained as a nurse in Nelson Hospital and then completed a midwifery course at Stratford. By 1943 Lorna was ready to go to India but, because of enemy activity, it was not possible to travel through the Indian Ocean. She accepted a temporary position as a Parish Nurse at Knox Church, Dunedin.

In 1944 the situation improved, and Lorna set off by flying boat from Auckland to Sydney. However, there was a delay of 5 months before Lorna was able to travel on to Calcutta and thence to Christian Hospital, Jagadhri in NW India.

Lorna was soon studying language and helping at the hospital but a bout of typhoid forced her return to New Zealand. However, Lorna made an excellent recovery. Once again she felt the winds of God's Spirit leading her to do a post graduate course in nursing administration and education and she was then cleared to return to India in 1948. She felt called to establish nursing training for women as well as men and finally in 1953 the first class of women was admitted at Christian Hospital.

In 1960 Lorna retired to Hawera to be with her aging parents and was ordained as a parish deaconess at St John's. However, in 1966, when both her parents had passed away Lorna was invited to return to Christian Hospital and she served there until 1972.

Returning to Hawera she found further opportunities in pastoral ministry at Patea and Eltham. In 1976, Lorna was ordained to the ministry of the Word and Sacraments and was appointed honorary Associate Minister at St Johns, Hawera.

Lorna continued to be quite active in ministry until her 80th year. During this period she also was closely involved with Presbyterian Women at presbytery level and was instrumental in bringing Presbyterian and Methodist Women together in one association. Lorna also served as a social worker for Presbyterian Support at a retirement home in Hawera. In 1998, Lorna moved to Hamilton and then in 2012 to

Tauranga to be closer to family. Her funeral was held at the St Columba Church in Tauranga on 12 March.

We give thanks to God for Lorna's long and full life and for her dedication and her faithful service to the Gospel and to the Presbyterian Church. We pray for her family and friends here in New Zealand and all those she cared for and worked with in India.

Anderson, Mrs Joan Marian

8 January 1921 – 2 May 2013

Joan Marian Anderson, CBE, the first woman to serve as Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand (1979-80) and the only lay woman to hold that office, died on 2 May 2013.

Born in Auckland, 8 January 1921, Joan nee Benton grew up in Dunedin with Methodist and Anglican connections. She began attending St Clair Presbyterian Church when her father was appointed the church's organist. Joan attended St Clair School, Otago Girls' High School, the University of Otago, and Dunedin Teachers' Training College, teaching for one year between her G.A. and M.A.

The Student Christian Movement (SCM), in her own words, 'changed my life' where she rubbed 'shoulders with people who were seeking a faith'. During the war, Joan heard 'about Dutch SCMs who wore the yellow Star of David so that in their country they couldn't be distinguished from Jews'. That profoundly affected her and she was put in touch with 'the world wide fellowship of Christians', the ecumenical movement, which became a part of her life.

Joan became SCM headquarters; secretary in Wellington in 1945 and then general secretary. She resigned in 1947 when she married Howard Anderson. They were both involved in the Khandallah Presbyterian Church until their move to Auckland in 1966 when St Lukes, Remuera, became their church home. Joan was active in the Presbyterian Women's Missionary Union and the Women's Fellowship becoming Dominion Secretary.

In a period when few women served on Assembly Committees, Joan was a member of the following: Broadcasting, Church Worship and Architecture, Public Questions, Church Union, and Ecumenical Affairs (convenor of the latter 1972-74). Joan was on the Joint Commission on Church Union, 1968-76, the first woman of any denomination to be appointed and the only woman on the Commission while the Plan for Union was being drawn up. She attended the World Council of Churches Assembly in Nairobi in 1975 and was a member of the Council's Central Committee, 1975-82. Joan was the first lay and first woman President of the National Council of Churches, 1981-82.

Given Joan's wide involvement in the church ecumenically, nationally and internationally, it was not surprising that she was the first woman moderator of the Presbyterian Church. During her moderatorial year she visited the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan and Korea where she helped develop contacts with Christian leaders who had known considerable persecution. She never lost sight of the struggle for justice and freedom she encountered through her ecumenical contacts, and the implication of this for the New Zealand church.

While Joan regretted the failure of church union and the decline in ecumenical commitment she referred on occasion to how 'the worldwide fellowship of Christian' makes us aware 'that we are not alone in the darkness of the world, but together we reflect the Light that overcomes that darkness'.

In later years, as a senior leader in the church, Joan made important contributions in quietly helping deal with sensitive issues and offering significant pastoral support. Together with her husband Howard, who was the executive director of the Anglican Church in Auckland 1972-84, Joan gave key leadership in the year following the sudden death in January 1985 of William (Bill) Best, the church's executive secretary. Her close friend, Dennis McEldowney, described her leadership qualities: 'sensitivity, warmth, humour, level-headedness and (when occasion requires it) forthrightness and courage'.

In a personal creed shared with students at Waikato University in 1981, Joan declared: 'I believe that our lives should be lived in a constant creative positive looking forward – with a search for new knowledge, a search for a wholeness, and integrity in our lives; a search for wholeness, an integrity, a universitas in the community; a search for a new spirit of justice and peace in the world.'

This was the attitude she brought to the Community of St Luke's in Auckland, where she and Howard appreciated the way that well-prepared liturgy went together with inclusive and progressive theology. Joan and Howard had three daughters, Judith, Helena and Janet, and nine grandchildren. As the service celebrating Joan's life at St Lukes Church was ending, her sixteenth great-grandchild was born at Auckland City Hospital. Those present were reminded that in the midst of death there is life! We give thanks to God for the life of Joan Anderson.

#### Brash, Rev. Edward (Ted) Alexander

14 November 1932 – 18 September 2012

Rev Edward (Ted) Alexander Brash was born in Invercargill in 1932 and spent his childhood years in Western Southland, receiving his education at Otautau Primary School and Southland Boys High School. On leaving school, he worked in an accountant's office in Dunedin for five years while also studying accountancy part-time.

He became a member of St. Andrew's Church in Dunedin, where he served on the Deacon's Court, later becoming an Elder, and he was also active in the Bible Class movement, serving on District Committee and Dominion Council. It was at a Bible Class Summer Conference that Ted felt the call to ministry and in November 1955 was accepted as a student for the ministry by the Presbytery of Dunedin. He then embarked on three years at Otago University studying for an Arts Degree, majoring in History and Political Science, and a further three years at Knox Theological College, graduating in October 1961. Ted and Marion, also a member at St Andrew's, were married in 1960.

Ted was ordained into the ministry of Word and Sacrament by the Presbytery of Christchurch on February 8, 1962, at St. Luke's Church, Sefton, North Canterbury and inducted into the rural parish of Kowai, between the Ashley and Waipara Rivers. Sunday Services were held at Amberley and Sefton each week and monthly at Ashley and Leithfield.

Ted accepted a call to Trinity, Ashburton in July 1966 where he served for 9½ years. The highlight of his time there was the building of St. David's Church, built jointly by Methodists and Presbyterians in the rapidly growing suburb of Allenton. The two congregations worked ever more closely together in all activities and, at the end of Ted's ministry, they happily formed St. David's Union Parish. Ted was instrumental in the formation of an ecumenical hospital chaplaincy at Ashburton Hospital and all local clergy, both Catholic and Protestant, participated. Pastoral visitation also occupied much of Ted's time in such a growing area.

In February 1976, Ted moved to St. Andrew's, Stratford, in Taranaki, a parish dominated by dairying and the mountain. Ecumenical relations with all the Churches

were good and, on a pulpit exchange, Ted was the first Presbyterian Minister to preach in the local Roman Catholic Church. Ted was greatly disappointed when 30 years of Church Union negotiations came to nought in 1981, and realising he would never serve in a Union Church in New Zealand, he sought a Call to a parish in the recently formed Uniting Church in Australia, a union of Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational churches.

As a result he was called to the Cootamundra Parish in the Synod of NSW and officially became a Minister of the Uniting Church in Australia on January 1, 1983. Cootamundra is five hours drive south west of Sydney in a sheep and wheat-growing area, and part of the large Riverina Presbytery, about half the size of the North Island. The parish was made up of roughly equal numbers of former Methodists and Presbyterians who worked well together. A great deal of time was spent in travelling even within the parish, and a three hour drive to attend a Presbytery meeting was not uncommon. Ted spent 6½ happy and challenging years in Cootamundra surviving summer heat up to 43°C, bush fires, a mouse plague, snakes and even a flood!

In August 1989 Ted, accepted a call to minister in East Maitland in the Hunter Presbytery. Maitland, at the lower end of the Hunter valley, is a dormitory city inland from Newcastle. Ted's ministry in Maitland was dominated by large numbers of weddings, funerals and baptisms. Intergenerational worship which Ted introduced in the latter part of his ministry there proved very popular. Towards the end of 1994 he made the decision to move back to NZ for the last years of his ministry before retirement.

Ted and Marion returned to NZ in early 1995 and Ted accepted a stated supply appointment at St. Andrew's, Blenheim until he was called to Rongotea-Sanson Co-operative Parish in Manawatu Presbytery in September 1995. This compact rural parish, situated close to both Feilding and Palmerston North, had 5 preaching places, imposing a huge burden of maintenance on a small parish, and it was Ted's task to work towards consolidating worship at Rongotea, the geographical centre of the parish. A change of name to Rongotea Uniting Parish completed the transformation. Altogether it was a happy and satisfying settlement to complete more than 36 years in active parish ministry.

After retirement to Waikanae Beach in August 1998, Ted remained involved in ministry, serving a term of stated supply in Tawa Union Parish in 1999, and taking services and funerals as needed in the Otaki-Waikanae Presbyterian Parish where he also served on the Parish Pastoral Team, and Kapiti Bible Society Action Group. In February 2012 a special service was held in the Waikanae Church to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Ted's ordination.

Ted died peacefully at home in September 18, 2012 after a few month's illness. His funeral service in the Waikanae Presbyterian Church was a celebration of a life well-lived and his more than 50 years of service as a minister.

#### Calvert, Rev David Alister

29 May 1928 – 24 April 2014

For a lifetime, David Calver had an interest in cars, with a bent for tinkering and restoring, and figuring out how they worked. So, he entered the Theological Hall with a freshness and practicality about him. It was no surprise that he transferred his machine skills to people skills. David was down to earth with a special capacity to get things and people going and keep them going. An upright, fit figure with a beaming smile, he exuded warmth, confidence and optimism. He had a gracious dignity about him, which he was able to convey to those with whom he ministered. With his wife Reva, David was a hospitable person. Principally, David Calvert was a man and a minister of faith, leading by example in the promotion of the gospel of Jesus

Christ: a gospel of compassion, love and service. Through his ministry, he equipped others to do the same.

David embarked on effective ministries with two parishes: Cromwell-Arrowtown in the Central Otago Presbytery 1957-63, and Musselburgh in the Dunedin Presbytery 1964-69. In each parish he is remembered with respect and with affection for thoughtful and careful preaching, for consistent pastoral care and for his encouragement of and engagement with younger people.

In 1969, David began a hospital chaplaincy ministry, firstly in Dunedin Hospitals for 14 years and finally as Ecumenical Chaplain to Wanganui Hospital until his retirement in 1988. This was signal ministry where, under his leadership, chaplaincy ministry became an essential component of the healing community as well as of bereaving families. David companioned so many patients through their tough parts of health crisis, and he was just as assiduous in offering compassion and understanding to hospital staff experiencing the same impacts. Importantly he was an active part of interdisciplinary teams contributing to positive and satisfying health outcomes.

In retirement, David was an important part of Knox Church Dunedin. Here he was treasured for his unobtrusive but caring support of successive ministers, his leadership with Reva of tramping explorations, and his tending to ecological and garden sustainability.

Throughout his life and ministry David was a patently humble person. There was a gentle kindness about him and his ministry. Colleagues of all kinds have held him with respect and affection – a rare combination. We give thanks to God for the life and ministry of David Calvert.

#### Chapman, Rev Eric Henry

8 January 1929 – 3 July 2013

Eric Chapman was born into an orcharding family in Hawkes Bay. He was educated at Haumoana Primary and Napier Boys' High where he was Head Prefect in his final year; he spent three weeks at Wellington Teachers' Training College before switching to full time university, gaining a BSc, majoring in pure and applied mathematics. By this time, it was becoming clearer that his future lay in "assisting people through the Church", so he continued his study to complete a BA degree and papers for a master's in philosophy. Eric married Nan Collins, also from Hawkes Bay, before moving to Dunedin to study for the ministry. A family crisis on the eve of his final BD exams was so disturbing that he did not sit them.

He served for five years in the parish of Cheviot North Canterbury, in the Christchurch Parish of St Martin's for ten years and in the Wanganui City Parish of St Paul's for a further ten years. In St Martin's Parish, there was a very strong youth group, thought to be the largest in Christchurch at that time. During these years he served on a number of community and church committees, including the convenership of the Northern South Island Architectural Committee and the PCNZ Ecumenical Affairs Committee. In that capacity, he was involved in the formation of the Council for Mission and Ecumenical Co-operation. A highlight towards the end of his full time ministry was a course at the World Council of Churches' Ecumenical Institute at Bossey near Geneva.

Nan and Eric had three children, Barbara, John and Vivien. Some time after Nan died, Eric married Canadian born Jean Tasker. That was in 1981. After Eric's daughter Vivien also tragically died, Jean and Eric brought up her two children, Daniel and Sarah-Jane.

After leaving his position at St Paul's, Eric served as Honorary Assistant in the Wanganui East Parish of St James' until 2005 and as Clerk of the Wanganui Presbytery until 2004. Two years of study led to a Certificate of Business Studies and he also gained an ANZIM (Associate of the NZ Institute of Management).

He took an office position with Blake's Die-castings Ltd until he retired. Eric was very active in retirement in church and community and in caring for his family. He was on the U3A Committee, the Probus Committee, the Philatelic Society and he was a tutor in the computer studies with senior Net. His sporting interests had included rugby, including some time in Cheviot as a referee, cricket, indoor basketball and indoor bowls.

In all those years Eric never turned down a request for assistance. He had a strong sense of justice and concern for the disadvantaged, and has been a wonderful Christian minister, mentor and family man. He will be sorely missed.

Clark, Rev Dallas Ronald

24 July 1924 – 8 November 2012

Dallas studied at the Theological Hall and Otago University in 1954 and 1956-57. He was ordained and inducted into the Merrivale-Waiiau parish on 12 February 1958, and later called to St Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Dargaville in 1966. He served there until he was called to Glen Eden Presbyterian Church in 1975.

His final parish was Knox Presbyterian Church in Feilding, where he served from 1980 until his retirement in 1986. He had been a member of the Hibiscus Coast Presbyterian Church after retiring from active ministry.

We give thanks to God for Dallas's long ministry and service.

Clow, Rev Dennis Cyril

24 July 1943 – 18 February 2014

Dennis Cyril Clow was born in Hastings on July 24th 1943 to Alec and Ida Clow. He grew up with his younger brother, Neil and his older cousin, Ngaire, who was more like a sister to him. He completed his schooling and proudly achieved School Certificate before taking up a position with Royal Insurance at 16 years of age. Dennis had a boyhood job as a grocers' boy, was involved with the Hastings Harriers and loved riding motorbikes, owning a Matchless motorbike.

Dennis's mother was a Sunday school teacher in St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, bringing Dennis up in the faith. In 1958 she took him to a Billy Graham Rally transmitted by landline from Auckland and he answered the Call to Commitment. After that he became a very active member of the Bible Class. It was at a post Bible Class Conference tour that his life was to change forever when this shy boy from Hastings got up the courage to ask a young girl from Waikoikoi, West Otago, if he could sit next to her on the bus, outside Waitomo Caves.

The romance blossomed by letter and they announced their engagement at Margaret's 21st Birthday. Dennis got a transfer to Invercargill with the Insurance Company and they were married on Feb 12th 1966 in the little church at Waikoikoi. Geoffrey was born in 1968 and then, in 1969, the little family moved to Dunedin for Dennis to answer his long held call to the Ministry. Two years at University, 3 years at Knox College and 2 little girls (Judith and Catherine) later, Dennis took up his first position as an Assistant Minister at St Andrews, Levin, being ordained and Inducted by the Presbytery of Manawatu early in 1974. There followed moves to St Andrews, Marton in 1976, St Giles, Mt Roskill in 1983, St Andrews, Matamata in 1986 and St James, Thames in 1997 before regrettably having to retire early in 2000. February the 7th this year (2014) was the 40th Anniversary of his ordination.

While in Marton, Dennis was asked to be the Chaplain to the Scottish Society and so began a love affair of all things Scottish. His parents bought him a kilt in the Clergy Tartan and he took great pride in saying Grace at all the Ingleside Dances in full

regalia. He also brought the tradition of celebrating St Andrews Day to the churches he ministered in, including haggis for morning tea.

Another highlight of Dennis's ministry was the tradition he began in all his parishes of the midnight candlelit Christmas Communion. The churches were decorated with the hundreds of candles. They truly were special, poignant services where all could experience the true meaning of Christmas.

Dennis loved the dramatic and in Auckland he joined a church drama group, the highlight being playing a wise man in the Christmas story in the Mt Roskill Council Carols by Candlelight in front of thousands. In Matamata he was a member of the Little Theatre and was involved in a number of roles.

In 1990, Margaret and Dennis were able to take their first trip to the UK, including a trip around the Presbyterian Churches of Scotland. It was here the seed was sown for a pulpit exchange in Scotland and in 1994 they spent 10 months in the Pencaitland Parish, south of Edinburgh.

Dennis showed his commitment to the wider church in being Secretary of the Auld Lang Syne Club whose members committed themselves to praying regularly for the Knox Theological College and its later mutations, and by serving on national committees such as the Church Committee on Baptism. Dennis took his full part in presbytery life and while in Marton was Moderator of the Wanganui Presbytery. He also served as the Waikato Presbytery Clerk for eight years, including some years after illness led to his early retirement from parish ministry.

Dennis followed the Reformed practice of gowning for preaching. John Calvin taught his ministers to cover themselves with the gown so there would be no distraction from the message caused by the clothes they wore. When sending out notices of special presbytery functions such as inductions while he was Presbytery Clerk, Dennis would include a reminder of the appropriate liturgical colour so that presbytery members could dress suitably. At his funeral his grandchildren draped his casket with his preaching stoles which illustrated those colours. Dennis loved to preach, though his love of doing so was tempered by his sense of the great responsibility he took upon himself Sunday by Sunday. His sermons were crafted with care and delivered with love.

He also loved being with his people in their joys and in their sorrows, both at worship and in their homes. In his latter, difficult years Dennis made the most of his situation and remained cheerful and courageous in his illness.

With the passing of the Rev Dennis Clow, L.Th. the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New lost a brave brother and a sensitive, dedicated and sympathetic Minister of the Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care.

He has gone before us and has already heard his commendation, *"Well done, good and faithful servant!"*

#### Evans, Very Rev Dr John Oliver QSM

2 January 1936 – 31 March 2013

John Evans was born in Scotland and brought up by his aunt, uncle and grandmother after the early deaths of both of his parents. At the age of 19, John was called to the ministry. He first served as a student pastor at Highfield Avenue United Free Church (Kilmarnock), and later ministered in Hartford (USA), Millerston, and North Woodside (Glasgow).

In October 1971, John with his wife Rachel and their children, John, Elizabeth and Charlotte, arrived in New Zealand. Initially, John ministered for 5 years in the Plimmerton Presbyterian Church and then he worked for 6 years for Scripture Union as their General Secretary/National Director. In 1979, he completed his doctoral



studies. From 1982 to 2001, John was minister in Greyfriars Presbyterian Church, Auckland. His fervent and well-prepared expository preaching was greatly appreciated by the congregation, as was his warmth and his wisdom. John's broad Scottish accent, and his humour, added extra colour. The congregation grew under his ministry. His wife Rachel was loved by all, and her sudden death was a great shock to the congregation.

It was a mark of John's ability and commitment to the Gospel that, through a relative newcomer to New Zealand, he was able to offer leadership within the New Zealand evangelical community. During this time at Greyfriars, John became Chairman of the Westminster Fellowship, and also of the Evangelical Fellowship of New Zealand. In 1993, he was elected Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand. In 2000 John Evans was awarded a QSM for his services to the Presbyterian Church.

On reaching 65 John retired, first to live in West Auckland. He served as interim minister and then as part-time Pastoral Assistant at Forrest Hill Presbyterian, on the North Shore. In 2008 he returned to Scotland where he married his second wife, Rita, and again became the minister of Millerston United Free Church. John's funeral was held there, and a Memorial Service was held two days later in Massey Presbyterian Church, West Auckland.

Fletcher, Rev Ailsa Maureen

12 March 1933 – 11 September 2013

Ailsa Maureen Fletcher trained at Deaconess College in Dunedin between 1954 and 1957. She was ordained to the Deaconess Order in 1958 at her home church, Mt Albert, Auckland. Her first appointment was to the Hillsbrook PSSA Children's Home in Havelock North as assistant matron. From there she moved into aged care work, still with the PSSA, serving first as a nurse aid at Duart Home in Havelock North. She was then approached by Auckland PSSA to be matron at the Inverloch Home in One Tree Hill, Auckland. In 1968 she moved to Rotorua having been appointed Matron at Fergusson Old Peoples Home.

This brought Ailsa to St Andrew's Church, a few blocks away from Fergusson Home. Forced by ill health to resign from the Matron's position in 1971, Ailsa became even more involved with St Andrew's. This was during the ministry of the Rev. Stuart McKenzie (1965-73).

With the changing attitude toward women in eldership and ministry the national Church decided to close the Deaconess College in 1969 and the Order itself closed in 1975. Meanwhile, in 1971, Deaconesses who were in parish appointments were offered ordination to the Ministry of Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care. As Ailsa was in PSSA work at that time, this opportunity was not open to her.

In 1984, during the ministry of the Rev. Ernie Trask, St Andrew's Parish Council sought ways to acknowledge the extensive work that Ailsa was doing within the parish, which at that time included leading a Bible Study in her home, being a member of the Women's Fellowship and of the Women's Guild, Captaining the St Andrew's Girls Brigade (and involvement in provincial and national levels of Girls Brigade), serving on the Parish Council and Pastoral Care Committee, being pianist for the services held in Elderly Car Homes and at the hospital, and relieving organist and pianist for Sunday worship. Several parishioners' children were privileged to be among her music pupils.

Presbytery was able to use its discretion and agreed to ordain Ailsa to the Ministry of Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care and induct her as an Honorary Assistant

Minister in St Andrew's Parish, with special responsibilities for the Girls Brigade. The ordination took place in St Andrew's Church in October, 1985.

During the next 30 years, despite many health setbacks, Ailsa continued to put all her energies into parish work. She formed and coordinated the Friendship Circle for elderly and lonely people in the community which met in St Andrew's Lounge, and continued to serve on Parish Council and the Pastoral Care Committee, including a number of years as Parish Clerk, and coordinated the regular Parish Dinners. She continued as the Captain of the Girls Brigade and for several years she had taken the full responsibility for the services in the Elderly Care homes around Rotorua. From time to time she also conducted funerals for members of St Andrew's and their families. Through the several long vacancies at St Andrews Ailsa has been the lynch pin which has held the parish together.

In November 1984, Ailsa was awarded the Queen's Service Medal for services to the Girls Brigade. When she finally handed over the reins she had been serving officer in the Girls brigade for nearly 70 years and had led the largest company in New Zealand.

Despite having one eye surgically removed and the sight in her remaining eye being less than 10% Ailsa continued to fulfill the motto of the Deaconess Order "By Love Serve" and was a shining example of practical Christian living, giving of herself in many ways beyond what might have been asked of her.

In 2011, Ailsa overnight became totally blind and with increasing deafness was forced to accept that the time to move into care had arrived. She moved into the care of Mary Shapley Home in Whakatane and on the 11<sup>th</sup> September 2013 passed away peacefully into the arms of the Lord.

#### Galloway, Rev Ian Alexander

31 August 1929 – 1 August 2013

At Ian's funeral, a long-time ministry friend, said of him: "Ian was a man in Christ, a man and a minister to be measured against. I am glad we were brothers in Christ and colleagues in ministry".

Preparation for Ian's life of ministry and witness began in Hawera and Normanby in Taranaki, where he grew up in the family pastoral farming setting, until he moved to Wellington and worked as a scales mechanic. There he found a new balance for his life through his rededication to Christ, at a Youth for Christ rally.

His studies at the Bible Training Institute in Auckland (1954-55) prepared him for a stint with the BTI Caravangelism, to school children in the Waikato and King Country.

Ian reckoned that the two best decisions he had made in his life were his Christian one and his marriage to Marie Johnston from Ruatoria (January 1959). Ian and Marie's partnership in Christ flowed through about four years in Home Ministry at Te Atatu (Auckland) and Orewa.

When the Home Ministry option terminated, Ian, Marie and family attended the Knox Theological Hall in Dunedin to prepare for the Ministry of Word and Sacraments.

A classmate at the Hall commented, "I began to notice in lectures and tutorials that when Ian asked or answered questions, he came from a personal spiritual angle, unlike others of us who made theological or academic answers. He had a special spiritual depth and understanding. ... He became particularly gifted in pastoral ministry".

On graduation (1965), Ian and family went to Mossburn in Southland, where their old Ford Prefect car carried him to the varied opportunities in which he thrived,

conducting services in district halls, schools, homes, the hotel at Milford Sound and the *Wanganella* at Deep Cove. The works camps along the Milford road and many a captive motorist on snow clogged ways received his warm-hearted and practical ministry.

Uncharacteristically, but with genial goodwill, Ian served a term as Moderator of Southland Presbytery.

From 1976 - 89 the Galloway family (Susan, Catherine, John and Kiri) enhanced the lives of worshippers and community in the Glenfield Albany parish.

Ian's presbytery involvement through those years was with the *Overseas Missions Committee*.

A more rural ministry setting suited Ian well for the four years before his official retirement in 1994.

Ian and Marie's real ministry continued with untiring fruitfulness at Waihi Beach.

A tribute paid at Ian's funeral said: "Ian was a tireless worker for the Church and for the last eighteen years we have been the grateful recipients of that dedication. He has been the glue which has kept us together and the oil that has kept us running. At any service or church activity, Ian has been one of the first to arrive ... and the last to leave. ... In addition to his work as a leader within the church, he was always a face of the Church within the community, visiting and communicating. ... He could chat comfortably with anybody from any walk of life. His unwavering commitment to Bible in Schools and Mainly Music (with Marie) must be highlighted."

In 1995, Ian had a heart bypass operation. He wrote at the time, "Although a heart bypass op is a fairly common thing now, it certainly wasn't common to me, but life enhancing. ... I discovered some things about myself, much about the plight of others in hospital, lots about the gifts/dedicated vocations of hospital staff, a great deal about the love, concern of family/friends, most of all, much more about the presence, patience, healing power and grace of Jesus Christ".

Ian was always concerned that he hadn't done enough on behalf of his Lord and Saviour. Yeah right! Kia ora, Ian.

#### Herbison, Rev Robert Graham

13 October 1921 – 23 January 2013

Graham originally pursued a career with N.Z. Railways, becoming a young Station Master at Okahukura in the King Country. He had been noted as a possible future National Director of Rail. However, post-war, there was a shortage of ministers, and sessions were asked to approach suitable men for a two-year course of training. Graham had served the church as an elder, as a Sunday school teacher, and a dedicated churchman. He responded to that Call. His wife Joyce had been brought up in The Church of Christ, so undertook study to become a Presbyterian, and their four children were baptized. Making a significant financial sacrifice, Graham and Joyce, with their children, made their way to Dunedin.

Graham was concerned about how he would handle formal study alongside fellow students who were graduates: men like Bob Coates and Kim Bathgate. However, sitting exams in the Army and in the Railways had prepared him well, and he achieved good grades.

Graham was called to serve as Assistant in the Matamata Parish, with particular responsibility for the Walton area. He was a popular minister, quickly becoming one with the rural community. The minister, Arthur Fergusson, welcomed the gifts for

ministry Graham had to offer. Sadly, Arthur became terminally ill; he appreciated Graham's compassionate pastoral care.

Arthur's successor, Ian Grant, decided he did not need an Assistant and Graham accepted a Call to St Andrew's, Balclutha. Having grown up in Dunedin and worked in Invercargill, his ministry was warmly received by his own people. His sensitive, kindly pastoral care was deeply appreciated. His diligent preparation of worship went as far as a Saturday night reading aloud of his sermon. Younger ministers in his presbytery, like Bruce Hansen, Keith Carley and Ernie Trask, valued his sympathetic listening ear and quiet, wise guidance.

Graham was then called to an Associate Minister position in St Mark's, Avonhead, Christchurch. Graham's ministry again was well received. The coming together of two parishes was not always straightforward. Graham's familiarity with The Book of Order was both strength and a frustration. His capacity to be alongside people meant warm, life-long friendships were made.

Graham was a good servant of presbytery, taking his turn as Interim Moderator. He served on the oversight committee of the movement of St Andrew's Church to Rangitikei.

Unhappily, Graham became unwell. He underwent by-pass surgery at Greenlane Hospital, but felt, because he could no longer perform to his own high expectations, he should take early retirement.

Graham continued his ministry at the Elmwood Bowling Club which he described as 'God's Holding Pen' and of which he was elected Patron.

Graham stood strong in the Presbyterian tradition of education. He was proud very proud of his family, with his sister Jean being honoured for her services to education, becoming a Dame, and three of his four children attained Ph.Ds.

We honour Graham's ministry, along with all those of his time and situation who responded to the Call.

### Herron, Rev Alan Craig

28 August 1929 – 12 March 2013

Alan was born in Auckland in 1929, into a Church family. His father, Rev D.C. Herron, was a Presbyterian minister who served at St David's in Auckland, at Knox Church Dunedin from 1930-1950 and was chancellor of the University of Otago from 1945-55. Alan was the youngest child in the family. He attended Otago Boys High School and University of Otago.

Amongst several sports, Alan played soccer for Otago University. In university holidays, he worked on farms in the Hakataramea Valley and it was at this time he met his future wife, Shona.

Alan sensed a call to the ministry and he embarked on his training and completed his B.A. majoring in History; then his M.A. majoring in Philosophy, at Otago University. At Knox Theological Hall, he completed his B.D. and was awarded the Begg Scholarship to study at New College in Edinburgh. After a year in Scotland, Alan and Shona spent a year at the Union Seminary in New York before coming back to New Zealand in 1957.

Alan was ordained in 1957 to St David's Parish, Invercargill, in a new housing subdivision. He was the first minister of that parish.

In 1962 Alan was encouraged to consider overseas mission, and with Shona's support and a period of training in Sydney, they moved to Singapore where for twelve years he taught at Trinity Theological College with furlough time in London.

On Sundays, Alan was often involved with the English speaking Chinese congregations in Singapore. The family returned to New Zealand in 1974 and Alan spent two years writing the history of the Churches in Singapore and Malaysia. This was made freely available to those Churches and it has been used as a very significant resource.

Alan was inducted into a collegiate ministry at St Mark's in Christchurch in 1977. He served as convener of the Doctrine Committee of the General Assembly.

In 1984, Alan and Shona moved to St Andrews Blenheim where Alan enjoyed the last 10 years of his full-time ministry before retiring to Akaroa in 1994,

In retirement, Alan guided the Presbyterian Parish in Akaroa with wisdom, faithfulness and devotion, for almost 20 years. His wise counsel was of special value to many people, ordained or lay people who came into his pastoral care or into the community. For the last eight years of his life, he mentored, encouraged, and supported the Trinity congregation members to take an active part in ministry, while carrying the major preaching load himself, all voluntarily. He had a vibrant living faith that shaped his life, his ministries and influenced his family, friends and colleagues.

Alan is survived by his wife Shona, and their family Stephanie, Lois, Janet and Andy.

Hollister-Jones, Rev Catherine Adelaide QSM

9 August 1919 - 23 February 2014

On 23 February 2014 God called home one of the Presbyterian Church's greatest modern prayer warriors and missionary servants – Catherine Hollister-Jones. Catherine devoted her life to her Lord Jesus and the advancement of His Kingdom on earth. Being in love with God was the mark on Catherine's life. "Prayer is wordless...it's just being", were her words. This love journey of hers both inspired and encouraged many people...love for God. For Catherine, praying was as natural as breathing.

Born in North Wales, Catherine arrived in New Zealand as a 6 year old Welsh-speaking girl. She completed her theological training at Deaconess College in 1950, was ordained as a deaconess in 1951 and dedicated as a missionary to India in 1953. She served the Presbyterian Church for 63 years without a break.

Catherine was appointed as Headmistress and Chaplain of Henderson Memorial Girl's School at Kharar in the Punjab. Later she established the Jubilee School in Kharar to provide a solid Christian based education for junior right up to senior level.

She was ordained as a minister in the Presbyterian Church in 1976 and retired in 1988 after 35 years' service in India.

On returning to New Zealand, she committed herself to a ministry of prayer and evangelism. She was a member of the Growth Evangelism Committee being responsible for the Prayer Ministry in the Presbyterian Church.

Catherine was a fluent Hindi speaker, a celebrated Christian leader in India and New Zealand and a person of enormous faith, grace and hospitality.

Catherine saw people through the eyes of Jesus: she would offer a blessing spontaneously to the person on the street, the patient in the doctor's office, the former prisoner. There were no strangers to Catherine. Everyone young and old was a friend.

Her passion for prayer was not limited to the church or to this nation. Her growing passion for prayer for Tauranga city, the nation and the world was contagious. The rippling effect of that passion will only be known in eternity. Commissioned by the

Presbyterian Church to spearhead a national prayer initiative, Catherine began to build a prayer network throughout the nation. She will be especially remembered for the paua shell initiative – a beautiful little prayer reminder.

Catherine interceded for those in authority. She was committed to praying for the Tauranga City Council, its Councillors and the decisions they made. She was also committed to praying for our nation's Government, for individual MPs, the decisions they made. She wrote to many; prayed for all; visited most.

Catherine's heart for prayer extended beyond our borders. Born not long after the Welsh revival, Catherine took that same spirit beyond NZ back to India where she had lived for many years, as well as Canada, USA, Korea, Mongolia and other places of God's leading. One of her highlights was visiting Wales several times and being part of the Prayer Breakfast at the Welsh Parliament. Towards the end of her life it was her great joy to have a prayer Chapel for the Nations built at Gideon's Fields in Tauranga.

Catherine was an amazing intercessor, encourager and supporter for numerous people, especially the ministers of the Presbyterian Church. She was regularly on the phone to them. Catherine's excitement, enthusiasm, and sheer joy in the Lord will be remembered for decades to come. She is remembered and appreciated with deep gratitude in the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand – and beyond.

#### Hopkirk, Mr Robert (Bob) Douglas

17 September 1930 – 10 November 2013

Bob Hopkirk was born in Wellington when the family lived at Karori West. His roots were deeply grounded in a loving family environment. In turn the family was deeply involved in, and nourished by, the faith-filled community of the Presbyterian Church.

At an early age, Bob was a Sunday School teacher, and then a youth leader. He trained as a teacher, and much later became a school inspector. At one stage, he and his wife Merle were teaching on the Chatham Islands. It was a time that fostered his interest in a different culture.

Bob's interests were wide and ranged from model railways to different languages. Over the years, he developed a knowledge and what he said was "a very limited ability" in Te Reo. Like his father, Bob was made an elder, and in the mid-70s became a presbytery elder for St Stephen's/St Aidan's Lower Hutt. He was still the elder for the parish at the time of his death. Along with the Rev Eric Caton, he initiated an ongoing slot in the presbytery's meeting which focused on teaching members some basic te reo and Marae protocol.

In 1989, work started on building a church marae for a new Maori pastorate. It involved remodelling and transforming a gifted but dilapidated church hall situated in Moera, a Lower Hutt suburb. The Maori pastorate named it Te Kakano O Te Aroha (The Seed of Love). Bob was the heart of the project and the teams of volunteers from parishes who completed the construction. During this work Bob's various skills and abilities were revealed: his generous use of his time and energy over months and months, his ability to plan and organise teams of volunteers, his enthusiasm for this vision of a bicultural marae, and his deep appreciation of Maori culture, his skills as a carpenter, and his knowledge of the special carvings made for the marae, plus the *tukutuku* panels. He knew their history and meaning and often conducted guided introductions for visiting groups.

Bob's involvement at this level spilled over into the work and mission of Te Aka Puaho (The Maori Synod). He often visited the marae at Ohope. As a result of his close association with Te Kakano, he was made a member of the Joint Committee (Te Komiti Takawaenga O te Haahi) These connexions with the work of the Synod

are a metaphor for his attitude and work for the PCANZ. Bob was a bridge builder. He was open to other cultures and encouraged careful listening so that understanding was fostered. He fully supported the establishment of Te Kakano as a bicultural marae, and the vision that it was regarded as the *tūrangawaewae* of every parish.

It is no surprise that Bob explored many issues and liked to delve into their history. He was thoughtful and well informed about key issues in our society. As a result he was on Wellington Presbytery's Public Questions Committee. Later, he was on the local Methodist/Presbyterian joint committee, and then on the joint national PQ committee and was a co-convenor.

There is no way to catch all the facets of the Bob's life and work within the church and community in this small net of words. His life was balanced, his faith found expression in his patience and compassion, and the way he used his hands-on skills. He was a thoughtful lay preacher and a person with an ever-growing deep spiritual maturity, and trust in the goodness of God.

#### Hunter, Rev James Thomas

15 October 1934 – 14 August 2013

Jim Hunter was born and educated at Te Aroha, leaving school at 14. He began a cabinet making apprenticeship but, after an accident, transferred to the painting and decorating trade. This led to Jim running his own business.

In 1960, Jim married Margaret Melrose, and moved to Rotorua where they linked first with St Andrew's Parish where he became deeply involved with youth ministry. For employment, Jim ran a retail shop in Rotorua. Later he was employed by the YMCA as an assistant manager in a work scheme for young people where his pastoral skills came to the fore.

It was a natural progression for Jim to become involved with the Maori Synod and he was ordained in 1981 under the Amorangi scheme. Under the synod he was a member of a touring mission group to various parishes.

After further study in Dunedin 1985-6, Jim served in a number of parishes in Wanganui, Kaikoura and Central Southland.

Jim often advanced his university education with various papers taking a Bachelor in Humanities at Massey University majoring in Religious Studies and Sociology.

A growing interest in Asia with study leave and ministry assignments back grounded his appointment to the Council for Mission where his administrative gifts were much appreciated.

Jim took an early retirement in Waimate where both he and Margaret made a significant contribution to the Methodist Church.

Jim is survived by his wife Margaret and three children, Graham, Donald and Jocelyn.

#### Knight, Rev Donald Stewart

28 August 1929 – 12 March 2013

Donald Stewart Knight was born and raised in Christchurch, where he became involved in the Knox Church Bible Class as a young man, and also sang in the choir. After completing his secondary education at Christchurch Boys' High School, Don spent two years at Christchurch Teachers' Training College whilst studying part-time at the University of Canterbury, from which he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Geography in 1947. He then taught in Christchurch and in Edgecombe, in the North

Island, before returning south to teach at the sole charge school of Windwhistle in rural Canterbury. At weekends, he travelled back to Christchurch where he continued to play a leading role with the Knox Church Bible Class under the guidance of the Rev Malcolm 'Mac' Wilson, who was very supportive of Don as he began to experience his own growing sense of call. Don attended classes at Knox Theological Hall from 1954 until 1956 and was ordained at Lincoln in the Christchurch Presbytery at the conclusion of his ministry training.

In 1958, Don married Paula Pattie, who for 54 years supported him in his ministry, and in raising their three children Anne, Paul and John.

In 1962, Don moved to the parish of St. James in Spreydon, where he served until called to Taupo in 1969. During the ten years he spent in Taupo, Don oversaw the formation of a union parish and a major church building project, both of which called on his patience, his determination, his clear-headedness and his strong interpersonal skills. Don also developed a deep respect for and familiarity with Maori customs and protocol during this time.

From Taupo, Don and his family moved north for three years to Orewa, before heading south again, in 1982, to a collegiate position in Napier West. In Napier, Don forged and consolidated a number of lasting friendships with clergy colleagues with whom he would regularly meet for a round of golf, in the course of which exegetical discussions about the lectionary texts for the following Sunday would be had, and a significant amount of Presbytery business would be done. In 1988 Don moved to his final pastoral charge at Patea, and three years later he retired.

In retirement, Don and Paula moved initially to Levin where he enjoyed having time for gardening and golf, before settling finally in Don's home town of Christchurch, where for as long as he was able Don indulged his passions for reading and hiking in the hills.

By nature and lifelong practice a modest and unassuming man, Don Knight was a sensitive and caring minister whose ability to listen and offer wise counsel came particularly to the fore in small group situations and when spending time with people one-on-one. His serious demeanor and strong sense of duty were balanced with a quirky sense of humor and a genuine delight in life's simple pleasures. He read widely, sharing with his congregations the insights of such theologians as Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Paul Tillich and Juergen Moltmann and making Lloyd Geering welcome as a guest speaker at Spreydon at the time of the infamous heresy trial.

As part of what was once regarded as the broad middle ground of New Zealand Presbyterianism, Don believed unequivocally in the principles of social justice, equality, and inclusiveness, and sought always to embody these in his life and ministry. Whilst he could become intensely focused on what he was doing to the exclusion of all else around him, Don was also a sensitive and perceptive peacemaker who could help parishes and church committees negotiate their way towards difficult decisions. Sincerity, honesty, trustworthiness, fairness, forgiveness and dependability were among his core values, and his many long and enduring friendships are a testament to the fact that Don Knight lived by the values he held dear.

#### Koria, Rev Nokise Malaefou

5 August 1920 – 23 May 2013

Nokise Malaefou Koria (known to all as Malaefou) was born in Papua, New Guinea, on August 5, 1920. He was the third of six children to missionary parents, the late Rev. Koria Lavaka Lilo and his wife the late Mrs Perelini Koria Lilo.



Malaefou attended Avele College and graduated on December, 15 1939. He went on to Leulumoega High School , an LMS school designed to provide pre-theological education for young men intending to enter Malua Theological Institution. He was accepted for training at Malua Institution, Samoa. Unfortunately, Malaefou's training came to an end as he became ill.

He immigrated to New Zealand and settled in Dunedin working at an Aluminium Factory and later moved to Auckland working for NZ Post Mail Centre. Malaefou joined the Pacific Island Church at Newton in Central Auckland, then led by the Revs Robert Lye Challis and Leuatea Lusitini Sio. He was an active deacon and a lay preacher. He worked and went to night school for School Certificate. Feeling the call to ordained ministry he enrolled to ministry training at the Congregational Church Bible College in Mt Eden. Again, his training was incomplete because of illness.

However despite the adversity of his ill health, Malaefou always was faithful to offer leadership as a lay preacher in the PIC Newton. He with others was appointed by Rev Leuatea Sio to help various Samoan Christian communities by conducting Sunday services and pastoral work in different places where the Samoan people congregated. He traveled extensively by public transport in Auckland, Tokoroa and Mangakino.

His ministries were distinguished by his depth of outgoing love of people and his pastoral responsibility.

Malaefou and Faimanifo were married at the PIC Newton, by Rev Leuatea Lusitini Sio on April 28, 1962. They became real companions during the following years as they moved around. It was in times of troublesome health and challenging situations that they were to be of great mutual support. Malaefou's ministry, without doubt, was blessed by the giftedness and dedication of his dear wife Faimanifo.

Malaefou was a church planting pioneer. He planted and pastored the following churches: July 7, 1963 - Samoan Congregational Church, New Lynn, now, known as Glen Eden Pacific Islanders Presbyterian Church. In 1969 – Samoan Congregation, St Ninians Presbyterian Church, now known as Avondale Union Parish. In 1987 – Owairaka Pacific Islanders Church .

His guidance, preaching and visiting were greatly acceptable to the people and his warmth, humor and positive attitude won their hearts. Nokise Malaefou Koria had his heart in God and hands to humanity- serving, serving, serving, serving. In recognition of his service the, then Auckland Presbytery ordained him as a Minister Emeritus on November 26, 1987 at Avondale Union Parish..

We pay tribute to Nokise Malaefou Koria, a man of God who gave of himself in service to his Lord. Nokise Malaefou Koria died peacefully in his home on 28 May 2013 after a lengthy period of ill health. He faced his illness with the quiet faith and determination that characterized his life and ministry as a whole.

Legacy is the sum total of what is left to descendants when a person dies. Nokise Malaefou Koria had very little money or possessions, but he did leave a legacy. It was in the form of an exemplary and attractive life lived, a spiritual quality expressed in faith passed on and works done, and a sense that each encounter with the departed person had left positive "DNA" on peoples' lives.

Nokise Malaefou Koria is survived by his wife Faimanifo, his 5 children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

McCay, Rev Samuel James Daniel  
19 April 1931 – 31 January 2013

Rev Samuel (Sam) McCay was born in Hastings at the beginning of the Depression. As a teenager, when the family lived near Napier, he attended Napier Boys' High School and St Paul's Presbyterian Church, Napier, with his parents. After school, he went on to study at Otago University where he completed his BA then his MA. During this time he met Olive Robertson, and they married at the end of 1955. Their common commitment to a strong Christian faith was evident and they served together on the Evangelical Union Executive whilst at university.

In response to the call to enter full time ministry, Sam was accepted for training at Knox College and was the youngest in his intake in the Theological Hall.

On completion of his studies, Sam was called to his first parish, Wairoa East, a rural parish covering a thousand square miles in Gisborne Presbytery, centred on the village of Nuhaka. He served there from 1955 to 1963. It was during this time in 1961 that Sam undertook a 1 year overseas exchange to the USA, and with Olive and their 3 children, they moved to Avoca, Iowa. Sam and Olive maintained friendships with people in Avoca for the rest of their lives. After their return to Nuhaka, Sam was called to St Enoch's, Tauranga where he served for 5 years from 1963 until the end of 1968.

In 1968 Sam received a call to Howick Parish, Auckland. As he awaited confirmation of that call, he wrote to Doug Matheson, the Session Clerk at that time, and shared a little of how he was feeling, expressing it in these words: "I am sure that your strong sense of God's guidance has been infective, for we have felt the same very strongly. There is however in me a real tinge of sadness as I realise I have to wrench myself from St Enoch's, its people and preaching. Thank God therefore for the sense of His call and leading into new fields of faith and service." These words indicate the strong sense of obedience to God's call on his life that Samuel had – a sense that stayed with him throughout his life.

It was in February 1969 that Sam & Olive arrived in Howick with their three children, and in 1973 Hamish was born. This was to be a tumultuous year in many ways. Not long into his time in Howick, Sam collapsed in the pulpit and faced major surgery. He was later to describe the strong sense of God's presence as he went into the operating theatre and the profound affect that that experience had on his spiritual life. God had spared Sam's life, and he went on to continue his tireless work for the remainder of his life.

Howick at that time was a parish that covered a large geographical area, extending from Bucklands Beach, through to Howick and out to Whitford and Beachlands. This presented the challenge of multiple preaching places and a huge catchment of people requiring pastoral care. Sam and Olive both worked tirelessly throughout their time in Howick. The years 1965 to 1975 saw the growth of the communicant membership to 627 with over a 1000 families under pastoral care. This was no small task to undertake.

There were a number of major projects that Sam spearheaded during these years of ministry including the establishment of the Bucklands Beach Co-operative Venture with the Anglicans and Methodists and the transfer of the old Bucklands Beach Presbyterian Church building to Beachlands to help with the growing ministry in that area. Another of the major projects was the consolidation of worship in Howick onto a single site. The Uxbridge property was sold to the Howick Borough Council and a new worship centre was developed alongside the St Andrew's Chapel in Vincent St. It was in this context that Sam shared a vision with others, to establish what would become the Auckland Taiwanese Presbyterian Church (ATPC). Sam was very proactive in working toward the call of the first Taiwanese Minister to serve the Taiwanese people who gathered initially for worship under the auspices of Howick (St Andrew's) Presbyterian Church but eventually went on to become a church in their own right whilst continuing to worship in the same buildings. Sam showed a

special ability to work in this new multicultural venture at a time when there were no precedents to follow, so he, with the support and encouragement of the Session and congregation, walked a new and interesting journey with the Taiwanese people at that time.

Sam served as convenor of the Doctrine Committee and in that role he completed a work on Baptism. This work was to lead to the General Assembly, in 1987, adopting a new Order of Service to be used for the "Appropriation of Baptism by Immersion". This was a somewhat radical new thinking on this subject, and allowed for those who had, in the tradition of the Presbyterian Church, been baptised as infants to be able to undergo a service of confirmation involving immersion. This led to Sam travelling overseas again, to an international conference on baptism held in South Africa, as a result of which he completed an MTheol (UNISA) with his thesis "Celebrating Renewal by Appropriating Baptism".

Sam was a man who led by example. When Sam first arrived in Howick, the church was still a patriarchal community where the place of women was not in leadership. During this time a shift took place, with women elders ordained for the first time in Howick. This was definitely encouraged by Sam, and several women were ordained as elders during his ministry and he also encouraged a number of women to go into ordained ministry. He played a significant role in nurturing those who were called into ministry through the early stages of their training.

Sam worked closely alongside the Pacific Island community within Auckland Presbytery (now Northern Presbytery) and served as Co-convenor of the Assembly Special Committee on the constitution for the Pacific Islanders' Synod. This was an area where Sam contributed significant wisdom in seeing the process carefully nurtured, but he encouraged a slow and reflective process where the PI community were able to begin the journey to the wider independence that they were seeking. This process finally came to fruition when the 2012 General Assembly passed a motion that established the Pacific Islands Synod with the same authority as a Presbytery. Sadly by this time Sam's health was deteriorating and he was not there to witness that occasion.

Within the local community, Sam is remembered for his long service record as Chairman of the Pakuranga College Board of Governors from 1975 – 1988. Sam always maintained the belief that, as Christians, we need to identify with the community in which we are called to serve. Sam will be remembered by many people for different reasons. He was an orator, whose sermons were legend – carefully crafted, a series of 3 points, clearly balanced, a little bit of humour tucked in somewhere and only a few scribbled notes in front of him. Perhaps, at times they were a bit longer than most concentration spans could cope with, but the biblical knowledge that he poured into every sermon was legend. Sam was a man who understood meeting procedure well and was therefore able to moderate meetings with wisdom and skill.

He retired from Howick Parish in 1997 and eventually moved to St Heliers Bay, worshipping during his final years at Kohimarama Presbyterian Church as Honorary Associate Minister. He provided wonderful support and care to Olive in her closing years. Their ashes are interred together in the St Andrew's Cemetery alongside the chapel. He is survived by his four adult children, Anne, Morag, Malcolm & Hamish.

Howick Parish installed a memorial plaque as a tribute to this man who served the parish well for 27 years. It reads:

*A dedicated man who, supported by his loving wife Olive, was faithful to the call of God on his life. He served in this parish and community with love, wisdom and humility, as a friend, mentor and servant.*

*Jesus said....."I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die." John 11:25 – 26*

McKinlay, Rev John Bowie

25 September 1932 – 07 September 2013

Rev John McKinlay was born in Lawrence, Otago, on 25<sup>th</sup> September 1932. He was educated at Lawrence District High School, Otago Boys' High School and the University of Otago. Between 1964 and 1966, he attended the Theological Hall and, on 1<sup>st</sup> January 1967, he was accepted for missionary service. Prior to his ordination and induction as a missionary to Indonesia, he married Christine Nicholls. At the end of January 1967, the newly weds left for a short course at All Saints College, Sydney. Between July 1967 and November 1971, John served at the Christian Mission Centre, Bandung as a missionary.

Returning to New Zealand in 1972, he served as Area Secretary for the Bible Society between 1973 and 1978.

In April 1978, John and Christine returned to Asia, where John served in the Orchard Road Presbyterian Church until the end of 1984.

Between 1985 and 1995 John served as the minister at St Andrew's First Presbyterian Church, Synonds Street, Auckland. John's ministry at St Andrew's was noted for his forthright Biblical preaching, for his life of prayer and his sensitive and caring pastoral care of members and visitors. St Andrew's Day 1995 marked the conclusion of John's ministry at St Andrew's First Church.

John is remembered fondly as a loving family man, proud of his South Island Scottish heritage, an avid rugby and cricket fan and his deep and abiding love for Christ and His people.

Thanks be to God for the life and works of His servant John Bowie McKinlay.

Mercer, Sr Rouie Lawrence

17 December 1918 – 24 October 2012

Rouie Mercer was ordained a deaconess of the Presbyterian Church on September 24 1947. She trained at Presbyterian Women's' Training Institute, later called Deaconess College, in Dunedin, from 1944 to 46. Deaconesses were appointed to positions but not ordained until at least 6 months on probation before ordination.

She became parish deaconess at Mt Albert Presbyterian Church, Auckland, where she and her mother belonged. She had some responsibility for the church development in the new housing area of Owairaka, on the outskirts of Mt Albert. After three years, there she resigned as she needed hospital treatment. In 1951 she was appointed deaconess in the new housing area of Mt Roskill South where a new church was being started. The tram route had reached the corner of Dominion Road and Mt Albert Road – the rest was on foot – in all weathers! Later there was a bicycle.

It was church policy in those days that a deaconess was placed to begin a church in a new area being opened up and before there was a church building. A Sunday school was begun and usually a group for young mothers and a church service somewhere. When local church finances were sufficient to support a minister the

deaconess appointment came to an end. Rouie worked there for five years and a 'Keith Hay hall' was built by the Home Ministry – that meant a hall available for church and community activities - with one end focussed on being a worship center.

Rouie then became matron of Leslie Home for the care of children, a PSSA service. After some years she became a community carer for PSSA, later Presbyterian Support Northern. More ill-health ensued but she had a long and well-used retirement. After long-time membership of Mt Albert Church she became a member of Albany Church and she enjoyed her time there.

In 1975, deaconesses could apply to become ministers without further training or be recognised as Licentiates - able to be called to minister positions. Rouie agreed to this but did not become a minister. Licentiates were entitled to be called Rev. Rouie however did not want to accept this title and objected to any letters addressed to the Reverend. She was always very self-effacing and in that way had a long and fruitful ministry.

### Phillips, Rev Douglas McKay

29 April 1932 – 24 August 2014

Doug Phillips was born at Herne Bay on 29<sup>th</sup> April 1932. When he was young his family took up farming at Weymouth on the Manukau Harbour, near Manurewa. His schooling was at Weymouth Primary School followed by secondary education at Kings College in Auckland. After schooling he joined his father and began his farming career.

Doug had a variety of interests, rugby (selected for Auckland Colts), Young Farmers and Young Nationals Clubs, rafting and, latterly, painting. But his greatest interest was in serving the Lord, specifically in the Presbyterian Church at Manurewa. This was especially in Bible Class leadership and he became deeply involved in this locally and regionally. He was ordained an elder at a relatively young age. It was through the Bible Class that he met his future wife Cynthia Fullerton. They were married on 1<sup>st</sup> February 1964 and from that marriage came John, Margaret and David.

It was around the age of 40 that Doug began to consider whether God was calling him to ordained ministry. This was initially prompted by the suggestions of caring friends, but slowly became a firm conviction. The personal decision was made. Presbytery confirmed it and the national assessors approved Doug for training at Knox College. Then the next big step in faith was taken; the farm was sold and 1974 saw the family settled in Dunedin for the following three years. Doug enjoyed those years of hard study and revelled in discussion and debate. At the end he was awarded the L. Th. qualification.

Doug had two parishes. He was ordained and inducted at Mount Maunganui on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 1977 and after six years moved to Waiuku where he was inducted on 9<sup>th</sup> December 1983. It was from there that he retired in 1993 to live at Plummers Point on the Tauranga Harbour. He and Cynthia became involved in the life of the nearby Omokoroa Community Church.

Then came bereavement. Cynthia died on 25<sup>th</sup> August 1998. Three lonely years later, on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2001, Doug married Iris Montgomery, who was also deeply involved in local church life. They lived together in the Omokoroa Country Estate retirement complex until age and deteriorating health forced first Iris, in 2010 and then Doug in 2014, to reside in a local rest home. Doug died there on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2014.

Doug's faith was strong and his calling clear. He was a passionate man and he served his Lord and his people passionately. He was always ready to share

excitedly some new understanding of Scripture or way of presenting the Gospel. He became a minister but he also never stopped being a farmer in heart and manner. So he was no typical minister and had no time for ecclesiastic niceties. His parishioners came to understand and appreciate him. At his funeral, among the many tributes, was one that stood out. That was his prayers, always so homespun and real before God. He is remembered for his pastoral care of the people, in their homes and in their workplaces and for his excitement in the pulpit.

He loved the outdoors (he even loved the wind and being out in it!) and had considerable talent in painting. He loved children and taught them the Bible with dramatic flair. He had the ability to convey the faith in the simplest of ways. He published a number of small booklets to hand out at every opportunity. The last of these, written shortly before his death, was entitled "A Basic Belief for Here and Now." It starts so typically with these words: "Hi, how are you my friend? "

We give thanks for the life of Douglas Mackay Phillips, minister, farmer, passionate evangeliser and unforgettable friend.

#### Probert, Rev Isobel Jessie

23 December 1927 – 9 March 2013

Isobel Probert, the youngest of four children, was born into a close family with a strong faith. Some of Isobel's earliest memories were of the family bible reading and prayer each morning, and the Sunday evenings around the piano.

Initially, Isobel's call to service led her into nursing. A two month spell in hospital at the age of eleven added to this determination. However, Isobel's first job was in a photographic shop until she turned eighteen and was able to pursue her dream. In 1956, after ten years of nursing, Isobel spent seven months as relieving matron of Leslie Children's home in Auckland. It was here that she was persuaded to consider becoming a deaconess in the Presbyterian Church.

In March 1957, Isobel went to Deaconess College in Dunedin. Ordained as a deaconess in 1960, she worked at Deaconess House, Wellington, an emergency accommodation house for women and girls. Over the next six years Isobel met many challenges, collected many stories and influenced the lives of many women.

In 1966, Isobel returned to Leslie Children's home, in Auckland as Matron, becoming mother to twenty children between the ages of five and sixteen. After two years, she became deaconess at St Paul's Trinity Pacific Church, Christchurch. St Paul's was just uniting with the Samoan Trinity Pacific Church. This was an exciting time in a new multi-cultural parish.

Isobel joined the staff of the then Presbyterian Social Services Association in Christchurch in 1970, first as social worker and then as Director of Care of the Aged.

It was during her twelve years with the PSSA that Isobel was ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament. In 1982, Isobel received a call to be Associate Minister at the Khandallah Parish Wellington, where she spent six and a half years, making many friends. Her final two years of ministry was at Waiwhetu Methodist Church, in Lower Hutt, where she also undertook chaplaincy at te Omanga Hospice. The last ten years of Isobel's working life left her with a deep sense of belonging and of love, which enriched and empowered her life.

In 1992, Isobel returned to Christchurch, where she enjoyed a very full retirement. She was a regular at the local swimming pool and gym, went walking, took up painting classes, enjoyed her family and had close and supportive friends. She loved engaging in conversation with anyone who would stop long enough.

Isobel touched many people with her cherry manner, listening ear and wonderful sense of humor. Living by the philosophy, there are no strangers – just friends we haven't met yet. Isobel's friendship was a real gift to many.

Smaill, Mr John (Jack) Cochrane

1920 – 28 March 2013

Jack Smaill's death, in March 2013, marked the end of a significant contribution to the PCANZ at all levels of the church over a long time.

He moved to Wellington from Rimu in Southland at the tender age of 16 in 1936, to take up a public sector cadetship. He immediately joined St John's Parish, and through the Bible Class was asked if he was interested in working at the national church office. Following the death of VG Chapman, the church's first lay General Treasurer, Jack returned to the church office during war service leave, in order to help complete the annual accounts. After returning to service in Guadalcanal, and then in Italy with the army, Jack resumed working for the PCNZ.

The need for new accommodation took him out to Miramar where he joined Knox Church, and he met his wife-to-be, Maisie Arbuckle. Jack continued to worship at Knox, and then Miramar Uniting, for the rest of his life. He served as a Bible Class leader, elder, session clerk, and, of course, as treasurer.

Coming back from the war, Jack continued in his role as accountant for the PCNZ. In 1954 he was promoted to Assistant General Treasurer, which quickly became General Treasurer when Lance Mushet died the following year. This meant Jack was in charge of the national office. He also assumed many other responsibilities for the church, such as secretary for the Presbyterian Church Property Trustees. Jack relinquished his role as General Treasurer to David Larsen in 1970, but continued as secretary for the Property Trustees, and in other roles, until his retirement in 1980.

Before becoming General Treasurer, Jack served as Clerk of the Presbytery of Wellington from 1952 – 1955.

Among the larger projects where Jack took a leading role in for the church were the constructions of Dalmuir House and Greenock House, and the long process of combining many small trust funds into one Amalgamated Investment Fund. This latter required acts of Parliament.

In retirement, Jack and Maisie spent two years in Vanuatu helping train up a local to take over the role of Financial Secretary to their national church. The locals admired Jack's administrative skills, referring to him as "one old fella with strong head".

Alongside this estimation of Jack, people will remember a man who could turn his hand to anything; who got along with people and was discreet; and, yes, who was a fastidious accountant. He was a faithful, capable person, full of integrity, who epitomised a generation Presbyterians that gave unstinting, loving service to their church.

Tibbles, Rev William (Bill)

28 December 1920 – 6 July 2013

Bill completed his training at the Theological Hall in 1952. He was ordained at Ida Valley in Central Otago, where he served for eight years. From 1960 to 1967 he served at Mosgiel, before accepting a call to Epsom in Auckland. In 1976 he became Regional Director of Ministry in Auckland retiring in 1983.

We give thanks to God for Bill's ministry and service.

Wilson, Rev Donald Rutherford  
14 January 1931 – 23 May 2014

Don Wilson was born in Christchurch, the oldest of a family of three boys. He spent most of his childhood and teenage years in Timaru where he attended Waimataitai School and Timaru Boys' High. He completed an undergraduate degree in history and geography at Canterbury University and trained as a secondary school teacher.

He returned to Timaru Boys' High as a teacher before he entered the Baptist Training College in Auckland. He was ordained in the Wilson Street, Baptist Church in Timaru in 1957, after a period of travelling and teaching overseas.

Don's first parish was in Miramar and then, following marriage to Nancy in 1959, the couple moved to Balcutha before Don took up the position as Canterbury University Chaplain in 1961. It was during this period as University Chaplain, that he completed his post graduate divinity degree. Their two children, Michael and Rose, were born during this time.

Don served at St Margaret's Bishopdale, Christchurch, after Don was received into the Presbyterian Church in 1968. There followed a short time as Warden at Carrington Hall in Dunedin before moving back to Christchurch in 1974 to become Principal of the Halls of Residence at Canterbury. He remained here until his retirement in 1996. Sadly, Nancy died in 1988 from cancer, having been nursed at home by Don during this illness. Nancy had been a continual source of loving support for Don and Don for Nancy during their shared lives of almost 30 years together.

Don had a very practical faith where he believed in a God of Love. He believed we were given a mind and an intellect to use so that as our knowledge of God grew, our faith also grew by trusting in God's faithfulness and not ourselves. He served the Christchurch Presbytery as Moderator and also represented the Presbyterian Church on the Rangī Ruru School Board.

After he retired to Leithfield, Don became very involved in the Amberley Church. He served as interim moderator and, during this time, he was instrumental in setting up the Hurunui Linking Parishes of Kowai, Cheviot and Waikari. As part of this, he visited almost every home that was on the pastoral roll - a huge task in such a large geographical area.

Alongside the roles Don played as loving husband, father, son, brother and devoted friend, he was also an academic, minister, teacher and mentor. There were also the character traits that set him apart as a unique individual. He was forthright, didn't suffer fools gladly, was an excellent communicator (although his listening skills weren't always up to scratch), he could be irreverent, his loyalty was without question, he had a generosity of spirit without limit and he generally approached life in his own inimitable way.

His retirement interests included playing Mah-jong, going to the cinema and travel. He was a member of Probus and was "the best meals on wheels delivery driver in Amberley."

Over his last few years, Don reduced the number of services he took, but every so often something he had read or something that was happening in the community stimulated him to take a service. His preaching was always dynamic and thought provoking and, while sometimes controversial, Don was always stimulating.

Don has been a blessing to the ministry and the church, to his family and his many friends. We are richer for what he gave us and poorer for what we have lost. Thanks be to God for the life of Don Wilson.