



Minutes of the 2023 General Assembly

Held at Saint Kentigern College,
130 Pakuranga Road, Pakuranga, Auckland

Wednesday 27 September to Sunday 01 October.

*Note: The reports and other papers that informed the
proceedings of this Assembly comprise a separate document.*

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Minutes of Session 1 of the 2023 General Assembly

**Held at St Kentigern College, 130 Pakuranga Road, Auckland
Wednesday 27 September at 6.30 pm.**

The ministers and ruling elders of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand, commissioned as members of the General Assembly, together with associate and observer members and guests, convened pursuant to the appointment of the Special Assembly meeting in February 2022.

The Assembly was welcomed by a representative of Ngati Whatua. The Rev Tamiana Thrupp, Moderator of Te Aka Puaho, responded on behalf of the Assembly.

The Right Reverend Hamish Galloway, outgoing Moderator of the General Assembly, constituted the Assembly with prayer and led in worship.

Roll of 2023 Assembly

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

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

Moderator: Rt Rev Rose Luxford
Clerk: Rev Wayne Matheson

Te Aka Puaho

Ministers

Makahi Albert, Mitchell Jaram, Tokaia Nohotima, Tamiana Thrupp

Elders

Faye Apanui, Emma Kutia, Honey Thrupp

Pacific Presbytery

Ministers

Don Ikitoelagi, Fieta Ikitoelagi Faitala, Pennie Togatama-Otto, Arona Tusega

Elders

Wyatt Brown, Pei Luamanu, Sulusamoa Samu, Tina Smith,
Haelehemata Tifahetia, Linda Vagana

Young Adults

Telefulefu Faitala

Kaimai Presbytery

Ministers

Enosa Auva'a, Ron Bennett, Phil Bettany, Shona Bettany, Douglas Bradley,
Simon Cornwall, Kevin Finlay, Reece Frith, Tae Ju Ham, Mike Kirkby-Sing, Murray
Lambert, Mohu Lolohea, Adair Oosterbroek, Philipp Potgieter, Sandra Warner.

Elders

Alby Mascheretti, Dawn Phillips, Elaine Riddell, Graham Robertson,
Symon Stamm, Philip Temple, Bruce Watkins.

Northern Presbytery

Ministers

Ben Dykman, Lorne Campbell, Glynn Cardy, Freddy De Alwis, Martin Fey, Roxy
Gahegan, Tokerau Joseph, Boaz Ko, Tania Haunga, George Kopa, Kaurasi Lagi,
Stuart Lange, Kon-Tiki Makani, Colin Marshall, Ivan Martinez, Gary Mauga, Nick
McLennan, Steve Millward, Robin Palmer, Grant Ridout, Marie Ropeti-Apisaloma, Sa
Si'itia-Asi, Christine Sorensen, Johannes Suwantika, David Tang, Joshua Tepou,
Nikki Watkin, David Williams

Elders

Cunny Atchison, Ed Brown, Judith Brown, Lyn Buchanan, David Cooper, Rosemarie Dawson, Bruce Dixon, Magele Faamamafa, Alan Jamieson, Cynthia Mackenzie, Mary Malio, Alex McEwing, Lorna Murray, Linda Plant, Isabella Tedcastle, Ann Wood

Young Adults

Jamie Si'itia Momoisea, Levi Whitehead, Monica Whitehead

Presbytery Central

Ministers

David Bebarfald, Peter Jackson, Falkland Liuvaie, Richard McLean, Marcell Mey, Graeme Munro, Brendan O'Hagan, Rodney Ramsay, Stuart Simpson, Les Solomona, Fei Taule'ale'ausumai, Reg Weeks

Elders

Andrew Campbell-Stokes, Janet Ewart, Mary Gibbs, Joanne Magill, Claire Smith, Jim Spall, Sue Staveley.

Young Adults

Natalie Kendall, Knoxanna Leasi, Scott McLean, Hannah North, Telefulefu-Cassius Fasitua, Emma Ward.

Alpine Presbytery

Ministers

Makesi Alatimu, Ryan Feng, Phyll Harris, Henry Mbambo, Marty Redhead, Brent Richardson, Martin Stewart, Steve Talbot, John Vargo.

Elders

Gordon Broughton, Lyn Heine, Tom Kerr, Robert Kooistra, Jason Shaw, Judith Souness

Young Adults

Liam Boardman, Esther Shaw

Southern Presbytery

Ministers

David Anderson, Peter Cheyne, Richard Dawson, Ian Guy, Andrew Harrex, Alan Judge, Lee Kearon, Karl Lamb, Ed Masters, Brendon McRae, Erin Pendreigh, Andrew Scott, Anne Thomson, Tekura Wilding, Ken Williams

Elders

Felipe De Aguiar, Rena Cowie, Andrew Dodds, Craig Donaldson, Andrew Dunn, Amanda Guy, Clive Kearon, Rob Luke, Rachael Masterton, Helen McLeish, Denise Randall, Fran Short

Young Adults

Jacob Esveld, Daniel Anderson, Hannah Anderson.

Installation of Moderator

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

[23.002] That, pursuant to the election process of the Church, the Rev Rose Luxford be elected as the Moderator of the 2023 General Assembly, to hold office until the induction of her successor at the next ordinary meeting of the Assembly, or as this Assembly determines.

The outgoing Moderator inducted the Rev Rose Luxford by prayer to the office of Moderator. The Moderator of Te Aka Puaho presented Mrs Luxford with the Moderator's Korowai tapu. Mrs Luxford signed the Centennial Bible.

The new Moderator assumed leading the opening worship.

Act of Commemoration

The following ministers who had died since the last General Assembly met were remembered by name in the Act of Commemoration.

Keith David Allen, Alastair Kimball Thomas (Kim) Bathgate, Robert Neville Burns, Ian Breward, John Richard Brinsley, Michael Jackson Campbell, David Kenneth Carmichael, Peter Cartwright Carter, Meri Kahukura Caton, Robert (Bob) Coates, Ian Spencer Crumpton, Margery May Dwerryhurst, Lindsay Drinkwater, Sione Lagigie John Faitala, Robert (Bob) Phillip Fendall, William Ian Fleming, William Donald (Bill) Francis, Maxwell James (Max) Garrity, Ian Douglas Grierson, Kimi Ngatamariki Henry, Kenneth Gerard (Ken) Irwin, Sylvia Lois Jenkin, Robert Neil Lambie, Ronald Tema Lau'ese, Margaret Anne Low, Graham Frank Lyman, Henry Stuart McKenzie, Nolan Reginald Martin, Brian Ernest Metherell, Harry Clements Morgan, Charles Hugh Naylor, Mary Joyce Petersen, Ivan George Pierce, Ian Manson Robertson, Elizabeth Helen (Libby) Smith, Allan Trevor Smith, Maria Alegonda (Ria) Sporry, Ewing Campbell Stevens, Gladys May Stiles, Jusak Susabda, Fania Talagi, Alfred Henry (Alf) Taylor, Brian Alexander Thom, Arthur Ronald (Ron) Townsend, Timote Turu, Keith Clement Weavers.

The Moderator gave an address on the theme of "Authentic and Hopeful in Christ." She led in the celebration of the sacrament of Holy Communion.

The opening service concluded with the benediction.

The Assembly adjourned at 8.45 pm, to resume business at 8.30 am the next day.

Minutes of Session 2 of the 2023 General Assembly
held at St Kentigern College Pakuranga Road, Auckland
Thursday 28 September at 8.30 am

Business was preceded by worship led by Rev Sharon Ross-Ensor, Moderator's Chaplain.

The Moderator constituted the session with prayer and welcomed commissioners, associates and observers.

Mr Mark Connelly, Chair of St Kentigern Board, was invited to address the Assembly. He welcomed those present to St Kentigern College and spoke about the college and its links with the Church.

Assembly Procedures

Assembly Business Work Group members, the Revs Alistair McBride and Richard Gray, explained Assembly procedures.

Communications Director Angela Singer, outlined her role in terms of Assembly communication.

The Clerk of Assembly moved, it was seconded and agreed

[23.003] That the reports and proposals printed in the Assembly Papers be received and be the working documents of the Assembly.

The Clerk of Assembly moved, it was seconded and agreed

[23.004] That the Standing Orders as printed be accepted as standing orders for 2023 General Assembly.

The Clerk of Assembly moved, it was seconded and agreed

[23.005] That Heather McKenzie be appointed Deputy Clerk of Assembly until the close of the 2023 Assembly meeting.

The Clerk of Assembly moved, it was seconded and agreed

[23.006] That the Assembly recognise the following as associates:
Alistair McBride, Richard Gray, Heather Kennedy, Dan Spragg (Assembly Business Work Group), Jaco Reyneke, Kat Solomona (Council of Assembly), Marilyn Wallace, Kerry Enright (Book of Order Advisory Committee), Ryhan Prasad (Leadership Sub-committee), Ron Mills, Andrew Souness, (Church Property Trustees), Very Rev Hamish Galloway (Immediate Past Moderator).

The Clerk of Assembly moved, it was seconded and agreed

[23.007] That the following people be associated with the Assembly for the purpose of speaking to specific reports:
Tim Pratt (Christian World Service national director), Barry Fisk (CEO Interchurch Council for Hospital Chaplaincy), Andrew Johnstone, Prudence Stone (Presbyterian Support NZ)

The Assembly Business Work Group Convenor moved, it was seconded and agreed

[23.008] That the Facilitation Group, under Standing Order 24, comprise Martin Baker, Maugapaia Ropeti-Iupeli.

The Assembly Business Work Group Convenor moved, it was seconded and agreed

[23.010] That the following church councils be given approval to meet during the 2023 General Assembly:
St Marks Church, Avonhead, Christchurch, Lakeside Church, Te Anau.

Memorial Minutes

The Clerk of Assembly moved, it was seconded and agreed

[23.011] That Memorial Minutes for the following be placed in the records of the Assembly:
David Allen, Alastair Kimball Thomas (Kim) Bathgate, Ian Breward, Michael Jackson Campbell, David Kenneth Carmichael, Peter Cartwright Carter, Robert (Bob) Coates, Ian Spencer Crumpton, Margery May Dwerryhurst, Lindsay Drinkwater, William Ian Fleming, William Donald (Bill) Francis, Douglas Grierson, Maxwell James (Max) Garrity, Kimi Ngatamariki Henry, Kenneth Gerard (Ken) Irwin Sylvia Lois Jenkin, Robert Neil Lambie, Margaret Anne Low, Graham Frank Lyman, Henry Stuart McKenzie, Nolan Reginald Martin, Brian Ernest Metherell, Henry (Harry) Clements Morgan, Mary Joyce Petersen, Ivan George Pierce, Elizabeth Helen (Libby) Smith, Allan Trevor Smith, Maria Alegonda (Ria) Sporry, Gladys May Stiles, Jusak Susabda, Fania Talagi, Alfred H (Alf) Taylor, Brian Alexander Thom, Arthur Ronald (Ron) Townsend, Ioane Bapetizo Timote Turu, Keith Clement Weavers.
[Refer Appendix 1]

The Clerk of Assembly moved, it was seconded and agreed

[23.012] That the General Assembly acknowledge 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.

Changes to Ministerial Roll

The Clerk of Assembly moved, it was seconded and agreed

[23.013] That the General Assembly confirms the changes to the ministerial roll since the Assembly last met.
[Refer Appendix 2]

The Clerk of Assembly moved, it was seconded and agreed

[23.014] That the General Assembly confirms Presbytery and Asian representatives on the Nominating Committee.

Te Aka Puaho

Rev Mahaki Albert spoke to the report of Te Aka Puaho, on behalf of the Moderator of Te Aka Puaho.

Council of Assembly

Council of Assembly Convenor Rev Dr Jaco Reyneke spoke to the Council's report.

Leave was granted to include an additional recommendation.

Dr Reyneke moved *en bloc*, it was seconded and agreed

- [23.015] That the Church affirms its commitment to show love and respect to all people and be an environment where people can accept salvation in Jesus Christ, grow their faith, find healing, discern how they are part of God's mission and serve God.
- [23.016] That the Church expresses its sadness and deepest empathy with survivors of abuse and in particular where the abuse took place within a church context.
- [23.017] That congregations and presbyteries be urged to ensure that the Child Protection Policy and the Code of Ethics are well known, understood and applied diligently.
- [23.018] That congregations and presbyteries continue to ensure that those under their care are safe and are aware of how grievances and complaints can be lodged, with appropriate support.
- [23.019] That congregations be encouraged to prayerfully identify, encourage and enable individuals within the Church who God might be calling to consider ordained ministry.
- [23.020] That congregations be encouraged to prayerfully identify, empower and enable people to serve the wider Church at both presbytery and General Assembly level.
- [23.021] That congregations and presbyteries be encouraged to be aware of and open to opportunities to serve God's mission by sharing financial and human resources with others.
- [23.023] That the amendments to the following supplementary provisions, as approved by the Council of Assembly, be ratified:
Conditions of Service Manual, Nominating Committee, pursuant to Book of Order chapter 9.23 to 9.32.
- [23.057] That Rev Alan Judge (2023-25) be appointed Convenor of the Nominating Committee and Rev Phyllis Harris (2023-27) be appointed Deputy Convenor of the Nominating Committee.

Dialogue on Sexuality, Biblical Morality and Leadership Talks

The Very Rev Hamish Galloway spoke to the report on the Dialogue on sexuality, biblical morality and leadership talks. He responded to questions of clarification and there was brief debate.

Mr Galloway moved, it was seconded and carried

- [23.047] That the Moderator and Immediate Past Moderator work with participants in the dialogue on sexuality, biblical morality and leadership to offer the opportunity for the people in various regions of the Presbyterian Church to have conversations about the issues, using the same model as that for the dialogue set up by the 2022 Special Assembly.

Mr Galloway moved, it was seconded and carried

[23.048] That the Dialogue leaders report to the next General Assembly.

Te Haere Tonu Work Group

Te Haere Tonu (Keep Going) Work Group member Rev Martin Stewart spoke to the report of the work group. He explained that feedback and discernment were sought from commissioners for a new strategic direction for the Church.

Assembly moved from plenary session into dialogue groups for the remainder of the session, to consider questions from the Te Haere Tonu Work Group.

The session ended at 12.30 pm.

**Minutes of Session 3 of the 2023 General Assembly
held at St Kentigern College Pakuranga Road, Auckland
Thursday 28 September at 1.30 pm**

Keynote Speaker

The session opened with keynote speaker Rev Dr Andrew Callander giving an address on the theme of “Authentic and Hopeful in Christ – where did we go *wrong*.”

Overseas Guests

Rev Dr Jooseop Keum, General Secretary, Council for World Mission, was welcomed and invited to address the Assembly.

Leadership Sub-committee

Leadership Sub-committee convenor Rev Ryhan Prasad spoke to the sub-committee’s report and responded to questions.

Mr Prasad moved, it was seconded and agreed

[23.024] That the Local Shared Ministry Handbook be approved as a supplementary provision.

Book of Order Advisory Committee

Book of Order Advisory Committee convenor Ms Marilyn Wallace spoke to the report.

Ms Wallace moved, it was seconded and agreed

[23.033 a] That the amendments to the Book of Order set out in Part 1 of Appendix 1 of the report of the Book of Order Advisory Committee be accepted and remitted to presbyteries and church councils under the special legislative procedure.

Ms Wallace moved, it was seconded and agreed

[23.033 b] That the amendments to the Book of Order in Part 1 of Appendix 1 be adopted as interim provisions having force until the next General Assembly meets.

Ms Wallace moved, it was seconded and agreed

[20.033 c] That the amendments to the Book of Order and the Supplementary Provisions set out in Part 2 of Appendix 1 be adopted.

Questions for clarification were responded to.

Ms Wallace moved, it was seconded and agreed

[23.034 a] That the amendments to the Book of Order set out in Appendix 2 of the Report of the Book of Order Advisory Committee be accepted and remitted to presbyteries and church councils under the special legislative procedure.

Ms Wallace moved, it was seconded and agreed

[23.034 b] That the amendments to the Book of Order set out in Appendix 2 of the Report of the Book of Order Advisory Committee be adopted as interim provisions having force until the next General Assembly meets.

Ms Wallace moved, it was seconded and agreed

[23.035] That the amendments to the Book of Order and the Supplementary Provisions set out in Appendix 3 of the Report of the Book of Advisory Committee, other than for Local Shared Ministry, be adopted.

Ms Wallace moved, it was seconded and agreed

[23.036] That the technical corrections to the Book of Order as found in Appendix 4 of the report of the Book of Order Advisory Committee be approved.

Ms Wallace moved, it was seconded and agreed

[23.036 a] That the amendments to Book of Order chapters 9.23 to 9.31, as set out in the Addendum to the Book of Order Advisory Committee's report, be adopted.

Ms Wallace moved, it was seconded and agreed

[23.036 b] That the amendments to Book of Order chapter 10.18 and 10.19, as set out in the Addendum to the Book of Order Advisory Committee's report, be accepted and remitted to presbyteries and church councils under the special legislative procedure.

Debate on the Book of Order Advisory Committee report was suspended.

Reception of Retiring Moderator

Very Rev Hamish Galloway addressed the Assembly, reflecting on his time as Moderator.

Book of Order Advisory Committee (resumed)

Ms Wallace moved, it was seconded and agreed

[23.036 c] That the amendments to Book of Order chapters 10.18 and 10.19 be adopted as interim provisions having force until the next General Assembly meets.

Ms Wallace moved, it was seconded and agreed

[23.036 d] That a new definition of "enabler" be added to the Definitions section of the Book of Order as follows:
"enabler - means a person appointed by a presbytery to facilitate and support a congregation in establishing and maintaining local shared ministry."

Ms Wallace moved, it was seconded and agreed

[23.036 e] That the amendments shown in the revised Conditions of Service Manual to sections 2.5.2, 2.5.7, 2.5.8.1, 2.5.8.5, 2.6.1, 2.6.1.3(iii) and 2.6.1.5 be approved.

Northern Presbytery

Rev Dr Tokerau Joseph gave a presentation on the life and work of Northern Presbytery. This included the launching of The Candidacy for Ministry Handbook.

InterChurch Bioethics Council

The Assembly Business Work Group Convenor moved *pro forma*, it was seconded and agreed

[23.038] That, as a response for the best care for creation and ethical use of the Earth's resources, churches be urged to continue to take all practical steps to reduce their carbon footprints and share resources to encourage members of the Church to respond positively to the climate crisis.

[23.039] That the Council of Assembly be asked to consider an annual contribution to recognise its partnership and membership of the InterChurch Bioethics Council and its work.

Doctrine Core Group

Rev Dr Fei Taulealeaasumai spoke to the report of the Doctrine Core Group and responded to questions.

Dr Taulealeaasumai moved, it was seconded and agreed

[23.037] That the statement titled 'A Theology of Ordination' be sent to presbyteries and church councils for study and discussion and brought to the next Assembly for adoption.

Knox Centre for Ministry & Leadership

The work of the Knox Centre for Ministry & Leadership was shown through a video presentation.

Pacific Presbytery

Rev Pennie Otto presented the report of Pacific Presbytery and spoke to selected aspects.

Global Mission

The work of the Church's Global Mission arm was promoted through a video presentation.

The Moderator led the Assembly in prayer for the areas of church activity covered in these presentations.

Presbyterian Women Aotearoa New Zealand

Dr Mavis Duncanson and Ms Mary Gibbs reported on the decision of Presbyterian Women Aotearoa New Zealand to wind up as an organisation.

Dr Duncanson moved, it was seconded and agreed

[23.046] That the General Assembly note the winding up of Presbyterian Women Aotearoa New Zealand as of 30 June 2023.

The Moderator led prayer for the work of Presbyterian Women, in all its forms over the years, and for the people who have been involved in it.

Assembly adjourned at 5:18 pm, to reconvene at 8.30 am on Friday 29 September.

**Minutes of Session 4 of the 2023 General Assembly
held at St Kentigern College, 130 Pakuranga Road, Auckland
Friday 29 September at 8.30 am.**

The session commenced with worship led by Rev Joshua Tepou.

Resource Sub-committee

Resource Sub-committee convenor Mr Craig Donaldson spoke to his report and responded to questions.

Mr Donaldson moved, it was seconded and agreed

[23.025] That the General Assembly receive the audited accounts of the Church for the financial year 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023.

Mr Donaldson moved, it was seconded and agreed

[23.026] That the Convenor and Deputy Convenor of the Council of Assembly be authorised to sign the audited accounts on behalf of the General Assembly.

Mr Donaldson moved, it was seconded:

[23.027] That congregations be encouraged to join I-Payroll for their payroll software and Xero for their accounting software.

Assembly engaged in a period of debate.

The motion was carried.

Council of Assembly (resumed)

Rev Dr Jaco Reyneke moved, it was seconded:

[23.022] That the previous system which required congregations who host a ministry intern to partially fund the intern's bursary, be reinstated.

Dr Reyneke, assisted by Craig Donaldson, spoke to the recommendation and responded to questions.

Assembly engaged in a period of debate.

The motion was lost. For: 79 (57%) Against: 60 (43%)

Presbyterian Church Property Trustees

Mr Andrew Souness, Chair of the Church Property Trustees' Property Committee, spoke to the report of the Trustees and responded to questions.

Mr Souness moved, it was seconded:

[23.043] That the Assembly endorse the Church Property Trustees' 'fit for purpose' conclusions:

- a. The Church has some buildings that are fit for purpose, but many are not. The Church also has land and buildings that are no longer needed. Together, this presents the Church with opportunities to improve the number of fit for purpose buildings available for mission.
- b. Improving the Church's use of its property and capital to create more fit for purpose buildings is not the only thing needed to strengthen the Presbyterian Church - but it could help contribute to renewal.

- c. Locating fit for purpose buildings in appropriate locations will take collective action, with presbyteries playing a pivotal role alongside congregations.

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

Consideration of the Church Property Trustees' report was suspended.

Facilitation Group

Rev Martin Baker provided feedback from Dialogue Group responses to questions posed by the Te Haere Tonu Work Group.

Church Property Trustees (resumed)

Mr Andrew Souness responded to questions about fit for purpose buildings.

Mr Souness moved, it was seconded and carried.

- [23.043 A] That the Assembly:
- a. Encourage presbyteries to engage with congregations on the fit for purpose status of their buildings, using the Church Property Trustees' fit for purpose framework (or similar) and incorporating insurance and seismic imperatives.
 - b. Invite presbyteries to develop a 10 year Fit For Purpose plan that aligns building needs with mission plans on a regional or area basis and, for other than Southern Presbytery, share this with the Church Property Trustees by 30 June 2025.
 - c. Invite presbyteries and the Council of Assembly to explore together whether it would be beneficial for presbyteries to assume responsibility for some aspects of property management, including insurance arrangements and, if so, how this could be resourced and implemented.

Church Property Trustees' Chair Rev Dr Ron Mills moved, it was seconded:

- [23.044] That the Assembly urge compliance from congregations north of the Waitaki River with the Earthquake Prone Buildings Policy and:
- a. Urge congregations and presbyteries north of the Waitaki River which do not know the seismic status of the buildings for which they are responsible to urgently secure a seismic assessment and forward a copy to the Church Property Trustees.
 - b. Request those congregations and presbyteries north of the Waitaki River that do not yet comply with the strengthening requirements of the Earthquake Prone Buildings Policy to advise the Church Property Trustees of their plans.

Debate on this recommendation was suspended in order to hear a proposal for a contrary action.

Proposal F3: Earthquake-prone buildings policy

Rev David Williams and Mr Graham Robertson presented a proposal from Northern Presbytery. They moved and seconded:

- [23.052] That the Assembly request the Church Property Trustees to review and update the requirements of the earthquake-prone Buildings Policy (dated

November 2022) and align their policy requirements pertaining to Earthquake Strengthening with those of the Building (Earthquake-prone Buildings Amendment Act 2016) and the relevant local authority.

The presenters responded to questions.

Assembly then reverted to consideration of the Trustees' recommendation [23.044].

- [23.044] That the Assembly urge compliance from congregations north of the Waitaki River with the Earthquake Prone Buildings Policy and:
- a. Urge congregations and presbyteries north of the Waitaki River which do not know the seismic status of the buildings for which they are responsible to urgently secure a seismic assessment and forward a copy to the Church Property Trustees.

 - b. Request those congregations and presbyteries north of the Waitaki River that do not yet comply with the strengthening requirements of the Earthquake Prone Buildings Policy to advise the Church Property Trustees of their plans.

Dr Mills responded to questions.

Assembly moved into debate mode on the Trustees' recommendation.
When put, the motion was lost. For: 77 (55%) Against: 64 (45%)

The session ended at 12.35pm.

**Minutes of Session 5 of the 2023 General Assembly
Held at St Kentigern College, 130 Pakuranga Road, Auckland
Friday 29 September at 1.30 pm.**

Keynote Speaker

Rev Dr Andrew Callander gave the second of his two addresses, on the theme of “Authentic and hopeful in Christ—beginning with what is *life-giving*.”

Overseas Guests

Rev Collin Keleb, General Secretary Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu, Mrs Roslyne Keleb, (Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu PWMU president, and Mrs Rossie Caleb, Principal Onesua High School, were introduced to the Assembly.

Rev Collin Keleb and Mrs Rossie Caleb spoke to the Assembly.

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

Rev David Williams moved and it was seconded.

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

Assembly engaged in a period of debate.

The motion was carried.

Uniting Congregations Aotearoa New Zealand

Rev Andrew Doubleday, Missions Facilitator for Uniting Congregations Aotearoa New Zealand, was introduced to the Assembly.

Christian World Service

Dr Tim Pratt, Executive Officer for Christian World Service, was invited to speak to the Assembly about the work of his organisation.

Interchurch Council for Hospital Chaplaincy

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

Mr Fisk moved, it was seconded.

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

Assembly engaged in a period of debate.

The motion was carried.

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

Presbyterian Support New Zealand

Mr Jim Berry was associated with the Assembly for the purpose of the Presbyterian Support New Zealand report.

Andrew Johnstone, Chair Presbyterian Support New Zealand, Prudence Stone, Executive Officer for Presbyterian Support New Zealand and Jim Berry, Manukura for Presbyterian Support New Zealand, spoke to the report and responded to questions.

Ms Stone moved, it was seconded.

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

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

Moderator Designate

Rev Alan Judge, of the Nominating Committee, presented the narrative for appointment of Moderator Designate for General Assembly 2025. He advised that, as a result of that committee nominated Rev Peter Dunn to be Moderator Designate.

Mr Craig Donaldson addressed the Assembly.

Mr Judge moved, it was seconded and agreed.

[23.058] That Rev Peter Dunn be elected Moderator Designate for General Assembly 2025.

Mr Dunn briefly addressed the Assembly.

Assembly Executive Secretary

The Clerk of Assembly moved, it was seconded and agreed

[23.028] That the changes to Book of Order regulations as set out in Proposal 1 of the Assembly Executive Secretary report be adopted.

The Clerk of Assembly moved, it was seconded and agreed

[23.029] That the changes to Book of Order regulations as set out in Proposal 2 of the Assembly Executive Secretary report be adopted.

The Clerk of Assembly moved, it was seconded and agreed

[23.030] That the changes to Book of Order regulations as set out in Proposal 3 of the Assembly Executive Secretary report be adopted.

The Clerk of Assembly moved, it was seconded and agreed

[23.031] That the changes to Book of Order regulations as set out in Proposal 4 of the Assembly Executive Secretary report be adopted.

The Clerk of Assembly moved, it was seconded and agreed

[23.032] That, pursuant to the Presbyterian Church Property Act 1930, the following be the Commission with Assembly powers to deal with such matters as may be submitted to it by the Church Property Trustees under Section 5 of the Amendment Act 1914 and to be the Commission under section 7 of the Presbyterian Church Property Amendment Act 1996 to consider applications under Part 1 of the Act:
Rt Rev Rose Luxford (Moderator); Very Rev Hamish Galloway; Ms Fiona Coughlan, Revs Anne Stewart, Sage Harris, Brett Walker, Richard McLean, Messrs Simon Shaw, Andrew Irwin and Assembly Executive Secretary, Associate: Executive Officer of the Presbyterian Church Property Trustees.

Nominating Committee

Leave was granted to amend this report by adding or deleting names to the list of national church committee appointments.

Rev Alan Judge moved, it was seconded and agreed

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

[indicates new appointment]*

Council of Assembly:

Convenor: Katerina Solomona (2023-27) **Deputy Convenor:** Rev Roxy Gahegan* (2023-27)
Members: Grant Holland* (Alpine Presbytery 2023-27), Rev Mo Morgan (Central Presbytery 2021-25),(Pacific Presbytery 2023-27), Rev Andrew Scott* (Southern Presbytery 2023-27), Honey Thrupp (Te Aka Puaho 2021-25), Marion Sanders (Kaimai Presbytery 2021-25), Rev Dr Colin Marshall (Northern Presbytery 2021-25), Rev Micah Tang* (Asian Congregations 2023-27), Rev Ryhan Prasad (Leadership Sub-committee 2021-25), Craig Donaldson (Resource Sub-committee 2021-25), Rt Rev Rose Luxford (Moderator of General Assembly).
Associates: Moderator of Te Aka Puaho, Moderator of Pacific Presbytery, Assembly Executive Secretary, Church Property Trustees representative, Synod of Otago & Southland representative.

Leadership Sub-committee

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

Resource Sub-committee

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

National Assessment Work Group

Co-convenors: Rev Douglas Bradley(2021-25), Rev Mike Kirkby-Sing (2023-2027)*
Members:(Te Aka Puaho 2016-23), Soomemea Faatui (Pacific Presbytery 2021-25), Margaret van Ginkel (2023-2025 2 year extension), Laurie Mills (2023-25 2 year extension), Brent Richardson (2021-25), Paula Levy (2021-25), Jin Sook Kim* (Asian

Congregations 2023-27), Rob Pendreigh* (2023-27), Cathy Fraser* (2023-27), Amanda Guy* (2023-27), Rob Williams* (2023-27),
Associates: Principal KCML, Leadership Sub-committee

Book of Order Advisory Committee

Convenor: Rev Dr Kerry Enright* (2023-2025)

Deputy Convenor: Rev Peter McKenzie*(2023-2027)

Members: Jordan Grimmer (2023-25, 2 year extension), Rev Brett Johnstone (2023-25 2 year extension), Andrew Irwin* (2023-27), Efi Efaraimo (2021-25), Peter Weir* (2023-27), Anna High (2023-25), Mayhaka Mendis (2023-25), Graham Redding (2023-25).

Associates: Assembly Executive Secretary, Book of Order Advisor

Personnel Work Group

Convenor: Rev Stuart Simpson* (2023-27), Deputy Convenor

Members: Rev Rainier Raath (2021-25), Lois Robertson (2021-25), Anesi Tauasili* (2023-27), Rev Christine Sorenson* (2023-27), Rev Gene Lawrence* (2023-27)

Assembly Business Work Group (for 2023 Assembly)

Convenor: Rev Alistair McBride (2018-23) Deputy Convenor:

Members: Rev Heather Kennedy (2018-23), Rev Dan Spragg* (2023-27). Rev Richard Gray (2023)

Associates: Clerk of Assembly, Deputy Clerk of Assembly

Assembly Business Work Group (for 2025 Assembly)

Convenor: To be determined from the members.

Members: Rev Shona Bettany* (2023-27), Rev Anne Stewart* (2023-27), Rev Dan Spragg (2023-27), Grant Bradfield* (2023-27).

Associates: Clerk of Assembly, Deputy Clerk of Assembly

Doctrine Core Reference Group

Convenor: Rev Prof Murray Rae (2021-25) Deputy Convenor: Rev Fei Taulealeausumai (2021-25)

Members: Aaron Geddis (2023-25 2 year extension), Rev Malcolm Gordon (2021-25), Rev Dr Jordan Redding (2021-25), Margaret van Ginkel (2021-25), Timothy Lim* (2023-27), Rev Mark Maney* (2023-27), Rev David Williams* (2023-27)

Church Architecture Reference Group

Auckland: Roger Low

Wellington: John Grant, Ric Slessor

Christchurch: Rev Stephanie Wells, Rev Dugald Wilson, Gordon Dalkie

PressGo Board

Chair: Very Rev Hamish Galloway* (2023-27) Deputy Chair: Anne Overton (2021- 25)

Members: Rev Mahaki Albert (Te Aka Puaho 2021-25), Hannah North* (2023-27), Rev Pennie Otto (2021-25), Rev Won Hyuk Jung* (2023-27).

Associate: Assembly Executive Secretary

UCANZ Standing Committee

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

Judicial Panel

Makesi Alatimu, Wendy Aldred, Barry Ayers, Frazer Barton, Liliias Bell, David Carden, Roy Christian, Vivian Coleman, Mavis Duncanson, Rachel Dewar, Kerry Enright, Richard Fowler, Lorraine Francis, Mary Gibbs, Carol Grant, Richard Gray, Diane Gilliam-Weeks, Annette Hannah, Bruce Hansen, Bruce Harris, Tausala Iosefa, Andrew Irwin, Brett Johnstone, Tokerau Joseph, Fakafo Kaio, Allister Lane, Alistair McBride, Robyn McPhail, Garry Marquand, Norman MacLean, Sylvia Miller-Hardie, Ron Mills, Cherie Moran, Nyalle Paris, Nathan Parry, Stephanie Pettigrew, Joanna Pidgeon, Alex Robinson, Michaela Ryan, Alastair

Sherriff, Pamela Tankersley, Wayne Thompson, Ikipa Tongatule, Marilyn Wallace, Nicola Watkin, Peter Whiteside, Dugald Wilson, Virginia Wilson

Church Property Trustees

Chair: Rev Dr Ron Mills (until November 2023) Andrew Souness (from November 2023)

Deputy Chair: Andrew Souness (until November 2023)

Trustees: Paul Barber, Marie Burgess, Helen Carter, Brian Dangerfield, Margaret Galt, Roger Gyles, John Harvey, Hao Hoang, Alan Jamieson, Lyn Murray

Trustees on Leave of Absence: Rose Luxford, Winston Timaloa

Associate Specialist Trustee: Ruth Rainey

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

Church Schools Presentation

A video presentation on Presbyterian church schools was hosted by Rev Stephanie Wells.

Kaimai Presbytery

A presentation on the work of Kaimai Presbytery was given by Rev Simon Cornwall and Rev Reece Frith.

Proposal F1: Bi-lingual Bible

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

Rev Prasad moved, it was seconded.

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

Assembly engaged in a period of debate.

The motion was agreed

Presbytery Central

A presentation was given by Rev Stuart Simpson, Presbytery Central's Mission Catalyst.

Proposal F2: Church Council Quorum

Rev Stuart Simpson moved, it was seconded

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

After a period of debate, the matter was suspended.

Assembly adjourned at 5:33 pm, to reconvene at 10.00am on Saturday 30 September.

**Minutes of Session 6 of the 2023 General Assembly
held at St Kentigern College, 130 Pakuranga Road, Auckland
Saturday 30 September at 9.00 am.**

The session opened with a time of worship, led by Rev Erin Pendreigh.

Panel discussion on ministering

The Moderator hosted a panel discussion with Mrs Honey Thrupp, Rev Roxy Gahegan and Rev Richard Ward on the theme of ministering in non-standard contexts.

Uniting Church in Australia

A video message from the President of the Uniting Church in Australia, Rev Sharon Hollis, was screened.

Proposal F2: Church Council quorum (resumed)

Consideration of this proposal had begun at the end of the previous session but was suspended when the Assembly adjourned for the day. This now resumed.

Leave was granted to withdraw the original wording of motion [23.050] to be replaced by amended wording.

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

Rev Stuart Simpson moved, it was seconded and agreed

[23.050] (replacement wording)

That the quorum requirements in the Book of Order be changed so that where a presbytery has an ongoing inability to arrange for a minister to be present at meetings of a church council, the presbytery be authorised to permit the church council to meet without a minister for such period as the presbytery decides.

Rev Dr Kerry Enright, of the Book of Order Advisory Committee moved, it was seconded and agreed

[23.059] That chapter 7 in the Book of Order be amended by adding a new clause 7.16 (9) (with the existing (9) being renumbered (10)) as follows:

Where a presbytery has an ongoing inability to arrange for a minister to be present at meetings of a church council, the presbytery may permit the church council to meet without a minister for such period as the presbytery decide.

Dr Enright moved, it was seconded and agreed

[23.259 a] That the amendment to Book of Order chapter 7 be remitted to presbyteries and church councils under the special legislative procedure.

Dr Enright moved, it was seconded and agreed

[23.259 b] That the amendment to Book of Order chapter 7 be adopted as an interim provision having force until the next General Assembly meets.

Alpine Presbytery

Rev Martin Stewart and Rev Phyll Harris gave a presentation on the life of their presbytery.

Presbyterian Youth Ministry

A video presentation on the Church's national youth ministry was screened.

Proposal F4: Presbytery Council Convenors

Mr Cunny Atchison, for Northern Presbytery, moved, it was seconded and agreed.

[23.053] That presbyteries be permitted to appoint a person other than the presbytery moderator as convener of the presbytery council.

Ms Marilyn Wallace moved, it was seconded and agreed

[23.053a] That Book of Order Section 8.10, which has the heading of "Officers of presbytery", be amended by adding (3) A presbytery may elect or appoint a person other than the Moderator as convener of the presbytery council to constitute, preside over, and generally direct the business of its meetings to ensure due order and efficiency.

Children and Family Ministries

A video presentation hosted by Karo Wilson, Children and Families Director, was screened.

Proposal F5: Restarting congregations

Rev Dr Stuart Lange moved and it was seconded.

[23.054] That Book of Order Section 5.10 (6) (c) be amended to provide that a presbytery must give consideration to the feasibility of facilitating and possibly helping resource a restart of a worshipping community in that place under the leadership of another congregation within the presbytery.

Assembly engaged in a period of debate.

The motion was carried.

Ms Wallace moved, it was seconded and carried.

[23.054 a] That Book of Order Chapter 5.10(6) (c) be amended to read as follows:
“(c) that the congregation should be dissolved. In this case, the presbytery must consider facilitating and resourcing a restart worshipping community in the premises occupied by the dissolved congregation, under the leadership of another congregation within the presbytery. In any event the presbytery must ensure the continued pastoral care of the congregation.”

Ms Wallace moved, it was seconded and agreed.

[23.054 b] That the amendment to Book of Order chapter 5 be remitted to presbyteries and church councils under the special legislative procedure.

Ms Wallace moved, it was seconded and agreed.

[23.054 c] That the amendment to Book of Order chapter 5 be adopted as an interim provision having force until the next General Assembly meets.

The session ended at 12.34 pm.

**Minutes of Session 7 of the 2023 General Assembly
Held at St Kentigern College, 130 Pakuranga Road, Auckland
Saturday 30 September at 1.30 pm.**

Financial Services Presentation

A video presentation hosted by Michaela Press, the Church's Finance Manager, was screened.

Proposal F6: Prayer of Repentance

Very Rev Richard Dawson moved, it was seconded

[23.055] That Assembly adopt and offer to the whole church to pray a prayer of repentance, as set out in the proposal.

Mr Dawson responded to questions for clarification.
Assembly engaged in a period of debate.

Leave was granted to accept an amendment to the wording of the prayer.

Rev Reg Weeks moved, it was seconded.

That the third paragraph of the prayer contained in Proposal F6 (Prayer of Repentance) be amended to read:

"Forgive us as members of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand for any occasion where by word or action we have disregarded the fundamental doctrines of our church which we affirmed at baptism, confirmation and ordination."

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

The motion as amended became the substantive motion, with the full wording being

23.055] That Assembly adopt and offer to the whole church to pray a prayer of repentance, as set out in Proposal 6.

*Loving God, You who know us and love us from eternity,
You who through Jesus Christ have redeemed
us from a life of ignorance and sin,
Hear us now as we bring to you our cry for forgiveness.
Hear us O Lord
And forgive us we pray.*

*Loving Father, we come to You this day to seek forgiveness for the way we have
sometimes used our processes to condemn and belittle each other.
Forgive us for preferring debate over prayer; for choosing sometimes not to listen well
to you and to not to love as well as we should those with whom we have disagreed;
for trusting more in our own ways than in Yours.
Hear us O Lord
And forgive us we pray.*

*Forgive us as members of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand for any
occasion where by word or action we have disregarded the fundamental doctrines of
our Church which we affirmed at baptism, confirmation and ordination.
Hear us O Lord
And forgive us we pray.*

Creator Spirit, forgive our denomination for trusting first in our own procedures instead of prayer and in using those processes as a substitute for Spirit-led obedience to your Word. Forgive us for rejoicing in the defeat of those we disagree with rather than begin sorrowful at the growing disunity amongst us.

*Lead us back to full faith in your Gospel and confident hope in your rising from the dead and help us to encourage one another in the truth of your life and work. Let us bless the world with our believing worship and work.
Hear us O Lord
And forgive us we pray.*

Assembly engaged in a period of debate on the motion as amended.
The motion was carried.

Presbyterian Research Centre

A video presentation on the Presbyterian Research Centre, hosted by Director Jay Robinson, was screened.

Press Go

A video presentation on Press Go, hosted by Press Go Catalyst Lisa Wells, was screened.

Proposal F7: Transmitting Proposals to Assembly

Very Rev Peter Cheyne moved, it was seconded.

[23.056] That this General Assembly ask the Book of Order Advisory Committee to reconsider the ability of a presbytery to decline to transmit a proposal from a church council, consulting with interested parties and, depending on the outcome, bring a recommendation to the next General Assembly.

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

Southern Presbytery

A presentation was given by representatives of the Southern Presbytery.

White Ribbon Ambassador

A video presentation on the White Ribbon campaign against domestic violence, hosted by Rev Hana Popea, was screened.
Ms Popea's work as White Ribbon Ambassador, was acknowledged.

Notice of Motion 1: Review of Assembly Costs

Very Rev Peter Cheyne moved, it was seconded and agreed

[23.057] That the Council of Assembly be asked to conduct a review of Assembly costs and format, and find a way to make the cost of sending a commissioner to General Assembly much more affordable for congregations.

Comprehensive Vote of Thanks

Ms Hannah North and Rev Gary Maunga moved a comprehensive vote of thanks to all those, named individually and in groups, who had assisted with the running of the Assembly. Those present voiced their appreciation by acclamation.

Assembly adjourned at 3.32 pm to resume at 10 am the following day.

**Minutes of Session 8 of the 2023 General Assembly
held at St Kentigern College Chapel, 130 Pakuranga Road, Auckland
Sunday 01 October at 10 am**

The Moderator, the Rt Rev Rose Luxford, led the closing service of worship. Her address was on the theme of “Living with the paradox”.

The Moderator led the Assembly in the celebration of Holy Communion.

The Clerk of Assembly advised that the business of the 2023 Assembly was concluded. He announced that Assembly stood adjourned to meet again within the bounds of Alpine Presbytery in 2025, at a date to be determined.

Appendix 1: Memorial Minutes

The Reverend Keith David Allen [1934 – 2022]

Keith Allen was born 15 June 1934 at Gisborne, the son of George Allen and Elsie Maud Wade (Harris). He was the eldest of a family of six children, his father being a local grocery salesman. As a boy Keith was nurtured by the Gisborne YMCA where he deepened his understanding and developed his writing skills.

Keith left school and trained in accountancy before hearing God's call to ministry. After completing a Bachelor of Arts, Keith attended the Theological Hall at Knox College, Dunedin from 1964 to 1966. Keith was ordained on 29 June 1967 by the Waikato Presbytery to Morrinsville as an assistant to the Rev Bill McLeay. In 1970 he moved to Clive-Haumoana in the Hawkes Bay before crossing the North Island to minister at Taranaki East, based at Toko – a village inland from Stratford. He spent a year in supply at the Presbyterian Church before being appointed to the new Co-operating parish formed with the Methodists. He appreciated that ecumenical experience and valued the Methodist connection.

In 1979 Keith was inducted to Eketahuna Union Congregation and began his long association with the Wairarapa. He provided a Rural Support Ministry based in Masterton from 1984 – a time of significant change for farmers in politics and weather. Keith retired as Minister Emeritus at the end of 1992 but continued his association with the church, particularly in Masterton.

Keith was a keen follower of cricket, a talented writer and painter. He remained single and wasn't the best of housekeepers but adopted various other families and cherished those relationships across generations.

The paper record is fairly clear – Keith was ordained at 33 years of age and worked as a minister for 25 years. But beneath those numbers lies a call to service in the church and community that is reflected in the lives that he touched and the hearts that he warmed. Keith died 7 February 2022 in Masterton. The Presbyterian Church acknowledges the ministry of Keith Allen, giving thanks for his love and service and, in the words of the Gospel, commend this good and faithful servant to his master's peace.

The Reverend Alastair Kimball Thomas (Kim) Bathgate [1930 - 1922]

Kim Bathgate was born on 18 April 1931. The son of a medical doctor working in a tent hospital in Napier after the quake of 1931, he was the fourth of five siblings. Since the tent hospital was not conducive to "family life", Kim's mother moved North to Auckland, four weeks before Kim was born, to live with her sister. The Bathgate children were raised in a culture of community service. Kim grew up in Hastings, attending Mahora Primary School, and then was sent for his secondary schooling at New Plymouth Boys High School. The Bathgates were active members of St Andrew's in Hastings, and Kim was part of the youth programmes there.

When he left secondary school, Kim worked as a photo-lithographer, with a view to eventually becoming a cartoonist for Pictorial Publications. These plans were interrupted when professors from the Theological Hall, on a tour around the country, planted a vocational thought in Kim's mind.

Moving to Dunedin, Kim began a Bachelor of Arts in English and History, almost completing it by the time he was accepted for ministry studies at the Theological Hall in 1957. (The B.A. was not completed until some years later when, ministering in Edgecumbe, with three small children in the house, he found time to engage in extramural study from Canterbury University.)

Kim's training at the Theological Hall concluded in 1959, when he graduated with the prize for pastoral theology. Pastoral care was one of Kim's strengths all throughout his ministry. His first parish was in the Central Westland parish on the West Coast and it was there that he met and married Lola in 1962.

In 1965, Kim and Lola moved to the Rangataiki parish in Edgecumbe and then in 1970 to the Halfway Bush congregation in Dunedin. This was part of the West Dunedin Union parish, a parish that included the newly developed suburb of Wakari and functioned as a joint ministry parish (four ministers) that focused on involving people who would not normally attend church.

In 1975 Kim and Lola and their family moved to St Paul's parish in Oamaru and then in 1981 to the Trinity parish in Nelson. There Kim took an active and public stance against the Springbok rugby tour.

In 1985, he served in the Mount Victoria parish in Wellington where the former Kent Terrace congregation had re-located to a large house from which it offered a full 7-day a week community programme. Kim next moved to St Andrew's parish in Ashburton in 1989, where he and Lola enjoyed a settled and very happy ministry.

In 1997 Kim and Lola moved to Christchurch to retire, but Kim soon took on an interim/transitional ministry bringing together the Sumner/Redcliffs and Lyttelton parishes.

In retirement, Kim and Lola lived in the suburb of Dallington which was badly affected by the 2011 Christchurch earthquake, and they went through a very challenging time. However, Kim continued to offer supply ministry (in nine different parishes) and was active in the life of the presbytery, including a time as moderator.

Kim served our national Church as a committee member and then co-convener of the Joint Presbyterian and Methodist Public Questions Committee.

Kim died in Ōtautahi Christchurch on 26 April 2022 at the age of 91.

Kim preached deeply and unencumbered by notes (sharp memory). He recited poetry easily, and painted. His voice was full and reassuring. His well worn tramping boots were placed on top of his coffin.

We give thanks to God for Kim's long and varied ministry, and extend our sympathy to Lola, Karin, Michael, Sara, Adrian and their families.

The Very Reverend Ian Breward [1934-2022]

Ian was an outstanding leader of our Church. At 40, he was our youngest ever Moderator. With his prodigious memory and pastoral sensitivity he was known and respected throughout the Church. In 1982 he moved to Melbourne to play an equally significant role in the Uniting Church of Australia.

He was born 31 March 1934 in Tauranga, son of Alfred and Muriel Jane (Reid). Initially, he seemed bound for a career in farming, but his contacts with the Christian Union in his time at Massey led him to consider a call to ministry. His MA studies at Auckland (First Class Honours) sparked a love for history which continued in the Theological Hall, where he studied under the inspiring Professor Helmut Rex. His marriage in 1960 to Judith Griffiths began a rich, creative partnership of some thirty years. After postgraduate study at Manchester University leading to his book on the Puritan, William Perkins, he became Assistant Minister at Knox Church Dunedin and then, still only 30 years old, was appointed Professor of Church History at the Theological Hall.

Ian combined meticulous research skills with an awesome commitment to his students. He exuded authority and his expectations of candidates as future Presbyterian ministers were high. He taught them to see the Church in its astonishing variety from the Apostolic Age to the modern day, and pointed to the relevance of this history to the issues before us today. His extensive reading lists were legendary, and so was the hospitality Judy and he offered candidates.

In 1963, he became our youngest ever Moderator, followed by three years as convener of Council of Assembly. As an evangelical, he played a crucial pacific role, especially after the Geering controversy broke out in 1967. Everyone trusted him. Although disagreeing with Geering's views he defended his right to air them. He combined a heavy teaching load with ongoing research and extensive social engagement as Deputy Chair of the Board of Radio New Zealand, 1966-67, as Chair of the St Margaret's College Council, and as the long term Vice-President of the Homosexual Law Reform Society.

The early 1980's was a time of personal tragedy. The death of his gifted son, Jan, in a road accident was followed by the break-up of his marriage. Then, in 1982, Ian was appointed Professor of Church History in the Melbourne Theological Hall of the Uniting Church in Australia. He was Senior Fellow, President, and Examiner for the Melbourne College of Divinity and the History Department, University of Melbourne. He served on many task groups of the Uniting Church, concerned with the renewed diaconate, ministry, and baptism as well as the working group on theological education, he was advisor to Stewardship Australia, the commission on doctrine and co-chair of the Roman Catholic-Uniting Church dialogue. He was also on the Board of World Vision International. As in the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand, he played a key role in setting up the national archives of the Uniting Church in Australia. In 1994 he married Eva Anna Greig.

Ian will be remembered for his skill in communicating the significance of the Church's history for its role in today's world. His energy and creativity are reflected in more than a hundred books and articles, as listed in *Mapping the Landscape*, the book published in his honour. Here we can only mention *Grace and Truth: A History of the Theological Hall, Knox College Dunedin 1876-1975* (1975); *A History of Australian Churches* (1993); *A History of the Churches in Australasia* (2001). As Muriel Porter remarked, his studies always focused on people, for to the end he remained a minister. He died 30 December 2022 in Melbourne, Australia, aged 88.

Ian was the personification of integrity. He combined academic excellence with a deep love of the Church. A colleague commented on his genial mix of rigour with flexibility, a very rare skill. Never one to wear emotion on his sleeve, he nevertheless drew on a deep well of compassion. He made one proud to be a Presbyterian and, like one of our great braided rivers, his rich legacy will flow on to future generations.

The Reverend David Kenneth Carmichael [1940 – 2023]

David Carmichael was born on 18 November 1940, a son of the manse. He trained at the Theological Hall in Dunedin from 1964 to 1966 and in February 1967 was ordained and inducted, first as an assistant minister, then associate, in the Alexandra-Clyde Union Congregation, Central Otago Presbytery. He became the sole minister when his senior died in office. David resigned from this congregation in 1969.

Having qualified as a teacher, David then spent a number of years teaching during which time he developed an interest in arts and craft that was to remain with him for the rest of his life. In 1981, David returned to ministry and was inducted as associate minister at Knox Parish, Christchurch.

David spent the last 24 years of his ministry in Christchurch. After 5 years as Associate at Knox, he then became the minister at Mount Pleasant from 1986-1994, and St Martins from then until his retirement in 2005. Though never one to push himself forward, David played a full part in the life of the presbytery and was elected moderator in 1991.

None of David's ministries were uneventful. In Alexandra, when his senior partner died in office, David was faced with leading the parish's grief, and then carrying out the workload involved as de facto sole minister in a large parish. At Knox Christchurch, he became the continuing minister in a vacancy of substantial length. At Mount Pleasant, he took over a parish that could only afford two-thirds ministry and built it up to a full-time charge and left it in a position to remain so for the subsequent ministry. At St Martin's, he also took over a parish saddened by the unexpected retirement of a much-loved minister through the discovery of a terminal illness.

David's pastoral work was always thoughtful and professional but was delivered with warmth and compassion. He was always prepared to go the extra mile. Even in retirement, when assisting in a vacancy he would deliver home communions to those he knew were shut in. His preaching was notable for his skill as a storyteller and congregations looked forward to communications from church mice, and from Felicity, the manse cat at St Martins who was surprisingly theologically literate and well-informed on contemporary issues in church and society. In his own persona as well, David adopted a narrative style preferring to allow the congregation to reach their own conclusions than to set out propositions.

Theologically, David was unashamedly liberal, becoming a civil celebrant after civil unions were first introduced, but he did not court controversy. David represented all that was good in Presbyterian ministry. He died in Burwood Hospital on 3rd March 2023. We offer our sincere condolences to his surviving sons, Andy in Seattle and Chris in Vancouver.

The Reverend Peter Cartwright Carter JP [1932 – 2022]

Peter Carter was born on 12 January 1932. He married his wife Olive in November 1960.

Peter became a Methodist Home Missionary before training at the Baptist Theological College and being ordained by the Baptist Church in 1962. He was subsequently received into the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand, conditional upon his studying for another two years at the Theological Hall. He then provided ministry supply at Murupara in 1963 before going to the Hall for 1964-65, graduating with a Diploma in Theology.

Peter was ordained as a Presbyterian minister in December 1965 and inducted to Paterangi (Ohaupo) Congregation, Waikato Presbytery. In February 1970, he was inducted to Manurewa South – Takanini South Parishes, Auckland Presbytery. In December 1978, he was inducted to St Peter's Parish, Tauranga, Bay of Plenty Presbytery.

Peter became the Director of Friendship House (Weymouth) in March 1981 then, little more than two years later, he moved to Takanini-Conifer Grove Parish, South Auckland Presbytery.

Peter retired from active ministry in August 1993. He died on 28 July 2022, at Aria Gardens Hospital, Albany.

The Reverend Robert (Bob) Coates [1933 – 2022]

Bob Coates, who was born on 1 September 1933, spent his whole working life as a minister of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand.

Bob was a geographer by training, graduating M.A. from the University of New Zealand. By then, he had perceived a call to ministry and began theological study at Knox College in

1957. Though not from a family with church connections, he had been influenced by the Student Christian Movement at Canterbury College and the ministry of the Very Reverend Stuart Francis.

Bob married Margaret Hornby shortly before he was ordained to the Queenstown Parish, Central Otago Presbytery, in February 1960. During his Queenstown ministry Bob continued to play cricket at senior level as a leg spinner, though handicapped by the poor eyesight which dogged his later years.

After a decade in Queenstown, Bob was inducted as Associate Minister to the Alexandra - Clyde – Lauder Congregation in March 1970. His next parish was Sumner-Redcliffs Union, Christchurch Presbytery, where he was inducted in January 1979. Another decade on, he was inducted to North Avon Parish, Christchurch, in January 1989. Bob retired from this congregation in January 1994.

Bob was committed to working ecumenically. He became president of the Christchurch Council of Churches and the Joint Regional Forum for Cooperating Ventures. He undertook a study leave, using his geographical skills, in which he examined how the parishes of the negotiating churches with their differing boundaries might best be amalgamated.

Bob's final years in ministry were not easy. He became the care giver for his first wife, Margaret, during the last difficult year of her life, while continuing to work part time in his parish. Later, Bob's eyesight deteriorated to the extent he elected to retire at the beginning of 1994. He remained active in retirement, continuing to preach regularly for a number of years and to participate in the life of the Christchurch Presbytery. In this he was much assisted by his second wife Elsa, whom he married in 1992.

Bob was a thoughtful preacher and insightful pastoral minister who served the Church and his people well. He died on 11 April 2022.

The Reverend Ian Spencer Crumpton [1940 – 2022]

Ian was a Coaster. He was born in Greymouth on 12 September 1940 and grew up on the Coast before heading to Christchurch and Canterbury University. He married Tricia in 1966. After graduating Bachelor of Arts, he undertook theology training at Knox Theological Hall in Dunedin and specialised in Hospital Chaplaincy.

Ian's first parish was at Te Harapara, Gisborne (1968-73) where he served for a number of years before taking up a teaching stint at Marlborough College, Blenheim, teaching History, English, Social Studies and Music. He returned to parish ministry at St James, Spreydon, Christchurch in 1975, and then served 9 years at Caversham, Dunedin. Ian then shifted back to Christchurch to work in team ministry at St. Mark's, Avonhead in 1992, where he took a special interest in the Asian community, many of whom were attached to the church. He concluded his parish ministry in St. Ninian's, Riccarton, Christchurch, from 2002- 2005.

Ian was deeply interested in astronomy and served as president of the Astronomical Society in Dunedin and later in Canterbury. He was a member of the Royal Astronomical Society of New Zealand and was posthumously honoured by an asteroid being named after him.

Ian died on 7 December 2022 and is survived by Tricia, son David, and grandson Lachlan. Sadly, two of their sons predeceased him.

The Reverend Margery May Dwerryhouse (nee Bent) [1924 – 2022]

Margery Bent was born on 13 April 1924. She trained at Deaconess College, in Dunedin, from 1948 to 1950 and was ordained as a deaconess at Trinity Congregation, Cambridge, Waikato Presbytery, in February 1951.

Margery then worked at the YWCA Hostel, Woburn, Lower Hutt, from 1955 to mid 1957, before moving to St David's Upper Hutt Parish. She then spent two years offering Presbytery supply at Plimmerton Parish, Wellington before taking a refresher course at Deaconess College.

Margery went on to serve with Presbyterian Social Service Association at Hillsbrook, Havelock North from 1954 to 1961. She then moved to work in the Otara Papatoetoe Parish, South Auckland Presbytery, from where she retired in 1971. She married Ian Dwerryhouse.

Like many deaconesses, Margery took up the opportunity to become licensed as a minister, and was granted this status in 1977.

Margery died on 3rd April 2022, at the age of 98.

The Reverend Lindsay Drinkwater [1929 – 2022]

Lindsay Drinkwater was born 25 April 1929, his early years being spent in Palmerston North. He worked as a jockey until an accident ended this career. Lindsay began his ministry with the Salvation Army in the 1950's in Wellington, in a home for alcoholics, when he also met and married Fay Smith.

Lindsay and Fay settled in Opotiki as officers of the corps before feeling a call to mission service. That call led them to work with the South Seas Evangelical Mission in Papua New Guinea which lasted over two decades. Lindsay was skilled at languages and learned a variety of local dialects as well as helping to translate the Bible in Tok Pisin (Melanesian Pidgin).

Returning to New Zealand after more than twenty years, the Drinkwaters came to New Plymouth and were associated with St Andrew's Presbyterian Church with Rev Tom Wood. This led to Lindsay going on to serve in the Presbyterian Church at St Timothy's, Titahi Bay and Porirua East. With emeritus status granted in 1992, Lindsay moved to Stratford and became an honorary assistant in the Stratford Parish.

Lindsay and Fay were community facing people. He received a Stratford District Council citizen's award in 1999 for service to the community and recognised the continual support of Fay in all that he did – they complemented each other.

The family of three, Cheryl, Philip and the late Judy, 7 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren mourn the loss of Lindsay and Fay in a car accident in Taranaki on 9 September 2022, when Lindsay was 92. We give thanks for their wide ranging ministry, devotion to family and community and the grace of God shown through them.

The Reverend William Ian Fleming [1932 – 2022]

Ian Fleming was born on 16 July 1932 to William (Willie) Fleming and Georgina (nee Todd) of North Dunedin. He spent his early years in the Knox College Porter's house as his father worked at Knox College. Ian attended George Street Normal School, then Otago Boys High School. The family worshipped at St David's Church, North East Valley, later joining St Stephen's Dunedin North Parish when they moved to Glen Leith.

Ian trained as a primary school teacher and began his country service at the residential Otekaike School for Boys in the Waitaki Valley. He and Shirley (nee Bissland) married in

1957, their life together beginning worlds away from the settled North Dunedin which they both knew well.

Sensing a call to ministry, Ian was accepted and trained at the Theological Hall, Knox College, Dunedin from 1959 - 1961. He added another two units to his degree, and he and Shirley added two children to their family. There followed ordination and induction in February 1962 to the parish of Tokanui, Southland Presbytery, with a warm and supportive community.

The family moved to Kelso Parish, West Otago, in September 1965. It was a healthy environment for a family which by 1967 included four children – Laurie, Beth, Peter and Anne. And a busy life for Ian who served as Moderator of Mataura Presbytery and also completed his BA degree extramurally.

Ian and Shirley's next move was back to Dunedin, in March 1972, to the newly created West Harbour Uniting Parish, for a five-year term. In addition to his parish work, Ian took up workplace chaplaincy at the Cadbury factory and, with Shirley, ran Preparation for Marriage classes at the Cameron Centre.

Ian resigned from this position in March 1977 and after some temporary work, he was appointed Aged Care Manager for the Dunedin Methodist Mission in July 1978. He brought his administrative skills into play and his enjoyment of people and their stories saw him engage happily and productively with staff and residents.

Ian's next move was back to parish ministry and, in July 1985, he was inducted to Duntroon Parish in the Waitaki Valley, the same parish from which he had felt a call to ordained ministry. Alongside his parish ministry, Ian undertook Industrial chaplaincy at the Lower Waitaki dam.

When the Duntroon congregation decided to amalgamate with Eveline Parish in Oamaru, Ian and Shirley move to a second newly-created church – the Pukaki Cooperating Parish centred on Twizel, where he was inducted in February 1988. Ian was again able to offer industrial chaplaincy, this time at Mount Cook and to the Department of Conservation. He retired in October 1993 and he and Shirley returned to Dunedin Presbytery.

In retirement in Mosgiel, Ian served as a supply minister and as organist and treasurer in the Mosgiel Parish. He joined a Sea of Faith group and the local Taieri Recreational Tramping Club which eventually made him a life member.

In time, declining health reduced his activities and a major stroke led to full residential care at Mossbrae Healthcare, Mosgiel where he died on 15 December 2022, aged 91.

Ian is survived by Shirley, Laurie, Beth, Peter and Anne, and grandchildren Oliver and Amelia.

We give thanks for Ian's long, varied and productive life.

The Reverend William Donald (Bill) Francis [1929 – 2021]

Bill Francis was born on 20 November 1929, to the Rev Stuart Francis and Catherine (nee Dewar). As the son of a manse, Bill's education moved with his father and he studied at East Taieri, Napier and Christchurch. He qualified as a teacher and spent several years teaching in Johnsonville, Wellington, before marrying Mary (Hutchings) in 1956 and then beginning studies at the Theological Hall in Dunedin, from 1956 to 1958. Bill and Mary (along with their family) committed themselves to overseas mission and Bill was ordained in late 1958 before leaving for Onesua High School in the New Hebrides in 1959.

Bill and Mary developed the quintessential 'can do' attitude and were willing to take on a variety of roles and tasks, both blessed with practical common sense. The family returned for a two year stint at Manawatu College in Foxton before heading to Niue College in 1970. Bill was inducted to Ellerslie – Mt Wellington, Auckland Presbytery in 1973. During his time there, he spent a year in Glendale, Ohio, USA. Bill and Mary moved south to West Dunedin Union Parish in 1979 and then back to the Pacific and working at the Presbyterian Bible College at Tangoa, Vanuatu (1984-85), and the central Apia church of the Congregational Christian Church of Samoa (1986-1987). Their final settled ministry in New Zealand was at Balmoral Parish, Auckland, from 1988 until Bill's retirement in 1992. They then worked for 6 years in the United Reform Church in Hertfordshire, England.

Throughout his ministry, Bill had a passion for teaching and a keen interest in sport, being a cricketer in his younger days. He was awarded the Vanuatu Medal of Merit in 1998 for his services to Vanuatu – a reflection of a life-long response to the missionary calling of a young couple. Bill never really left the mission field, continuing his advocacy across New Zealand and encouraging interest in mission activities.

With a keen interest in travel, history and culture Bill had an atlas of memories from around the globe – a passion passed on through his family. He was a dedicated father and grandfather who greatly enjoyed seeing the family grow.

Bill and Mary retired to Raumati and were active members of Kapiti Uniting. Bill died at home on 18 October 2021. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mary and the family.

The Reverend Ian Douglas (Doug) Grierson [1934 – 2023]

Doug Grierson was born 9 November 1934. He attended the Theological Hall, Dunedin from 1961-1963 and was licensed by the Presbytery of Waikato in November 1963. Early in 1963, Doug married Elizabeth Jill Stringer.

While attending New College in Edinburgh for two years around 1965, Doug taught Geography and Religious Studies part-time at a secondary modern state school and was an ordained associate minister at St George's West Edinburgh, Free Church of Scotland.

Returning to New Zealand in 1966, Doug was inducted to the Point England Church, Auckland Presbytery. Doug served at Te Aroha, Waikato from 1971 -1977 and then moved to be the chaplain at St Andrew's College, Christchurch from 1977 – 1983.

Doug served briefly at Twizel in 1984, provided stated supply at Oxford District Union in 1985, and followed this with service at Mayfield, Ashburton Presbytery from 1987 – 1994 before taking up an associate ministry position in Waitaki, North Otago Presbytery. It was during this time that Doug was divorced from Jill (nee Stringer) and later married Anne.

In 1997, Doug and Anne went to Greymouth District Uniting Parish, Westland, and stayed until Doug's retirement in 2000. Doug brought with him to his ministry in Greymouth an encouragement to question and learn, to engage with Celtic spiritual ideas and practices, and for participation of members in preparing and leading worship. Doug convened the meetings that led to Greymouth adopting a paid lay-led form of ministry with contributing service from ordained ministers that has served that church community since 2000.

In retirement Doug was Minister Emeritus with North Shore Presbytery and then, in 2002, was Moderator of Presbytery of Nelson – Marlborough.

Doug died on 17 March 2023, at Burwood Hospital, Christchurch, aged 88. He is survived by his children Kim, Erin and Calum. Anne died in 2003.

The Reverend Maxwell James (Max) Garrity [1927 – 2023]

Max Garrity was born 6 May 1927, the son of Ivy (nee Maxwell) and James Garrity. Max grew up in Greytown and his teens were overshadowed by the Second World War. After completing high school, Max became a clerk in Greytown, Masterton and Pahiatua. During these years, he rose through the ranks of the scouting movement, giving 25 years of service. Max had a growing sense of a call to ministry and responded in the mid-60's to attend Massey University for one year before entering the Theological Hall in 1965. As an older student, Max took on the challenge with dedication. He was ordained at Mangakino, a construction town with a special character, in December 1967. It was in Mangakino that Max met Mabel Bell, a theologically trained Christian worker, and they were soon married and welcomed Rosemary (Dewerse) and Philip to the family. Mangakino (1968 -1973) provided a rich introduction to ministry.

In 1973, Max moved to Christchurch North, a rapidly growing area of Christchurch with young families and building projects. Max was noted for his story-telling and an ability to lighten any situation, and Christchurch North Parish (1973-1985) provided a very busy ministry alongside the growing family. A ministry in Waikaka Valley in rural Southland (1986-1989) was followed by retirement in Christchurch in 1989. Here Max kept himself busy with mentoring young ministers, various ministry supply positions, weddings and funerals and developing a large garden.

Max and Mabel provided a team ministry, each supporting one another. They moved to Wellington in 2014 where Mabel died in 2018. Max continued to support the church at Knox, Lower Hutt, and died on 19 August 2023.

We give thanks for the ministry that Max Garrity was called to – a pastoral heart, a friendly laugh and a willing servant of God.

The Reverend Kimi Ngatamariki Henry QSM [1938-2021]

The Church honours Papa Kimi for his ministry in Southland alongside his wife Raylene Gay Milne. Kimi was a wise and significant leader to both Southland Presbyterians and the Pasifika community.

Kimi was born in Nikao, Rarotonga on 29th September 1938. He had two sisters and eight brothers. He arrived in New Zealand on 26th October 1965. He was one of the many Pacific workers who migrated to Southland to work in the meat processing industry. He worked as a chamber hand at Ocean Beach Freezing Works until 1971 then worked for 10 years at Tiwai Aluminum Smelter in the pot rooms before returning to Ocean Beach until it closed in 1991. It was during this time in the early 1990s that Kimi declared his call to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament.

Kimi was at that time Session Clerk of the Pacific Islanders Church, Ness St, Invercargill for six years under the ministry of Rev Matautia Erika. During the Ocean Beach days, the Pacific men started the church at Ocean Beach. Kimi became an elder in 1975 under the ministry of Rev Atafaga Lemealu.

Kimi and Raylene were married in 1970. They have eleven children and 53 grand and great grandchildren.

Kimi received a Queens Service Medal (QSM) honour for service to Pasifika community in the 2000 News Years Honours. He was a Cook Island representative to NGOs in Southland Region and advocate to Government agencies for Pacific People, as well as Pacific spokesperson on local Maraes. Kimi served as Cultural Advisor to the local Polytechnic, schools and preschools and he was the Cultural Tutor at Tweedsmuir School.

Kimi served as chairman of the Pacific Island Advisory and Cultural Trust for three years. This organisation was constituted during his tenure, social and cultural services were implemented and staff were employed. In addition he was a translator for the Courts and Southland Hospital.

At the time Kimi applied for ministry training, his application did not fit the academic criteria. In 1995, following a response to the National Assessment Committee from Southland Presbytery, a team was commissioned to gather in Invercargill to interview Kimi. Under discussion was the issues that created barriers to Pacific people being accepted for ministry.

Seeing the opportunity for Pacific people to enter the Ministry of Word and Sacrament without the expectation of high academic learning, the Pacific Islander members of the National Assessment Committee led the way for the establishment of the Local Limited Ministry (LLM) model within the PCANZ. Rev Kimi Henry was the first minister to serve in the LLM ministry.

As a result, Southland Presbytery ordained Kimi to the ministry of the Invercargill-Cook Islands Presbyterian Church (Limited Local Ministry) in February 1996. Kimi retired in October 2001, but continued as an honorary minister until 2004. He was granted the status of Minister Emeritus in October 2004. Papa Kimi served as Moderator of Southland Presbytery in 2001.

Kimi Henry passed away on 10 October 2021 at home in Invercargill and is survived by his wife Raylene and children, grandchildren and greatgrandchildren.

The Reverend Kenneth (Ken) Gerard Irwin QSO [1942 – 2022]

Ken Irwin was born 21 April 1942, in Wellington, to parents Rev Jim and Alice Irwin. Ken's early years were spent in manses at Nuhaka and Te Whaiti. He was immersed in Maori mission and language from an early age. His secondary schooling was at Auckland Grammar before attending Otago University in 1962. He attended the Theological Hall 1964-1966, graduating with a BA and BD.

Ken married Sheila McKerchar in late 1964 and began their family in Dunedin: David, Alison, Michael and Andrew.

Ken was ordained as a chaplain assistant at Dunedin Hospital in December 1966. In 1973 he became Assistant Director of Otago Presbyterian Social Service Association and Director of the same in 1975. During this time, he was closely connected with Knox Church, Dunedin and available across the region. He moved north to Auckland as Chief Executive of Presbyterian Support Services Northern in 1993.

Ken was awarded the Queen's Service Order for Community Service in the Queen's Birthday honours in 1995.

He and Sheila moved to Wellington in 1998 and Ken was involved in a variety of roles across the presbytery, including a close association with Te Kakano O Te Aroha and St Andrew's on the Terrace in Wellington. Ken was an advocate for Te Ao Maori, fluent in Te Reo, and appreciative of tikanga Maori. He served his community through visits to people in need and a school reading programme in Wainuiomata. Ken took on a role of being chaplain to retired ministers as they went through terminal illness – a special dimension of the chaplaincy in which his ministry commenced.

Ken Irwin died 2 September 2022 in Wellington.

The Reverend Michael Jackson Campbell [1924 – 2023]

Michael was the son of Alexander Campbell and Elsie Jackson and was born 7 December 1924 in the Wortley District of the West Riding of Yorkshire, England. He served in the Royal Navy in the Second World War and as a consequence was a loyal supporter of the RSA. After his war service, he trained at Richmond College in London and was ordained by the Methodist Church at Priory Church, Doncaster. Michael married Muriel Pinder (1911-1993) in Sheffield, England, in 1947.

Michael and Muriel, and their children, Alastair and Holly, came to New Zealand in 1959 to take up ministry in New Plymouth. Under the New Zealand Methodist Conference, he was stationed at New Plymouth, Spreydon in Christchurch, and Pakuranga in Auckland East. He served on various national committees of the Methodist Church including the Church Union and Publications Committees.

In 1971 Michael became the Presbyterian Church's Director of Radio and Television (later the Department of Communication), based in Wellington, being released from the Methodist Church but remaining on their ministry roll. He retired from this role in 1985 due to ill health and moved to Auckland.

Michael continued to be involved with local churches and was a keen supporter of local RSA groups. He also kept up to date with modern communication technology. Muriel died in Auckland aged 81 and Michael later married Shirley, a widow.

A move south to Whanganui in 2004 began Michael's close involvement with Westmere Memorial Church where he served in a variety of ways.

Michael died in Whanganui 11 March 2023 aged 98 and is mourned by his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, along with many in the church and wider community.

The Reverend Sylvia Lois Jenkin [1930 – 2022]

Sylvia Lois Jenkin was born 17 August 1930, the daughter of Henry Jenkin and Harriet Thomas. She was the young sister of Ian, Lloyd and the Rev Owen Jenkin. and a loved aunt of their families.

Sylvia attended Deaconess College in Dunedin (1954-56) at the same time as her brother attended the Theological Hall. She was ordained as a Deaconess at St John's, Greymouth in 1957, working in Greymouth, Cobden and Dobson. In 1961 she began working as a Youth Department Field Worker, completing that role at the end of 1969. She moved to Porirua in 1972 and was ordained as the Assistant Minister at St Martin's, Porirua East in 1973 where she took particular interest in the community. Sylvia helped to establish the Opportunity Centre which provided a recreation and community venue in East Porirua.

From 1981 to 1992, Sylvia ministered in Kawarau before retiring back to Cannons Creek in Porirua. She spent a year as transition minister in Naenae, worked for the Porirua Citizen Advice Bureau and began work in conservation of Cannons Creek through Friends of Maara Roa. She received a Civic Award from Porirua City in 2002 and the "Wellingtonian of the Year" community service award in 2006.

Sylvia died in Tawa on 18 May 2022 aged 91 after a lifetime of service to her family and community. We celebrate her life and ministry.

The Reverend Robert Neil Lambie [1937 – 2023]

Neil Lambie was born on 19 August 1937 and, with his only sister, grew up on the family farm at Leeston. Neil was a boarder at St Andrew's College in Christchurch and left after four years to go home and help his father on the farm. However, farming was not to be

Neil's chosen carrier and after some years he moved to Dunedin to study for a BA. Neil was at the Theological Hall from 1967 to 1969 and in February 1970 was ordained into the Cromwell-Arrowtown Parish.

In 1973 Neil and Janet and their young family moved to Wellington where Neil took the position as Chaplain at Scots College. He held that role until 1985 when he was appointed Deputy Head of the school. Neil retired from Scots College in 1996 and established a business as an International Education Consultant.

After Neil retired in 2013, he and Janet moved back to Canterbury. They resided at first at Ellesmere before settling in Amberley. Following Janet's unexpected death in March 2016, Neil moved into a retirement village in Christchurch. He died peacefully in Christchurch Hospital on 13 July, 2023.

Neil was active in the wider life of the church. He was Business Convener of the then Wellington Presbytery and on the General Assembly Committee on Church Schools. He was also Chair of the Church Service Society and was active in the Sea of Faith movement. He was President and Secretary of the Wellington South Rotary Club and served on a number of educational groups and committees.

We will remember Neil as a large, tall figure with a booming voice who could fill a room with his presence. In all the roles that he filled, he saw himself as carrying out his calling as a minister and dedicating himself to serving those about him. Above all Neil was a proud father and grandfather.

The Reverend Margaret Anne Low [1947 – 2022]

Margaret Anne Low was born in Auckland on 18 October 1947 and spent her childhood in Auckland. She attended St Cuthbert's College all her school life and commenced university studies at Auckland University where she took subjects for Medical Intermediate. She went then to Otago University where she studied for a BSc. She had almost completed the BSc when, at the end of 1968 and she was sitting final examinations, her mother died after a long illness. She failed those final units to complete the BSc degree. Notwithstanding that setback she applied for and gained admission to Otago University Dental School and commenced studying for that degree in 1969. She completed the BSc later. In 1970, Margaret Anne married Roger Low, a land surveyor who she had met in 1969. Although Margaret Anne was the only female student in her Dental School class, she competed successfully with the male students and graduated BDS in November 1972. Upon graduation, she was appointed as the dentist with responsibility for patients of the Otago Hospital Board's Cherry Farm group of hospitals for 1973 and 1974. In 1975, she moved to Auckland with her husband who had been appointed to a job at Manukau, Auckland and she began working for Auckland Hospital Board in the Dental units at Auckland and Middlemore hospitals. She ceased work as a dentist when their first son was born in 1976. Margaret Anne and Roger had two more sons born in 1978 and 1981.

As their sons grew, Margaret Anne became involved in the activities at St Andrew's Church, Howick and she was a member of the committee responsible for the design and construction of the new church worship centre at the corner of Ridge Road and Vincent Street Howick. Margaret Anne's involvement with church activities was encouraged by Reverend Samuel McCay and she commenced studies for the ministry at St John's Theological College in Auckland as an adjunct to studying for a BD degree extramurally from the University of Otago. She thus gained two further university degrees and upon completing these studies, Margaret Anne was ordained and inducted as Assistant Minister at St David's Church, Khyber Pass, Auckland in February 1993, where she remained until December 2000, and also worked at St Andrews Symonds Street Collegiate from November 1999 to November 2000. She was inducted as minister at St John's Papatoetoe in February 2003. She retired

from St John's about 18½ years later in October 2021. She then served the parish of St Paul's Manurewa on an interim basis until a new minister was inducted there in April 2022. Margaret Anne also undertook numerous other roles for the church and community, some of these were concurrent - as Auckland Presbytery Clerk from July 1995 to July 1999; Moderator of Northern Presbytery; Chaplain to the national executive of the Association of Presbyterian Women 1995 – 1997; a member of the board of Presbyterian Support Northern for 14 years; and in association with representatives of other churches at Howick, she helped with the establishment of Eastern Women's Refuge.

From this brief summary, it is obvious that Margaret Anne's service to church and community covered the whole of Auckland and, especially over her last 20 years, to the community around Papatoetoe. She appreciated and enjoyed the diversity of this community where in addition to her responsibilities to St John's parish and the Church in general, she took on a role with the multi-cultural Hunter's Corner Business Association for which she was secretary for several years. She also assisted the other non-Christian communities of the area by officiating at weddings for Buddhist and Islamic couples whose priests were not official NZ wedding celebrants.

Margaret Anne died on 6th July 2022 in Auckland Hospital after a brief illness. She is survived by her husband, three sons and four grandchildren. Her ashes are interred at St John's cemetery, Papatoetoe.

The Reverend Graham Frank Lyman [1936 – 2023]

Graham Lyman was born on 8 October 1936 in Christchurch. He was educated at Rangiora High School and attended the Bible Training Institute in Auckland from 1957 to 1958. In 1959, he served as a Stated Supply Home Missionary on Stewart Island for a year before commencing studies at Otago University from 1960 to 1963.

He and Beth married in 1961.

Graham attended the Theological Hall from 1964-1966 and was ordained at the Palmerston-Dunback Church in North Otago in February 1967. He resigned in December 1976. The family moved to Australia where Graham served in a number of roles in the Presbyterian Church of Australia: Reservoir, Melbourne, from 1977 to 1982; and Hawthorn Church from 1983 until his retirement in 2002. He was recognised as an emeritus minister of the Presbyterian Church of Australia. He also served as Director of Presbyterian Ladies College in Melbourne.

Graham and Beth moved back to New Zealand and settled in Oxford, North Canterbury. He was active, especially in pastoral work, in the Oxford District Union Parish until he and Beth returned to Australia to be near family because of Graham's declining health.

Graham died on 29 January 2023, aged 96.

He is fondly remembered by folk from his New Zealand parishes with whom he and Beth kept in regular contact, especially from his first parish in Palmerston.

The Reverend Henry Stuart McKenzie (Stuart) [1925 -2023]

Stuart McKenzie was born on 01 December 1925 in Christchurch, to Eric and Ivy McKenzie, and was the eldest of three children. He attended Te Kuiti District High School then studied accounting part time while working in Auckland and Wellington, eventually gaining a BCom.

He married Mamie Purvis in 1950 and they subsequently had a family of five children.

Whilst living in Wellington and deeply involved in the life of Kelburn Parish, Stuart felt called to ordained ministry. He studied at the Theological Hall from 1952 to 1954 and was then ordained into the Te Kauwhata Parish, South Auckland Presbytery. In May 1960, he was

inducted to the Eltham Parish, Taranaki Presbytery. Five years later, he moved to Bay of Plenty Presbytery, where he was inducted to St Andrew's Rotorua Parish in September 1965.

These ministries were followed by a move to St David's Kamo, Northland Presbytery in July 1973, then on to his last parish, Coromandel – Whitianga, Waikato Presbytery, in July 1982.

In June 1988, Stuart retired, initially to Rotorua, but he moved to Auckland in late 1994, settling in Blockhouse Bay. He became actively involved in the Iona Blockhouse Bay congregation, where he is remembered as being very welcoming to newcomers, especially those from other countries. Stuart's first wife, Mamie died in 2000.

Stuart died at Murray Halberg Retirement Village on 3 April 2013, aged 97. He is survived by his second wife, Lynley.

The Reverend Brian Ernest Metherell JP [1934 – 2023]

Brian Metherell was born 10 July 1934. His early life was in North Canterbury and he attended St Andrew's College in Christchurch.

After working as a farm hand and freezing worker, Brian began a degree at Otago University and trained for the ministry at Knox Theological Hall 1962-64.

He was ordained and inducted to the isolated Murupara-Galatea charge, between the Kaiangaroa Forest and Te Urewera, in December 1964. He described this as a significant challenge for a South Islander, "It was a truly pioneering role that called forth strength and faith beyond what I knew I had..." Brian met Christine Bell and they were married in 1967. Their daughter Tania was born two years later.

In 1969, Brian was called to the Pio Pio church in the King Country, where there were five preaching places. Their son Stephen was born in Pio Pio.

In 1974, Brian was called to Knox-St Marks Parish in Wanganui and he would sometimes do the rounds on a 50cc scooter, during the oil shocks of the 1970s.

In 1980, Brian was called to Eveline Parish (later Waitaki) in Oamaru, marking Brian's return from 'overseas missionary service' as he called it. Brian led the merger with the lower Waitaki valley. It was something he would remember with pride. Brian was a diligent pastoral visitor.

In 1992, Brian was called to the Mackenzie Cooperating parish in South Canterbury which included a significant wedding ministry at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Tekapo. Some health concerns led him in 1995 to take up a position at the Kaiapoi Co-operating Parish near Christchurch, before retiring in January 1998.

Brian developed a keen interest in politics and became involved in the East Christchurch branch of the Labour Party in his retirement. He had had a long interest in social justice and understood that politics, like religion, always had a practical and active side – like protesting the Springbok Tour, holding anti-nuclear meetings, running a food bank, delivering food at Christmas or hosting lonely people on Christmas Day. He understood himself as a Christian Socialist. He joined and helped run walking groups, became a Justice of the Peace, volunteered for the Prisoners Aid and Rehabilitation Service, and was an active member of St Kentigerns-Burwood church.

Brian was aged 88 when he died on 2 May 2023. Christine had died two years earlier.

The Reverend Henry (Harry) Clements Morgan [1939-2023]

Harry Morgan was born in Northern Ireland on 18 February 1939.

He married Pam Botting in June 1967 and attended Knox Theological Hall from 1968-70. He was ordained and inducted at Katikati, Bay of Plenty Presbytery, in December 1970 and resigned in November 1973.

Following a period of study in Dunedin, Harry was called to St Andrews Otahuhu, Auckland Presbytery in May 1975 where he served for 28 years. Over this lengthy ministry, Harry served a multicultural congregation (predominantly Samoan, Cook Island and Palagi) with wise leadership. He built a spirit of unity, joyous worship and service to the community. Food Ministry, language services, Healing services, a Combined Choir, purchase of a Church Centre next to the Church, a mini-bus to transport folk to Church and early plans for a Church extension were hallmarks of his ministry. Throughout their ministry, Harry and Pam extended generous hospitality.

During that time, he engaged in three parish exchanges - Arizona, USA (twelve months); Vancouver, United Church of Canada (six months); Colvend, Scotland (three months). He served in various roles with the Presbytery.

Harry was called in 2003 to the role of Senior Associate Minister, St Andrews First Presbyterian, Symonds Street, Auckland, Auckland Presbytery. He retired from there and was granted the status of Minister Emeritus in May 2011. Harry's ministry helped grow the congregation at a time when many central city churches were closing. St Andrews, Symonds Street, remains a vibrant witness to the Lord in a diverse and at times disconnected city. One of his major initiatives was to establish the Bible and Language Study Group, welcoming international students, which remains an integral part of the church's outreach.

Rev Harry Morgan died on 12 January 2023, aged 83 surrounded by his family, We give thanks for Harry's life and ministry and pray for Pam, and the wider family.

The Reverend Mary Joyce Petersen [1948 – 2023]

Mary Petersen was born in England on the 27th November 1948 and moved to New Zealand with her parents at an early age. Mary died at home on 6th May 2023 after a long period of illness, surrounded by her family.

Mary trained as a primary school teacher and taught in both primary and secondary schools for 20 years. She served as the General Secretary of the Churches Education Commission from 1990 to 2000.

Mary served nationally in the Presbyterian Church in a variety of roles including as Mission Facilitator and National Coordinator of the Presbyterian Church Ministry with Children & Families from 2001 to 2004.

She was ordained into Local Ordained Ministry in the Mercury Bay Cooperating Parish in October 2005 and served there until her retirement in August 2015. There she quickly won the hearts of its members and of many in the community. Mary's selfless caring touched many lives and she gave unstinting help and support, often at the expense of her own energy and resources.

She also served as chaplain to the Mercury Bay RSA and was made a life member of that organisation.

Mary undertook a period of study leave at Westminster College, Cambridge, England from September to November 2012.

Mary accepted a part-time contract with the Methodist Church in new housing communities, Christchurch, from September 2015. She was also a resource minister for Trinity Parish - Whangamata, Pauanui and Tairua churches from September 2015.

Mary trained and then served as a transitional minister in a number of settings, including Gisborne.

Most recently she undertook part-time Stated Supply in the Te Aroha Cooperating Parish from 2020 to 2022. She then continued as the Interim Moderator until April 2023. Her ministry was marked by a determination to assist the parish in every way she could, and was greatly appreciated.

Mary had a passion for cooperating ventures and represented the Presbyterian Church on the Standing Committee of the United Congregations of Aotearoa for several years right up till her death.

A friend to many, Mary's ministry was marked by her warmth and gentle style.

The Reverend Ivan George Pierce [1933 – 2022]

Ivan Pierce was born on 20th February 1933, in Temuka and, prior to going into ordained ministry, was a house master and teacher at Waihi School, an independent preparatory school for children in years Four to Eight in South Canterbury.

Ivan trained at the Theological Hall, Knox College, Dunedin from 1959 to 1961. At the end of his time at Knox, Ivan, with friends, headed for Scotland where he became an assistant minister in the Cardonald Parish in Glasgow in 1962-63. During the boat voyage, Ivan became friendly with a fellow passenger who had been a cook at Knox College. Ivan and Fay were married in Scotland on 7th April 1962.

Ivan and Fay returned to New Zealand and he was ordained and inducted to the Makarewa Parish in Southland in August 1963. He moved to Christchurch to be Associate Minister at St Mark's, being inducted in August 1968. In July 1976, Ivan moved to join the chaplaincy team at Middlemore Hospital. He resigned from there in early 1985 and completed a course of Counselling and Psychodrama in Perth, Australia. Later that year Ivan became a counsellor and Board member of Friendship House, Manukau City Centre; he was also Chairman of Lifeline, South Auckland. During this period, his marriage to Fay ended.

Ivan later moved to Christchurch, where he served as the part-time minister at Southbridge from October 1990 and part time chaplain at Sunnyside Hospital, Princess Margaret Hospital and PSSA Homes in Christchurch. He retired in March 2000 being granted the status of Minister Emeritus by the Presbytery of Christchurch. After retirement, Ivan served as Interim Moderator of many parishes within the Christchurch Presbytery.

Ivan married Cecile in December 1988. They enjoyed 34 years together taking time to enjoy travel, growing olives, and producing olive oil.

Ivan was quiet, gentle and caring. He assisted the Very Rev Michael Thawley during the latter's term as General Assembly Moderator and Ivan often held the fort at Cashmere Presbyterian when Michael was travelling.

In later retirement, Ivan's health deteriorated and led to several spells in hospital. He died on 26 April 2022, aged 89.

We give thanks to God for Ivan's life and his many years of service to the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Reverend Elizabeth Helen (Libby) Smith [1942 – 2023]

Libby Smith was born in Invercargill on 22nd of May, 1942.

Before entering the ministry, Libby trained as a registered nurse, and worked in general nursing, midwifery and with Plunket. She spent many years working in the health sector both in New Zealand and in Vanuatu where she spent 4 years working for the Presbyterian Church. She also worked as Parish Assistant at First Church, Invercargill, where she ran a community medical clinic in addition to her other duties.

Libby completed a L. Th in 1965 (Honours) at the Bible College of New Zealand. She also completed a B Theol. (Otago, 2000), Dip. Ministry and other studies.

Libby was ordained and inducted as a minister into the Kurow Parish in April, 2001. She quickly became a valued member of the community, serving as a Bible in Schools teacher, Community Centre committee member, children's club and youth fellowship coordinator. Libby is particularly remembered as a dedicated visitor to many in the district, her pastoral care transcending denominational and cultural borders.

She also served at regional level on the business committee of Presbytery, Presbyterian Support and nationally on Nominating Committee, National Assessment Work Group and the work group for the placement of ordinands.

For those who knew her, Libby was a strong, intelligent, passionate, faithful minister and friend. Her passion for people was utterly inclusive, and her honest and forthright approach to life was very much appreciated in the small rural parish of Kurow where she made her home.

Libby's family were a treasure to her throughout her life and she was always interested in what her children, Shem, Andrea, Benjamin and Rebekah, and their families were up to. After her retirement in May 2007, Libby remarried and she and her second husband, John Smith, settled in Cromwell.

Libby died at home in Cromwell just before her 81st birthday on 20th May 2023.

Libby believed in God, and she believed in people. Her ministry was real, relevant, focused on grace and compassion above law and judgement. She led by example, with strength and compassion and left the world a better place for her being with us.

The Reverend Allan Trevor Smith [1930 – 2021]

Allan Smith was born on 15 June 1930 and raised in the Manawatu. He was a founding member of St Alban's Parish, Palmerston North, in 1955 and was the first Sunday School Superintendent when St Alban's was an outreach of St David's Presbyterian Church into the new Hokowhitu housing area.

Allan married Margaret Cotton (1934-1995) in 1954. Allan was a warm, gracious, creative and gentle man who became a Presbyterian minister later in his life, after working as a window dresser in big department stores.

Allan trained at the Theological Hall in Dunedin 1981-83 and was ordained by the Waikato Presbytery to Otorohanga Parish in February 1983. He moved to Scots Parish, Hamilton, in 1985 and then to St Stephen's, Hamilton in 1986. He was made Minister Emeritus in 1992 and returned to Palmerston North.

Allan had a warm Christ-like spirituality, example and thoughtful faith – a true servant of Christ and his church. Much of his time in retirement involved serving as Interim Moderator

in various churches around the Manawatu. He considered this his best contribution as a minister and he did it very well and was appreciated by all.

Alan died peacefully on 26 October 2021, at the age of 91, after a long life of love and service. The Presbyterian Church has been enriched by his ministry.

The Reverend (Sr) Maria (Ria) Alegonda Sporry [1939 – 2002]

Ria Sporry was born on 5 May 1939 in Indonesia, where her parents were Dutch settlers. She grew up under the Japanese occupation of 1942-1945 which had a large effect on her life.

Ria was of strong character and deeply caring for others which, in part, led to her call as a deaconess and attendance at the Deaconess College in Dunedin from 1963-1965. Her first position as a deaconess was to Knox Gonville Parish in Whanganui in 1966 and then to Milton, South Otago, in 1967. She moved to Knox Parish in Whakatane in 1973. She was ordained there as Associate Minister. In February 1974.

Ria moved to St James Union Parish, Greerton, Tauranga in 1977 and then to St Mark's, Hastings East in 1982, where she committed herself to a community ministry. She threw herself into building St Mark's as a community and worship centre. She developed a strong Christian education programme and connected with the young people.

Ria was called to Miramar Parish, Wellington, in 1993 and remained there until her retirement in 2001, when she returned to Hastings.

In retirement, Ria continued to be involved with St Mark's and the work of the presbytery. Through her ministry she served as presbytery moderator, supporter of Presbyterian Support, chaplain at various rest homes and hospitals, school board member and keen advocate of overseas missions.

Ria died at Havelock North on 12 April 2023. We celebrate Ria's ministry and give thanks for her faithful service in Christ.

The Reverend Gladys May Stiles (nee Cederman) [1931 – 2022]

Gladys, or Glad, was born 6 March 1931 and grew up in Hokitika. She married Gordon Stiles 4 July 1953 and was mother to Raewyn, Glenville, Christine and Andrew. Over the years there were many more foster children.

Glad became a teacher at St Andrew's College, Christchurch, and also ran a Youth Group at Knox Church, Christchurch. She went on to be Assistant Principal at Christ the King Catholic School, and worked at Strathmore Remand Home for Girls and Bollard Remand Home in Auckland.

From 1978 – 1980 Glad completed her theological training through St John's College, Auckland to gain a B.A. specialising in world religions and a L.Th. Diploma (Hons).

In 1981 Glad took up a half-time ordained assistant minister position at St Johns – St Philips Parish, Papatoetoe, followed in May 1982 with a position at Good Shepherd Church, Otara – East Tamaki Pacific Island Church and in February 1987 at Orakei Presbyterian Church from where she first retired aged 65 in 1996.

During her time in parish ministry Glad was also the Co-ordinator for Council for Mission and Ecumenical Affairs.

Following this retirement, Glad was appointed chaplain to Meadowbank Home and Hospital, a position she held until she and Gordon retired in 2002 and they moved back to Hokitika. Glad held Minister Emerita status in Auckland Presbytery from March 1997; member of West Coast Uniting Council forum 2003, and Minister Emerita, Westland Union District Council from 2004.

Glad's influence and connections are evidenced in the ongoing relationships and memories that people hold and share from her and Gordon's fostering, and from each parish that Glad was associated with.

Glad died 5 June 2022 and is survived by her husband Gordon and children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The Reverend Jusak Susabda [1936-2022]

Jusak was born in Indonesia on 23 October 1936. In his early life, he had a life changing encounter with God which led him into full time ministry. Ordained in 1963, his first parish was Gereja Kristen Indonesia Taman Cibunut, Bandung, Indonesia, where he served from 1963 to 1978. During this period, a friendship was formed with the Rev John and Christine McKinley, Presbyterian missionaries in Bandung. Jusak later undertook further study at Graduate School Bossey, Geneva, in 1973 and from 1972-1974 at a Roman Catholic Seminary in Bandung, Indonesia.

Jusak emigrated to New Zealand in 1978, accepting a call to St David's Presbyterian Church, Gisborne. He was later joined by his wife Ruth and three young sons Nugroho, Ebed and Stephen, This was a first for a minister from Asia to be inducted by Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand. During this ministry, Jusak was a much loved pastor and friend becoming fluent in the Maori language.

In 1989, Jusak was approached by John McKinley, now Minister of St Andrews First Presbyterian Church in Auckland for assistance in ministering to migrant Indonesians. St David's Session graciously supported Jusak in granting him leave. In 1990, Jusak was appointed an Associate Minister of St Andrews for the Indonesian Congregation having the support of a Parish Development Unit. This was a very fruitful period, not only for outreach to Indonesian students but in fostering an integrated congregation with two language and cultural nests. Jusak had a vision and passion for the building up of the Church of God in the inner city where cultural differences became a strength in witnessing to the community. "To worship as one, for all are one in Christ".

With the retirement of John McKinley, Jusak was inducted in March 1996 as sole charge minister of St Andrew's for both the Indonesian and English speaking congregations. During the next six years, significant cultural events occurred in the parish, including a year of celebrations in 1997 for the 150th Anniversary of the historic St Andrews Church. With the loving support of his wife Ruth, hospitality Indonesian sale became an integral part of his ministry. Jusak's unwavering faith in God enabled him to minister to a congregation of such diversity, so effectively.

Jusak served the national Church as a member of the Asian Ministries Work Group.

He became Minister Emeritus in October 2002. In retirement, Jusak continued to preach and teach, both in New Zealand and in Indonesia. He was a man of sincerity with a deep conviction of faith; a dynamic preacher with a passion and enthusiasm for communicating the Gospel of Christ. Jusak died on 28 March 2022.

The Reverend Alfred (Alf) Henry Taylor [1945 – 2022]

Alf Taylor grew up in a Christian household in Liverpool, England. He was a man of diverse careers within one journey. Telephone engineer, policeman, pastor. Alf and Fleur-Marie met in 1965 and married in 1969. In the early 70s they brought their young family to New Zealand. The family attended the Baptist church in Gore. It was warm and accepting. Alf was inspired to apply to the New Zealand Baptist Theological College. He was ordained in the Baptist Union in 1978.

He served several Baptist parishes and was a prison chaplain in multiple locations. After being head hunted to lead the Baptist City Mission in Auckland, Alf found himself exhausted and empty.

His experience of breakdown/spiritual awakening brought him to study psychotherapy and to train as a counsellor. After completing his training, Alf worked for Waitemata District Health as a clinical supervisor and team leader in the service supporting people with addictions.

He returned to parish ministry, at St Stephen's, Napier, from 2004 to 2007. This was followed by a move to Alice Springs, then into Methodist full connexion, before back into the Presbyterian Church in 2010 as minister to the Community of St Aidan's, Northcote, Auckland: 'I was surprised they called an old fella like me.' Alf was nearly 65 years of age. Following retirement in 2016 from his exceptional ministry at St Aidan's, Alf remained a gifted supervisor.

The flowing nature of life and faith brought Alf into a deep love and acceptance for all he encountered. This was a palpable feeling around him and invited others into the safety of his regard. It is no wonder that his loss continues to be felt deeply by those who valued his wisdom, his compassion and the warm embrace of his presence.

Alf died on 25 December 2022. He is survived by his wife Fleur-Marie and their children Dan, Jae and Naomi.

The Reverend Brian Alexander Thom [1941 – 2022]

Brian was born in Cape Town, South Africa on 01 February in 1941 to parents Alexander and Joanna Thom. He was educated at Observatory Boys High School in Cape Town, before leaving to take up an apprenticeship in type setting at a local printing business. Brian continued working in the printing industry for a decade. Then at age 32 he was headhunted by the Janice Ashby Design School, where he plied his craft for a further 15 years.

Life for Brian was not all work, however, and on 14 November 1964 he married Jenny Murray at the Wynberg Methodist Church. The young couple were blessed with six children.

Brian received a call to ministry in 1973 during a Renewal Convention in Cape Town. He up theological studies at Rhodes University, graduating with a Bachelor of Theology. His first call to ministry was in Kwazulu-Natal with the Presbyterian Church of South Africa, where he was ordained in 1995. In 2000, he joined his eldest son in Auckland for an initial look round, before returning to Namibia to minister with the Presbyterian Church of South Africa.

Brian and Jenny's faith venture continued in 2002 when Brian initially provided stated supply at St Mark's Presbyterian Church in Wanganui before being inducted as minister in July 2004.. Brian went on to minister in Taihape and Hunterville from 2007 to 2012, before visa issues forced the Thoms to return to South Africa. Eventually Brian and Jenny applied for residency in New Zealand, and from 2014 – 2018 they ministered with the West Harbour Alliance Church. He was reinstated with other recognised minister status in October 2017.

Upon retirement in 2019, Brian and Jenny headed south to join another son and his family in Invercargill. It was here that they joined the Woodlands Community Church (Presbyterian), where Brian remained an elder until his death on 09 August 2022.

Brian will be remembered as a man of God who served the Lord with integrity, both here in Aotearoa New Zealand and in South Africa. Well done, good and faithful servant.

The Reverend Arthur Ronald (Ron) Townsend [1933 – 2022]

Ron Townsend was born 10 October 1933 to Arthur Charles Edgar Townsend and Florence May (Eastlake) who at that time lived in the railway village of Otira. The family moved to Christchurch and Ron studied at West Spreydon Primary and Christchurch Boys High School. After high school Ron went to the University of Canterbury and completed a Bachelor of Engineering (Electrical). It was in Christchurch that Ron met and married Margaret Jensen (1958, Apiti, Manawatu) and felt a call to ministry. Ron and Margaret moved to Dunedin and began their family – Frances, Alan and John.

Ron studied at the Theological Hall in Dunedin from 1959 to 1961 and was ordained and inducted to the Ormond parish at Te Karaka in 1962. He moved to First Church Frankton in Hamilton in 1968, working with a vibrant church in a developing multicultural setting. In 1973, he was inducted to St Andrews in Rotorua and in 1977 moved to Waverley in Invercargill. While in Invercargill he served both as moderator of Southland Presbytery and of the Synod of Otago and Southland. Ill health led to his retirement in March 1991 – but it did not dull his call to ministry and commitment to the church.

In 2001 Ron and Margaret moved to Feilding in the Manawatu. Ron was a regular service leader in various parishes across the region, especially at Knox Feilding, as well as a ready volunteer for some of the time-consuming committees and commissions of the Presbytery. He continued to have a vision for a church that was connected to the community – a central element of his ministry.

Ron died peacefully at home in Feilding, surrounded by his family, on 16 February 2022. His church family give thanks for his life and ministry and pray for Margaret and the family.

The Reverend Ioane Bapetizo Timote Turu [1946 – 2022]

“To Timothy, my dear son: May God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord give you grace, mercy, and peace.” (2 Timothy 1:2)

“Well done, good and faithful servant... enter into the joy of your master.” (Matthew 25: 23)

Timote was born Ioane Bapetizo Timote Turu on the 2nd July 1946 on Rarotonga in the Cook Islands. He was raised within the Cook Island Christian Church. After his education, he trained and worked as a school teacher and then as a public servant in the Ministry of Cultural Development. He emigrated to New Zealand, and worked in secular employment for a period of 10 years.

Timote was licensed by the Dunedin Presbytery in November 2002 and was ordained at the St Andrew's and Balmoral Parish, Clutha Presbytery, on the 14 September 2003 where he served for two years. Following this Timote accepted a call to St Luke's Pacific Island Presbyterian Church, Tokoroa, where he was inducted in November 2005 and served the community faithfully for many years.

He served as a Presbyterian minister for over 25 years with his late wife Mama Matamaki Turu Tiro and is predominantly recognised as the beloved resident minister, and in his retirement, Interim Moderator, of his Ekalesia – the St Luke's Pacific Islands Presbyterian Church. After Mata's death, Timote married Rouru who supported him in his ministry in the congregation.

Timote retired in July 2017 and was given the status of minister emeritus but he continued to serve the presbytery by offering pastoral ministry at St Luke's in his retirement. He died Thursday 31 March 2022 after a short illness. Timote's funeral was held on Tuesday April 5 at St Luke's Pacific Island Presbyterian Church, Tokoroa.

At his service, it was said Timote “established himself as a caring, loving and joyful shepherd of the wider Tokoroa community and is renowned as a Tumukorero for Cook Islands culture, a former public servant, and a school teacher. He will be dearly missed by so many.”

One of his ministry development reviewers, the late Rev Mary Petersen, saw first hand the love, respect and admiration the leadership and members of the congregation had for their minister. She trained Timote in Transitional Ministry Skills, which he put to use to help his people into the future.

Timote's ministry has been multi-cultural but firmly embedded in support for his Cook Island people. Everything Timote did was focused on caring for, supporting and teaching his congregation, his people. He always put them first, before his own needs.

We give thanks for Timote's ministry and pray for his wife Rouru, his daughter and stepchildren, and his grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

The Reverend Keith Clement Weavers [1929 – 2012]

Keith Weavers was born 12 December 1929 in Christchurch, the youngest of three children born to Clement Charles Weavers and Winifred Maud (Oldridge). His father died in 1932 as a result of his war service in World War 1. Keith grew up in Christchurch with an active childhood and an interest in singing. His working life began as a window dresser and as a young man he took an OE (before it was known as that) to Scotland where, at Iona, he felt a call to ministry. He returned to study at Canterbury and Otago.

Keith was ordained in 1961 at Cobden on the West Coast and it was there that he met Helen, married her in 1965 and began the family of three boys. From Cobden, the family moved to Upper Clutha (Wanaka) in 1966 and onto New Brighton Union in 1974. The family then headed to Hawkes Bay and the Hastings East parish which led to Keith being trained and involved in industrial chaplaincy and school chaplaincy at Lindisfarne College.

In 1985, Keith and Helen moved to Australia to work with the Uniting Church in Australia. Keith began in Stockton, Newcastle, NSW and then became well known for a variety of supply positions as an Intentional Interim Minister. While officially retiring in 1996 Keith (and Helen) were involved in ministry through to 2016.

Keith died 20 November 2021 aged 91 years.

Appendix 2: Change in Ministers Status

Changes to Ministerial Roll

Reporting period: 01 October 2021 to 31 August 2023.

Note: This is a cumulative register, listed in order of date within each category. There may be more than one entry for a minister, if they have had multiple changes in status within the reporting period.

Licensings:

2021: Perofeta Enosa Auva'a, Fa'amanu Akeripa, Won Hyuk Joung

2022: Eric Oosterbroek, Adair Oosterbroek, Joshua Tepou, Brett Reid, Ryan Feng

Receptions to the Roll:

Rev Greta Müller (Dutch Reformed Church of South Africa), other recognised minister, Presbytery Central – Nukuhau Tapu, 28 October 2021

Rev Dr Tim Lim (PCUSA), other recognised minister, Northern Presbytery, 1 December 2021

Rev Daniel Park, (Hanouri Korean Presbyterian Church), other recognised minister, Kaimai Presbytery, 9 December 2021

Rev Je Cheol Cook (American Baptist Church USA), other recognised minister, Northern Presbytery, 15 December 2021

Rev Alec Wallis (Churches of Christ, NSW Australia), other recognised minister, Kaimai Presbytery, 18 December 2021

Rev Philipp Potgieter (Dutch Reformed Church of South Africa), other recognised minister, Kaimai Presbytery, 1 April 2022

Rev Won Hyuk Joung (Presbyterian Church of Korea), other recognised minister, Northern Presbytery, 9 June 2022

Rev Hong-kyu (Andrew) Moon, (Immanuel Korean Church), other recognised minister, Glenfield Community Church, Northern Presbytery, 15 September 2022

Rev Tony Roberts (Queensland Baptist Union), other recognized minister, Presbytery Central – Nukuhau Tapu, 17 August 2023

Reinstatements to the Roll:

Rev Dr Christine Sorensen, other recognised minister Northern Presbytery, 16 June 2023

Ordinations and Inductions:

Rev Fa'amanu Aperia, ordained and inducted minister, Roskill South Community Outreach, Northern Presbytery, 24 March 2022

Rev Enosa Auva'a, ordained and inducted minister, Tauranga – St Peter's Presbyterian Church, Kaimai Presbytery, 30 April 2022

Rev Margie Rea, ordained and inducted local ordained minister, Kiwi Church Crookston

West Otago, Southern Presbytery, 27 November 2022

Rev Adair Oosterbroek, ordained and inducted minister, Hamilton Nawton Community Presbyterian Church, Kaimai Presbytery, 8 January 2022

Rev Eric Oosterbroek, ordained and inducted minister, Hamilton Nawton Community Presbyterian Church, Kaimai Presbytery, 8 January 2022

Rev Brett Reid, ordained and inducted community minister Ngaio Union Church, Presbytery Central – Nukuhau Tapu, 12 February 2023

Rev Ryan Feng, ordained and inducted minister Bishopsdale – St Margaret’s Presbyterian Church, Alpine Presbytery, 23 March 2023

Rev Joshua Tepou, ordained and inducted minister Takapuna - St George’s Presbyterian Church, Northern Presbytery, 26 March 2023

Rev Lynmaree Sopoaga, ordained and inducted local ordained minister, Malvern Cooperating Parish, Alpine Presbytery, 28 May 2023

Changes in Status:

Rev Paula Levy, minister Gisborne Mangapapa Union Church to other recognised minister, Presbytery Central – Nukuhau Tapu, 1 October 2021

Rev Alofa Lale, other recognised minister to minister Dunedin – First Church of Otago, Southern Presbytery, 4 November 2021

Rev Chris Milham, minister Dannevirke - Knox Presbyterian Church to other recognised minister, Presbytery Central – Nukuhau Tapu, 15 November 2021

Rev Steve Jourdain, minister Palmerston North – St Alban’s Presbyterian Church to minister emeritus, Presbytery Central – Nukuhau Tapu, 28 November 2021

Rev Chris Barnard, minister St Columba at Botany, Northern Presbytery to other recognised minister, Kaimai Presbytery, 30 November 2021

Rev David Anderson, other recognised minister to minister Clinton Presbyterian Church, Southern Presbytery, 30 November 2021

Rev Dr Andrew Callander, minister New Plymouth – St James Presbyterian Church, Presbytery Central - Nukuhau Tapu to minister emeritus, Alpine Presbytery, 20 December 2021

Rev Stephanie Wells, minister Kaiapoi Cooperating Parish to other recognised minister, Alpine Presbytery, 26 December 2021

Rev Craig Allan, minister Te Anau Presbyterian Church to other recognised minister, Southern Presbytery, 2 January 2022

Rev Philip Bettany, minister Waimate – Knox Presbyterian Church, Alpine Presbytery to minister Hamilton – Fairfield Presbyterian Church, Kaimai Presbytery, 16 January 2022

Rev Charissa Nicol, chaplain Rangi Ruru Girls’ School, Alpine Presbytery to other recognised minister Southern Presbytery 20 January 2022

Rev Andrew Nicol, minister Bishopsdale - St Margaret’s Presbyterian Church, Alpine Presbytery to chaplain John McGlashan College, Southern Presbytery, 20 January 2022

Rev Simon McLeay, other recognised minister Kaimai Presbytery to chaplain Iona College, Presbytery Central - Nukuhau Tapu, 28 January 2022

Rev Shona Bettany, other recognised minister to executive officer Kaimai Presbytery, 31 January 2022

Rev Matt Chapman, other recognised minister to minister Howick – St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Northern Presbytery, 17 February 2022

Rev Gene Lawrence, minister Temuka – Trinity Presbyterian Church to other recognised minister Alpine Presbytery, 28 February 2022

Rev Adrian Skelton, other recognised minister – Executive Officer Uniting Congregations of Aotearoa New Zealand, to other recognised minister, Presbytery Central – Nukuhau Tapu, 28 February 2022

Rev Geoffrey Skilton, minister Highgate Presbyterian Church to other recognised minister, Southern Presbytery, 20 March 2022

Rev Dr Ron Mills, convenor Kaimai Presbytery to minister emeritus, 31 March 2022

Rev Fei Taule'ale'ausumai, minister Point Chevalier Homestead Community Church, Northern Presbytery to minister Wellington – St Andrew's on the Terrace, Presbytery Central – Nukuhau Tapu, 7 April 2022

Rev George Kopa, minister Tapanui Presbyterian Church, Southern Presbytery to minister Manurewa - St Paul's Presbyterian Church, Northern Presbytery, 12 April 2022

Rev Iain Dickson, minister Mount Maunganui – St Andrew's Presbyterian Church to other recognised minister Kaimai Presbytery, 21 April 2022

Rev Anna Gilkison, minister Lower Hutt – Hutt City Uniting Congregations to minister Kapiti Uniting Parish, Presbytery Central – Nukuhau Tapu, 21 April 2022

Rev Cameron Sinclair, minister - chaplain Dunedin Hospital to minister emeritus Southern Presbytery, 29 April 2022

Rev Ian Pittendreigh, minister Bethlehem Community Church to other recognised minister, Kaimai Presbytery, 6 May 2022

Rev Arona Tusega, minister Otahuhu – St Andrew's Community Presbyterian Church to other recognised minister, Northern Presbytery, 22 May 2022

Rev Karl Lamb, other recognised minister to minister Mornington Presbyterian Church, Southern Presbytery, 22 May 2022

Rev Douglas Bradley, minister Cromwell Presbyterian Church, Southern Presbytery to minister Mount Maunganui – St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Kaimai Presbytery, 25 May 2022

Rev Nigel Crocombe, minister Otorohanga – St David's Presbyterian Church to other recognised minister, Kaimai Presbytery, 31 May 2022

Rev Donald Gordon, minister Wadestown Presbyterian Parish to other recognised minister, Presbytery Central - Nukuhau Tapu, 3 June 2022

Rev Arona Tusega, other recognised minister, Northern Presbytery to minister Otara Pacific Islands Presbyterian Church, Pacific Presbytery 2 June 2022

Rev Dr Mario Weyers, minister Hamilton - St Andrew's Presbyterian Church to other recognised minister, Kaimai Presbytery, 22 July 2022

Rev Chris Moresi, minister Hillsborough – St David's-in-the-Fields Presbyterian/Methodist Parish to other recognised minister, Northern Presbytery, 7 August 2022

Rev Brendan O'Hagan, chaplain Palmerston North Hospital to minister Palmerston North - St Alban's Presbyterian Church, Presbytery Central, 21 August 2022

Rev Malcolm Gordon, other recognised minister to parish minister Dunedin – First Church of Otago, Southern Presbytery, 8 September 2022

Rev Solomon Premkumar Rajan, other recognised minister to parish minister South Kaipara

Presbyterian Church, Northern Presbytery, 24 September 2022

Rev Anne Stewart, minister The Village Presbyterian Church to minister Timaru - St David's Marchwiell Union Church, Alpine Presbytery, 1 October 2022

Rev Wong Hyuk Joung, other recognised minister to minister Upper City Ministry, Northern Presbytery, 2 October 2022.

Rev Stephen Lindsay, other recognised minister to chaplain Hawke's Bay Regional Hospital, Presbytery Central – Nukuhau Tapu, 10 October 2022

Rev Andrew Cox, other recognised minister to parish minister Auckland - Chinese Presbyterian Church, Northern Presbytery, 16 October 2022

Rev Raymond McKie, parish minister New Plymouth – Knox Fitzroy Presbyterian Church to other recognised minister, Presbytery Central, 31 October 2022

Rev Lorna Clarke, local ordained minister Carterton – St David's Presbyterian Church to minister emerita Presbytery Central – Nukuhau Tapu, 30 November 2022

Rev Mark Maney, other recognised minister to parish minister Massey Riverhead Presbyterian Church, Northern Presbytery, 4 December 2022

Rev Chris Purdie, chaplain NZDF Burnham Alpine Presbytery to NZDF Trentham Presbytery Central - Nukuhau Tapu, 9 December 2022

Rev Dr Emma Keown, minister Glenfield Community Church to other recognised minister, Northern Presbytery 11 December 2022

Rev Bruce Graham, other recognised minister to minister Clevedon Presbyterian Church, Northern Presbytery, 22 December 2022

Rev Martin Macaulay, minister East Taieri Church, Southern Presbytery to other recognised minister Presbytery Central – Nukuhau Tapu, 10 January 2023

Rev Paula Levy, other recognised minister to chaplain New Zealand Defence Force Linton Military Camp, Presbytery Central – Nukuhau Tapu, 12 January 2023

Rev Gene Lawrence, other recognised minister to minister Te Anau Presbyterian Church, Southern Presbytery, 26 January 2023

Rev Emma Keown, other recognised minister appointed to Mission Enabler and Parish Review Coordinator, Northern Presbytery, 1 February 2023

Rev Caleb Hardie, minister Albany Presbyterian Church to minister St Columba at Botany, Northern Presbytery, 30 January 2023

Rev Jin Sook Kim, minister Gisborne – The Gisborne Presbyterian Parish, Presbytery Central – Nukuhau Tapu to other recognised minister Northern Presbytery, 1 February 2023

Rev Hamish Kirk, chaplain New Zealand Defence Force Linton Military Camp to other recognised minister, Presbytery Central – Nukuhau Tapu, 2 February 2023

Rev Sandra Warner, minister Morrinsville – Knox Presbyterian Church to minister Tauranga – St Columba Presbyterian Church, Kaimai Presbytery, 12 February 2023

Rev Tony Wood, minister Titahi Bay – St Timothy's Presbyterian Church to minister Johnsonville Uniting Church, Presbytery Central – Nukuhau Tapu, 16 February 2023

Rev Dr Jordan Redding, minister Dunedin Knox Presbyterian Church and chaplain University of Otago, Southern Presbytery to minister St Heliers Presbyterian Church, Northern Presbytery, 5 March 2023

Rev Rodney Ramsay, chaplain Kristen School, Northern Presbytery to minister Silverstream – St Margaret's Presbyterian Church, Presbytery Central – Nukuhau Tapu, 9 March 2023

Rev Ra Koia Jr, other recognised minister to minister Taneatua Maori Pastorate, Te Aka Puaho,

21 May 2023

Rev So'osemea Fa'atui, minister Glenfield Pacific Islanders, Pacific Presbytery to minister Porirua – Pacific Islanders – Church of Christ the King, Presbytery Central – Nukuhau Tapu, 22 June 2023

Rev Dr Darryl Tempero, minister Kiwichurch to minister Kiwichurch and Lecturer/Ministry Formation Coordinator, Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership, Alpine Presbytery 17 July 2023

Rev Dr Andrew Nicol, chaplain John McGlashan College to Lecturer/Ministry Formation Coordinator, Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership and presbytery member, Southern Presbytery 31 July 2023

Rev Seb Murrhy, minister Waitara – Knox Presbyterian Church to minister Waitara – Knox Presbyterian Church and Lecturer/Ministry Formation Coordinator, Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership, Presbytery Central – Nukuhau Tapu, 7 August 2023

Additions to cumulative register for 2018 – 2021:

Rev Becky Heale, other recognised minister to minister Glendowie Presbyterian Church, Northern Presbytery, 2 May 2021

Rev Kris Heale, other recognised minister to minister Glendowie Presbyterian Church, Northern Presbytery, 2 May 2021

Rev Si'itia Si'itia, other recognised minister to minister Avondale Pacific Island Presbyterian Church, Pacific Presbytery, 3 April 2021

Transfers:

Rev Ian Bayliss, minister emeritus Presbytery Central – Nukuhau Tapu to Alpine Presbytery, 8 December 2021

Rev Shona Bettany, other recognised minister Alpine Presbytery to Kaimai Presbytery, 7 January 2022

Rev Dennis Flett, other recognised minister Alpine Presbytery to Presbytery Central – Nukuhau Tapu, 19 February 2022

Rev Gene Lawrence, other recognised minister Alpine Presbytery to Southern Presbytery, 8 April 2022

Rev Nimarota Lale, other recognised minister Southern Presbytery to Northern Presbytery, 3 June 2022

Rev Ra Koia Jr, other recognised minister Kaimai Presbytery to Te Aka Puaho – Maori Synod, 17 September 2022

Rev Sylvia Purdie, other recognised minister Alpine Presbytery to Presbytery Central - Nukuhau Tapu, 9 December 2022

Rev Sharon Ross Ensor, other recognised minister Kaimai Presbytery to Northern Presbytery, 24 April 2023

Rev Vosalevu Fina'i, chaplain Pacific Presbytery to Northern Presbytery, 23 June 2023

Retirements:

Rev Margaret Anne Low, minister St John's Papatoetoe to minister emerita, Northern Presbytery, 17 October 2021

Rev Ma'afala Koko, minister Auckland Central – Newton Pacific Islanders, Northern Presbytery, 28 November 2021

Rev Barry Kelk, chaplain John McGlashan College to minister emeritus, Southern Presbytery, 1 January 2022

Rev Heather Kennedy, local ordained minister Alpine Presbytery to minister emeritus Southern Presbytery, 31 January 2022

Rev Tony Dawson, local ordained minister Invercargill - Richmond Grove Presbyterian Church to minister emeritus Southern Presbytery, 17 April 2022

Rev Adrian Skelton, other recognised minister to minister emeritus, Presbytery Central – Nukuhau Tapu, 1 May 2022

Rev Sally Carter, minister Napier - St Paul's Presbyterian Church to minister emerita, Presbytery Central – Nukuhau Tapu, 8 May 2022

Rev Kevyn Harris, minister New Plymouth – St Andrew's Presbyterian Church to minister emeritus, Presbytery Central – Nukuhau Tapu, 30 June 2022

Rev Philipp Potgieter, other recognised minister to minister Greerton - St James' Union Parish and Papamoa – St Paul's Cooperating Parish, Kaimai Presbytery, 13 August 2022

Rev Laurence Ennor, other recognised minister to minister emeritus, Alpine Presbytery, 31 August 2022

Rev Sylvia Miller-Hardie, minister Takapuna – St George's Presbyterian Church to minister emerita, Northern Presbytery 30 September 2022

Rev Geoffrey Skilton, other recognised minister to minister emeritus, Southern Presbytery, 12 October 2022

Rev Dr Kerry Enright, minister Dunedin Knox Presbyterian Church to minister emeritus, Southern Presbytery, 25 December 2022

Rev Paul Loveday, minister Hastings St John's Presbyterian Church to minister emeritus, Presbytery Central – Nukuhau Tapu, 1 January 2023

Rev Michelle Loveday, minister Hastings St John's Presbyterian Church to minister emeritus, Presbytery Central – Nukuhau Tapu, 1 January 2023

Rev Johanna Warren, minister Hakatere Presbyterian Parish, Alpine Presbytery to minister emerita, Presbytery Central – Nukuhau Tapu, 31 January 2023

Rev James Veitch, other recognised minister to minister emeritus, Presbytery Central – Nukuhau Tapu, 14 June 2023

Removals from Roll of Ministers:

Rev Guy Pilkinton (Presbytery Central – Nukuhau Tapu), 14 December 2021

Rev Dr Glen Pettigrove (Northern Presbytery), 31 March 2023

Rev Stephen Tema (Pacific Presbytery), 31 May 2023

Rev Tae Han Lee (Northern Presbytery), 20 June 2023

Rev Hyun-Sung Shin (Northern Presbytery), 20 June 2023

Resignations from Roll of Ministers:

Rev Susan Blaikie, other recognised minister, Presbytery Central - Nukuhau Tapu, 16 October 2021

Rev Ji Woon (Daniel) Park, minister Hamilton-Chartwell Cooperating Parish, Kaimai Presbytery, 16 August 2022

Rev Timothy Rose, minister Papatoetoe – St John's Church, Northern Presbytery, 19 September 2022

Rev Michael Coutts, minister St Andrew's Central Hawke's Bay, Presbytery Central – Nukuhau Tapu, 11 May 2023

Rev Hong-kyu (Andrew) Moon, other recognised minister, Northern Presbytery, 2 August 2023

Rev Ray McKendry, minister emeritus, Southern Presbytery, 18 August 2023

Deaths:

Rev Kimi Henry, minister emeritus (Southern Presbytery) 10 October 2021

Rev Bill Francis, minister emeritus (Presbytery Central – Nukuhau Tapu) 18 October 2021

Rev Allan Smith, minister emeritus (Presbytery Central – Nukuhau Tapu) 27 October 2021

Rev Fania Talagi, local ordained minister Parnell - Knox Presbyterian Church, Pacific Presbytery, 25 October 2021

Rev Charles Naylor, minister emeritus (Alpine Presbytery), 13 November 2021

Rev Keith Weavers, other recognised minister, Presbytery Central – Nukuhau Tapu, 20 November 2021

Rev Dr John Brinsley, minister emeritus, Southern Presbytery, 25 December 2021

Rev John Allen, minister emeritus, Southern Presbytery, 6 February 2022

Rev Keith Allen, minister emeritus, Presbytery Central – Nukuhau Tapu, 7 February 2022

Rev Ron Townsend, minister emeritus, Presbytery Central – Nukuhau Tapu, 16 February 2022

Rev Noel Brown, minister emeritus, Northern Presbytery, 14 March 2022

Rev Jusak Subabda, minister emeritus, Northern Presbytery, 28 March 2022

Rev Timote Turu, minister emeritus, Kaimai Presbytery, 31 March 2022

Sr Margery Dwerryhouse, deaconess, Northern Presbytery, 3 April 2022

Rev Bob Coates, minister emeritus, Alpine Presbytery, 11 April 2022

Rev Ivan Pierce, minister emeritus, Alpine Presbytery, 26 April 2022

Rev Kim Bathgate, minister emeritus, Alpine Presbytery, 26 April 2022

Rev Sylvia Jenkin, minister emerita, Presbytery Central – Nukuhau Tapu, 18 May 2022

Rev Meri Caton, minister emerita, Te Aka Puaho – Maori Synod, 22 May 2022

Rev Gladys Stiles, minister emerita, Alpine Presbytery, 5 June 2022

Rev Margaret Anne Low, minister emerita, Northern Presbytery, 6 July 2022

Rev Peter Cartwright Carter, minister emeritus, Northern Presbytery, 28 July 2022

Rev Brian Thom, minister emeritus, Southern Presbytery, 9 August 2022

Rev Samoa Mavaega, minister emeritus, Presbytery Central – Nukuhau Tapu, 24 August 2022

Rev Ken Irwin, minister emeritus, Presbytery Central – Nukuhau Tapu, 2 September 2022

Rev Lindsay Drinkwater, minister emeritus, Presbytery Central – Nukuhau Tapu, 9 September 2022

Rev Ian Robertson, minister emeritus, Southern Presbytery, 19 October 2022

Rev Ian Crumpton, minister emeritus, Alpine Presbytery, 7 December 2022

Rev Ian Fleming, minister emeritus, Southern Presbytery, 15 December 2022

Rev Alf Taylor, minister emeritus, Northern Presbytery, 25 December 2022

Rev Dr Ian Breward, minister emeritus, Southern Presbytery, 30 December 2022

Rev Harry Morgan, minister emeritus, Northern Presbytery, 12 January 2023

Rev Ewing Stevens MBE, minister emeritus, Southern Presbytery, 15 January 2023

Rev Dr Graham Lyman, minister emeritus, Alpine Presbytery, 29 January 2023

Rev Sione Lagigie John Faitala, minister emeritus, Pacific Presbytery, 7 February 2023

Rev David Carmichael, minister emeritus, Alpine Presbytery, 3 March 2023

Rev Michael Jackson Campbell, minister emeritus, Presbytery Central – Nukuhau Tapu, 11 March 2023

Rev Doug Grierson, minister emeritus, Alpine Presbytery, 17 March 2023

Rev Stuart McKenzie, minister emeritus, Northern Presbytery, 3 April 2023

Rev Ria Sporry, minister emeritus, Presbytery Central – Nukuhau Tapu, 12 April 2023

Rev Brian Metherell, minister emeritus, Alpine Presbytery, 2 May 2023

Rev Mary Petersen, minister emerita, Kaimai Presbytery, 6 May 2023

Rev Libby Smith, minister emerita, Southern Presbytery, 20 May 2023

Rev Neil Lambie, minister emeritus, Alpine Presbytery, 13 July 2023

Rev Bob Fendall, minister emeritus, Alpine Presbytery, 5 August 2023

Rev Neville Burns, minister emeritus, Alpine Presbytery, 24 August 2023