



**Minutes of the
2018 General Assembly
of the Presbyterian Church of
Aotearoa New Zealand**

**held at St Andrew's College,
Papanui Road, Christchurch**

**Wednesday 3rd October
to Sunday 7th October**

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**Minutes of Session 1 of the 2018 General Assembly
St Andrew's College Chapel, Papanui Road, Christchurch
Wednesday 3rd October at 7.30 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 General Assembly meeting at Dunedin in November 2016.

The Assembly was welcomed by representatives of Ngai Tahu and Alpine Presbytery.

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

Roll of 2018 Assembly

The Clerk of Assembly moved, it was seconded and agreed

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

Moderator: Rt Rev Fakaofu Kaio
Clerk: Rev Wayne Matheson

Northern Presbytery

Ministers:

Lorne Campbell, Glynn Cardy, Howard Carter, Fei Taulealeausumai Davis, Kevin Finlay, Lorraine Francis, Bob Franklyn, Caleb Hardie, Tani Haunga, Tokerau Joseph, Emma Keown, Ma'afala Koko, Stuart Lange, Margaret Liow, Margaret-Anne Low, Nick McLennan, John Malcolm, Colin Marshall, Gary Mauga, Steve Millward, Robin Palmer, Nathan Pedro, Kent Potter, Pauline Stewart, Iona Sua, Peter Temita, Mose Taumaoe, Nikki Watkin.

Elders:

Cunningham Atchison, Rhee Barry, Alex Bickers, Ian Bogue, Malcolm Boyd, Lyn Buchanan, Matthew Cave, Perelini Crighton, David Cooper, Robert Dobbie, Mosotele Seta Efaraimo, Solomona Elikana, Joanna Graves, Cheol Jeong, John Kernohan, Jill Kayser, Seong Soon Lee, Bernie McClean, Alex McEwing, Noel McGrevy, Sandra Olliff, Linda Plant, Tala Prichard, Sauni Puheke, Malu Rokeni, Timothy Rose, Fiona Sherwin, Malcolm Sproull, Angel Swasbrook, Naomi Tamangaro, Isabella Tedcastle, Rosa Waddington, Peter Winfield

Youth:

Denesse Atendido, Monica Fale-Bell, Mevia Faletoese, Jordan Grimmer, Edd Smart

Te Aka Puaho:

Ministers:

Hariata Haumate, Mitchell Jaram, Tukua Tuwairua

Elders:

Shirley Evetts, Marina Rakuraku, Honey Thrupp

Pacific Presbytery

Ministers:

Karima Fai-ai, Fieta Faitala, So'osema Fa'atui, Toko Ine, Uea Telia

Elders:

Ben Bates, Eli Elikana, Selau Alice Kaleopa, Winston Timaloa

Youth:

Kristina Neria, Meauli Seuala

Kaimai Presbytery

Ministers:

Chris Barnard, Ron Bennett, Simon Cornwall, Reece Firth, Simon McLeay, Mark Maney, Garry Marquand, Ron Mills, John Rentz, John Rush, Sharon Ross Ensor, Heather Simpson.

Elders:

Ruth Efford-bax, Gwen Harding, James Marsters, Anne Owen, Gayle Pearson, Elaine Riddell, Lynne Robertson, Terry Tutty, Margaret Whiting.

Youth:

Presbytery Central

Ministers:

Andrew Callander, Sally Carter, Suresh Chandra, Dennis Flett, Diane Gilliam-Weeks, Anna Gilkison, Bruce Hamill, Peter Jackson, Susan Jones, Steve Jourdain, Bobby Kusilifu, Perema Leasi, Paula Levy, Falkland Liuvaie, Clare Lind, Jill McDonald, Peter MacKenzie, Raymond McKie, Richard McLean, Chris Milham, Marcell Mey, Hana Popea, Robert Robati-Mani, Stuart Simpson, Reg Weeks, Phil Warner, Johanna Warren, Anthony Wood

Elders:

Poul Anderson, Diana Baird, Hadley Bond, Frank Carter, Donald Clement, Lynne Dovey, Janet Ewart, Mary Gibbs, Ruth Harrison, Andrew Larsen, Matthew Leaver, Rob McIntosh, Vinise Moananu, Wayne Ogden, Jenny O'Leary, Alan Purdie, John Read, Wayne Rewcastle, Majeeta Sauvao, Jennifer Shaw, Simon Shaw, Claire Smith, Shirley Spooner, Peter Thomson, Abby Westgarth.

Youth:

Hamish Baird, Sam Parsons, Craig Pollock, Geoff Procter, Nadia Ridsdale, Brett Reid.

Alpine Presbytery

Ministers:

Makesi Alatimu, Phyllis Harris, Sage Harris, Heather Kennedy, David Kim, Jason King, Gene Lawrence, Matthew Leaver, Alistair McNaughton, Henry Mbambo, Andrew Nicol, Eric Oh, Brendan O'Hagan, David Sang-Joon Kim, Marty Redhead, Brent Richardson, Yvonne Smith, Sharaine Steenberg, Anne Stewart, Blair Stirling, Aarii Taimataora, Stephanie Wells, Dugald Wilson, Sandra Wright-Taylor.

Elders:

Maureen Bishop, Les Boutery, Wendy Chatterton, Marie Davidson, Diane Brockbank, Anne Croft, Anne Delaney, Jan Dugdale, Lindsay Evans, Alan Ferguson, Elaine Henry, Lyn Heine, Lydia McKinnon, Ann McMillan, Diane Norrie, Eoin Powell, Dave Theyers, David Troughton.

Youth:

Hannah Hancox, Paul Hong, Jason Lee, Matthew Penno, Maia Rae, Vincent Wallace

Southern Presbytery

Ministers:

Craig Allan, Douglas Bradley, Nigel Crocombe, Tony Dawson, Kerry Enright, Malutafa Fruean, Andrew Harrex, Alan Judge, Mike Kirby-Sing, George Kopa, Rose Luxford, Andrew Scott, Anne Thomson, Tekura Wilding, Ken Williams, Selwyn Yeoman.

Elders:

Andrew Bayne, Gay Bloxham, Campbell Brown, Raewyn Byars, Joy Creighton, Julie Fern, Jenni Gillions, Gwen Grimm, Margaret Hill, Alan Ioane, Clive Kearon, Lee Kearon, Brad Kelderman, Bronwyn McCall, Inez McClea, Louisa Makitae, Shona McDonald, Mary Somerville, Cynthia Smith, Mavis Smith, John Spicer, Jane Stuart, Eileen Toner, Graeme Weir.

Youth:

Chen (Ryan) Feng, Caleb Griffith, Lucy Prestidge, Amy Williams

Presbyterian Women Aotearoa New Zealand

Ola Leasi, Amber Parry Strong

Installation of Moderator

The Very Rev Ray Coster, Co-convenor of the Special Commission of Assembly, gave a narrative of the process undertaken to identify the moderator for the 2018 General Assembly. He reported that the Very Rev Andrew Norton, who had been elected at the 2016 General Assembly as Moderator Designate, subsequently withdrew his acceptance of nomination. The Council of Assembly then appointed a Commission of Assembly to oversee the process to bring to the 2018 Assembly a fresh nomination for Moderator for 2018 to 2020. Mr Coster reported that the commission adopted a process parallel to that used to elect a moderator designate.

Mr Coster moved, it was seconded and agreed

[18.002] That, pursuant to the election process of the Church, the Rev Taimoanaifakafo Kaio be elected as the Moderator of the 2018 General Assembly, to hold office until the induction of his successor at the next ordinary meeting of the Assembly, or as this Assembly determines.

Mr Kaio was installed as the Moderator of the 2018 General Assembly. He signed the Centennial Bible.

Act of Commemoration

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

Numiaifaleupoluotofingauatasi Tofi Aiono, James Graham Archibald, Robert Andrew Brown, John Robert Carruthers, William George Boyd Clark, Richard Colegrove, Leonard Forde Currie, James Richard Battersby, Margaret Wynne Dellow, Jack Newton Foster, Geoffrey George Edric Harding, Motua'i Lau'ese, Ian McCallum, Peter McNeil, Raymond John Markley, Peter Marshall, Helen Margaret Reid Martin, James David Milne, Robert Thomas Murphy, John Stewart Murray, Douglas Nathaniel Etuauti Tuitasi Pa'u, Lester John Reid, Douglas Milne Riddle, Jennifer Sybil Robertson, Leiite Setefano, Robin Gibson Smith, Leomana Leonard Tongatule, John Robert Turton, Geoffrey Francis Vine, Iris Eva Woods, William Thomas Woods, Derek Yule.

The Moderator gave an address on the theme of "Jesus, the heart of relationships with God, with people." He led in the celebration of the sacrament of Holy Communion.

The opening service concluded with the benediction.

The Assembly adjourned at 9.20 pm, to resume business at 9 am the next day.

**Minutes Session 2 of the 2018 General Assembly
St Andrew's College, Papanui Road, Christchurch
Thursday 04 October at 9 am**

The Moderator opened the session with prayer and welcomed commissioners, guests and observers.

Assembly procedures

The Revs Shona Bettany and Alistair McBride, Assembly Business Work Group co-conveners, explained Assembly procedures.

Mrs Bettany moved *en bloc*, it was seconded and agreed

[18.003] That the reports and proposals printed in the Assembly Reports and Extra Reports be received and be the working documents of the Assembly.

[18.004] That the Standing Orders as printed be accepted as standing orders for 2018 Assembly.

[18.005] That the Facilitation Group, under Standing Order 24, comprise Chris Elliot and Hamish Galloway.

[18.006] That the timekeepers for the 2018 Assembly are John Simpson, Ken Newton.

[18.007] That the scrutineers for the 2018 Assembly are: Erin Pendreigh, Emma Page, Les Solomona, Adrian Skelton, David Jackson, Kos van Lier, Cheryl Harray, Arthur Whitehead, Jonathan Barb, Donald Gordon, Gabe Hawker, Aaron Johnstone, Hayden Luke, Tom Mephram, Chris Moresi, Sebastian Murrhiy, Kylie Provan, Grant Ridout, Esther Sabey, Claire Ayers, Sylvia Purdie, Natasha Wells, Chris Purdie.

[18.008] That Mrs Heather McKenzie be appointed Deputy Clerk of Assembly until the close of the 2018 Assembly meeting.

The Clerk of Assembly moved, it was seconded and agreed

[18.009] That Memorial Minutes for the following be placed in the records of the Assembly: Rev Numia Aiono, Mrs Jean Elizabeth Anderson, Rev James Graham Archibald, Rev Robert Andrew Brown, Rev William George Boyd Clark, Rev Leonard Forde Currie, Rev Geoffrey George Edric Harding, Rev Ian McCallum, Rev Peter McNeill, Rev Dr Robert (Bob) Thomas Murphy, Very Rev John Stewart Murray, Rev Douglas Nathaniel Etuati Tuitasi Pa'u, Rev Lester John Reid, Rev Jennifer Sybil Robertson, Rev Robin Gibson Smith, Rev John Robert Turton, Rev Geoffrey Francis Vine, Rev Iris Eva Woods, Rev Derek Yule.

[Refer Minutes page 40 - Appendix 2 for details]

The Clerk of Assembly moved, it was seconded and agreed

[18.010] 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.

The Clerk of Assembly moved, it was seconded and agreed

- [18.011] That the General Assembly confirms the changes to the ministerial roll since the Assembly last met.
[Refer Minutes page 35 - Appendix 1 for details]

The Clerk of Assembly moved, it was seconded and agreed

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

Mrs Bettany moved, it was seconded and agreed

- [18.013] That the Assembly recognize the following associates:
Shona Bettany, Alistair McBride, Richard Gray, Marina Robati-Mani (Assembly Business Work Group), Pamela Tankersley (Book of Order Advisory Committee), Jenny Flett (Council of Assembly), Chris Elliot, Hamish Galloway (Facilitation Group) Deborah Bower (Leadership Sub-committee), Anne Edgar (Resource Sub-committee), Very Rev Richard Dawson (Immediate Past Moderator), Very Rev Ray Coster (special Commission of Assembly).

- [18.014] That the following church councils be given approval to meet during the General Assembly: First Church of Otago.

PressGo

Acting PressGo Board Chair, the Rev Sharon Ross Ensor, presented the Board's report. Recommendations to establish a task group to consider the Church's collective wealth, and a theology and practice of sharing property and money, were referred to Dialogue Groups for consideration.

New Code of Ethics

The Rev Dr Kerry Enright and the Very Rev Pamela Tankersley explained the background to the adoption of the new Code of Ethics. This was referred to Dialogue Groups for discussion. There were no associated recommendations.

Te Aka Puaho

Te Aka Puaho Moderator, Ms Marina Rakuraku, spoke to the report of Te Aka Puaho. She highlighted challenges and achievements.

Special Legislation Procedure

The Clerk of Assembly moved *en bloc*, it was seconded and agreed

- [18.022] That the Assembly adopt, under the special legislative procedure, the changes to regulations for Book of Order chapter 8, as set out in proposal 1 of the report of the Assembly Executive Secretary.
- [18.023] That the Assembly adopt, under the special legislative procedure, the changes to regulations for Book of Order chapter 5, as set out in proposal 2 of the reports of the Assembly Executive Secretary.
- [18.024] That the Assembly adopt, under the special legislative procedure, the changes to regulations for Book of Order Chapter 10, as set out in proposal 3 of the report of the Assembly Executive Secretary.

- [18.025] That the Assembly adopt, under the special legislative procedure, the changes to regulations for Book of Order Chapter 14, as set out in proposal 4 of the report of the Assembly Executive Secretary.
- [18.026] That the Assembly adopt, under the special legislative procedure, the changes to regulations for Book of Order Chapter 10, as set out in proposal 5 of the report of the Assembly Executive Secretary.
- [18.027] 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 5 of the Amendment Act 1914 and to be the Commission under Section 7 of the Presbyterian church Property Amendment Act 1966 to consider applications under Part 1 of the Act:
The Rt Rev Fakaofu Kaio (Moderator), the Very Rev Pamela Tankersley, Revs Jim Veitch, Bobby Kusilifu, Susan Jones, Messrs. Ron Ewan, Simon Shaw, Andrew Irwin and Mrs Fiona Coughlan, Assembly Executive Secretary, Associate: Executive Officer of the Presbyterian Church Property Trustees.

Book of Order Advisory Committee

The Very Rev Pamela Tankersley, Book of Order Advisory Committee convenor, spoke to the report of the committee. She explained the reasons for the various proposed amendments to the Book of Order.

Debate was suspended.

Commissioners met in Dialogue Groups to consider the proposals regarding the Church's collective wealth, and to discuss the new Code of Ethics.

Business was adjourned at 12.30 pm.

**Minutes Session 3 of the 2018 General Assembly
St Andrew's College, Papanui Road, Christchurch
Thursday 04 October at 2 pm**

Keynote Speaker

The Moderator advised commissioners that the Rev Ned Ripley, who was to give a keynote address to the Assembly, was critically ill. The Moderator read Mr Ripley's prepared address to the Assembly, and led in prayer for the Ripley family.

Resumption of Business

The Moderator opened the business session with prayer.

The Clerk of Assembly moved, it was seconded and agreed
That the minutes of Session 1 be accepted.

Council of Assembly

Mrs Jenny Flett, Council of Assembly convenor, presented the report of the Council, and expanded on aspects of the report.

Consideration of the Council's report was suspended.

International Guests

The Rev Tui Sopoaga, of the Congregational Christian Church of Tokelau was introduced and welcomed. Mr Sopoaga, assisted by his wife, addressed the Assembly.

Council of Assembly (resumed)

Consideration of the Council of Assembly report resumed.
Questions for clarification were responded to.

Supplementary Provisions

Mrs Flett moved, it was seconded and agreed

[18.015] That the General Assembly ratify the Supplementary Provisions adopted or amended by the Council of Assembly since the last Assembly.

Mission Enterprise Fund

Mrs Flett moved *en bloc*, it was seconded and agreed

[18.016] (a) That ten per cent of the net sale proceeds of property, excluding the sale of manses and/or worship centres for the purpose of replacement or significant improvement of either a manse and/or a worship centre as approved by the Church Property Trustees, must be transferred to the Mission Enterprise Fund of the General Assembly.

(b) That clause 4.5 of the Supplementary Provision for chapter 16 of the Book of Order (Sale of Property) be amended accordingly.

[18-017] That General Assembly recommend to PressGo that it makes grants to the following parishes, in line with the spirit and intent of the revised exemption clause for contributions to the Mission Enterprise Fund.

(a) To Whakatu Presbyterian Parish, the sum of \$48,163 from the sale of the manse at 262 Songer St, Nelson.

- (b) To any parish that applies to the Council of Assembly by 31 May 2019 for a grant equal to a Mission Enterprise Fund contribution made, and where the Council of Assembly agrees that the parish would have qualified for the Mission Enterprise Fund exemption, as adopted by the 2018 General Assembly, if this wording had been adopted by the 2014 General Assembly.

Leave was granted for the following recommendations to be withdrawn.

- [18.070] [Withdrawn] ~~That the regulation governing the sale of property and the Mission Enterprise Fund be amended to read: "Ten percent of the net sale proceeds of property, excluding the sale of manses and/or worship centres for the purpose of erecting or purchasing either manses or worship centres, must be transferred to the Mission Enterprise Fund of the General Assembly."~~
- [18.071] [Withdrawn] ~~That an exemption to the transfer of 10% to the Mission Enterprise Fund be specifically granted retrospectively to Whakatu Presbyterian Parish for sales of property to fund their new church centre at 34 Champion Road, Richmond.~~
- [18.072] [Withdrawn] ~~That the regulation governing the sale of property and the Mission Enterprise Fund be amended to read, "Ten per cent of the net sale proceeds of property, excluding the sale of manses and/or worship centres for the purpose of a replacement or significant improvement of either a manse and/or worship centre, as approved by the Church Property Trustees, must be transferred to the Mission Enterprise Fund of the General Assembly."~~
- [18.073] [Withdrawn] ~~That an exemption to the transfer of 10% to the Mission Enterprise Fund be specifically granted for the sale of the manse property of 3 Jacobs Way Maraetai, to help fund the new church and community centre, this exemption also granted with effect retrospectively.~~

Business was adjourned at 3 pm.

**Minutes Session 4 of the 2018 General Assembly
St Andrew's College, Papanui Road, Christchurch
Thursday 04 October at 3.30pm**

The Moderator opened the business session with prayer.

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

That the minutes of Session 2 be accepted.

Resource Sub-committee

Ms Anne Edgar, Resource Sub-committee convenor, moved, it was seconded and agreed

[18.020] That the General Assembly receive the audited accounts of the Church for the financial year 1 July 2017 to 30 June 2018.

[18.021] That the Convenor and Deputy Convenor of the Council of Assembly be authorised to sign the 2017/18 audited accounts on behalf of the General Assembly.

There was no debate.

Retiring Moderator's Address

The retiring Moderator, the Very Rev Richard Dawson, addressed the Assembly.

The Moderator expressed the thanks of the Church to Mr Dawson for his service and commitment as Moderator of the General Assembly from 2016 to 2018.

Moderator's Role Review

The Rev Peter Dunn spoke to the report of the Moderator's Role Review Work Group, which he had convened. He responded to questions of clarification.

Mr Dunn moved, it was seconded and agreed

- [18.039] That the key tasks for the Moderator be as follows:
- a) Moderator of General Assembly
Moderate General Assembly meetings in close consultation with the Assembly Business Work Group.
 - b) Ceremonial and Celebration
 - a. Represent the Church at significant national and cultural events, in consultation with the Assembly Executive Secretary.
 - b. Represent the Church at international gatherings in consultation with the Assembly Executive Secretary.
 - c. Participate with the heads of ecumenical partner churches when speaking jointly.
 - c) Mission
 - a. Listen to and share the missional direction of the Church with its members.
 - b. Engage directly with presbytery leadership to inspire and encourage mission at all levels of the Church.
 - d) Pastoral Presence
 - a. Given a broad canvas, be a pastor at large, engage with members of the Church and the New Zealand community in general: in safe times, times of testing, times of calamity.

- b. Connect with a listening ear and voice of encouragement to the widest range of people and groups that time allows.
- e) Contribution to Policy Formation
Listen to and engage with the Church at large, taking advantage of being well-positioned to be a voice to and direction at a governance level with the Council of Assembly and presbyteries.

There was no debate.

Mr Dunn moved the following motions, which were seconded and agreed, with no debate.

- [18.040] That the current provision for the Moderator to assume office immediately upon election, normally during the opening worship of the biennial General Assembly and remain in office until the election of a successor at the next General Assembly, be retained.
- [18.041] That the term of a Moderator's office remain as 2 years, in accordance with the current policy of the Church that General Assemblies are held biennially.
- [18.042] That the position of the Moderator be up to full time negotiated between the Moderator Designate and the Assembly Executive Secretary
- [18.043] That any person who has already served a term as Moderator is ineligible for nomination.
- [18.044] That, in the six months prior to taking office as Moderator, the Moderator Designate be supported by the Church on a .33FTE. in order to allow preparation and orientation time for the office, in consultation with the Assembly Executive Secretary.
- [18.045] That the Moderator be encouraged to establish a group to support him/her for the duration of the office.
- [18.046] That allowance be made for the spouse or another support person to accompany the Moderator, where appropriate, in consultation with the Assembly Executive Secretary.
- [18.047] That a stipend-based remuneration be negotiated with an incoming Moderator, (lay or ordained) to ensure that neither the Moderator, their congregation (if a parish minister) nor other current employer be financially disadvantaged in the term of the Moderator.

Notice of Motion [18.048] was considered clause by clause.

Mr Dunn moved, and it was seconded:

- [18.048] That the following modified process for election of the Moderator Designate be adopted:
 - a. The Assembly invites church councils to submit to their presbytery, Te Aka Puaho or the Pacific Islands Synod, names of four suitable nominees, with the signed permission of the nominees and a 150 word statement about their wider church experience and suitability for the office, which can be posted on the presbytery's website.

The Rev Anne Thomson moved an amendment to clause (a), which was seconded:

That the motion be amended by the insertion of the words “up to” before “suitable nominees”, and that the words “with their signed permission be moved to the end of the clause.

There was debate.

The amendment was agreed and became the substantive clause.

- a. That the Assembly invites church councils to submit to their presbytery, Te Puaho or the Pacific Islands Synod, names of up to four suitable nominees, and a 150 word statement about their wider church experience and suitability for the office, which can be posted on the presbytery’s website, along with the signed permission of the nominee.

The substantive motion, as amended, was agreed without further debate.

Mr Dunn moved, and it was seconded:

- b. In a manner that complies with the conditions for balanced membership of courts, committees and other bodies, as found in the generic Supplementary Provisions (that members should represent the diversity of age, gender and cultural groupings found in the church and also have comparable numbers of ministerial and lay members), each presbytery, including Te Aka Puaho and the Pacific Islands Synod will vote to nominate two candidates for the position of Moderator Designate of General Assembly from the names submitted by church councils within its bounds.

The Rev Dr Bruce Hamill moved an amendment to clause (b), which was seconded:

That the words “one male and one female” be inserted after the words “two candidates.”

The amendment was lost.

After further debate, the original clause was agreed.

Mr Dunn moved, it was seconded and agreed, without debate:

- c. Nominations from the presbyteries will be sent to the Assembly Executive Secretary to be included on a ballot paper for the election of the Moderator Designate.
- d. The Nominating Committee will re-affirm the nominees’ acceptance of their nomination and compile an election pack containing the candidates’ biographical details, personal statements, photographs and other appropriate details. (The length and format of this will be determined by the Nominating Committee.)

Mr Dunn moved, and it was seconded:

- e. The names of all the candidates are submitted to all church councils to vote upon. Church councils may approach candidates for further information and ask to meet with them at their own expense. Church councils shall have six weeks from the date the names are sent to them to cast their vote.

The Rev Brendan O’Hagan moved an amendment which was carried:

That the words “and ask to meet with them at their own expense” be deleted from clause.

The substantive clause, as amended, now read:

- e. The names of all the candidates are submitted to all church councils to vote upon. Church councils may approach candidates for further information. Church councils shall have six weeks from the date the names are sent to them to cast their vote.

The substantive motion, as amended, was agreed without further debate.

Mr Dunn moved, it was seconded and carried:

- f. A preferential system of voting will be used. Church councils will vote for four candidates, listing them in order of preference. If no candidate has an absolute majority of votes cast based on church councils' first preference, then the second preference of those who voted for the lowest polling candidate are counted and distributed to the remaining candidates. This process continues until one candidate has an absolute majority of the votes cast. A vote cast other than in accordance with this supplementary provision will be deemed invalid.

The Rev Dr Kerry Enright moved an amendment which was seconded:

That the motion be amended by the insertion of the words "up to" before the words "four candidates."

103 votes were cast in favour and 127 against the amendment, which was declared lost. The substantive motion was carried.

Mr Dunn moved, it was seconded and agreed

- g. The counting of votes will be carried out by the Assembly Executive Secretary or his/her nominee and overseen by a Justice of the Peace. The result is to be advised to the Nominating Committee which will confirm the nomination and the Convener of the Nominating Committee will advise the Assembly of the result.

Mr Dunn moved, it was seconded and agreed

[18.049] That the Book of Order Advisory Committee amend the supplementary provisions for Book of Order chapter 14 to give effect to the provisions agreed to by the General Assembly concerning the role of the Moderator.

Doctrine Core Group

The Rev Dr Stuart Lange presented the report of the Doctrine Core Group. This report made a number of recommendations about the Church's proposed stand on Parliamentary End of Life Choice Bill. Dr Lange responded to questions for clarification.

The report and its recommendations were referred to Dialogue Groups.

Book of Order Advisory Committee (resumed)

Debate resumed on the Book of Order Advisory Committee's recommendations.

The Very Rev Pamela Tankersley moved *en bloc*, it was seconded and agreed:

[18.028] That the amendments to sections 8.16, 11.12, 14.5, 14.31 and 15.1 of the Book of Order, as set out in 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.

[18.029] That the amendments to the Book of Order set out in Appendix 1 of the report of the Book of Order Advisory Committee be adopted as interim provisions having force until the next General Assembly meets.

There was no debate.

Mrs Tankersley moved, it was seconded and agreed:

[18.030] That the amendments to sections 15.9(3), 15.12, 15.16 and a new section 15.45A of the Book of Order, as set out in Appendix 2 to this report of the Book of Order Advisory Committee, be adopted.

There was no debate.

Mrs Tankersley moved, it was seconded and agreed:

[18.031] That the technical revisions to the Book of Order, as found in Appendix 3 of the report of the Book of Order Advisory Committee, be approved.

There was no debate.

Northern Presbytery

Representatives of Northern Presbytery gave a presentation on the life of the presbytery, noting strategic changes, and the restructuring of its organisation.

Women in Ministry Study

The Moderator invited the Revs Sharon Ross Ensor and Jill McDonald to address the Assembly on the recently published Women in Ministry Study.

Business was adjourned at 6 pm.

**Minutes Session 5 of the 2018 General Assembly
St Andrew's College, Papanui Road, Christchurch
Friday 05 October at 9 am**

The Moderator opened the session with prayer.

National Service Team

Presentations on their areas of work were given by members of the National Service Team: the Rev Dr Steve Taylor (Knox Centre for Ministry & Leadership), Ms Jane Thomsen (Presbyterian Research Centre), Ms Lisa Wells (PressGo), the Rev Robin Humphreys (Kids Friendly), Messrs. Matthew Chamberlain and Gordon Fitch (Presbyterian Youth Ministry), Ms Sandra Kennerley (Financial Services). A video presentation from the Rev Phil King (Global Mission Coordinator) was screened.

Dialogue Group Feedback

The Revs Chris Elliot and Hamish Galloway, Dialogue Group facilitators, presented feedback from Dialogue Groups on recommendations from the PressGo Board.

PressGo Board

The Rev Sharon Ross Ensor, PressGo Board Acting Chair, moved and it was seconded:
[18.058] That General Assembly establish a task group to consider the Church's collective wealth and establish a theology and practice of sharing property and money.

The Rev Dr Bruce Hamill moved an amendment, which was seconded and carried
That, in considering the Church's collective wealth, the General Assembly establish a task group to develop a theology of money, a theology of property and develop practices of sharing both.

The substantive motion, as amended, was carried.

Ms Ross Ensor moved and it was seconded
[18.059] That the task group to consider the Church's collective wealth consult widely within the Church and make recommendations to the 2020 Assembly for a national strategy for sharing resources.

The Rev Dr Kerry Enright moved an amendment, which was seconded and agreed
That the General Assembly change the words *national strategy* to *national framework* for sharing resources.

The motion as amended now read:
That the task group to consider the Church's collective wealth consult widely within the Church and make recommendations to the 2020 Assembly for a national framework for sharing resources.

The substantive motion, as amended, was agreed

The Rev Simon McLeay moved, and it was seconded

[18.087] That the General Assembly instruct the task group to explore ways to both simplify and streamline the process of churches to access funds, especially supporting our ethnic churches.

The Rev Dr Kerry Enright moved an amendment, which was seconded and carried

That the words “especially supporting our ethnic churches” be removed from the motion.

The substantive motion now read:

[18.087] That the General Assembly instruct the task group to explore ways to both simplify and streamline the process of churches to access funds.

The substantive motion, as amended, was agreed

Invited Guest

The Most Reverend Phillip Richardson, Archbishop and Primate of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia, was introduced to the Assembly and welcomed.

Archbishop Richardson addressed the Assembly. He asked for forgiveness for the lack of good ecumenical relationships between the denominations.

The Moderator accepted the apology from the Archbishop and in turn asked for forgiveness on the part of the Presbyterian Church in failing to foster this relationship. The Moderator led the Assembly in prayer.

The business session concluded at 10.45 am.

Commissioners then met in Dialogue Groups.

**Minutes Session 6 of the 2018 General Assembly
St Andrew's College, Papanui Road, Christchurch
Friday 05 October at 2 pm**

Keynote Speaker

The Very Rev Margaret Schrader addressed the Assembly on the theme of God and Relationships.

Resumption of Business

The Moderator opened the business session with prayer.

The Clerk of Assembly moved that the minutes of Sessions 3 and 4 be accepted.

Nominating Committee

The Rev Anne Thomson, Nominating Committee co-convenor, moved, it was seconded and agreed

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

Council of Assembly:

Convenor: Rev Richard McLean 2018-22; Deputy convenor: Anne Edgar 2018-22. Members: Deborah Bower (Leadership Sub-committee) 2016-20, Diana Baird (Resource Sub-committee) 2018-22, Rev Pauline Stewart (Northern Presbytery) 2016-20, Winston Timaloa (Pacific Presbytery) 2016-20, Rev Jaco Reyneke (Kaimai Presbytery) 2016-20, Wayne Ogden (Presbytery Central) 2016-20, Charissa Nichol (Alpine Presbytery) 2018-22, Rev Andrew Harrex (Southern Presbytery) 2018-22, Rev Tukua Tuwairua (Te Aka Puaho) 2018-22, (Asian congregations). Associates: Moderator of General Assembly; Moderator, Te Aka Puaho; Moderator, Pacific Presbytery; Synod of Otago and Southland representative; Church Property Trustees representative; Assembly Executive Secretary.

Leadership Sub-committee:

Convenor: Deborah Bower 2016-20; Deputy convenor:
Members: Rev Silvia Purdie 2016-20, Rev Micah Tang 2016-20, Rev Henry Mbambo 2016-20, Faye Apanui 2016-20 (Te Aka Puaho), Rev Ryhan Prasad 2018-22, Katerina Taumaaoe (Pacific Islands Synod) 2018-22, Rev Darryl Tempero 2018-22.

Associates: Principal, Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership; Synod of Otago & Southland, KCML Advisory Board; Assembly Executive Secretary

Resource Sub-committee:

Convenor: Diana Baird 2018-22, Deputy Convenor: Craig Donaldson 2018-22. Members: Penelope Stevenson 2014-20 (extension), Eli Elikana 2016-20 (Pacific Presbytery), Tania-Rose Taitoko 2018-22 (Te Aka Puaho), Rev Gene Lawrence 2018-22, John Shadbolt 2018-22, Terongo Tekii 2018-22, (Asian Congregations). Associates: Synod of Otago & Southland; Church Property Trustees; PCANZ Finance Manager, Assembly Executive Secretary

National Assessment Work Group:

Co-convenors: Dorille Shadbolt 2016-20, Ken Williams 2018-22
Members: Rev Alastair McNaughton 2014-20 (extension), Sun Mi Lee 2014-20 (extension), Norman MacLean 2016-20, Chris Milham 2016-20, Queenie Cairns (Te Aka Puaho) 2016-20, Aram Kim (Asian Congregations) 2016-20, Rev Nathan Pedro (Pacific Presbytery) 2018-22,

Rev Mike Kirkby-Sing 2018-22, Margaret van Ginkel 2018-22, Rosalie Howley 2018-22, Rev Emma Keown 2018-22, Laurie Mills 2018-22, Tuaine Robati 2018-22.

Associates: Principal KCML, Leadership Sub-committee

Book of Order Advisory Committee:

Convenor: Very Rev Pamela Tankersley 2016-20. Members: Peter Thomson 2016-20, Alastair Sherriff 2016-20, Rev Kerry Enright 2016-20, Jordan Grimmer 2018-22, Jean Mitaera 2018-22, Marilyn Wallace 2018-22, Associates: Assembly Executive Secretary, Book of Order Advisor

Personnel Work Group:

Convenor: Rev Paul Prestidge 2018-22. Members: Rev Stuart Simpson 2014-20, Lyndsay Lewis 2014-20, Heather Macfarlane 2016-20, Rev Susan Jones 2018-22

Assembly Business Work Group (for 2020 Assembly):

Convenor: Rev Alistair McBride 2018-22. Members: Marina Robati-Mani 2018-22, Rev Heather Kennedy 2018-22,

Associates: Clerk of Assembly, Deputy Clerk of Assembly

Doctrine Core Reference Group:

Convenor: Rev Stuart Lange 2016-20. Members: Rev Mark Keown 2014-20 (extension), Rev Karen Nelson 2014-20 (extension), Rev Carolyn Kelly 2016-20, Judith Brown 2016-20, Rev David Kim 2016-20, Aaron Geddis 2018-22

Church Architecture Reference Group:

Auckland: Les Parlane, Trevor Moran, George Paterson, Roger Lowe.
Wellington: John Grant, Ric Slessor. Christchurch: Rev Stephanie Wells, Johan Dalkie, Rob Overly, Rev Dugald Wilson
Dunedin: Michael Ovens, Rev Ken Baker, Philip Marshall

UCANZ Standing Committee:

Rev Clare Lind 2016-20, (*elder*)

Nominating Committee (from 2018 General Assembly):

Convenor: Rev Robert Robati-Mani 2020; Deputy Convenor: Liz Whitehead 2020. Members: Rev Craig Millar 2016-18, Ian Bogue 2018-20, Rev Iain Dickson 2016-18, Gwen Harding 2018-20, Rev Karima Fai'ai 2016-18, Rev Fieta Ikitoelagi-Faitala 2018-20, Rev Hana Popea-Dell 2016-18, Rob McIntosh 2018-20, Faye Apanui 2016-18, Shirley Evetts 2018-20, Rev Martin Stewart 2018-20, Bronwyn McCall 2016-18, Rev Alan Judge 2018-20, Rev Chong Woo Kim 2018-20.

Executive: Rev Robert Roabti-Mani, Liz Whitehead, Rev Martin Stewart, Alan Judge, Rev Fieta Ilitoelagi-Faitala

Judicial Panel:

Wendy Aldred, Sandra Alofivae, Alister Argyle, Nari Auelua, Frazer Barton, Phyllis Brock, Jeremy Brook, Chris Burgin, Marie Callander, David Carden, Roy Christian, Alan Cooper, David Crerar, Rachel Dewar, Bill Duncan, Kerry Enright, John Fogarty, Richard Fowler, Peter Gault, Carol Grant, David Grant, Diane Gillian-Weeks, Bruce Hansen, Bruce Harris, Tony Hepburn, Pat Hoffman, Tausala Iosefa, Andrew Irwin, Evelyn Johnston, Brett Johnstone, Jenni Jones, Robyn McPhail, Charles Manning, Garry Marquand, Norman MacLean, Sylvia Miller-Hardie, Ron Mills, Graeme Munro, Nyalle Paris, Nathan Parry, Irene Paton, Joanna Pidgeon, Alastair Sherriff, Nola Stuart, Ross Sutherland, Wayne Thompson, John Trainor, Ikipa Tongatule, Marilyn Wallace, Nicola Watkin, Peter Whiteside, Virginia Wilson.

Church Property Trustees:

Rev Chris Elliot (Chair), Dr Margaret Galt (Deputy Chair), Mr Roger Gyles (Immediate Past Chair), Mr Russell Garrett, Mr John Harvey, Mr John Jones, Rev Perema Leasi, Mr Ian Russon, Very Rev Ray Coster, Rev Dr Ron Mills, Ms Marie Burgess, Mr Warren Potter, Mr Paul Barber, Ms Harriet Enright, Mr Hao Hoang, Mr Alan Jamieson. Associates: Assembly Executive Secretary, Lyn Murray (Synod of Otago and Southland), Rev Richard McLean (Council of Assembly).

There was no debate.

Pacific Islands Synod (Pacific Presbytery)

Mr Winston Timaloa, Clerk of the Pacific islands Synod, moved, it was seconded and agreed

- [18.051] That General Assembly affirm the change of name from Pacific Islands Synod to Pacific Presbytery.
- [18.052] That the Book of Order be amended to replace all references to Pacific Islands Synod by Pacific Presbytery.

There was no debate.

Presbyterian Support

Leave was granted to withdraw notices of motion [18.053] and [18.054].

- [18.053] [Withdrawn] ~~That General Assembly continues to support its partnership activities with Presbyterian Support and PresCare.~~
- [18.054] [Withdrawn] ~~That General Assembly considers increasing its annual contribution to New Zealand Council of Christian Social Services.~~

Ms Penny Taylor, representing Presbyterian Support New Zealand, was associated with the Assembly for the presentation of the Support report.

Ms Taylor moved, it was seconded and agreed

- [18.084] That Assembly encourages presbyteries and congregations to continue to engage in joint activities with Presbyterian Support and PresCare in their area.
- [18.085] That Assembly asks the Council of Assembly to consider continuing to support, in the next budget round, the Church's annual contributions to the New Zealand Council of Christian Social Services and PresCare.

There was no debate.

Presbyterian Women Aotearoa New Zealand

Mrs Ola Leasi the newly appointed President of Presbyterian Women Aotearoa New Zealand, was introduced to the Assembly.

Mrs Leasi was accompanied by Ms Amber Parry Strong,

Mrs Leasi moved, it was seconded and carried

[18.055] That the General Assembly support and actively encourage each presbytery to institute a quick and agile process to facilitate participation in civil democracy through submissions on public issues including Parliamentary Bills and statutory enquiries.

There was brief debate.

Mrs Leasi moved, it was seconded and carried

[18.056] That the General Assembly request the Book of Order Advisory Committee to review regulation 8.9 (1) (f) to take account of the changing structures of Presbyterian Women Aotearoa New Zealand.

The Very Rev Pamela Tankersley moved, it was seconded and carried

[18.057] "That section 8.9(f) Membership of Presbyteries be amended to read "at least two representatives of Presbyterian Women Aotearoa New Zealand chosen by the executive of that organisation to represent them.

There was brief debate.

Pacific Presbytery Presentation

Mr Winston Timaloa, Pacific Presbytery Clerk, gave a video presentation on the activities of the presbytery.

The session concluded at 3.07 pm.

**Minutes Session 7 of the 2018 General Assembly
St Andrew's College, Papanui Road, Christchurch
Friday 05 October at 3.35pm**

The Moderator opened the session with prayer.

The Clerk of Assembly moved, it was seconded and agreed

That the minutes of Session 5 be accepted.

Social Voice Work Group

The Rev Richard McLean, the Social Voice Work Group convenor, moved, it was seconded and agreed

[18.060] That General Assembly acknowledge its understanding of "social voice" to mean both words and actions used and expressed in engaging with, and addressing, the social issues of our day.

There was debate.

Mr McLean moved, it was seconded and agreed

[18.061] That General Assembly encourage the Moderator to form close working relationships with the heads of other organisations with a social voice, and to be alert to the possibility of issuing joint or complementary statements on issues of the day.

Mr McLean moved, and it was seconded

[18.062] That General Assembly encourage presbyteries to engage with the Social Voice report and to identify and support networking opportunities in their regions.

Dr David Troughton moved an amendment, which was seconded and carried:

[18.062] as amended:
That General Assembly encourage presbyteries to engage with the Social Voice report and to identify, *initiate* and support networking opportunities in their regions *and with other presbyteries*.

The substantive motion, as amended, was carried.

Proposal 1: Accra Confession

The Rev Dr Kerry Enright moved, it was seconded and carried:

[18.066] That the Assembly commend the Accra Confession to congregations and presbyteries for study.

There was no debate.

Uniting Congregations of Aotearoa New Zealand

The Rev Adrian Skelton, Executive Officer of Uniting Congregations of Aotearoa New Zealand (UCANZ), was associated with the meeting for the purpose of presenting the UCANZ report.

Mr Skelton moved, and it was seconded

- [18.063] That the amendments to sections 2-7 of the Procedures for Cooperative Ventures (2012), as submitted to the Council of Assembly, be ratified by this General Assembly.

A number of questions for clarification were asked. There was debate. The motion was carried, with 141 votes in favour and 51 against.

Mr Skelton moved, it was seconded and carried

- [18.064] That the current UCANZ Partner Support Fund be terminated at the end of June 2019, and financial assessments from 1st July 2019 at the end of June 2019, and financial assessments from 1st July 2019 by the Convening Partners be compulsory.

Mr Skelton moved, it was seconded and carried

- [18.065] That General Assembly request the UCANZ Standing Committee to undertake a review of these arrangements by July 2023.

Proposal 2: Korean Peninsula Peace

Mr Cheol Jeong moved, it was seconded and agreed

- [18.067] That General Assembly express its support for all steps made towards peace on the Korean peninsula by all parties involved around the world, especially North and South Korea.

Mr Jeong moved, it was seconded and carried

- [18.068] That General Assembly formulate a prayer for peace and distribute this to all congregations, to pray together as a body of Christ for peace on the Korean peninsula.

Mr Jeong moved, it was seconded and agreed

- [18.069] That General Assembly affirms our belief in God, who has reconciled us to Him through Jesus Christ, and who calls us to be peacemakers, can also bring peace to the painfully persisting conflict on the Korean peninsula so as to enable reconciliation and restoration between two countries of one people.

Proposal 5: Responsible stewardship of God's creation

Mr Brett Reid moved, it was seconded and agreed

- [18.074] That this Assembly commit to reducing our impact on the environment, acknowledging the important role we as Christians play in being stewards of God's creation.

Mr Reid moved, it was seconded and carried

- [18.075] That this Assembly endorse the list of achievable and measurable actions aimed at reducing our collective impact on the environment.

[18.076] That this list of actions be sent to every congregation, church school, and social service agency with a connection to the Presbyterian Church for implementation.

Leave was granted to withdraw notice of motion [18.077]:

[18.077] [withdrawn] ~~*That this Assembly ask every congregation, church school, and social service agency with a connection to the Presbyterian Church to report on the progress of implementation through their Annual Report to their presbytery.*~~

Mr Reid moved, it was seconded and carried

[18.089] That this list of actions be sent to every congregation, church school, and social service agencies with a connection to the Church to report on their progress of implementation.

Questions for clarification were responded to. There was debate.

International Guests

International guests the Rev Tere Masters, of the Cook Island Christian Church and the Rev Nukuku Tauevihi, Vice President of Ekelesia Kevisano Niue, were introduced to the Assembly. Mr Masters and Mr Tauevihi each addressed the Assembly.

Business was adjourned at 6 pm.

**Minutes Session 8 of the 2018 General Assembly
St Andrew's College, Papanui Road, Christchurch
Saturday 6 October at 9am**

The Moderator opened the business session with prayer.

Dialogue Group Feedback

The Rev Hamish Galloway, of the Facilitation Group, presented feedback from Dialogue Group discussions on the new Code of Ethics.

New Code of Ethics

The Rev Martin Redhead moved, it was seconded and agreed.

- [18.099] That General Assembly commend the code of ethics and the work the committee has done.
- [18.100] That General Assembly ask the Council of Assembly to appoint a work group to develop ways for ministers, employees and volunteers working in the Church to have regular engagement with the Code of Ethics through things like discussion, training, education, orientation and induction processes, profile on Church websites and inclusion in contracts and supervision agreements.

The Rev Dr Susan Jones moved, it was seconded and agreed

- [18.101] That concerns about the financial liabilities faced by officers under the HSWA 2015, and the relative liabilities of volunteers on Church Councils, employees and volunteer workers under the Act, be referred to Council of Assembly, with a view to raising risk awareness.

Dialogue Group Feedback

The Rev Chris Elliot, of the Facilitation Group, presented feedback from Dialogue Groups on the End of Life Choice Bill.

End of Life Choice Bill

Leave was granted to withdraw notices of motion [18.032 18.036].

- [18.032] ~~[Withdrawn] That General Assembly declare it does not support provision for euthanasia and assisted suicide as proposed in the End of Life Choice Bill, on the grounds that any State-sanctioned provision for doctors to actively end people's lives or assist their suicide is ethically unacceptable and would in the long term be dangerous for public safety especially for those who are seriously ill, depressed, disabled, or very elderly.~~
- [18.033] ~~[Withdrawn] That General Assembly urge Parliament to respect the dignity and value of all human lives, to stringently protect the lives of society's most vulnerable, and not to pass the End of Life Choice Bill.~~
- [18.034] ~~[withdrawn] That General Assembly urge the Government to significantly increase spending for palliative care, hospice services, mental health services, care of the disabled, and care of the elderly.~~
- [18.035] ~~[Withdrawn] That these resolutions be communicated to the church at large, to members of Parliament, and to media.~~

[18.036] [withdrawn] ~~That the General Assembly refers the Doctrine Core Group's report on euthanasia and medically-assisted suicide to church councils and congregations for study.~~

The Rev Dr Stuart Lange moved, it was seconded and carried

[18.092] That General Assembly declares it does not support provision for euthanasia and medically-assisted suicide as proposed in the End of Life Bill, on the grounds that any legally-sanctioned provision for doctors to actively end people's lives or assist them to die is ethically unacceptable and would in the long term be dangerous for public safety especially for those who are seriously ill, depressed, disabled or very elderly.

Dr Lange moved, it was seconded and agreed

[18.093] That General Assembly urge Parliament to respect the dignity and value of all human lives.

Dr Lange moved, it was seconded and agreed

[18.094] That General Assembly urge the Government to significantly increase the quality of and access to palliative care, hospice services, mental health services, care for the disabled and care of the elderly, including recognition for the need for spiritual care.

Dr Lange moved, it was seconded and agreed

[18.095] That these resolutions be communicated to the Church at large, to members of Parliament and to the media, along with a reaffirmation of the Presbyterian Church's commitment to care for the vulnerable and aged in our society.

Dr Lange moved, it was seconded and agreed

[18.096] That the Doctrine Core Reference Group's report on the End of Life Choice Bill be referred, in revised form, to church councils and congregations for study, along with the decisions of the Assembly on this matter and an accessible summary of the report.

The Rev Dr Selwyn Yeoman moved, it was seconded and agreed

[18.097] That the General Assembly urges presbyteries and church councils to a renewal of ministry and mission to aged and vulnerable people within the community.

The Rev Caleb Hardie moved, and it was seconded

[18.098] That the General Assembly ask the PCANZ to explore ways to contribute financially to palliative care, hospice services, mental health, care of the disabled and care of the elderly and that the Government be urged to do likewise.

The Rev Dr Kerry Enright moved an amendment, which was seconded and lost

That the word 'PCANZ' be replaced with 'Council of Assembly'.

Debate was suspended

Invited Guest

The Rev Rob Floyd, Deputy General Secretary of the Uniting Church in Australia, was introduced. Mr Floyd addressed the Assembly.

The business session concluded at 10.35 am.

**Minutes Session 9 of the 2018 General Assembly
St Andrew's College, Papanui Road, Christchurch
Saturday 6 October at 11am**

The Moderator opened the session with prayer.

The Rev Dr Barbara Peddie was associated with the Assembly for the purpose of the report of the InterChurch Bioethics Council.

InterChurch Bioethics Council

Dr Peddie spoke to the report. She moved, it was seconded and agreed

[18.038] That presbyteries and national groups be encouraged to invite the InterChurch Bioethics Council and Enquiring Minds to lead discussion of bioethical issues at regional gatherings.

World Council of Churches

The Very Rev Ray Coster, in his capacity as a member of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches, reported to the Assembly on the work of the World Council, and its 70th anniversary.

Pacific Islands Synod Review

Leave was granted to amend notices of motion [18.018 and 18.019]

Ms Margie Apa was associated with the Assembly for the purpose of the report of the Pacific Islands Synod review. Ms Apa and Mr Winston Timaloa spoke to the report and responded to questions of clarification.

Ms Apa moved, it was seconded and carried

[18.018] That the Pacific Presbytery comprises

- (a) congregations that vote by majority of 60% to join the Pacific Presbytery;
- (b) all ministers called or appointed to minister within and under the oversight of the Pacific Presbytery
 - a. in the congregations as in (a) above,
 - b. as officers within the Pacific Presbytery and
 - c. ministers without ministry settlements and ministers emeriti/ae who choose to be under the oversight of the Pacific Presbytery.
- (c) up to two elders from each church council under the oversight of the Pacific Presbytery;
- (d) The Pacific Presbytery may also associate people as follows:
 - a. Other ministers, including ministers of other denominations.
 - b. Groups within congregations of other presbyteries associated by Pacific Presbytery to enable ethnic fellowships;
 - c. Other members of the Presbyterian Church associated by the Pacific Presbytery to participate in the Pacific Presbytery as individuals

[18.019] That Chapter 13 of the Book of Order be amended accordingly.

End of Life Choice Bill (resumed)

Debate resumed on notice of motion [18.098].

[18.098] That the General Assembly ask the PCANZ to explore ways to contribute financially to palliative care, hospice services, mental health, care of the disabled and care of the elderly and that the Government be urged to do likewise.

Leave was granted to amend notice of motion [18.098] by replacing 'PCANZ' with 'Council of Assembly, presbyteries and church councils.'

The motion, as amended, now read

[18.098] That the General Assembly ask the Council of Assembly, presbyteries and church councils to explore ways to contribute financially to palliative care, hospice services, mental health, care of the disabled and care of the elderly and that the Government be urged to do likewise.

The motion, as amended, was carried.

Alpine Presbytery

Representatives of Alpine Presbytery, led by Moderator the Rev Anne Stewart, gave a presentation on the work of the presbytery.

Business was adjourned at 12.40pm.

**Minutes Session 10 of the 2018 General Assembly
St Andrew's College, Papanui Road, Christchurch
Saturday 6 October at 1.30pm**

Keynote Speaker

The Very Rev Dr Graham Redding gave a keynote address.

Resumption of business

The Moderator opened the business session with prayer.

Doctrine Core Reference Group

The Rev Dr Stuart Lange moved, it was seconded and agreed

[18.037] That General Assembly commends the ongoing commemoration and study of the Reformation, in ways that encourage understanding of the faith and help build good relationships with other Christian churches.

Proposal 8: Westminster Confession and Catholicism

Leave was granted to withdraw notices of motion [18.080 to 18-083].

[18.080] [withdrawn] ~~That the Assembly establish as authoritative in relation to the Westminster Confession the statement from the 1986 Assembly: "The Presbyterian Church of New Zealand no longer affirms, dissociates itself from, and does not require its office bearers to believe the following clauses in the Westminster Confession"~~

- ~~Popish monastical vows of perpetual single life, professed poverty, and regular obedience, are so far from being degrees of higher perfection, that they are superstitious and sinful snares, in which no Christian may entangle himself. (22:7)~~
- ~~"Such as profess the true reformed religion should not marry with Papists." (24:3)~~
- ~~The Pope of Rome is "that antichrist, that man of sin, and son of perdition, that exalteth himself in the Church against Christ, and all that is called God. (25:6)~~
- ~~"The Popish sacrifice of the mass, as they call it, is most abominably injurious to Christ's, the only sacrifice." (29:2)~~

[18.081] [withdrawn] ~~That the Church website be updated to reflect this change.~~

[18.082] [withdrawn] ~~That in this time of much better respect and relationships between Protestant and Catholic churches, General Assembly declares that:~~

- a. ~~while it upholds the essential teachings of the Reformed faith, it no longer holds to those statements in the Westminster Confession of Faith which assert that all monastic vows are 'superstitious and sinful snares', that the pope is antichrist, that Protestants may never marry Catholics, and that the Catholic mass is 'abominably injurious'~~
- b. ~~such clauses reflected the very sharp divisions, antagonisms, and dangers of the Reformation era and its aftermath, and no longer apply in today's context~~
- c. ~~'difficulties and scruples' in subscribing to the Westminster Confession are addressed in (i) the Declaratory Act, which allows 'diversity of opinion ... on such points in the Confession as do not enter into the substance of the Reformed Faith', and in (ii) the ordination Formula, which states that 'liberty of conviction is recognised in this Church but only on such points as do not enter into the fundamental doctrines of~~

~~Christian Faith contained in the Scriptures and subordinate standards'.~~

[18.083] [withdrawn] ~~That the current 'Important Note' preceding the text of the Westminster Confession on the Church's website be replaced with the following wording:~~

~~'NOTE:~~

- ~~• The historic Westminster Confession of Faith (1646) is one of the subordinate standards of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand, along with the contemporary Kupu Whakapono (2010).~~

~~The 2018 General Assembly confirmed that it no longer holds to those statements in the Westminster Confession which state that all monastic vows are 'superstitious and sinful snares', that the pope is antichrist, that Protestants may never marry Catholics, and that the Catholic mass is 'abominably injurious', and noted that such clauses reflected the very sharp divisions, antagonisms, and dangers of the Reformation era and its aftermath and no longer apply in today's context, where there is much better respect and relationships between Protestant and Catholic churches.~~

Ms Amber Parry Strong moved, it was seconded and agreed

[18.090] That, in a time of much better respect and stronger relationships between the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand and the Catholic Church, the General Assembly declares:

(a) That those statements in the Westminster of Faith which assert that all monastic vows are 'superstitious and sinful snares', that the pope is antichrist, that Protestants many never marry Catholics, and that the Catholic mass is 'abominably injurious' should be understood as reflecting the very sharp divisions, antagonisms, and dangers of the Reformation era and its aftermath, and should not be interpreted as applicable in today's context.

(b) That those statements are not of the essence of the Reformed Faith and therefore office-bearers are not bound by them.

[18.091] That the current 'Important Note' preceding the text of the Westminster Confession on the Church's website be replaced with the following heading and wording:

Note:

The historic *Westminster Confession of Faith* (1646) is one of the subordinate standards of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand, along with the contemporary *Kupu Whakapono* (2010).

The 2018 General Assembly declared that, in this era, where there is much better respect and stronger relationships between the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand and the Catholic Church,

(a) those statements in the Westminster Confession of Faith which assert that all monastic vows are 'superstitious and sinful snares', that the pope is antichrist, that Protestants many never marry Catholics, and that the Catholic mass is 'abominably injurious' should be understood as reflecting the very sharp divisions, antagonisms, and dangers of the Reformation era and its aftermath, and should not be interpreted as applicable in today's context.

(b) those statements are not of the essence of the Reformed Faith and therefore they do not bind office-bearers.

Ecumenical relationships

The Rev Dr Selwyn Yeoman moved, and it was seconded

[18.102] That this Assembly acknowledge the visit of Archbishop Phillip Richardson and his request for forgiveness for having put the ecumenical relationship “on the back burner”, that we receive that request with humility and in recognition that we too have neglected this relationship and are also in need of forgiveness for that neglect.

Debate was suspended.

Presentation of Moderator Designate

The Convener of the Nominating Committee, the Rev Anne Thomson, moved, it was seconded and agreed

That the Rev Hamish Galloway be elected as Moderator Designate for the 2020 General Assembly.

Mr Galloway, accompanied by his whanau, was presented to the Assembly.
Mr Galloway addressed the Assembly.

Business was adjourned at 3 pm.

**Minutes Session 11 of the 2018 General Assembly
St Andrew's College, Papanui Road, Christchurch
Saturday 6 October at 3.30pm**

The Moderator opened the business session with prayer.

Ecumenical relationships (resumed)

Debate resumed on notice of motion [18.102]

Leave was granted to amend the motion by the insertion of the words "we acknowledge the Moderator's assurance of forgiveness on behalf of the Assembly".

The motion, as amended, now read:

- [18.102] That this Assembly
- (a) acknowledge the visit of Archbishop Phillip Richardson and his request for forgiveness for having put the ecumenical relationship "on the back burner",
 - (b) receive that request with humility,
 - (c) acknowledge the Moderator's assurance of forgiveness on behalf of the Assembly,
 - (d) recognise that we too have neglected this relationship and are also in need of forgiveness for that neglect.

The motion, as amended, was agreed.

Responsible Stewardship of God's Creation

The Rev Dr Selwyn Yeoman moved, it was seconded and carried

- [18.088] That this Assembly expand the list of actions in section five of the Responsible Stewardship of God's creation proposal to include:
- e. reduce transport related atmospheric carbon inputs by encouraging participation in local congregations and sharing together in the revitalisation of congregations,
 - f. promotion of cycling by the public provision of cycle stands,
 - g. use church land (or make it available to community groups) for community gardens and/or restoration plantings.

Proposal 7: Te Reo Maori Commissioner

The Rev Andrew Harrex moved, it was seconded and agreed

- [18.079] That the Council of Assembly, in association with Te Aka Puaho, appoint a Te Reo Maori Commissioner to promote and extend the use of Te Reo Maori in the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand, especially by facilitating the provision of liturgical resources.

Youth Commissioners

Leave was granted to amend notice of motion [18.086].

Mr Caleb Griffith moved en bloc, it was seconded and agreed

- [18.086] That the term *Youth Commissioner* be changed to Young Adult Commissioner.

- [18.103] That the Book of Order be amended to replace the term *Youth Commissioner* with *Young Adult Commissioner*.

Proposal 6: Study of Biblical and social issues behind PCANZ Discrimination

The Rev Dr Susan Jones moved, and it was seconded

- [18.078] That the Council of Assembly:
- (a) request presbyteries to facilitate the purchase, distribution and study of the book *Changing our Minds* by Prof David Gushee in all local parishes.
 - (b) urge all parishes to take up such study, and, wherever possible, combine with a neighbouring parish with differing viewpoints.

There was brief debate. The motion was lost.

Southern Presbytery

Representatives of Southern Presbytery, led by the Rev Andrew Scott (Moderator), gave a presentation on aspects of Southern parish life and the work of the presbytery.

Kaimai Presbytery

Representatives of Kaimai Presbytery led by the Rev Dr Ron Mills (Presbytery Covenor), gave a presentation on the structure of the presbytery, and challenges it faced.

Presbytery Central

Representatives of Presbytery Central, led by the Rev Peter MacKenzie (Executive Officer), gave a presentation on the life and work of the presbytery.

Comprehensive Vote of Thanks

The Rev Nikki Watkin proposed a comprehensive vote of thanks, naming the many individuals and groups who had responsibility for the successful running of this Assembly.

The Assembly expressed its appreciation by acclamation.

Adjournment

The Clerk of Assembly declared the business of the 2018 General Assembly concluded, and that Assembly stood adjourned to meet again within the bounds of Central Presbytery in 2020, at a date and time to be determined.

The Moderator pronounced the Benediction.

The Assembly gathered at 11 am Sunday 7th November for closing worship and celebration of the sacrament of Holy Communion.

Appendix 1: Changes to Ministerial Roll

1 October 2016 to 30 September 2018

Licensings:

Mahaki Albert, Kerry Cameron, Michael Coutts, So'osomea Faatui, Amy Finiki, Sage Harris, Afamasaga Ieriko, Mike Kirby-Sing, Paula Levy, Mark Patrick Maney, Morag Morgan, Tokaia Nohotima, Ngatai O Wharekura Paku, Okeroa Jack Paku, Soloman Rajan Premkumar, Whaitiri Rangihika, Martin Redhead, Paniora Tengarua, Ida Te Pou,

Receptions to the Roll:

Rev Christine Harding, Northern Presbytery, 1st December 2016

Rev Craig Allen, stated supply minister, Te Anau Presbyterian Church, Southern Presbytery, 1st December 2016.

Rev Marcell Mey, stated supply minister Knox Lower Hutt, received 20 June 2017.

Rev Alofe Lale, reinstated to the roll as Other Recognised Minister, Southern Presbytery 20th October 2017.

Rev Brian Thom, reinstated to the roll as Other Recognised Minister, Southern Presbytery 20th October 2017.

Ordination and Inductions:

Pio Leaila Leaitisolomua, local ordained minister, Sautoro Pacific Islands Presbyterian Church Wiri, Pacific Islands Synod, 26 November 2016.

Rev Morag Morgan, minister St James Wanganui, Presbytery Central, 10 March 2017.

Rev Martin Redhead, minister Hope Presbyterian parish, Hornby, Christchurch, Alpine Presbytery, 5 February 2017.

Rev Horiana Georgina Hayes, associate Amorangi minister, Taneatua Maori Pastorate, Te Aka Puaho, 29 January 2017.

Rev Tukua Tuwairua, associate Amorangi minister, Putauaki Maori Pastorate, Te Aka Puaho, 22 January 2017.

Rev Willie Rewi Manihera, minister, Ruatahuna Maori Pastorate, Te Aka Puaho, 19 February 2017

Rev Craig Holmes Allen, lay appointee Te Anau Presbyterian Church, to minister, Te Anau Presbyterian Church, Southern Presbytery, 7 March 2017.

Rev Amy Finiki, licentiate, Presbytery Central, to Hospital Chaplain Kenepuru & Porirua Hospitals, 23 June 2017

Rev Ieriko Afamasaga, licentiate, Pacific Island Synod, to stated supply minister St John's Union Parish, Opotiki, Kaimai Presbytery, 28 May 2017

Rev Tengarua Paniora, Licentiate to minister, Dunedin North Pacific Islands Church, Southern Presbytery, 28 November 2017

Rev Sila Tepepe Tepopauoahua, local ordained minister, Ekalesia Kelisiano Niutao.Tuvalu, Pacific Island Synod, 25 November 2017 .

Rev Mike Kirby-Sing, licentiate, Kaimai Presbytery, to stated supply minister, Lumsden Balfour Kingston Parish, Southern Presbytery, 15 December 2017.

Rev Mark Patrick Maney, licentiate, to minister St Andrews Church Mt Maunganui, Kaimai Presbytery, 7 December 2017.

Rev Michael Coutts, licentiate, to minister, St Andrews Central Hawkes Bay, Presbytery Central, 9 February 2018

Rev Sage Harris, licentiate, to assistant minister, Nelson Whakatu Parish, Alpine Presbytery, 15 January 2018.

Rev David Sang-Joon Kim, licentiate, to minister, St Mark's Avonhead/Upper Riccarton, Christchurch, Alpine Presbytery, 5 April 2018.

Rev Paula Levy, licentiate, to minister, Gisborne Mangapapa Union Church, Presbytery Central, 8th June 2018

Changes in Status:

Rev Pentekosa Togatama, Special Ministry, Northern Presbytery, to minister, Niue Takanini, Pacific Islands Presbytery 1 July 2013

Rev Brent Richardson, minister Hope Presbyterian Church, Christchurch, to minister, Timaru Presbyterian Parish, Alpine Presbytery

Rev Jordan Redding, Assistant Minister, Hope Presbyterian to other recognised minister, Alpine Presbytery 11th December 2016

Rev Sylvia Purdie, stated supply minister, to minister Cashmere Presbyterian Church, Alpine Presbytery 8th October 2016.

Rev Dugald Wilson, other recognised minister to stated supply minister St Martin's Presbyterian Parish, Alpine Presbytery, 31 July 2016.

Rev Caleb Hardie, minister Mairangi & Castor Bays to other recognised minister, Northern Presbytery, 3 November 2016.

Rev Tau Ju Ham stated supply minister St Andrew's Hamilton, to minister St Andrews Hamilton, Kaimai Presbytery 7 December 2017.

Rev Chong Woo Kim, minister, St John's Mt Roskill Parish, to other recognised minister, Northern Presbytery, 21 December 2016.

Rev Stephanie Wells, stated supply minister, Plains Presbyterian Parish to minister, Kaiapoi Co-Operating Parish, Alpine Presbytery, 1 December 2016.

Rev Arii Taimataora, minister Hoon Hay Presbyterian Church to minister, Plains Presbyterian Church, Alpine Presbytery, 26 January 2017

Rev Anna Gilkison, minister 50% Johnsonville Uniting Parish to minister Hutt City Uniting Parish full time, Presbytery Central, 9 February 2017

Rev Sandra Warner, minister Pt Chevalier Cooperating Parish (Homestead Community Church), Northern Presbytery, to minister, Knox Presbyterian Church, Morrinsville, Kaimai Presbytery, 9 February 2017. Rev Gene Lawrence, minister St David's Palmerston North Parish, Presbytery Central, to minister Timaru Presbyterian Parish, Alpine Presbytery, 14 February 2017.

Rev Christopher Konings, minister Trinity Presbyterian Temuka, to other recognised minister, 25 February 2017.

Rev Heather Kennedy, Local Ordained Minister, First Church Invercargill, Southern Presbytery, to transitional minister (Methodist appointment) Ellesmere Co-operating Parish, Alpine Presbytery, 17 March 2017.

Rev Helen Martin, minister Mosgiel North Taieri Presbyterian Church, Southern Presbytery, to minister stated supply, St Andrew's Presbyterian Church Gore, Southern Presbytery, 7 May 2017.

Rev Nimarota Lale, minister North Dunedin Pacific Island Church, to other Recognised minister, Southern Presbytery, 1st June 2017.

Rev Peter MacKenzie, other recognised minister to Executive Officer, Presbytery Central, 3rd April 2017.

Rev Glenn Pettigrove, member to other recognised minister, Northern Presbytery, 29 April 2017.

Rev Hilary Beresford, minister, St Andrew's Birkenhead Parish to other recognised minister, Northern Presbytery, 1 June 2017.

Rev Jason Goroncy, member to other recognised minister, Southern Presbytery, May 2017.

Rev Clare Brockett, other recognised minister, Presbytery Central, to minister Uniting Churches in Australia, 30 March 2017

Rev Michelle Shin, minister, Hutt City Uniting Church, Presbytery Central, To other recognised minister, Northern Presbytery, 15 May 2017.

Rev Philip Warner, local ordained minister, St Andrew's Marton Church, Presbytery Central, reduced to 67% from 1 July 2017.

Rev Wayne Te Kaawa, Synod Moderator, Te Aka Puaho, to member, Southern Presbytery, 2nd August 2017.

Rev William Kang, assistant minister Korean fellowship, St George's Takapuna Parish to other recognised minister, Northern Presbytery, 30 June 2017.

Rev Yvonne Smith, other recognised minister, Southern Presbytery, to minister, St Ninian's Presbyterian Church, Alpine Presbytery, 16 July 2017

Rev Jill McDonald, minister Waitaki Presbyterian Parish, Southern Presbytery to minister, St Andrew's Hastings, Presbytery Central, 27 July 2017.

Rev Dugald Wilson, stated supply minister St Martin's Presbyterian Church to minister part time (66%) St Martin's Presbyterian Church, Alpine Presbytery, 12 August 2017.

Rev Mary Petersen, acting Presbytery Clerk, Northern Presbytery, to transition minister, Gisborne Presbyterian Church & Gisborne St David's Presbyterian Church, Presbytery Central, 1 September 2017.

Rev John Daniel, minister Kaikourai Presbyterian Church to other recognised minister, Southern Presbytery, 26th September 2017.

Rev Tokerau Joseph, minister First Church Dunedin, Southern Presbytery to Minister Mairangi & Castor Bay, Northern Presbytery, 31 December 2017

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Rev Alistair McNaughton, minister, Kaikoura St Paul's Parish to Geraldine St Andrew's Church, Alpine Presbytery, 9 January 2018.

Rev Bob Reid, stated supply minister, to minister, St Kentigern's Burwood Uniting Parish, Alpine Presbytery, 25 February 2018.

Rev Caleb Hardie, other recognised minister, to minister, Albany Presbyterian Church, Northern Presbytery, 26 February 2018.

Rev Edward Masters, minister, Rotorua District Presbyterian Church, to other recognised minister, Kaimai Presbytery, 18 March 2018.

Rev David Brown, minister Ashburton St Andrew's Parish to other recognised minister, Alpine Presbytery, 30 April 2018.

Rev Jonathon Ryan, minister Highgate Presbyterian Parish (25%) increased to include stated supply minister Special Projects (75%), Southland Presbytery, from 1 March 2018.

Rev Jonathon Ryan, minister Highgate Presbyterian Parish 25% and Special projects Southern Presbytery, reduced to 75% as position at Highgate ended at 30 June 2018.

Rev Brett Johnstone, minister Somervell Presbyterian Church, to Chaplain Mt Eden Corrections Facility, Northern Presbytery 9 April 2018.

Rev Michelle Shin, minister stated supply, St Aidens's Northcote Parish, Auckland to other recognised minister, Northern Presbytery, 30 June 2018

Rev Andrew Scott, minister Brockville Community Church, Dunedin, to other recognised minister, Southern Presbytery, 21 July 2018.

Rev Rachel Judge, minister Mornington Presbyterian Church, to Mosgiel North Taieri Parish, Southern Presbytery, 1st October 2018.

Transfers:

Rev Aarii Taimataora, minister Hoon Hay Presbyterian Church, to minister Plains Presbyterian Parish, Alpine Presbytery, 26 January 2017.

Rev Anna Norrish, other recognised minister, Kaimai Presbytery to other recognised minister Northern Presbytery, 31 December 2017.

Rev Jordan Redding, other recognised minister, Alpine Presbytery to other recognised minister Southern Presbytery, 1 March 2017

Rev Youn Jun (John) Yoo, other recognised minister, Presbytery Central to other recognised minister, Northern Presbytery, 5 April 2017.

Rev Willie Riwi Manihera, minister in charge, Auckland Maori Pastorate, to minister, Ruatahuna Maori Pastorate, Te Aka Puaho, 19 February 2017.

Rev Horiana Georgina Hayes, associate Amorangi minister to associate Amorangi, Taneatua Maori Pastorate Te Aka Puaho 29 January 2017

Rev Diane Yule, minister emerita, Kaimai Presbytery to minister emerita, Presbytery Central, 1 July 2017

Rev David Gordon, minister, Trinity St Paul's Union Parish, Cambridge, Kaimai Presbytery, to minister emeritus, Presbytery Central, 30 June 2017.

Rev Christine Harding, other recognised minister, Northern Presbytery, to other recognised minister, Kaimai Presbytery, 1 June 2017

Rev Donald Hall, minister emeritus, Northern Presbytery, to minister emeritus, Presbytery Central, 20 May 2017.

Rev Keith Hooker, minister emeritus. Southern Presbytery to minister emeritus, Kaimai Presbytery, 8th March 2018

Rev Edward Masters, other recognised minister Kaimai Presbytery to other recognised minister Southern Presbytery, 19 March 2018

Rev Sharon Ensor, Director Presbyterian Schools Resource, Presbytery Central, to Kaimai Presbytery (same position), 18 June 2018.

Rev Helen Wallace, minister emerita, Southern Presbytery to minister emerita, Alpine Presbytery, 31 October 2017.

Changes in Co-Operative Venture Ministries:

Short-Term Appointments:

Very Rev Gary Marquand, Minister Emeritus, to Transition Minister, St Andrews Mt Maunganui, Alpine Presbytery 12 February 2017.

Rev Ieriko Afamasaga, Licentiate, Pacific Island Synod, to Stated supply minister St John's Union parish, Opotiki, Kaimai Presbytery, 28 May 2017.

Very Reverend Pamela Tankersley, minister emerita, to St Mark's & St Andrew's, Palmerston North, Presbytery Central, 1st August 2017- To 31 January 2018

Rev Donald Fergus, minister emeritus, to minister-stated supply, Takaka Presbyterian Church, Alpine Presbytery. 14th July 2018.

Rev Helen Wallis, minister emerita to minister stated supply Ashburton St Paul's & St James, Alpine Presbytery 6 February 2018

Retirements:

Rev Roger Gillies, minister St Columba's Havelock North, retired 31 August 2016. Presbytery Central.

Rev Warren Deason, minister Albany Presbyterian Church, Northern Presbytery, retired 30 November 2016.

Rev Dr Ronald Mills, minister Hibiscus Coast Parish, Northern Presbytery to minister emeritus, Kaimai Presbytery.

Rev Timote Turu, minister Tokoroa St Luke's Pacific Islanders Church, retired, 31 July 2017, Kaimai Presbytery

Rev Graeme Turnbull, minister St Paul's Presbyterian Church Feilding, to minister emeritus, 30 September 2017, Presbytery Central.

Rev Richard Scott Gray, other recognised minister to minister emeritus 31st August 2017, Presbytery Central.

Rev Lionel Nunns, minister Ngaio Union Church, Wellington, to minister emeritus, 30 September 2017, Presbytery Central.

Rev James Young, other recognised minister, to minister emeritus, Southern Presbytery, 12 September 2017.

Rev Les Gosling, minister Albury Mt Pleasant Parish, to minister emeritus, Southern Presbytery, 30 July 2017.

Rev Lance Thomas, minister Rotorua District Presbyterian Church to minister emeritus, Kaimai Presbytery, 10 September 2017.

Rev Tauinaola Tofilau, minister, Pacific Island Presbyterian Church Newtown, Wellington Presbytery Central, to minister emeritus, 10 December 2017

Rev Keith Hooker, minister Calvin Community Presbyterian Church, Southern Presbytery to minister emeritus 7th March 2018.

Rev Hugh Perry, minister St Alban's Church, Christchurch, Alpine Presbytery, retired 1st May 2018

Removals from Roll (inactive in ordained ministry within PCANZ):

Rev Christine Sorenson (Northern Presbytery) 11 December 2016

Rev Clare Bocket (Presbytery Central) 30 March 2017

Rev Laszlo Gyula Mark, 1 January 2017

Resignations:

Rev Judith Katipa, Associate Minister, Whakatane Maori Pastorate (Te Aka Puaho), resigned 11 December 2016.

Rev Mervyn Hoete, Associate Minister Putauaki Maori Pastorate (Te Aka Puaho), resigned 26 November 2017

Rev Dal Gyun (James) Lee Minister Lord's Church Auckland (Northern Presbytery), resigned 10 February 2018.

Deaths:

Rev Douglas Pa'u, minister, Lower Hutt Knox St Columba (Presbytery Central) died 09 November 2016

Rev Geoffrey Harding, minister emeritus (Presbytery Central), died 20 November 2016

Rev William Thomas Woods, minister emeritus (Kaimai Presbytery), died 16 November 2016

Very Rev John Murray, minister emeritus (Presbytery Central), died 17 February 2017

Rev Douglas Riddle, minister emeritus (Northern Presbytery), died 07 August 2016

Rev Peter Marshall, minister emeritus (Southern Presbytery), died 04 March 2017

Rev Numia Aiona, minister emeritus (Southern Presbytery), died 05 April 2017

Rev Jennifer Robertson, minister emerita (Southern Presbytery), died 10 April 2017.
Rev Raymond Markley, minister emeritus (Northern Presbytery), died 06 February 2018
Rev Richard Colegrove, minister emeritus (Kaimai Presbytery) died 22 January 2017
Rev Robert Thomas Murphy, minister emeritus (Presbytery Central) died 28 May 2017
Rev Peter McNeil, minister emeritus (Presbytery Central), died 20 July 2017
Rev Leite Setefano, minister emeritus (Pacific Islands Synod) died 29 June 2017
Rev Lester Reid, minister emeritus (Presbytery Central) died 27 October 2017
Rev Geoffrey Vine, minister emeritus (Southern Presbytery), died 11 December 2017
Rev John Turton, minister emeritus (Presbytery Central), died 31 December 2017
Rev George Clark, minister emeritus (Southern Presbytery), died 22 December 2017
Rev John Carruthers, minister emeritus (Northern Presbytery), 10 January 2018
Rev Derek Yule, minister emeritus (Presbytery Central), died 8 February 2018
Rev Robin Smith, minister emeritus (Southern Presbytery), died 11 February 2018
Rev Ian McCallum, minister emeritus (Presbytery Central), died 01 March 2018
Rev James Battersby, minister emeritus (Alpine Presbytery) died 04 April 2018
Rev Leonard Currie, minister emeritus (Presbytery Central), died 27 April 2018
Rev Leomana Tongatule, minister emeritus (Northern Presbytery), 23 April 2018
Rev Graham Archibald, Minister Emeritus, Alpine Presbytery, died 5 May 2018
Rev Motua`i Lau`ese, minister emeritus (Northern Presbytery), died 01 June 2018
Rev Margaret Wynne Dellow, minister emerita (Northern Presbytery), died 23 July 2018
Rev Andrew Brown, minister emeritus (Southern Presbytery), died 11 July 2018
Rev James Milne, minister emeritus (Northern Presbytery) died 1 August 2018
Rev Iris Woods, minister emerita (Southern Presbytery) died 6 August 2018
Rev Jack Foster, minister emeritus (Kaimai Presbytery) died 16 August 2018
Rev Margaret Reid Martin, minister emerita (Northern Presbytery), 16 August 2018

Appendix 2: Memorial Minutes of the 2018 General Assembly

The Reverend Numiaifaleupoluotofingauatasi Tofi Aiono (1943 – 2017)

The sudden passing of Numia Aiono on April 4th, 2017 shocked his family and the church families with which he had worshipped, in Samoa and New Zealand. Numia is greatly missed. Presbyterians in the south, and Numia's family and friends, in New Zealand, Samoa, and Australia continue to thank God for all Numia modelled, with humour and humility.

Numia was born on 10th September 1943. From his youth, Numia Aiono was always something of an 'older statesman' while relating well to people of all ages, and from a wide range of cultures. His dignity was what was noticed first in any dealings with Numia, along with his deep devotion to God, to his family and to all God's family. Numia was a humble man with a servant heart, and an ability to understand others, and so relate to a wide range of people with sensitivity.

Samoa as Numia was, he was also a 'son of the south' offering wholehearted ministry in a variety of roles in the parishes of St. Mark's Pine Hill, Dunedin, Toitois in Southland, Maungatua, Port Chalmers United, and, in retirement, at Mornington, Dunedin. Mornington parishioners were blessed, as were those in all the churches in which Numia served in any capacity, by Numia's faithful pastoral care, his welcome pastoral visits, his perceptive, biblical preaching and his reverent and relevant prayers.

Numia's ministry as a proud Samoan in palagi parishes was special. His style involved totally accepting others, giving freely of himself, generously sharing his identity with others, and loving to learn of their culture and heritage. Numia was never afraid to voice a strong opinion if that was needed and quietly observed dynamics much of the time, not missing anything. His devotion to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and to his flock was legendary.

Numia is greatly missed. Presbyterians in the south, and Numia's family and friends, in New Zealand, Samoa, and continue to thank God for all Numia taught us, with humour and humility.

Mrs Jean Elizabeth Anderson (1934-2017)

Jean Anderson, nee Hewitson, was born in Southland, where she spent her younger years. As a young mother, Jean taught Sunday School for 20 years and in the early 1970's was ordained as an elder in the Kennington.

Jean's passion was women's work and she joined the PWMU (Presbyterian Women's Missionary Union) in Southland, where she held every position at local level. She was on the Southland Presbyterial executive for ten years, three as president, and was also on the Presbytery Property and Finance Committee. In 1984, when Jean moved to Nelson, she continued her active involvement with the church, at St Andrew's Stoke and in the Nelson Marlborough Presbyterial, where she served a term as Treasurer and three as President. She also served on the Beneficiary Fund Committee.

Jean was National President of the Association of Presbyterian Women from 1996 to 1999. The pinnacle of her work was when the APW National Executive was based in Nelson and she was elected as national President. It was during this time that the APW was granted Special Consultative Status as a Non-Governmental Organisation with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

Jean Anderson died in October 2017.

The Reverend James Graham Archibald (1932 – 2018)

James Graham Archibald was born in Christchurch on 23 September 1932. He attended Beckenham Primary School before going on to Christchurch Boys' High School. Graham's interests were non-academic so he left high school as soon as he could and entered the retail trade at L B Millar's department store. His evangelical outlook saw him involved in the Youth for Christ Movement and served as its treasurer for a number of years. His sense of call to ministry led him to undertake two years' study at the Bible College in Auckland from 1956 to 1957. He was appointed as a Home Missionary to Howick Presbyterian Church where he served as an Assistant Minister, pioneering ministry outreach at Bucklands Beach, known then as Howick Outfields.

Graham and Helen met at Youth for Christ rallies and married in August 1958, at the Cambridge Terrace Methodist church, before returning to Howick. In 1962, they moved south to Dunedin and Knox Theological Hall where Graham undertook full ministry training. Study did not come easily to Graham who, with Helen, had a young family of two, soon to be three, with the arrival of a baby girl, to care for, but his strong faith, perseverance and sense of call saw him graduate in 1965.

Graham was called to Rakaia Presbyterian Parish where he was ordained and inducted on 25th November, 1965. Rakaia then was a busy parish serving a wide rural community with five preaching places. While they were in Mid Canterbury, their family was completed with the birth of two more children.

In September 1970, Graham responded to a call from Calvin Parish in Gore which included the country district of Waimumu. He was inducted on 5th September 1970 and served that parish until February, 1978. Graham was then called to St Martins, Papatoetoe, part of the then-South Auckland Presbytery, and was inducted on 2 February, 1978. His final parish was St. James Parish, South Dunedin, where he was inducted on 18 May 1989. Graham retired from St. James at the end of October 1993.

In his "retirement" years, Graham served as a stated supply minister in a number of Christchurch Presbytery parishes, including Amberley in North Canterbury, the former St. Stephen's parish, Bryndwr and Hoon Hay parish. In all his parishes Graham was welcomed with his faithful pastoral visiting, his strong, forthright preaching and his quirky sense of humour.

In retirement, Graham and Helen were supportive members at St Mark's Church, Avonhead, Christchurch, where he had a leadership role in St Mark's prison ministry.

Graham was a very willing and able volunteer in church and community. For many years he drove for an Inter Church meals on wheels scheme as well as volunteering as a Driver for the Cancer Society from January, 1998 to March 2018. He was the recipient of an award for his volunteer role with the Cancer Society Canterbury and West Coast.

In retirement Graham's ministry continued until he "passed away peacefully after a short illness." Graham died on 5th May, 2018.

Graham will be remembered for his evangelical focus, his faithful preaching and affirming pastoral ministry. As was said at his funeral: "he had a sympathetic ear, a practical mind and a warm pastoral heart ... He had a warm interest in people, no matter what their background."

Graham is survived by his wife, Helen, his family of Geoff, Janet and Paul, Raewyn and John, Pauline and Rex, Jocelyn and Stephen, and their families.

The Reverend William George Boyd Clark (1923 – 2017)

A reserved man with a love of art, music, books and birds, the Reverend William George Boyd Clark died on 22 December 2017.

George was born in Rakaia in August 1923 and was educated at Christchurch Boys' High School. He undertook military service, initially in the army and then redirected into the RNZAF as an aircraftsman in communications. After the war, through their mutual involvement in the Bible Class movement, George met and married Olive McArthur, a Dunedin Teachers' College student from Clinton.

George felt the call to the Presbyterian ministry and studied at the Theological Hall Knox College 1949 -51. He was ordained in the Becks/Lauder parish in 1952 and went to the Woodlands parish in 1956 having completed his BA in 1954. In 1962, George and Olive took the challenging step of moving with their family to British Columbia, working in the United Church of Canada for three years; returning to Iona, Upper Hutt, in 1965; Saddle Hill in 1974; and to Banks Peninsula in 1981. After retiring, George helped in congregations including St Paul's Trinity Pacific in Christchurch and Knox Church Dunedin where he was a member.

George and Olive retired to Allanton, near Mosgiel, in 1984. With assistance from tradespeople, George built a comfortable kitset home on a large section which was developed into attractive gardens. They later moved to Dunedin. Olive died in 2015. George and Olive had four children: Ian, Shona, Malcolm and Fraser. Fraser died as a child.

George was a reserved man, thoughtful and considerate, compassionate and diligent. He was a supportive colleague and a respected minister. He had a great capacity for friendship and was stimulating in conversation, paying attention to what was happening in the world.

We give thanks for a faithful, conscientious, warm-hearted and encouraging minister of the gospel.

The Reverend Leonard Forde Currie (1938 – 2018)

Leonard Currie was born in Gore on 07 December 1938, the eldest of six children. He boarded at Waitaki Boys' High School in Oamaru, then returned home where he led several Bible Class camps near Gore. He also ran a number of CSSM camps at Frankton and Queenstown, while employed as a stock agent and auctioneer by Southland Farmers. In 1966, his calling to serve his Maker led to his attending Knox College in Dunedin and Bible Training Institute in Auckland, preparing him for a life of church ministry.

Len initially ministered for six years at the Lumsden, Balfour, Kingston Parish. In 1968, he married Olive Reid, daughter of the Rev. Hugh Reid. He left that parish in 1975 and together with his wife and two children, answered a call to Greenlane Parish, Auckland, where he served for 21 and a half years. During this time he married 66 couples, conducted 73 baptisms and was National Chaplain for the Girls' Brigade for three years. He served a double term as Moderator of Auckland Presbytery (1987/88). Sadly, Olive passed away in 1994. After her death, Len moved to his third parish – St Barnabas/St James/St Pauls at Plimmerton in the city of Porirua in 1996. His life and that of the parish were richly enhanced when he married Jocelyn Murray (a widow with three children) in 1997. The newlyweds then set about a strong and active pastoral ministry, together with the Rev. Peter Bristow, until Peter accepted a call to Pukekohe Parish later that year. After six years, Len was joined by an Associate Minister the Rev. Keith Nisbett in 2003. Len retired at 65 in March 2004 after an horrific car accident on the Foxton straights. His car was a write-off and he and Jocelyn suffered several broken bones and other injuries, taking months to recover.

Len is remembered as a strong and faithful servant of Christ, knowing how to draw on God's sufficiency. He had a clear vision of God's Kingdom, which he was able to convey throughout his

public and pastoral ministry. His genuine interest in everyone shone through his visits and prayers. He used everyday illustrations to demonstrate the Christian message. He was kind, generous and a lot of fun with his infectious laugh – a big man with a big personality. He showed a great delight in his ministry and was a man ‘full on for Jesus’ – proclaiming this loudly with the strong and wonderful singing voice with which he was blessed. He said, ‘For me to live is Christ and to die is gain – that is better by far’, and that is what happened on 27 April 2018 when he went to be with his Lord and Saviour after suffering from pancreatic cancer and melanoma.

The Reverend Geoffrey George Edric Harding (1932 – 2016)

Geoff Harding was born on 22nd November 1932 and grew up on a farm out of Gisborne.

Geoff attended the Theological Hall in Dunedin from 1964-1966. He was ordained on 1st July 1968 into the Eketahuna-Pongaroa Parish in the Wairarapa, where he ministered until 1973. Subsequent parishes included Matawhero, Gisborne (1974-79), St Francis Co-operating in Clive, Hawkes Bay (1980-1990), Okato Co-operating Parish in Taranaki (1991– 96), Manaia (1996-97) and finally Te Kauwhata in 1998, until his retirement in 2000. The Hardings then moved back to Napier where Geoff and Judy were busy with pastoral care and community based helping agencies.

Geoff liked a practical hands-on Christianity so was very happy in rural parishes. He liked the pastoral aspects of ministry, rubbing shoulders with real people and this led to his work as an industrial chaplain.

A member from Clive wrote: “During the time that Geoff was in Clive, he did everything possible to help keep the financial wolf from our door. Among the many challenges that came his way was the Industrial Chaplain’s position at Whakatu Freezing Works until its closure in 1986. This closure was an enormous shock and almost an economical disaster for our area. Geoff was very busy in the aftermath of the closure. He also went out shearing, fencing and did many other jobs that had to be done on the land. He always took a sincere and thoughtful service.”

Geoff had a deep faith, great strength of character and was full of kindness and quiet encouragement. He was seldom ruffled.

Geoff Harding died on 20 November 2016 in Napier. We give thanks to God for his ministry and work, and pray for Judy and the family. Geoff is survived by 3 children and many grandchildren.

The Reverend Ian McCallum (1931-2018)

Ian McCallum was born on 4 January 1931 at Whangarei Hospital along with his twin sister Jean, who arrived 2 hours before him. Their parents, Hugh and Catherine McCallum, already had 3 daughters. Ian’s father was a Home Missionary who was based at Titoki. Subsequent to Ian’s birth, the family had several moves to parishes in Whakapara, Mangaweka, Waitara until in 1940 they moved to Mauku. There Ian went to Pukekohe High School where he won the senior speech prize and was Dux. He was also involved in the Waiuku Combined Scout Group.

In February 1949, Ian began as a student at Auckland University and boarded in Auckland. He also attended Balmoral Presbyterian Church and started singing in the choir. It was when Ian was in the Balmoral Youth Group that he met Yvonne Rankin whom he married on 15 September 1956.

In 1955, Ian went to the Theological Hall in Dunedin and completed two years of studies. Three years later, Ian and his family returned to Dunedin to complete his theological studies.

In December 1960, Ian was ordained and inducted as minister to the Coromandel-Whitianga Parish. He was based at St Andrews' in Coromandel, but he also took Sunday services at Whitianga and Colville. Ian was then called to Kamo, in the then Northland Presbytery.

At the beginning of 1973, Ian, Yvonne and the family, by then consisting of two daughters and two sons, moved to Lower Hutt, where Ian was minister at St Luke's Waiwhetu. This was a call that filled the next 20 years. He was involved with Wellington Presbytery for many of those years, including serving as Moderator. He also worked closely with the Pacific Island Church in Newtown.

Ian retired from full time ministry in July 1993. He remained very active in the church after retirement, being interim moderator at St Stephen's, Lower Hutt and St Margaret's, Silverstream, and a supply minister at Wainuiomata Church, St Ronans' (Eastbourne) and St Aidens. He wrote a history of St Luke's, Waiwhetu and was a committee member and minute secretary for Save the Children Lower Hutt for 10 years.

Ian also served the wider church in two ways in particular. He was convenor of the Beneficiary Fund Committee when, in 1994, the Commissioner of Inland Revenue issued assessments on the Fund for income tax that IRD believed the Fund was liable to pay. Just for the two years ended July 1988 and 1989 the liability amounted to \$1,595,137. The Presbyterian Church Property Trustees, as the trustees of the Fund, challenged the approach of the IRD and the resulting case was argued in the High Court before Mr Justice Heron. The decision passed down resulted in the Fund being granted tax exempt status which was very significant and saved the Fund from being called on to pay tax throughout the years that followed. Ian played a significant role in preparing and presenting this case and all ministers who have benefitted from the Fund have much to thank Ian for.

In 1974, Ian was appointed as a member of the Special Ministry Sub-committee. He became Convenor of the sub-committee in 1980 and as such began attending the Ministry Committee itself. Under Ian's leadership, the Special Ministries sub-committee developed a very creative plan for fostering new forms of ministry and mission to help churches grapple with the needs of the communities in which they worked. Ian became Convenor of the Ministry Committee and that committee continued to coordinate the work of its sub-committees, including applications from ministers of other churches, all forms of chaplaincy and their national bodies, the continuing education for ministry, cooperative ventures and their developing rules and procedures, various forms of grant aid, the management of property for new church development, and the continuing review of the stipend formula. In 1986 the Ministry Committee developed a vision statement for the ministry of the church. For 16 years, Ian played an ever increasing and valued role in the work of ministry development in the PCANZ.

In 2004, Ian and Yvonne moved to Trentham to a brand-new home. They continued their association with St Margaret's Church where, in 2010, Ian celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his ordination as a minister.

After Yvonne died in 2016, Ian continued to live in their Trentham home. Later in the same year he was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease. He initially continued to live at home, with the assistance of home help, until late January 2018, then moved into a rest home where he died, very peacefully, on Thursday 1st March.

We give thanks for Ian's quietly expressed wisdom, the dryness of his humour and his great love of God.

The Reverend Peter McNeill (1936 – 2017)

Peter McNeill was born on the West Coast on 4th April 1936, a beginning he remained proud of as he would have claimed it gave him his down-to-earth assessment of what was important and his subsequent attitude to life. He grew up with Bible Class friends at St Georges, Linwood, Christchurch and received his education at Christchurch West High School where he was an outstanding sportsman, especially in athletics, rugby and tennis. Peter trained as a primary school teacher and maintained significant relationships with his Teachers' College contemporaries all his life. He met Beverley at St George's while she was training as a fine arts teacher and they were married and had three children. After several years teaching, Peter was received as a student for the ministry and trained at the Theological Hall 1964-66.

Peter was ordained and inducted on 9th March 1967 to Central Westland Parish, where he ministered until 1969. His subsequent parish ministries were at St Aidan's Putaruru 1970-75 and St Giles Kilbirnie, Wellington 1975-81. Peter was then appointed a hospital chaplain at Wellington from 1981-86, and then as chaplain at Scots College 1986-95. Peter is remembered at all these places as someone who was singularly perceptive when people were in difficulties, perhaps being disadvantaged by the system, and for his unflinching insistence that the real issues be faced. He could be both a challenge to authority and a wise support to authority if doing the right thing was going to be hard. This ability depended both on his own experience of having had to cope with difficulties, and because his helping to contribute to a problematic pastoral or political issue had no influence on how he would personally fare in the outcome.

He saw injustice clearly and he had no concern for his own advantage or prestige. "When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!'" (John 1:47) Many who were friends or colleagues of Peter McNeill, parishioners, patients or students receiving his ministry, would have assessed him as worthy of a similar tribute. He was a minister of significant skills and impressive integrity and there are many inside and outside the church who will always be grateful for him.

Peter McNeill died on 20th June 2017.

The Reverend Dr Robert (Bob) Thomas Murphy (1934 – 2017)

Bob Murphy was born in Dunedin on the 9th of May, 1934. On finishing his schooling at Dunedin North Intermediate at age 14 (which makes his later academic achievements all the more remarkable), Bob took an apprenticeship as a tailor. A little time after finishing his apprenticeship, Bob set up a carrying business in Dunedin, following in his father's footsteps.

Called to the ministry, Bob began his theological training in 1959. In January of the following year, he married Valda Wilhemina Reid, in the Knox College chapel. On the completion of his Hall course and graduating with a B.A. from the University of Otago, Bob and Valda went to Scotland where he gained experience in ministry as the Assistant Minister of the parish in East Kilbride.

Returning to New Zealand, Bob was ordained and inducted as Assistant Minister of Trinity Church, Nelson on the 15th of October, 1963. In 1969, Bob was called to St. Paul's, Invercargill. He resigned in 1973 to take up an appointment as Director of Student Services, at the University of the South Pacific. Three years later he was appointed Director of the Uniting Church's Psychotherapy centre for adolescents in Melbourne. At the beginning of 1980, he was called to Kohimarama in the Auckland Presbytery but resigned early the following year to take up the position of Principal, Rochester-Rutherford Hall, at the University of Canterbury. His partnership, with Valda as matron, led to the Hall being the first choice of students for residential accommodation. In those years, as Principal of the Hall, he completed his PhD. In December

1988, he was called to Alexandra-Clyde-Lauder Union, Central Otago Presbytery. His last parish was St. Paul's Co-operative, Taumarunui (a Methodist position), where he served until he retired in July 1997.

Bob died peacefully on the 28th of May 2017, at Millvale House, Waikanae, aged 83. He is succeeded by the family he loved and was very proud of — his wife Valda, daughter Christine, son-in-law David Brooks and his grandchildren Michael and Stephanie.

Such a simple time-line does not do justice to his long and faithful ministry exercised in the conviction that practical, compassionate action, deep concern for others, generous care for those who are hurting most, fully responds to Jesus concern for the hungry, the poor, the sick, the lonely, the oppressed, the suffering.

Bob's conviction was that loving, thoughtful action by the followers of Jesus will contribute to the world's healing, restoration, and the rebuilding of its moral vision and courage. He was convinced that a generous helpful spirit will help all people find ways of being human with one another and that trusting one another, caring for one another and the acceptance of individuality leads to richer, spirit-directed life. He exercised that conviction in parishes, university contexts, and in his home with his family.

He did all that with understanding and good humour. He was always ready to find the life-filled side of every moment. That for him was gospel, that for him was the way to life in all its fullness and that, he believed, was what the life of Jesus demonstrated so powerfully — that actions more than words — kindness, openness, humour and joy, acceptance and love make us more human — makes life for others better, richer, freer.

We give thanks then for a minister who understood Jesus' words: "Whenever you did it for any of my people, no matter how unimportant they seemed you did it for me", and put that concern

The Very Reverend John Stewart Murray (1929 – 2017)

Born in Dunedin on 5 November 1929, into a pioneer Scottish settler family, John Murray was the youngest of the four children of Dr Stewart Murray, a GP, and Muriel, a nurse.

John was educated at St Clair Primary School and Kings High School, then at Otago University, where he gained an MA in Latin with first class honours. John attended the Theological Hall in 1952, then headed to Westminster Theological College and King's College, Cambridge, UK, to study theology. In 1954, John married Shirley Cockroft, and they went to Geneva where John gained a Diploma of Ecumenical Studies at the Bossey Ecumenical Institute of the World Council of Churches. Later, the couple had three sons, David, Alastair and Rob.

John and Shirley returned to New Zealand in 1956, and John was ordained and inducted as minister of St David's Presbyterian Church in Taihape, where he was minister until early 1962. The Murrays then moved to Wellington where John became the first ecumenical chaplain at Victoria University of Wellington. From 1967 to 1975, John was minister at Knox Church in Christchurch, before returning to Wellington as minister of St Andrew's on The Terrace. There, he was responsible for rejuvenating the congregation, opening the church, literally and figuratively, with lunchtime concerts, and lectures for people of any belief.

John served the national church as a convenor of the Assembly Public Questions Committee, and he was elected Moderator of the General Assembly in 1990. He presided over the Church's 150th Anniversary celebrations. John retired from active ministry in July 1993, and moved to the Kapiti

Coast, where he continued his very active involvement in community affairs, social and political issues, and ecumenical matters.

John felt called to live in the Jesus way and that call was so powerful that it diverted him from what might have been a life in academia. He chose the harder way of being a parish minister, but a minister with a deep concern for what was going on in the world and what the gospel demanded as a response that was moral and just and loving. In that, he was courageous — a leader, a voice for the church and the community, willing to speak out knowing full well that there would be some who would resist his leadership and reject his views, and yet, he continued to take initiative after initiative, challenging our rugby madness in the name of justice for the blacks of South Africa, challenging our fears and our prejudice in the name of openness, respect and love for those in the gay community, challenging the thoughts that there was a military way of winning the peace, challenging our fears about death and the process of dying convinced that human dignity demanded personal choice.

John loved music, and while Shirley wrote new hymns for the church, he created an atmosphere where people would be willing to learn them. He believed hymns were the marching songs of the church, and if the congregation was still singing “the old stuff” it wasn’t marching with the present.

Through all his life, John remained firm in his conviction that the love of God was and is to be found in our humanity and that the fullness of life involves pain and pleasure, challenge and opportunity, disappointment and hope, laughter and tears. His concern was to make life better for others, to shape a future that honoured the human spirit and gave dignity to difference.

John Murray died at the age of 87 in February 2017, at the Kapiti Coast. Close friend, the Rev Prof Sir Lloyd Geering said, in his eulogy at John’s funeral, that John was one of the most “socially conscious ministers of our day”.

The Reverend Douglas Nathaniel Etuati Tuitasi Pa’u (1956 – 2016)

Doug Pa’u was born in Auckland to Samoan parents on August 2, 1956. As Doug grew up, the Newton Pacific Island Presbyterian Church, which he and his family attended, played a strong formative influence, as did the Boys Brigade company of which Doug was a member. At Kowhai Intermediate School, at the age of 12, Doug was sharing his faith to all his friends and was nicknamed “The Preacher”. He became an elder at 18 years old and was appointed head of the Intermediate aged students, providing teaching and pastoral care for the next three years. On leaving Mt Albert Grammar School, Doug took on a number of jobs including a stint in the Territorial Army to finance his studies at Auckland University.

Doug heard the call to ministry and, having married Liz on 9 February 1980, they immediately travelled to Dunedin for Doug to train for the ministry at Knox College. After he graduated from Knox, with a Bachelor of Arts and Theology, in 1984, his first ministry role was as a youth worker coordinating 29 youth groups in the Wellington region, from a base in Porirua.

In 1988, Doug was called to Knox, Lower Hutt, Parish, to minister alongside the Rev Doug Anderson. During the following 28 years, Doug was also to partner in ministry with the Rev Alastair Smales, the Rev Paul Loveday, and the Rev Wayne Matheson.

After their move to Lower Hutt, Doug and Liz and their family of four children quickly became a core part of the fellowship. Both were heavily involved in offering support, witness and encouragement to those both within and outside the fellowship and particularly those with families at the same stage and age as them.

In 1995, Knox Parish combined with the neighbouring parish of St Columba, Naenae. Doug heard the call and he and Liz relocated their family to the manse in Naenae as Doug became the parish minister based at St Columba. For Doug, there was twenty years of uninterrupted ministry to the community of Naenae.

The parish life of St Columba was refreshed as Doug, so well supported by Liz, set about revitalizing ministry for children and families and extended outreach into the community. This took a range of forms including partnership with other churches and community groups through membership of Team Naenae. With Doug's leadership, and Liz's support, St Columba held high the banner of God's love in the wider Naenae community. Doug was always strongly committed to working with other ministers and pastors, regardless of denomination, in order to advance the Kingdom of God.

Another important aspect of Doug's ministry from the 1990s onwards was his involvement in the national leadership of Promise Keepers. He played an active role, particularly in the early conferences, both as an organiser and speaker.

Following the Christchurch earthquakes, the increased requirements for building strength meant the St Columba congregation could no longer use the St Columba church building. In the first half of 2015, the combined parish of Knox-St Columba decided to move to a single site of worship at Knox. Doug, who had already taken up the role of interim moderator of the combined parish with the departure of the Rev Wayne Matheson, relocated to the Knox site, and focused on ensuring that the parish successfully transitioned to the next stage of God's plans for it.

Doug passed away unexpectedly on November 9, 2016, following heart surgery, and only three months after he had celebrated his 60th birthday. He is succeeded by the family he loved dearly – his wife Liz, son Jerome and daughter-in-law Kate, son Luke and daughter-in-law Lisa, and daughters Gabrielle and Abigail.

Throughout all his years of ministry, Doug displayed great faith in the promises, goodness and love of the Lord, compassion for the people he pastored, humility of heart in his relationships and unbounded hope for the future in Jesus Christ. Many have been blessed by his gift for encouragement and exhortation, his trust in the power of prayer and his passion for every person to experience the Kingdom of God.

The Reverend Lester John Reid (1927 – 2017)

Lester Reid was born in Leeston (south of Christchurch), on the 12th of December 1927, the son of Rev James Niccol Reid and great grandson of the Rev William West. Called to ministry, he studied at the Theological Hall 1951-1953. He married Marion Elizabeth Marshall on 14th January 1954. Together, they had four children: Geoffrey, Susan, Malcolm and Catherine.

Lester was ordained at Rotorua Outfields (Trinity Ngongotaha, Bay of Plenty Presbytery) on the 11th of March 1954. He was then called to Te Awamutu, Waikato Presbytery, on the 6th of December 1960 and eight years later to Waverley, Invercargill, on the 26th of February 1969. On 22 July 1976, he was appointed Director of the Department of Parish Development and Mission in Wellington. It was an appointment made by the church in confidence because he was an insightful and experienced parish minister with respect for all points of view, and pastoral skills of the highest quality. It was during this period that he wrote the highly appreciated "*A Resource for Elders, Sessions and Parish Councils*". He completed his work with the Department on the 31st of January, 1988 and on the 1st of September that year was appointed (half-time) Associate Minister

at St Stephen's and St Aidan's, Lower Hutt, Wellington Presbytery. The Presbytery recognised him as 'Minister Emeritus' on the 31st of December, 1992.

To these details of the places in which he ministered must be added the real appreciation by the church of the character and quality of his ministry. A loving man, he was always searching himself and connecting what he found with the biblical stories and it was from that, that his integrity sprang, his love unfolded and delight and real interest and concern for the people he met and worked with, shone through. He enjoyed sharing his faith and spiritual insight with many through the church through his publishing of a regular devotional guide: 'Shalom'.

Lester was moved to the hospice in Lower Hutt on the 24th of October assuring his wife Marion that he was 'in the right place'. He died peacefully on the 27th of October, 2017.

In giving thanks for his life and ministry the church recognises Lester's knowledge of himself, his readiness to listen, his wisdom, his wonderful sense of humour and his deep, quiet and questioning faith.

The Reverend Jennifer Sybil Robertson (1944 – 2017)

Born on 6th November 1944, Jenni was raised on the family farm at Lyndhurst, Mid-Canterbury. The second of four children, she was baptised and confirmed in the Anglican Church. After high school at Methven, High Jenni went to Christchurch and trained as a primary school teacher.

Jenni married Roland Letham in April 1965 and with him raised two sons, Andrew and Matthew. After divorce, Jenni married Rex Elms, in October 1992. Rex died suddenly in 2002. Jenni and the Rev Ian Robertson married at First Church of Otago in June 2012.

Jenni entered the Theological Hall, Knox College, Dunedin, in 1986. She graduated with B.Th (Otago) in 1987, and was subsequently ordained as a minister on her appointment as Stated Supply minister for the Musselburgh Parish, Dunedin, on 5th May, 1988. At the conclusion of the stated supply appointment, Jenni became an associate minister of the Dunedin Presbytery. In this capacity Jenni willingly and ably served the presbytery and its parishes, including Brockville Community Church (1996) and the United Church of Port Chalmers (1997-2003).

Jenni served ecumenically as a Chaplain at Mercy Hospital, Dunedin.

Jenni's association with the United Church of Port Chalmers began with her appointment as Interim Moderator in 1995. The Ministry Settlement Board was seeking a half-time National Ordained Minister for the congregation. The congregation called Jenni to be their minister and she was inducted to the charge in May 1997.

Though the Terms of Call were for a half-time minister, and that was all the congregation could afford, Jenni's service was always full time. Her leadership, enthusiasm and energy carried the congregation through a number of major undertakings including the restoration of the Iona Organ, the refurbishment of the Johnstone Hall and Iona Church roofs. During Jenni's time with the congregation specifications were drawn for the restoration of the historic Iona Church.

As a preacher, Jenni was meticulous in her preparation of services of worship. As a pastor, Jenni was generous with her skills and time. It was with sadness and understanding that the congregation received her resignation in 2003, following which she became a minister within the bounds of the Presbytery of Dunedin. Jenni died at Dunedin on 3rd April 2017.

As a minister of word and sacrament, Jenni is remembered for her faith in God, her enthusiasm

and determination, her willingness to read and think widely, and an ability to notice and encourage the giftings of others.

The Reverend Robin Gibson Smith (1923 – 2018)

The Reverend Robin Gibson Smith was born on 13 April 1923 and died at Ross Home in Dunedin on 11 February 2018.

Robin had a distinguished Presbyterian ancestry. His grandfather was the Reverend John Gibson Smith who, as minister of St Andrew's on the Terrace in Wellington, had been tried for and acquitted of heresy for writing a book challenging the penal substitutionary theory of the atonement. His great uncle was the Very Reverend James Gibb, the first Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand. His father was the Very Reverend James Douglas Smith, Moderator of the General Assembly 1947-48. Robin reflected this heritage in being a warm-hearted, compassionate, gentle and thoughtful person with a strong forthright commitment to justice.

Robin married Shirley Fawcett in 1949 and they raised a family of five – Shona, Ian, Alison, Duncan and Hilary. Shirley died in 2008. Robin was a loving and loved husband and father.

Robin was ordained at Knox Church Masterton in February 1951 and was inducted at Manawatu South (Shannon) in August of that year, then at Mt Ida in Central Otago in 1955, then at Hillcrest Hamilton in 1964. He resigned from parish ministry in 1970 and retrained as a librarian, serving as such until he retired in 1988.

Although Robin had left parish ministry, he had certainly not left the church. Shirley and Robin remained active in Presbyterian congregations until their deaths. Robin was Honorary Assistant Minister at St Andrew's Hamilton from December 1975 until April 1983. He was active in Waikouaiti where they lived after retirement and then in Knox Church when they moved to Dunedin.

Joy Cowley ONZ names Robin as one of the key people who, as a young minister, showed her the gentle, kind and loving face of Jesus and who thereby changed her attitude to the church.

Well into his nineties, Robin actively supported many organisations and causes. He was active in the Labour Party. He supported Amnesty International, writing letters in support of people unjustly imprisoned. He advocated for prison reform as part of the Howard League. As an active gardener, he also volunteered at Orokonui, the eco-sanctuary near Dunedin. He ensured that organisations committed to justice were promoted in the congregations of which he was a member. Robin was also committed to LGBTQI inclusion. The prayers for others he led in worship reflected his heartfelt concern for the world. Robin's faith remained vibrant and real. He died peacefully.

We give thanks for Robin Smith, a gentle, kind, compassionate, thoughtful, faithful and forthright minister of the gospel.

The Reverend John Robert Turton (1947 – 2017)

John Turton was born on Auckland's North Shore, before the family moved to Ponsonby, then Ellerslie and finally Albany. He left school at age 15 to work in a shoe factory. Seeking advancement, he gained employment as a Railways shunter. He then joined the RNZAF and, after study, became an aircraft engineer.

After a robust life in the RNZAF, John had an epiphany in the 1970s and came to an understanding of Christ. He re-directed his life to honour his Saviour, Jesus Christ.

John, with some of his RNZAF colleagues, was drawn into the Camp David Cult in North Canterbury. He left the air force and moved to Canterbury. He met Kim there and they were married in 1979. The cult leadership asked John to use his shoemaker skills to set up a shop to help provide income.

He left the cult after some years, increasingly disillusioned that the leadership were claiming complete and divine powers. When John challenged the leaders they said he had lost his salvation because of his disobedience. His response was, "You guys didn't give me my salvation in the first place so you can't take it away can you?" (*Muddy Waters p.163*).

Having been cast out of the cult, John continued his shoe manufacturing business to support his family. John kept studying the Christian faith assiduously, with prayer and journaling as his anchor.

John felt the call to ordained ministry and said on many occasions how grateful he was that the PCANZ 'took a chance' and trained him to serve in ministry, even though he left school at 15 without any academic qualification.

John attended the Theological Hall from 1990 to 1992. In 1993, he was ordained and inducted into the parish of St Stephen's Reporoa Co-operating Church. In 2002, John moved to St David's Parish at Owhata for four years. Finally, he served at St Mark's, Hutt City Uniting Congregations, from 2006 until his retirement in 2013.

Whilst in Reporoa, John discerned a need for counselling in the church and wider community. John studied counselling majoring in rationally emotive behavioural therapy, transactional analysis and cognitive behaviour therapy and became a qualified counsellor in those fields.

John was a great reader of many books on many subjects. He also was a keen user and advocate of the internet and computer technology for connecting people and discussing deep issues of faith and life.

John had a deep desire to help people from all walks of life, a firm grasp of the Gospel, an utter surety of the redemptive power of Jesus and believed that with God folk can survive the hardest of times. At the same time, he had an abhorrence of those who would distort the Good News and resources for their own ends, or disparaged the faith of others, or conspired to build their own fiefdoms.

John was keen to try new ways of doing things and to that end set up cafe church groups, pre-school music groups and "Messy Church" groups with much success. He worked tirelessly to give everyone in his churches an equal opportunity to be heard.

John wrote and published counselling books, self-help books, e-books and poetry books as well as his autobiography, '*Muddy Waters*'.

John is survived by his wife, Kim, and their daughters Dawn, Bethy and Fleur, and their families. He loved them deeply and was proud of all their achievements.

The Reverend Geoffrey Francis Vine (1940 – 2017)

The Reverend Geoffrey Francis Vine was born in Hampshire, England, on March 7, 1940, the youngest of three children. After schooling, he joined the local newspaper, the Portsmouth Evening News, as an apprentice reporter. He later moved to London and worked for a magazine

group. He also reported for a jazz magazine as a result of which he got to know many prominent jazz musicians of the time. After the harsh winter of 1962-63, he moved to New Zealand and was a reporter for the Otago Daily Times.

Geoffrey married Gillian on 27 March 1965 and they had a daughter Bettina. Geoffrey was a loved and loving husband and father.

Geoffrey served as Editor of the Gore Ensign from 1975. He was an active lay preacher. In 1980 Geoffrey took up study at the University of Otago, graduating with a BA (Hons) in history. He studied at the Theological Hall from 1984 – 1986.

Geoffrey was ordained at St Aidan's Northcote, North Shore Presbytery on 27 November 1986. His ministry there was active and engaging and there was growth in participation especially among young people. The Church's General Assembly in 1991 included a tense debate about sexual orientation and ministry. Geoffrey wanted to put a human face on the debate and stated that he was homosexual, feeling that people would not understand the word bisexual. The subsequent controversy was such that Geoffrey resigned from St Aidan's on 1 August 1992.

Geoffrey served at Knox Parnell from 1993 to 1998. During his ministry there, a Niuean congregation developed. He also served as a sub-editor of the National Business Review.

In 1998 Geoffrey returned to Dunedin and became chief sub-editor of the Otago Daily Times. He remained active in the church and served as interim moderator and helped in several congregations. He retired from ministry on 20 July 2010. Geoffrey and Gillian were active in supporting the Pacific Islanders Presbyterian Church in North East Valley where Geoffrey was interim moderator until shortly before his death.

Geoffrey died peacefully in Dunedin on 11 December 2017 after a long illness. His body was donated to the University of Otago for medical education.

We give thanks for the ministry and witness of the Reverend Geoffrey Vine, a warm-hearted, intelligent, faithful and forthright follower of Jesus.

The Reverend Derek Yule (1933 – 2018)

Derek was born at Peebles, Scotland, on the 3rd July 1933, and his family moved to Stow when he was six years old. He was raised and educated in the village of Stow and nearby Galashiels in the Scottish Border Country. It was during this time that Derek's faith journey began.

When he left school, Derek started work as a loomer in a local woolen mill and later served in the King's Own Sitting Borderers for 2 years. In 1956 he emigrated to Aotearoa New Zealand to work in the Woolen Mills at Onehunga and later worked as a hospital engineer in Northland.

In 1968 Derek decided to change careers and attended the NZ Secondary Teachers' Training College, where he gained a Diploma in Secondary School teaching. His first posting was to Tokoroa High School in 1969. In 1971 Derek moved back to Auckland, teaching at St Stephen's Presbyterian School at Bombay until 1979.

It was at this time that Derek felt called to become an Ordained Minister of PCANZ. He began his theological training at Knox College, Dunedin in 1980 and graduated in 1982.

Derek was ordained by the North Shore Presbytery and Inducted as the Minister of St Cuthbert's East Coast Bays Parish on the 16th December 1980. He had a successful ministry at St

Cuthbert's and was well appreciated by the parishioners. He also contributed in the running of the North Shore Presbytery, being an Interim Moderator many times. In February 1998 Derek retired, due to ill health, and was made Minister Emeritus.

Derek then supported his wife the Rev'd Diane Yule in her ministry with the Hutt City Uniting Congregations at Stokes Valley, Lower Hutt, and later with the parish of St Andrews, Te Awamutu, serving in the Waikato Presbytery until poor health precluded that.

Derek died peacefully on the 8th February 2018, in Whanganui, aged 84. He is succeeded by the family he loved and was very proud of – his wife Diane, and as father and father-in-law of Fiona (Tasmania), Karyn and Barry, Robert and Karla, James and Anna. He was a loved and much respected stepfather of Andrew and Julia, Michael and Monique (USA), Libby and Hamish, Jenny and James and a much loved and loving Granddad.

Derek had accepted Jesus as his Lord and Saviour from an early age. His faithful life and ministry was exercised in the conviction that practical, compassionate action, deep concern for others especially those who are hurting the most, fully responds to Jesus' concern for the outcast, the hungry, the poor, the sick, the lonely, the oppressed, the suffering.

Derek will be warmly remembered for his deep faith in Jesus Christ and for his beautiful Scottish brogue, his warm smile and his cheeky sense of humour. He was loved and admired by many congregations. He was a very fine preacher of the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We give thanks for a minister who not only understood but lived out Jesus command to "Love one another as I have loved you."