

Minutes of the General Assembly 2002

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Session 1
St Patrick's College, Silverstream, Wellington
Sunday, 22 September 2002 at 2.00 p.m.

The Ministers and Ruling Elders of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand, elected as representative members of the General Assembly, together with associate and observer members, convened pursuant to the appointment of the General Assembly meeting at Dunedin, November 2000.

The Assembly was welcomed by representatives of the tangata whenua.

The Right Rev Robert Yule, outgoing Moderator of the General Assembly, by prayer constituted the Assembly in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the only King and Head of the Church, and conducted public worship. The Sacrament of Holy Communion was celebrated.

[02.001] The roll of the Assembly was laid on the table and accepted as follows:

The Roll of the General Assembly

Moderator Right Rev Michael Thawley
Clerk Rev Kerry Enright

Northland

Ministers: Verna Healy, Bruce Hellyer, Ron Webb.
Elders: Beryl Bartram, Duncan Gillanders, Jim Hodgson, Bruce Millar, Keith Webster, Erica Whyte.

North Shore

Ministers: Richard Colegrove, David Connor, Warren Deason, Andrew Dunn, Ron Mills, Wilson Orange, Uiva Vagana, Sherri Weinberg.
Elders: David Anstiss, Pat Cooper, David Graham, Colin Griffiths, Rob Ripley, Tupuola Suaniu.
Youth: Marcelle Orange.

Auckland

Ministers: Mervyn Aitken, Donald Battley, Roy Christian, David Clark, Vivian Coleman, John Evans, Clive Haliday, Don Ikitoelagi, Ock-youn Jang, Brett Johnstone, Ma`afala Koko, Stuart Lange, Doug Lendrum, Colin Marshall, Andrew Norton, Vaiora Robati, Marie Ropeti, Le`i`ite Setefano, Si`itia Si`itia-Asi, Ere Talagi-Ikitoelagi, Barry Tetley, Pelu Tuai, Sandra Warner, Rintje Westra, Henry Yau.
Elders: Alison Atchison, Cunny Atchison, Nora Blenkarn, Ward Buckingham, Heather Coster, Stephanie Hansen, Foai Foai, Ailsa Freeman, Lorraine Hessell, David Hope-Cross, Luifau Kapoa, Tei Kiliuyi, Mike Legg, Douglas Lilly, Blackie Mitimeti, Trevor Mosley, Nicky Rowntree, Tavita Solomona, Kerry Stotter, Isabella Tedcastle, Frank Thompson, Mutalau Unoi, Rudy Vogels, Lepaimasina Warren.

Youth: Louana Tooala, Elizabeth Whitehead, Tali Fonu Ametuanai, Tehio Tengaru, Stirling Tongiaheulu.

South Auckland

Ministers: Matavai Alefaio, Peter Bristow, Mika Fa`amausili, Aotafaga Lemuelu, Margaret-Anne Low, Simon McLeay, Geoff New, Penetekoso Togatama, Maui Tourangi.
Elders: Aiolupotea Aiolupotea, Tepu Coombs, Alan Lipscombe, Andrew Scott, Douglas Tanner, Fiamafola Togatama.
Youth: Arli Taimataora, Peneeta Togatama.

Waikato

Ministers: Bryan Carey, Bill Cuthers, Shirley Fergusson, Neil Johnston, Alan Leadley, Garry Marquand, Alistair McBride, Hugh Perry, Lance Thomas, Ernie Trask, Malcolm Wall, Nancy Jean Whitehead.
Elders: Vic Clarke, Mary Clarkson, Pat Gibb, John Greenwood, Murray Henderson, Lance Kendrick, Bill Konings, Marii Mahutariki, Dawn Phillips, Janice Purdie, Freeman Raine, Margaret Waters.

Bay of Plenty

Ministers: Ray Coster, Russell Denne, Derrick Hills, David Kriel, Martin Macaulay, Jon Parkes, John Turton, Scott Wishart.
Elders: Tessa Beswick, Irene Clarke, Flora Dow, Ingulf Revfeim, Dawne Ross, Marion Sanders.
Youth: Elri Kriel.

Te Aka Puaho

Ministers: Nehe Dewes, Hariata Haumate, Rehia Rangitauira, Kay Taitoko, Peka Tautau.
Elders: M Jaram, P Koia, P Mason, Regina Manihera, Mona Riini, Hokimoana Tawa, Millie Te Kaawa, Regina Te Ratana, Betty Tipiwai, T Tuwairua.
Youth: Mahuika Harmer, Erana Hodgson, Amiria Pehi, Haley Manihera-Taka, Rangimarie Te Kaawa.

Gisborne

Ministers: Maheu Papau JP.
Elders: Gwenda Crawshaw, Bryan Yuile.
Youth: Alisa Aukuso.

Hawkes Bay

Ministers: Craig Kilgour, Nolan Martin, Ian Pimm, Brett Walker.
Elders: Margaret Dorrington, Heather Hill, K Morgan, Heather Sanders.
Youth: Alex Wall.

Taranaki

Ministers: Christopher Bedford, Chris Burgin, Tom Millar, Guy Pilkinton, Paul Prestidge, Dorothy Wallace.
Elders: David Birchler, Cathy Morris, Jack van der Sar, Neil Walker.

Wanganui

Ministers: Fieta Faitala, Philippa Horrex, Ene Petaia, Talosaga Su`a, Tom Waight.
Elders: Michael Craig, Ann Flutey, Janis Tilyard, Enid Waters, Simon Williams.

Manawatu

Ministers: Bill Clifford, George Dempster, Linda Hope, Stephen Jourdain, Rilma Sands, Ron Townsend, Graeme Turnbull.
Elders: John Barr, Heather Haines, Ian Laird, Norman Orange.

Wairarapa

Ministers: Donald Biggs, John Currie, Barbara Curteis.
Elders: John Caughley, Barbara Evans, Ian Bayliss.

Wellington

Ministers: Clare Brockett, Jim Cunningham, Len Currie, Tom Etuata, Ken Irwin, Mark Johnston, Barry Jones, Perema Leasi, Margaret Mayman, Chris Nichol, Doug Pa`u, Graham Redding, Alan Shaw, Norman Wilkins, Derek Yule, Diane Yule.
Elders: Helen Beaumont, Margaret Birks, Tanya Duncan, Riini Gardenier, Richard Gooch, Robert Hopkirk, Doug Inch, David Isaia, Jenifer Kerr, Chris Konings, Glen Labrum, Stuart Lusty, Gail Malcolmson, Dallas Moore, Tom Law, Jill Taylor, Janet Todd, Fa`afetai Tui, Joanne Vilipaama.
Youth: Em Osborne, Jono Ryan, Erik Erika.

Nelson/Marlborough

Ministers: Arthur Barnfather, Paul Loveday, Robert McPhail, Bruce Murray, Kenneth Williams.
Elders: Kevin Dempster, Ruth Fraser, Marjorie Lamb.

West Coast UDC

Elder: Chris Auchinvole.

Christchurch

Ministers: Stanley Barnes, Joshua Choi, Neil Cowie, Carol Grant, Brian Hardie, Caleb Hardie, Phil King, Fitifiti Luatua, Graham Mansell, Winston Marshall, Sylvia Miller, Len Pierce, Bob Reid, Sandra Wright-Taylor.
Elders: Maureen Alabaster, Jean Brouwer, Michael Cooke, Catherine Fletcher, Malcolm Gray, Kutoli Ieremia, Roger Keey, Strathearn Lawrey, Joy Lloyd, Malcolm Lumsden, Robert McIntosh, Pat Manning, Allan Middlemiss, Shirley Page, Katherine Peet, Mary Stanton, Peter Spoelstra.
Youth: Patricia Kelly.

Ashburton

Ministers: David Brown, Malutafa Fruean, Helen Wallis.
Elders: Maureen Bishop, Errol Croy, Jocelyn Lill.
Youth: Dellwyn Moylan.

South Canterbury

Ministers: Chris Elliot, Michael Kerr, Russell Rofe.
Elders: Norma Bartrum, Judith Begg, Keith Davey, Brian Hutton, Gwyneth Jones, Alison Linscott, Bill Penno, McGregor Simpson.

North Otago

Ministers: Nancy Parker, Libby Smith, Russell Thew.
Elders: Judith Milmine, Marion Partridge.

Central Otago

Ministers: Diane Gilliam-Weeks, Peter Marshall, Reg Weeks.
Elders: Murray Brown, Gaynor Muir.

Dunedin

Ministers: David Coster, Richard Dawson, Jenni Elmes, Neville Emslie, Helen Harray, Kenneth Harray, Susan Jones, Apa Leali`ifanolevavevale, Robert Robati-Mani, Sa Si`itia`Asi, Geoff Skilton, Martin Stewart, Susan Werstein.
Elders: Tony Borick, Olive Lewis, Shona McDonald, Joan McGregor, Margaret Meder, Patricia Scott, Elaine Scurr, Joan Sinclair, Lee Somerville, Catherine Todd, Timote Turu, Patsy Woodside.
Youth: Obed Unasa.

Mataura

Ministers: Peter Cheyne, Norman Allington, John Gullick, John Ranstead.
Elders: Bruce Allan, Poul Anderson, David Duthie, John Falconer, Pat McCall.
Youth: Browyn McCall.

Clutha

Minister: Les Gosling.
Elders: Joy Flett, Bruce Fraser, Joan Pearce.

Southland

Ministers: Doris Elphick, David Gordon, Donald Hegan, Kimi Henry, Geoff Holding, Neville Jackson, Iona Su`a, Alistair Taylor.
Elders: Alistair Calvert, Betty Dickie, Frances Fredric, Patricia Gee, Karl Lamb, Neil Livingstone, Ron Loan, Peter Noble, Trevor Parkinson, Heather Sell.

Association of Presbyterian Women

APW President: Marion Brash.
Vice President: Joan Pugh

Associates: Associated for all Assembly:

Rev Toa Afele (Congregational Christian Church of Samoa), Mr Keith Christie (Children's Programme), Rev Edwin Clarke (Business Work Group), Miss Kirsten Dale (Communications Co-ordinator), Mr Richard Davis (Communications Advisor), Mr Joe Fecteau (Children's Programme), Rev Lynne

Frith (Methodist Church of New Zealand), Mrs Alison Grimshaw (Facilitation Group), Rev Prof James Haire (President, Uniting Church of Australia), Rev Reuben Hardie (Enhancement Committee), Mrs Margaret Inch (Local Arrangements Committee), Rev Wang Kuang-sy, (Presbyterian Church of Taiwan), Mrs Heather Lane (Childrens Programme), Rev Clare Lind (Childrens Programme), Ms Mary Macpherson (Manager of Communications), Miss Mo Mansill (National Youth Co-ordinator), Rev John McCaul (Anglican Church of New Zealand), Ms Heather McKenzie (Assistant Clerk), Prof Nestor Miguez (Assembly Guest Speaker), Mr Bryce Morris (Congregational Union), Miss Prue Neild (MRT Co Director), Rev Graeme Nicholas (MRT Co-Director), Mrs Elizabeth Pau (Childrens Programme), Mrs Mary Petersen (Children's Programme), Mr Colin Pidgeon QC (Book of Order and Judicial Reference Group), Rev Arthur Pihigia (Ekalesia Niue), Rev Temere Poaru (Cook Islands Christian Church), Mr Chris Purdie (Assembly Chaplain), Mrs Richardson (Associated Churches of Christ), Rev Lynne Russell (Business Work Group), Mr Stewart Scott (Children's Programme), Rev Tui Sopoaga (Congregational Christian Church Tokelau), Rev Barbara Stephens (Methodist Church of New Zealand), Mrs Nola Stuart (Facilitation Group), Rev Pamela Tankersley (Business Work Group), Rev Ola Tofilau (Business Work Group), Mrs Rita Urry (Local Arrangements Committee), Rev Ken Wall (Facilitation Group), Jean Wete (Evangelical Church in New Caledonia), Rev Neal Whimp (Facilitation Group), Very Rev Robert Yule (Immediate Past Moderator).

Associated for specified reports and related matters:

Mr Aiolupote Ailupote (PI Synod), Mrs P Alefai (PI Synod), Rev Asora Aмоса (Equipping the Leadership Policy Group), Rev Andrew Bell (Global Mission Secretary), Mr Geoff Bell (Manager Financial Services), Rev Sally Carter (Lay Ministry Task Group), Mr Hamish Crooks (Pacific Island Synod), Dr Chris Downs (Churches Agency on Social Issues), Michael Earle (Conference of Churches in Aotearoa New Zealand), Mrs Thelma Efford (Lay Ministry Task Group), Mr Robin Guy (PSDS), Mr John Hallett (Nominating Committee), Rev Bruce Hamill (Subordinate Standards Task Group and Doctrine Reference Group), Very Rev Bruce Hansen (PI Synod Review Committee), Ms Jill Hawkey (Christian World Service), Dr Ruth Houghton (Presbyterian Support), Miss Tuifa'asisi Iosia (Pacific Island Synod), Mr Peter Isherwood (Church Property Trustees), Mr Fakafo Kaio (Pacific Island Synod), Rev Alan Kerr (Subordinate Standards Task Group), Mr Doug Langford (Secretary, Church Property Trustees), Gaynor Larsen (Conference of Churches in Aotearoa New Zealand), Rev Elama Maea (PI Synod Constitution) Rev Samuel McCay (PI Synod Constitution), Mr Malcolm McLeod (PSDS), Mr John Marshall (Book of Order and Judicial Reference Group), Mr Stewart Milne (Presbyterian Support), Ms Freda Oloapu (Resourcing for Mission Policy Group), Mr Ian Omundsen (Forum of Co-operative Ventures), Mr Afamasag Pavihi (PI Synod, Dunedin), Very Rev Alister Rae (Subordinate Standards Task Group), Rev Bonnie Robinson (Presbyterian Support), Rev Tala Simanu (PI Synod), Rev David Simmers (Churches Agency on Social Issues), Rev Maua Sola (Overture 11), Julia Stuart (CASI), Rev Tame Takao (Te Aka Puaho), Mrs Marina Takao (Te Aka Puaho), Mrs Anne Thomson (Resourcing for Mission Policy Group), Mr Ikipa Togatule (PI Synod), Miss Saumalu Tuitama (PI Synod), Rev Uea Tuleia (PI Synod), Mr Ian Watson (Administration and Finance Policy Group), Rev Brian Williscroft (Administration and Finance Policy Group), Mr Peter Martyn (Commission of Assembly).

Observers:

Mr Makesi Alatimu, Mr Phil Bettany, Rev Edward Brash, Mrs Jean Cuthers, Mr John Daniel, Mrs Akele Etuata, Miss Tala Fa'amausili, Rev Myoung-SooHan, Mr George Kopa, Mrs Ngapia Mahutariki, Mrs Val Marquand, Miss Lana Marquand, Mrs Flora Martin, Ms Helen Martin, Mr Roy Pearson, Ms Richardson, Rev Joan Ross, Very Rev Margaret Schrader, Mr Cameron Sinclair, Mr David Solomona, Mrs Gwen Spoelstra, Mr Johannes Suwantika, Mr Taulapapa Tauasosi, Mrs Dorothy Thawley, Ms Carol Thorley, Rev Solomona Uitime, Mrs Christene Yule.

[02.002] The Clerk, moved, it was seconded:

That pursuant to the nomination of the 2000 General Assembly the Reverend Michael Thawley be elected Moderator of the General Assembly to hold office until the election and induction of his successor at the next ordinary meeting of the Assembly.

There was no debate.
The motion was agreed to.

Mr Yule inducted the Reverend Michael Thawley as Moderator of the General Assembly. The Moderator and Clerk of Te Aka Puaho presented Mr Thawley with the Moderator's Korowai. Mr Thawley signed the Centennial Bible. Mr Thawley addressed the Assembly on the theme "Many Words, One Word".

Act of Commemoration

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

Revs: David Alexander Blyth, Stephen Clark, John Graham, Robert Ian Hall, Hannah Letitia Hawe, Arthur Ian Hewson, James Campbell Howat, Rhys Arthur George Maddock, David Brown Martin, Pepe Nokise, Basil Robert Charles Nottage, Ivan Beatty Powell, Alun Morgan Richards, Manatoa Tavelia, Harold Walter Turner, Alexander Clifton Webster, Alfred William Willoughby, John Lewis Wilson, Stanley Robert Wishart, Very Rev William Bell Watt.

Deaconess: Helen Arndt, Nolene Chalmers, Marion Gray, Jean Hanning, Calester Mavis Kaarup, Frances Marion McNamara. Mesdames Lena Mitchell, and Lorraine Sealy.

Refer also to minutes of Session 2 for the Very Rev. Alan Anderson Brash, Rev. Ian Graham Ryburn and Mesdame Kitty Temara.

Welcome

The Moderator welcomed:

- Ministers, elders and youth attending their first Assembly.
- Representatives of Co-operative Ventures.
- Representatives of partner churches: Rev John McCaul (Anglican), Mrs Edna Richardson (Associated Churches of Christ), Mr Bryce Morris (Congregational Union), Rev Lynne Frith and Rev Barbara Stephens (Methodist).

- Representatives of overseas churches: Rev Prof James Haire (Uniting Church in Australia), Rev Michael Wang Kuang-Syh (Presbyterian Church of Taiwan), Rev Jean Wete (Evangelical Church in New Caledonia and the Loyalty Islands).

Assembly Procedure

The Revs David Brown and Pamela Tankersley, Assembly Business Work Group Co-Conveners, explained Assembly procedures.

The Rev David Brown moved, and it was seconded:

- [02.003]** That the reports, extra and late reports of the Council of Assembly, Policy Groups, Work Groups, Reference Groups, Task Groups, Groups, Committees, Special Committees, Commissions, overtures 1 to 12, Memorials 1 and 2, as printed in the Assembly Reports and Extra Reports, be received and be the working documents of this Assembly.

There was no debate.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr Brown was granted leave to add clause 15(xi) to Standing Orders, inadvertently omitted in the printing of Assembly papers.

15(xi):

Whenever it is proposed that a matter under the Barrier Act be adopted ad interim, such a proposal shall be considered as a motion separate from, and after that, which refers the issue under the Barrier Act. This motion will be lost unless there is 60% majority of those voting in favour.

Mr Brown moved, and it was seconded:

- [02.004]** That the Standing Orders of the 2000 General Assembly be accepted as Standing Orders for the 2002 General Assembly.

There was no debate.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr Brown moved, and it was seconded:

- [02.005]** That Standing Orders of the Assembly be amended as follows:
- a 15.4 (x) be amended to read:
All matters lying on the table prior to the 2000 General Assembly will lapse unless lifted from the table during the 2002 meeting of the General Assembly by a notice of motion as under 15.4 (ix).
 - b 15.4 (x) be deleted at the conclusion of the 2002 meeting of the General Assembly.

There was no debate.

The motion was agreed to.

Welcome Overseas Guest

The Moderator welcomed the Reverend Professor James Haire, President of the Uniting Church in Australia. Prof Haire addressed the Assembly. He brought greetings from the Uniting Church in Australia. The Moderator thanked Prof Haire and presented him with a gift.

The Assembly adjourned to meet at 7.30 p.m. at the State Opera House, Wellington, to celebrate the diversity of the church in an evening of musical and cultural presentations; and then to meet again at 8.30 a.m. Monday, 23 September 2002 at St Patrick's College, Silverstream, Wellington

The Moderator pronounced the benediction.

Michael Thawley, Moderator
Kerry Enright, Clerk

Session 2
St Patrick's College, Silverstream, Wellington
Monday, 23 September 2002 at 8.30 a.m.

The Assembly met and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

Worship was led by the Rev Richard Gray, and students of St Orans and Scots Colleges.

Commemoration

The Assembly reverently stood to remember by name people who had recently died, whom the church in its courts had remembered:

Alan Anderson Brash
Ian Graham Ryburn
Kitty Temara

The Clerk tabled changes to the Ministerial Roll and reports of Judicial Commissions since the last Assembly.

Ministerial Roll Changes

Obituary:

	Date
	2000
A M Richards	22 August
B R C Nottage	1 October
R Hall	29 October
	2001
W Watt	5 March
J L Wilson	23 April
A Ian Hewson	13 June
T Raston	3 July
M Tavelia	14 July
G Wilks	18 July
D A Blyth	10 August
J C Howatt	31 August
I Powell	7 September
C Webster	7 September
A W Willoughby	13 September
R A G Maddock	1 November
	2002
P Nokise	6 February
H L Hawe	15 January
S R Wishart	13 February
D Martin	5 March
S Clark	23 March

H Turner	6 May
W Gibson	1 June
I Ryburn	6 August
J Graham	7 August
A Brash	24 August

Resignations:

Name	Charge/Appointments From	Status To	Date 2000
G G Ashton	Minister Within Bounds, Associate Auckland	Pastor, Elim Church	28 February
M Grimshaw	Licentiate, Christchurch		29 April
D Bing-Husen-Chen	Auckland Taiwanese	Taiwan	30 July
G A Booth	Associate Tauranga	Grace Fellowship of NZ	15 December 2000
2001			
R T Eyre	Owaka	Catlins Evangelical Church	24 September

Ordinations & Induction:

Name	Charge or Appointment	Date 2000
D Wallace	Assistant (part time Limited Local Ministry), St Andrew's, New Plymouth, Taranaki	29 November
2001		
S Siitia	Onehunga Samoan Presbyterian Church, Auckland	5 April
M Schwass	Associate, East Taieri, Dunedin	26 April
K Williams	Associate, Wairau, Nelson Marlborough	26 April
E Smith	Kurow, North Otago	29 April
F Luatua	St Georges Iona, Christchurch	24 May
N Francis	Mary Potter Hospice, Wellington	1 June
H Yau	Auckland Taiwanese	1 October
2002		
G Dempster	Knox Dannevirke	25 January
J Parkes	St Columba, Tauranga	31 January
H Harray	Student Ministry, Dunedin	12 February
K Potter	St Andrew's, Mount Maunganui	14 February
R Sands	Apiti and Knox Feilding	24 February
N M Parker	Limited Local Ministry Waiareka-Weston	3 March
H Perry	St Stephen's, Hamilton South	7 March
P Koia	Amorangi, Te Aka Puaho	14 April
D Gilliam-Weeks	Upper Clutha	17 April
M Marshall	Limestone Plains (part-time Limited Local Ministry)	26 May
T Stanley	Waimauku (Honorary part time)	26 May
C W Kim	Balmoral (SS)	27 June

Transfers and Inductions

Name	Charge/Appointment From:	Status To:	Date 1999
B Gilmour (OS)	Uniting Church of Australia	Wakatipu, Central Otago	15 September
			2000
V Solofa	Associate, Wellington	Lodged Certificate, Wellington – Currently serving Goulburn- Murray Presbytery, Uniting Church in Australia	1 June
P K Horrex	SS St Pauls Wanganui	St Pauls, Wanganui	27 June
S Stewart	Mercury Bay Co-operating (part time), Waikato	Paeroa Co-operating (part time), Waikato	22 July
S N Jourdain	Knox Church, Dannevirke	St Albans, Palmerston North, Manawatu	30 July
D Blyth	Emeritus, Ashburton	Emeritus, Christchurch	1 August
H F Wallis	Central Southland Parish,	Ecumenical Chaplain, Timaru Hospital, South Canterbury	6 August
B Tetley	Minister Within Bounds, Auckland	Glendowie	10 August
H Dick	Minister within the Bounds, Central Otago	Lodged Certificate, Central Otago	17 August
J F Paterson	Minister Within Bounds, Dunedin	Caversham, Dunedin	30 August
D Pierce	Hospital Chaplain, Christchurch	Minister Within Bounds (Associate), Christchurch	14 November
D Wallace		Assistant (part time Limited Local Ministry), St Andrew's, New Plymouth, Taranaki	26 November
J Ross	Ngaio Union	Minister Within Bounds, Wellington	29 November
L Ennor	Hoon Hay	Minister Within Bounds, Christchurch	4 December
Y You	Minister Within Bounds (Associate), Wellington	Lodged Certificate, Wellington	5 December
K Bathgate	Emeritus, Christchurch	Stated Supply (half time Interim Ministry) Sumner/Redcliffs/Lyttleton Union Emeritus	6 December
A Barnfather	St John's Hawera, Taranaki	St Paul's, Kaikoura,	7 December
R Scott	Minister Within Bounds, Waikato)	Minister within Bounds, Christchurch	11 December
R McKendry	Lodged Certificate, Matura	St Mark's, Pine Hill, Dunedin (part time),	12 December
M Low	St David's, Khyber Pass	part-time at Symonds Street- St Andrew's First Presbyterian Church, Auckland	16 December
Y Smith	Sumner Redcliffs Lyttelton Union	Chaplain Minister Within Bounds, Christchurch	26 December
C Lind	Assistant Minister (part time), Miramar Uniting	Minister Within Bounds, Wellington	31 December

D MacLeod	National Youth Co-ordinator, Wellington	Lodged Certificate, Wellington	31 December
E Talagi-Ikitoelagi	West United, Wanganui	Minister Within Bounds, Auckland	31 December
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F Glen	Emeritus, Auckland	Emeritus, Christchurch	14 January
Y Smith	Minister Within Bounds, Christchurch	Chaplain, Rangī Ruru Presbyterian Girls' School, Christchurch	14 January
D Dell	Minister Within Bounds, Wellington	Upper Hutt SS	15 January
N Brown	Counsellor, Presbyterian Support, Dunedin	Minister Within Bounds, Associate, Central Otago	22 January
L Fruean	Matawhero and Te Hapara (Shared Ministry), Gisborne	St Paul's (Joint Ministry), Ashburton	25 January
M Fruean	Matawhero and Te Hapara (Shared Ministry), Gisborne	St Paul's (Joint Ministry), Ashburton	25 January
J L Russell	Chaplain, Rangī Ruru Presbyterian Girls' School, Christchurch	St Margaret's Silverstream, Wellington	25 January
D Dell	Lodged Certificate, Hawkes Bay	Minister Within Bounds, Wellington	29 January
D Kriel	St Andrew's Kauwhata, South Auckland	St Enoch's Tauranga, Bay of Plenty Presbytery	1 February
A Molineux	Minister within Bounds, Wellington	Associate, Minister within Bounds, Manawatu	1 February
G Redding	Remuera-Somervell-Memorial, Auckland	St John's in the City, Wellington	1 February
D Borrie	St Martin's Porirua (Stated Supply), Wellington	St Martin's Porirua, Wellington	8 February
D Hill	St David's Invercargill (Stated Supply), Southland	St Andrew's Te Puke, Bay of Plenty	8 February
R Bennett	Assistant Howick, Auckland	Associate, Howick, Auckland	11 February
D Grierson	Emeritus, West Coast Uniting Church Council	Emeritus, Nelson Marlborough	13 February
C Nichol	Presbyterian Support, Christchurch	Minister Within Bounds, Wellington	20 February
J Ross	Minister Within Bounds, Wellington	Chaplain, Queen Margaret College, Wellington	20 February
C Elliot	Hospital Chaplain, Dunedin	St Paul's Timaru, South Canterbury	22 February
B Keenan	Associate, Minister within Bounds, Wellington	Lodged Certificate, Wellington	26 February
N Ine	PIC Mt Eden	Cook Island, Wellington	1 March
F Faitala	Huntermville (Stated Supply)	Huntermville (part time), Wanganui	13 March
D Povey	First Church of Otago, Dunedin	Director of Community Mission, Presbyterian Support, Otago	15 March
R Geddes	Chaplain, Presbyterian Support	Minister Within Bounds, Dunedin	31 March
R G Francesco	Lodged Certificate, South Auckland	Minister Within Bounds, South Auckland	1 April
C Hay	Chaplain, Naval Base, Auckland	St Paul's Oamaru, North Otago	18 April

D Lendrum	Northern Co-Director MRT	St David's Khyber Pass, Auckland	26 April
S Rae	Principal, School of Ministry, Dunedin	First Church, Invercargill, Southland	26 April
E Smith	Licentiate Dunedin	Kurow, North Otago	29 April
P Kim	St Andrew's Hamilton	Minister Within Bounds, Waikato	30 April
C Lind	Minister Within the Bounds	Stated Supply, Miramar Uniting, Wellington	1 May
C Haliday	Minister within the Bounds Southland	St Marks, Mangere East, Auckland	3 May
G Mansell	Stratford, Taranaki	Ellesmere Co-Operating, Christchurch	3 May
R List	St James Union Church Masterton	Associate, Minister within Bounds, Wairarapa	4 May
P Oliver	Chaplain, Dunedin Public Hospital	Minister within the Bounds, Dunedin	4 May
K D Baker	Minister Within the Bounds	Homes Chaplain (Part-time) Presbyterian Support, Otago	6 May
L Hope	Defence Chaplain Woodbourne Air Base	Defence Chaplain Ohakea Air Base, Manawatu	10 May
I Haszard	Popotunoa, Clutha	St Andrews, Stoke, Nelson	11 May
P Alofiavae	Minister within the Bounds, Auckland	Chaplain, Paremoremo, North Shore	25 May
W Daniel	Emeritus Hawkes Bay	Emeritus, Dunedin	8 June
S Robertson	Emeritus, Bay of Plenty	Emeritus, Auckland	12 June
R Lawrence	St Andrew's Hamilton	Minister Within the Bounds, Waikato	13 June
A R Townsend	Emeritus, Southland	Emeritus, Manawatu	16 June
S M Hyun	Presbyterian Church of Korea	SS North Shore Korean Presbyterian Church	28 June
J Young	Cromwell	Minister Within Bounds, Central Otago	30 June
D Douglas	Associate, Manawatu	Hospital Chaplain, Waikato	11 July
R Robati-Mani	SS Kawerau	Grant Braes Union, Dunedin	11 July
S Ensor	Assistant	Associate Minister, Remuera Somervell Memorial, Auckland	15 July
D A Blyth	Emeritus, Ashburton	Emeritus, Christchurch	1 August
S K Choi	SS Christchurch	Christchurch Korean	2 August
N Emslie	Baptist Union	Principal School of Ministry, Knox College, Dunedin	6 August
D Anderson	Lodged Certificate, Wellington	Minister within Bounds, Wellington	22 August
M Y Han	Kang Nam Presbyterian Church	SS (Assistant) St Andrew's Hamilton	23 August
F Bealing	Emeritus, Bay of Plenty	Emeritus, Waikato	27 August

W Toleafoa	Mt Albert	Naval Chaplain, Devonport Naval Base, North Shore	30 August
M Ropeti	Minister within Bounds, Auckland	Hon Associate St Giles, Mt Roskill	2 September
T Millar	Forest Hill Parish, North Shore	Brookland Co-operating, Taranaki	6 September
R Lawrence	Knox Waimate	Lodged Certificate, South Canterbury	9 August
L A Stephenson-Wright	Albury/Pleasant Point, South Canterbury	Minister Within Bounds, South Canterbury	28 September
J McKinlay	Knox Invercargill, Southland	Minister Within Bounds, Southland	30 September
P Kim	Minister Within Bounds, Waikato	Minister Within Bounds, Auckland	9 October
M McMeikan	Emeritus, South Auckland	Onehunga Co-operating (SS Transitional Ministry)	9 October
E Talagi-Ikitoelagi	Associate Minister within Bounds, Auckland	Parnell, Auckland	11 October
F Paterson	Assistant, Caversham, Dunedin	Khandallah, Wellington	11 October
B Curteis	Whangamata Trinity United, Waikato	Minister Within Bounds, Waikato	28 October
J H Shin	Yung Nak Presbyterian Church of Manukau, South Auckland	Minister Within Bounds, South Auckland	30 October
I Crumpton	St Mark's, Avonhead, Christchurch	Minister Within Bounds, Christchurch	31 October
J Cunningham	Brooklyn St Mathew's Co-operating, Wellington	Minister Within Bounds, Wellington	31 October
B Ralph	Chaplain, Palmerston North Hospital, Manawatu	Associate, Minister within Bounds, Manawatu	31 October
R Clow	Lodged Certificate, Taranaki	Minister Within Bounds, Wellington	11 November
D Pierce	Hospital Chaplain, Christchurch	Minister Within Bounds (Associate), Christchurch	14 November
S Werstein	Roslyn, Dunedin	Lecturer, School of Ministry, Dunedin	15 November
D Gilliam-Weeks	Licentiate, Wellington	Licentiate, Dunedin	16 November
L Munro	St Stephen's, Hamilton, Waikato	Lodged Certificate, Waikato	18 November
M Stewart	St David's Union, Ashburton	Maori Hill, Dunedin	22 November
D Wallace	Licentiate, Taranaki	Assistant part-time (limited local ministry) St Andrew's New Plymouth	26 November
P Leasi	Te Awamutu/Paterangi, Waikato	Porirua Pacific Islanders Church of Christ the King, Wellington	30 November
C Lind	SS Miramar Uniting	Miramar Uniting	2 December
L Ennor	Hoon Hay, Christchurch	Minister Within Bounds, Christchurch	4 December
B Curteis	Minister Within Bounds, Waikato	First Church, Martinborough	7 December
J Cavit	Forrest Hill (half time SS), North Shore	Minister Within Bounds, North Shore	9 December
F Bradley	Honorary Assistant Minister, Howick, Auckland	Minister Within Bounds, Auckland	11 December

S L J Faitala	Minister Within Bounds, Wanganui	Minister Within Bounds, Auckland	11 December
S K Kim	Minister Within Bounds, Wellington	Minister Within Bounds, Auckland	11 December
N McGee	Minister Within Bounds, Auckland	Titirangi (SS)	11 December
R W McKendry	Lodged Certificate, Matura	St Mark's Pine Hill part time, Dunedin	12 December
D Dell	Minister within the Bounds, Wellington	Stated Supply, Upper Hutt Uniting, Wellington Presbytery	14 December
M A Low	St David's, Khyber Pass, Auckland	Collegiate minister half time Symonds Street St Andrew's First Presbyterian Church	16 December
K Lorier	Minister Within Bounds, Auckland	Minister Within Bounds, North Shore	19 December
R J Galvin	Minister Within Bounds, North Shore	Lodged Certificate, North Shore	23 December
T Toleafoa	Green Island St Margaret's, Dunedin	Minister Within Bounds, Dunedin	25 December
M A Low	Mt Albert (SS)	Minister Within Bounds, Auckland	31 December
E Manihera	Auckland Maori Pastorate (Amorangi)	Minister Within Bounds, Te Aka Puaho	31 December
			2002
C Bedford	Minister Within Bounds, North Shore	(SS Transitional Ministry) St Andrew's, Stratford	17 January
W Hambleton	Methodist Community Church, Snells Beach, Warkworth	Minister Within Bounds, Waikato	20 January
I Bayliss	St Anselm's Union (Part-time) Finished term of appointment	Continuing Hospital Chaplaincy, Wellington	31 January
S B McLeay	Papatoetoe St John's & St Phillip's, South Auckland	Mission Resource Co-Director (Northern), South Auckland	31 January
P Ranby	St David's Palmerston North, Manawatu	Minister Within Bounds Associate Manawatu	31 January
H Wallis	Ecumenical Hospital Chaplain, Timaru, South Canterbury	St David's Union, Ashburton	31 January
D Dell	Upper Hutt Uniting (SS), Wellington	Minister Within Bounds, Wellington	31 January
N Whimp	Secretary, Council for Mission, Christchurch	Secretary, Council for Mission (Interim), Bay of Plenty	31 January
M Fruean	St Pauls (Joint Ministry)	St James (Joint Ministry)	7 February
L Fruean	St Pauls (Joint Ministry)	St James (Joint Ministry)	7 February
S Jones	Knox Assistant Christchurch	Knox (Assoc), Dunedin	7 February
P Willsman	Emeritus, Dunedin	Emeritus, Central Otago	7 February
P Loveday	Knox St Columba's, Lower Hutt (Assoc), Wellington	St David's, Richmond	12 February
W J MacDonald	Minister Within Bounds, Waikato	Minister Within Bounds, Bay of Plenty	12 February

V Healy	Minister Within Bounds	Raumanga St John's Co-operating Assistant Minister, Northland Uniting	13 February
M Mayman	St Ninian's, Christchurch	St Andrew's on the Terrace, Wellington	14 February
L J Pierce	St Alban's Uniting, Christchurch	Knox, Christchurch (Interim Ministry for six months)	3 March
R Clow	Minister Within Bounds, Wellington	SS Upper Hutt Uniting	7 March
M A Low	Minister Within Bounds, Auckland	SS Papatoetoe St John's and St Phillip's, South Auckland	18 March
C Brockett	Halswell Union Parish and Chaplain Nurse Maude Hospice, Christchurch	Minister Within Bounds, Wellington	19 March
D Douglas	Hospital Chaplain	Minister Within Bounds, Associate Waikato	26 March
J Ross	Chaplain, Queen Margaret College	Minister Within Bounds, Wellington	31 March
S Weinberg	Tawa Union Parish	St Paul's Devonport	4 April
B Cavit	Minister Within Bounds, North Shore	Minister Within Bounds, Bay of Plenty	9 April
J Cavit	Minister Within Bounds, North Shore	Minister Within Bounds, Bay of Plenty	9 April
T Phillips	Tapanui Parish	Papakura First & Districts (Senior Associate)	11 April
P Kim	Minister Within Bounds, Auckland	Asian Congregations Liaison Officer	11 April
A M Bell	Emeritus Auckland	Emeritus, South Auckland	12 April
P K Koia	Amorangi	Whakatane	14 April
D Williams	Co-Director Northern Mission Resource Team (acting)	Lodged Certificate, Auckland	16 April
B Johnstone	Havelock North St Columba, Hawkes Bay	Somervell Memorial (Senior Associate), Auckland	18 April
J Wallace	St John's Rotorua, Bay of Plenty	St Peter's, Tauranga (Associate Minister), Bay of Plenty	18 April
B Doig	Emeritus Southland	Emeritus, Nelson/Marlborough	7 May
A Hawksworth	Eltham-Kaponga Co-operating, Taranaki	Minister Within Bounds, Taranaki	13 May
R Westra	Minister Within Bounds, North Shore	Mt Albert, Auckland	16 May
W Marshall (Amorangi)	Heretaunga Maori Pastorate, Te Aka Puaho	Lodged Certificate, Te Aka Puaho	22 May
R Clow	SS Upper Hutt	Minister Within Bounds, Wellington	27 May
T Scanlan	Henderson, Auckland	St Paul's Manurewa., South Auckland	30 May
K Fuller	St Stephens, Napier, Hawkes Bay	Minister Within Bounds, Hawkes Bay	31 May
B Robinson	Minister Within Bounds, Hawkes Bay	Minister Within Bounds, Auckland	18 June
D Evans	Emeritus Auckland	Lodged Certificate, Auckland	28 June

F Ngan Woo	Not yet determined	Lodged Certificate Northland Union District Council	July
J P Cromarty	Rangitaiki Parish	Taihape-Waimarino	25 July
Retirements:			
Name	Charge/Appointment	Status	Date
			2000
B Bell	St Andrews, Stoke	Emeritus, Nelson-Marlborough	31 August
G Fergusson	St David's Khyber Pass	Emeritus, Auckland	6 November
B Willisroft	First Church, Invercargill	Emeritus, Dunedin	11 November
H Swadling	Khandallah, Wellington	Emeritus, Wellington	26 November
L Tongatule	Henderson, Pacific Islanders, Auckland	Emeritus, Auckland	31 December
I Rutherford	St James', Spreydon	Emeritus, Christchurch	4 December
			2001
J Soper	St Paul's, Pahiatua Union, Manawatu	Emeritus, Manawatu	9 January
R Sporry	Miramar Uniting, Wellington	Emeritus, Hawkes Bay	31 January
D Holland	St Stephen's Ponsonby	Emeritus, Auckland	13 February
D Clow	Thames Union	Emeritus, Waikato	31 March
J Evans	Greyfriars, Mt Eden	Emeritus, Auckland	6 May
P Wedde	Onehunga Co-Operating	Emeritus, Auckland	31 May
A Hill	St David's Owhata	Emeritus, Waikato	24 June
Y H Kim	Asian Ministries – Korean Liaison Officer	Emeritus, North Shore	28 June
C Little	Upper Clutha, Central Otago	Emeritus, Central Otago	30 June
L Te Pou	Grey Lynn	Emeritus, Auckland	14 July
R C Thompson	St Andrew's, Manurewa	Emeritus, South Auckland	22 July
P Willsman	East Taieri, Dunedin	Emeritus, Dunedin	31 July
M McMeikan	St Paul's Manurewa, South Auckland	Emeritus, Auckland	16 September
R Lane	Martinborough Wairarapa Union District Council	Emeritus, Wellington	30 September
R Millichamp	St Andrew's at Rangi Ruru	Emeritus, Christchurch	1 October
D Anderson	Minister Within Bounds, Wellington	Emeritus, Wellington	1 December
P R Warner	Associate, South Auckland	Emeritus, South Auckland	6 December
J S Thomson	Minister Within Bounds, Wairarapa	Emeritus, Wairarapa	7 December
T Manihera	Auckland Maori Pastorate	Emeritus, Te Aka Puaho	17 December
N Lambie	Minister Within Bounds, Wellington	Emeritus, Wellington	20 December
B Hansen	Knox Church, Christchurch	Emeritus, Christchurch	31 December
A C Matheson	St Stephens, Invercargill	Emeritus, Southland	31 December
A M Bell	Minister Within Bounds, Auckland	Emeritus, Auckland	7 December
			2002
L Siitia	Avondale Union	Emeritus	19 February
S Jacobi	Point Chevalier Co-operating	Emeritus, Auckland	28 February

A Rae	St Clair	Emeritus, Dunedin	31 March
I Murray	Palmerston Dunback	Emeritus, Dunedin	9 April
R Weeks	Mission Facilitator, Dunedin	Emeritus, Central Otago	11 April
R Nield	Balmoral	Emerita, Auckland	14 April
K C Calvert	Mission Associate	Emeritus, Southland	30 April
D Gordon	Knox Fitzroy	Emeritus, Taranaki	12 May

Assembly Procedure

The Revs David Brown and Pamela Tankersley, Assembly Business Work Group Co-conveners, explained Assembly procedures.

The Rev David Brown moved and it was seconded:

- [02.006] That the Facilitation Group under Standing Order 15.1 (ii) comprise Mrs Alison Grimshaw, Mrs Nola Stuart, the Rev Neal Whimp and the Rev Ken Wall.
- [02.008] That Mrs Heather McKenzie, Clerk of the Synod of Otago and Southland, be appointed Assistant Assembly Clerk until the close of this Assembly meeting.
- [02.009] That the Assembly receive the greetings of partner churches, including those distributed by the Assembly Executive Secretary, and reciprocate the greetings.

There was no debate.

The motions were agreed to.

Memorial Minutes

The Clerk was granted leave to add the names of A Brash, I Ryburn, K Temara to the Memorial minutes.

The Clerk moved and it was seconded:

- [02.010] That the Memorial Minutes for the following be placed in the records of the Assembly:
Revs: David Alexander Blyth, Stephen Clark, William Wallace Gibson, John Graham, Robert Ian Hall, Hannah Letitia Hawe, Arthur Ian Hewson, James Campbell Howat, Rhys Arthur George Maddock, David Brown Martin, Pepe Nokise, Basil Robert Charles Nottage, Ivan Beatty Powell, Alun Morgan Richards, Ian Graham Ryburn, Manatoa Tavelia, Harold Walter Turner, Alexander Clifton Webster, Alfred William Willoughby, John Lewis Wilson, Stanley Robert Wishart, Very Rev Alan Anderson Brash, Very Rev William Bell Watt.
- Deaconess: Helen Arndt, Nolene Chalmers, Marion Gray, Jean Hanning, Calester Mavis Kaarup, Frances Marion McNamara, Mesdames Lena Mitchell, Lorraine Sealy, Kitty Temara.

Sister Helen Christina Arndt

Sister Helen Arndt was born near Hunterville and received her schooling in Morrinsville and Hamilton. She was involved with Guides, Sunday School, Bible Class and assumed a leadership

role in the Waikato East Bible Class movement showing from earliest days an enthusiasm, indeed a passion, for the faith.

Sister Helen was ordained as a deaconess in 1947 and served with distinction in parish and social service situations.

For two years she was president of the NZ Deaconess Association, serving also on the Bible Class Dominion Executive and the Dominion Executive of the Presbyterian Women's Missionary Union. Sister Helen was one of the first women members of the Public Questions Committee.

Following her retirement Sister Helen went with the Rev Alison Grey to Whangarei as "lady of the Manse", a role she loved there and in several subsequent parishes, bringing the warmth and love of people which characterised Helen's whole ministry.

Shortly before Helen's death she returned to St Luke's Remuera – where she was Deaconess from 1959-67 – for its 125th Anniversary celebrations. There, past Moderator of the General Assembly Joan Anderson described Sister Helen as the "star of the piece".

None of the above does justice to Helen's warmth, exuberance for life, her interest in and phenomenal memory for people. To visit even in the last weeks of her life, was to be made to feel her interest not only in oneself but in life, children, grandchildren, mutual friends, the well-being of the church and the state of the Kingdom of God.

"By Love Serve", was the motto of the Deaconess Order – Sister Helen lived that motto in all that she said, did and was – to the end of her life's journey.

The Rev David Alexander Blyth

Born in Christchurch in 1913, Alec was brought up in Woolston, and within the community of St. Peter's Presbyterian Church. Leaving school, he found a job in the sheet-metal industry. He led one of the first Bible Class groups in the newly formed St. Martins Mission Station.

He was accepted as a student for the ministry in 1940. In 1942 he married Hilda Francis. In 1944 he was posted to Cheviot as a 'Student Minister' (Stipend and conditions as for a 'Home Missionary'). Here he ministered for 2 years, while studying extramurally.

From Cheviot he was posted to the Parish of Belfast-Styx, for a further year. At the end of that year he completed the necessary minimum academic requirements and passed the entry examination to the Theological Hall. Moving south in 1947 he took the Parish of Sawyers Bay, as Student Minister, while studying full-time at the Hall. He graduated in 1949, and at the end of the year was licensed by the Presbytery of Christchurch, in St Martins Church.

Alec was ordained and inducted to the Parish of Maheno (North Otago) at the beginning of 1950. Hilda died of leukaemia at the beginning of 1954, leaving Alec with 5 year old Julie, who had been born at Sawyers Bay.

Alec married Marjorie Painter in 1955, and in the same year commenced a fifteen year ministry in the Parish of Kaiapoi. At the close of 1955, Alec left Kaiapoi to minister at Rakaia. And it was from here he retired back to Christchurch in 1979.

Alec was a conscientious, down- to-earth Parish Minister -sensitive to the needs of his people, and devoted in his ministry to them. The effectiveness of that ministry is reflected in the respect and long-time friendship he won from those among whom he worked. He was not a politician,

being a little too straight from the shoulder for that. But, while rarely taking regional or national office, he continued to honour God's call to be a 'good shepherd' to the people entrusted to him.

Alec read widely, and maintained a lively interest in music. He had learned a little 'piano' as a child, but the serious study he would have chosen had to wait until, in his retirement, he enrolled at the University of Canterbury, eventually being capped Bachelor of Music.

Until sickness rendered it impossible, Alec worshipped regularly in his home church, St. Martins, Christchurch, though he chose to keep his lines 'with the Presbytery of Ashburton until after Marjorie's death in March 2000. He took quiet pride in maintaining the commitment he had made as a member of the 'Auld Lang Syne Club' - to remember his colleagues in prayer every Saturday evening. And while being disenchanted with some of the directions he saw the Church taking, he remained faithful to and supportive of his own congregation and minister.

Alec died on 10 August, 2001. A faithful servant of his Lord and Master.

The Very Rev Alan Anderson Brash

The death of the Very Rev Dr Alan Brash on 24 August, 2002 at the age of 89 brought to a close the life of a leading minister and servant of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand and of the Church and ecumenical movement world-wide.

Alan Brash was born in Wellington on 5 June, 1913, the fourth child of Thomas and Margaret Brash. His father (T.C.) was later to be a leading figure in the N.Z. dairy industry and one of only four lay Moderators of the General Assembly in the history of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand.

After completing his schooling in Wellington Alan studied at Otago University where he gained an MA in philosophy. He then travelled to New College in Edinburgh for his theological studies. It was while he was in Scotland that the 1937 Faith and Order Conference was held in Edinburgh and the Life and Work Conference in Oxford. Alan was asked to attend these as a representative of the PCNZ. It was out of these conferences that the World Council of Churches was formed and it was from them that Alan received his vision for and commitment to the ecumenical movement.

In 1938 Alan returned to New Zealand to be minister of the St Andrew's parish in Wanganui. He was there during the war years when his pacifist convictions often made his voice a lonely one both in the church and in society. In 1947 he was appointed General Secretary of the National Council of Churches in NZ. It was a post he held until 1964 (with a brief return to parish ministry at St Giles, Christchurch from 1952 to 1956).

In 1957 Alan was appointed as one of the three professional staff members of the East Asian Christian Conference (now the Christian Conference of Asia) and in 1964 moved with his wife Eljean to live in Singapore and work full-time with the EACC. In the following four years he visited every country in Asia, apart from China, and brought a new understanding of Asia into the life of our own church and society here in NZ. From Singapore he moved to London in 1968 as Director of Christian Aid for the British Council of Churches and then to Geneva in 1970 where he headed the World Council of Churches Division on Inter-Church Aid, Refugee, and World Service. In 1974 he was appointed Deputy General Secretary of the World Council of Churches.

On Alan's retirement from the World Council of Churches in 1978 he and Eljean returned home where Alan was elected to be Moderator of the General Assembly.

A concern for justice for all people; a conviction that the Church should never forget that it is called to serve the poor of the world; an unwavering commitment to pacifism and the search for peace; and a life-long commitment to ecumenism and the unity of the Church were the hallmarks of Alan Brash's life. He saw these as challenges that should confront all who confess to follow Jesus Christ and he was absolute and fearless in his resolve to walk in that way.

We the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand are better for his having lived and served among us, and with his children Don and Lyn and his grandchildren remember Alan and his late wife Eljean with thanks and gratitude to God.

Mrs Nolene Chalmers

Nolene was born in Dunedin, one of five daughters of Robert and Eliza Finnie.

She had a passion to go to China as a missionary and began preparation for this vocation. However when she completing her training she found that no more candidates for service in China were being accepted at that time.

At about this time she was encouraged to apply for acceptance as a Deaconess by Miss Mary Salmond, then Principal of the Presbyterian Women's Training Institute (later known as Deaconess College). She was appointed Deaconess to St Andrew's Church, Palmerston North, for three years to work in the new housing areas of the city; and ordained on 15 September 1943.

On the completion of her appointment she moved to Hastings, then later became Deaconess at St Luke's Church Remuera.

She married the Rev Donald Scott Chalmers on 11 November 1950, and together they worked in St John's Church, Hastings. Later Nolene and Donald moved to St Andrew's, New Lynn, and later to Grey Lynn in a voluntary capacity, where with the Rev Liu Te Pou, a partnership was forged with the Pacific Islanders of that suburb.

Don's failing health forced an early retirement. They had bought a bach at Huia, and renovated it over the years, ready for their retirement.

After Don's death in 1988, she worked in the local community serving on the Residents and Ratepayers' Society, and was a regular speaker at the Laingholm Fellowship group where she contributed to the devotions.

Presbytery gives thanks for a life fully and courageously lived in the service of her master and His Church as a Bible Class leader, Girls' Brigade Leader, Deaconess, Minister's wife, and latterly as a devoted Church member.

Presbytery expresses its sympathy to Ross Chambers, her son, and to members of the extended family.

The Rev Stephen Clark

Stephen died at Waikato Hospital at the age of 88 on 23 March 2002. Born of Quaker parents he spent his earlier years in Hamilton where his parents settled. Stephen joined the Bible Class at St Andrew's and trained as a cabinet maker. Serving as a leader in successive Crusader camps on Ponui Island in the Hauraki Gulf, the call to ministry grew stronger and he was accepted for training as a Congregational minister at Trinity Methodist College in Auckland. Brief pastorates

followed at Devonport and Whangarei. He then accepted an invitation to become a children's evangelist with the C.S.S.M and Scripture Union. These years used to the full his undoubted gifts of communicating with children.

Following this, Stephen decided to enter the Presbyterian Ministry and studied for two years at Knox Theological Hall, Dunedin. A call to St Stephen's, Melville followed. This brought him to serve in the Waikato Presbytery. He then accepted call to St Martin's, Papatoetoe which prospered under his ministry. He concluded his service as Bible Society Representative for Northland. Stephen Clark, through his various ministries, served not only the Presbyterian but the wider church as well. He and Gwenyth returned to live in Hamilton where he was a Minister Emeritus of the Waikato Presbytery.

Stephen Clark was a direct and uncomplicated person. His "yes" was "yes" and his "no" was "no". There was never any doubting what he meant nor where he stood. Stephen was a man whose faith permeated every part of life and made it an invisible whole. Whatever he did he gave it his best.

He was a man of strong evangelical convictions but these did not close the door on his understanding of and friendship with his fellow ministers. Stephen was a gracious Christian gentleman loved by all who knew him; possessing a gift of friendship and of sharing his faith with those whom he met.

Stephen Clark will be missed as a faithful Christian leader, as a great encourager, as a husband, father, grandfather & great grandfather, brother-in-law and friend of so many.

For Stephen Clark the promise of Revelation 22.3 has surely come true: "His servants shall serve Him; they shall see His face and His Name shall be on their foreheads".

May God's comfort and peace rest with Gwenyth and her family at this time!

The Rev William Wallace Gibson

Bill was born in Christchurch on 2 November 1930. The family moved to Lower Hutt when he was about to begin school. Bill went to high school at Scot's College. He was pipe major of the school band in his latter years. When he entered the work force it was in a law firm. He began studies in law as a part-time student at Victoria University. After a couple of years he moved from law into the commercial world building up experience as a salesman and then followed a move into lower level management and the opportunity to develop accounting and administration skills. Bill also joined the Territorials and rose to the rank of Captain in the Scottish Regiment.

He and Joan married on 28 January 1956 and they set up in a grocery store in Wadestown. Bill had been active in the church throughout his life. While living in Lower Hutt he had been active in St Stephen's and had a number of conversations about ministry with George Dallard the then minister. When he and Joan lived in Wadestown he talked over the issues with Andrew McFarlane the local minister. The decision to offer for ministry to Wellington Presbytery was not lightly taken. Bill and Joan with their young family shifted to Dunedin to attend the Theological Hall in 1963.

When they arrived they found that all the accommodation was taken but with a housing allowance and instructions from the late J.D.Salmond to go and find somewhere to live they set out to find their own housing. Their allowance covered the rent of a modest house with an outside toilet and as Bill once said-when it was wet an umbrella was needed to make the trip and having arrived the

umbrella was still necessary as the roof leaked. They took it all in their stride saying to each other that things could only improve from this point in time. But the conditions did come as something of a surprise. Later they moved into church accommodation and the conditions eased. Bill was a hard working student who managed to balance the academic and practical demands of training with the demands of a young family. He and Joan were fortunate to have the friendship of others with young families in the class of 1963 and firm friendships were made.

As soon as the final examinations were over and the results declared Bill and Joan and their two boys set out for the Foxton parish in the Manawatu. He was ordained and inducted on 25 November 1965. On 6 February 1969 he was inducted into the ministry of St John's Hawera. He became a Taranaki representative on the board of Wellington Support Services and when the position of Executive Officer was advertised he applied and was appointed. On 2 February 1978 he was inducted into the new position in Wellington. Bill had applied because he thought that his background in law and commerce as well as his pastoral experience and his work in Presbytery and with the Assembly gave him a unique set of skills to bring to the position. When the Director retired Bill applied and was appointed to the senior position. He was inducted into this on 20 March 1986. When things did not work out he resigned on 4 March 1988. He was deeply disappointed with the outcome but with the intervention of members of the Board from the Wairarapa he was invited to take up stated supply at First Church Martinborough from 31 March that year. Thus began a period of successful, fruitful and satisfying ministry in the largest geographical parish in the Wairarapa. When Bill and Joan arrived the parish was in need of a caring ministry having been through some years of upheaval: the numbers of those attending church were at rock bottom. Bill worked to rebuild the congregation and played a valuable role in the Union District Council. He was very active in the wider community in Civil Defence. When Solway College a Presbyterian Church School was in need of assistance, Bill took over the financial reins for a short time and was then appointed to chair the Board through a difficult period of its life.

A member of the Masonic Fraternity throughout his adult life Bill sought to integrate the Christian faith with the beliefs and ceremonies of the lodge. His ministry in a number of leadership roles in different lodges gave him wide influence. He rose to become Provincial Grand Chaplain and in later recognition of his service to the Fraternity he was made a Provincial Grand Warden.

In retirement Bill and Joan continued to live in Martinborough and to be active and supportive of the parish and the Union District Council. His height always made him appear far more intimidating than he was. He was always interested in legal matters. He was widely read and thought deeply about theological and ethical issues. But he always felt that he was at heart a pastor especially to those in need in the parish or in the local lodge. Many in the different parishes he served would echo this comment but none more so than in Martinborough. Throughout his ministry he enjoyed the strong support of Joan and of his sons. He died on 1 June 2002 and was accorded a Presbytery funeral with Masonic participation by the Wairarapa Union District Council

The Union District Council and the Assembly give thanks to God for Bill's ministry and extends its deepest sympathy to Joan and his sons, David and Andrew, and their families.

The Rev John Graham

John Graham died peacefully at his home in Titirangi on 7 August 2002, aged 98 years, after a retirement of 33 years. John was born in Omagh, County Tyrone, Northern Ireland on 4 August 1904. His father died when John was 10 and his mother died when he was 14. John and his two

brothers were cared for by relatives on a neighbouring farm. After 3 years of farm life he left Beragh for Belfast where he joined the Royal Ulster Constabulary. In 1926 he emigrated to New Zealand and worked briefly for the NZ railways until winning a job as a Traffic Officer and Pointsman with the Auckland City Council. He attended St James Church and at a Mission Service felt called to the ministry and was accepted as a student by the Presbytery of Auckland in 1929. He was appointed student missionary at Hunua while attending lectures at Auckland University College. In 1935 he transferred to Waiuku. At this time he was married and was later ordained as a Home Missionary by the South Auckland Presbytery. He acted as Presbytery clerk for 3 years and in 1939 was appointed to Taumarunui. 5 years later he was sent to Kaitaia where he conducted a notable ministry for 10 years. Towards the end of his ministry in Kaitaia he successfully completed a course arranged for older men, at the Theological Hall, and being raised to the full ministry, accepted call to Helensville where he stayed for 5 years. Then followed a ministry of 5 years at St. Enoch's Owairaka and finally 6 years at Glen Eden. Following his official retirement in 1969 John and his wife Mavis settled in Titirangi but he spent several years taking services at Victoria Hall, Waterview. In 1971 they joined the Titirangi parish and for a time shared in the leadership of the Senior Fellowship group.

Throughout his ministry he has taken an active part in community affairs and his interests have been wide and varied. For a time he acted as an honorary Child Welfare Officer, was associated in various capacities with St. John Ambulance and served as secretary on School and Scout committees. He was secretary of the local branch of National Beekeepers Association and for a number of years made a valuable contribution to horticulture by contributing the gardening notes to the Northland Age. This service was suitably recognised when he was elected to a Fellowship by the Royal N.Z. Institute of Horticulture. In all these activities he carried himself with dignity and brought honour to the Church.

John Graham will be remembered as a preacher, his thoughtful sermons pointing the way to high ideals, and challenging young and old to commit their ways unto the Lord. But it was in his pastoral work that he excelled. In quiet country areas and in the new housing areas of a busy city, he went from home to home, carrying a message of comfort to the bereaved, hope to the despondent, and friendship to the lonely. He won the esteem of all sections of the communities in which he served, and in his sincerity and consecration, men and women saw his Master.

The grounds of the Manses he has occupied have been made places of great beauty and Mrs Graham, who throughout his ministry has been his devoted companion, has made the home rich with hospitality.

We give thanks to God for the wide and effective ministry of John Graham. He is survived by his wife Mavis, aged 93, and their 3 children.

Mrs Marion Gray (nee Scott)

When the name "Marion Gray" is mentioned people react immediately – with a smile. They remember the dynamic Scottish wife of a former Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand – James L Gray. Stories abound – from her colleagues in India to those who shared with her in parishes throughout New Zealand. Her family smile too, their memories a kaleidoscope of admiration and loyalty, happy times and sad, of the mother they had to share with the church.

Born in Glasgow in 1898, Marion Scott was one of a family of eleven. In 1920 this vital, energetic girl, full of spirit and enthusiasm, graduated from the renowned English Physical Training College at Dartford. Holidays were spent at home in Mt Vernon, Glasgow. On one holiday a serious young student for the Presbyterian Ministry arrived on the scene – one James

Gray, on study leave in Edinburgh. Some weeks of correspondence followed in which they discussed their Christian faith, and the Indian Mission work which was on James' heart. Somehow they wangled an hour or two together at the end of term on the train from Dartford to London, where he asked her to marry him. She accepted, and they parted for eighteen months – James to New Zealand and Marion to a teaching position in England. Her mother, now a widow, gave her blessing and encouragement, and Marion sailed alone to New Zealand.

Five days after her arrival in New Zealand she was married in Eltham, her husband's first parish. Imagine this "lady of the Manse" thrown into a country parish where colonial women lived out their days performing the daily chores in expert fashion under basic conditions – cooking, washing, cleaning and childbearing in post-war New Zealand. With a little help at first from a family "housekeeper" Marion tackled and mastered the culinary arts expected of her. She started from scratch, bought books and followed them slavishly. Her determination earned her high praise. In time she could sew, knit, crochet and cook as well as and sometimes better than the "old hands". In one area she was to shine. Who could dance the Highland Fling and Sword Dance at her own wedding reception? The Minister's wife!

Eight months later James and Marion sailed for India, facing several dreary years of full-time language study in the dry intense heat and dust in an overwhelming new culture. Under canvas for three months of every year, moving from village to village at the painfully slow speed of straw padded, unsprung bullock carts in the Punjab hinterland, she again showed her characteristic strength and determination. Crossing rivers with her young children on an inflatable buffalo skin demanded a certain courage. It was hazardous. She laughs at the thought in hindsight and peers at the faded old photo in amusement, but it was not amusing at the time. The second six months was spent in the cooler climate of the Hills – separated for most that time from her husband – looking after the babies as they arrived – some with little assistance and only basic pain relief. The first baby, Scott, became desperately ill, and for many months her whole life was devoted to nursing him back to life. Later her role had to change from mother and nurse to schoolteacher. Strict, uncompromising, demanding perfection. "If a job's worth doing it's worth doing well!" "There's a place for everything, and everything MUST be in its place!"

On furlough in New Zealand, Marion Gray was in demand as a Missionary speaker. Well-prepared, enthusiastic and gifted, her Scottish brogue and sincerity gave the missionary cause a boost wherever she went. She despised "bunkum" and her forthrightness often shocked people into taking on positions, which they had rejected initially with pathetic excuses. They were to thank her for this in later years.

After twenty-five years in India, Marion returned alone to Devonport in New Zealand with five children to look after, Jim returning a year later. After a very different life in India and servants to help with domestic chores, she plunged again with energy into the New Zealand way of living.

From Devonport to Somervell in Remuera. Here again Marion enthused the women around her. Other ministers' wives took courage from her matter-of-factness, positive approach, and smart clothes. She wore make-up, and perky hats, and took the drabness out of the role of minister's wife. She enjoyed good movies, and the manse became a place of cordial hospitality to newcomers and lonely parishioners. She took a care in serving any meal – whether a three-course dinner, or a morning coffee – "with a little bit of help from the family"!

Wherever Marion Gray went, the Presbyterian Women's Missionary Union flourished. Busy Bees is synonymous with her name. This Children's Missionary Group knew more about Presbyterian missionaries than the congregation, so enthused did they become in writing letters, collecting stamps, handwork, running stalls and collecting money for overseas missionaries.

With Marion Gray as their National President and resource person, Busy Bees became as well known as Sunday School and definitely more interesting!

She died peacefully on 29 July 2001.

The Rev Robert Ian Hall

The Rev Ian Hall was born on Thursday Island in the Torres Strait, North Queensland, Australia. He was the eldest of two children born to missionary parents Robert and Catherine Hall (nee Tonkin).

When Ian was aged five, his father was martyred by aboriginals on Mornington Island where he had established a mission station. Ian returned to Oamaru with his mother and sister where he grew up and went to school. In 1941 Ian was married to Isobel, his fiancée for six long years while Ian studied for the ministry at Knox College.

Ian was ordained to the Maori Mission in Whakatane on 19/2/1942 and served at Te Whaiti, Waiohau, Reporoa and Taumarunui before leaving the Maori Mission. His ministry continued in the Albury Parish in South Canterbury in 1946, the Knox Parish Gisborne 1950, Rongotea 1959, and Marton in 1967, He retired to Waikanae in 1976.

The hallmarks of Ian's life were integrity and faithfulness. He had a strong faith and was a great believer in the power of prayer. Ian was active in the community and in the support of the ministry in Waikanae in a variety of ways that were much appreciated. These included conduct of worship, pastoral visitation, leadership of study groups, support of the Bible Society and looking after the welfare needs of the Bowling Club for a number of years. He had a special understanding of matters relative to the Maori Church and his fluency in the language opened many doors. Ian was a quiet and humble person. He had a deep understanding of people which gave him a special ability in pastoral work. He valued his friends and they valued him in turn.

The death of his wife Isobel in 1996 was a blow as she had been a great supporter in all that he did. Her bore this loss and the infirmities of old age with dignity and endurance. He leaves behind three children, Gwenyth, David and Elspeth and many people whose lives he enriched with his ministry

Miss Jean Hanning

Jean Hanning was born on 21 May 1916 into a strong Presbyterian family whose roots were firmly planted at Caversham, Dunedin. She attended the Caversham Primary School; then Otago Girls High School, where she involved herself in Crusaders, followed by the University of Otago where she was an outstanding student and an enthusiastic member of the Evangelical Union. The family were ardent participants of the summer Pounaweia Conventions over many years.

At the age of twelve Jean Hanning, as the result of a talk by Sister Esther Elliott, Matron of the Jagadhri Hospital, began to focus her life in answer to a God-given call to missionary service. It was her desire to train as a medical doctor, but was dissuaded by her father ["Men are doctors, women are nurses", he is reputed to have told her] so eventually she was channelled into the nursing profession. Graduating from the University of Otago with a Diploma of Home Science, Jean taught Home Science for two years at Thames and Ngatea prior to attending part-time, the New Zealand Bible Training Institute and commencing her general nursing training at Dunedin followed by her maternity training at Alexandra Hospital, Wellington and midwifery at St Helen's Hospital, Auckland. She also qualified as a Plunket Nurse in Dunedin. Throughout her nursing

studies, and while gaining experience for her vocation, she was a leading light in the Nurses Christian Fellowship.

In November 1946 she sailed for North India to commence thirty years of outstanding service to the Christian Medical College and Brown Memorial Hospital in Ludhiana, India, a teaching hospital founded by Dame Edith Brown in 1891 as the first Christian medical centre for Indian women. Arriving in India as the British were withdrawing and the Punjab was being annexed, Jean witnessed dreadful violence and bloodshed. If she thought she was going to be introduced gradually to life in India she was wrong! Ninety thousand Moslems were evacuated from the city of Ludhiana while one hundred and fifty thousand Hindus and Sikhs entered. During the resulting riots the hospital was flooded with casualties and overnight the hospital had to cope with injured male patients as well.

Jean was appointed Sister-in-Charge of the maternity wards in 1947, coping with 45 mothers and babies in addition to another 40 expectant mothers, many of the latter being "housed" on the verandahs of the hospital. The hours of duty were long twelve hour days, yet in all those years, Jean had only two and a half days off sick!

In 1956 she was appointed as Midwifery Tutor in the Christian Medical College and for the next 20 years shared her vast knowledge with generations of nurses and doctors. She was instrumental in writing the syllabus for and then teaching the BSc (nursing) degree course at the College. During her first sabbatical she completed a Diploma of Nursing majoring in administration and the teaching obstetrics. Examination results at the College show that Jean's meticulous teaching produced the outstanding results which made Ludhiana a leading teaching institution in India. Jean was involved in the hospital during a time when senior staff increased from 18 in 1949 to 80 in 1958, staff nurses from 6 to 30, and student nurses from 60 to over 100. Over 600 women would apply for the annual intake of 50 trainee nurses the Hospital and College could accept.

Jean was a fluent speaker of the Urdu and Hindi languages, and spent her "free" time leading Bible studies and prayer meetings among nurses or, on a monthly basis, on the first Sunday, visiting a leper colony for Church services. In some ways, it could be said that Jean Hanning led a privileged but demanding life in Northern India as the first missionary from the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand to work at Ludhiana.

"Retiring" back to Dunedin in 1977 she lived with her sister in Pitt Street, Dunedin, and involved herself at St Stephen's Church with the Chinese congregation, as well as working at Ross Home for the first seven years of her retirement. Being accustomed to authority and respect, being used to having servants to attend her needs, Jean did not quickly settle to ordinary life. She did not find establishing new relationships easy, and preferred to devote herself to Bible study and reading. Her latter years were spent in Iona Home and Hospital in Oamaru where she read avidly and cherished the opportunity to attend Chapel and sing by heart the old hymns which had nourished her faith during her long life.

With Jean Hanning's death on 14 August 2001 we have lost a unique gift generously given through our Church to the health of the people of Ludhiana, and more specifically to the well-being of generations of mothers and children in North India.

We praise God for her life of unselfish devotion to missionary service.

The Rev Hannah Letitia Hawe

After a lengthy illness, the Rev'd Hannah Letitia (Leta) Hawe, a much loved minister of our Church, died at the Home of Compassion, Wanganui, on 15 January 2002.

Born in County Cavan, Ireland, Leta came to New Zealand as an infant with her mother and brother, Howard, to join her father, who had already come to settle in the Waikato. Farming life was spent in and around Waharoa.

Leta attended Waharoa Primary School, Matamata Intermediate and Matamata High School (later to become Matamata College). She enjoyed her school years; its study, basketball (netball), cricket, speech and drama. After completing her 6th form year, Leta came home to help in the house and on a busy farm. Leta was a popular entertainer at local functions where she performed in musical monologues and recited poetry.

The Church was to play a very important part in shaping Leta's life. She taught in Sunday School and in the Bible-in-Schools programme. At St.David's, Waharoa, she cleaned, played the organ, arranged the flowers, attended P.W.M.U. meetings as well as participated in the lively Bible Class. She held a number of offices in the Waikato East Bible Class District Committee culminating in the position of Young Women's President.

In 1952 Leta went to Dunedin to study at Deaconess College and in 1955 she was ordained and inducted as Parish Deaconess at St.Paul's Parish, Wanganui, where she served in a team ministry first with the Rev'd Ian Borrie and then with the Rev'd Noel Williams. While in Wanganui she was introduced to Broadcasting on Women's Programmes in publicising the World Day of Prayer, and National Savings Week. After attending a Training School, Leta was accepted as a presenter of the Sunday night Evening Devotions which was 20 minute programme broadcast live.

The Y.W.C.A. gave Leta an opportunity to serve the community as a Board Member and later as President. When the Association of Presbyterian Women (A.P.W.) was formed she served as President of the Wanganui Presbyterial. The Women's Group on Wanganui's Durie Hill owes its formation to Leta's initiative having the aim of uniting the women 'on the Hill'.

In 1970 Leta was inducted as Parish Deaconess in the Khandallah Parish. While at Khandallah, Leta was elected National President of the Presbyterian Deaconess Association. As President she travelled overseas to represent the Association at conferences in the United States of America and in Germany. On returning to New Zealand and convinced that there was need for change, Leta shared in working toward the ordination of women to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament and to the decision of the General Assembly that as the Ministry was now open to women that the Church cease recruiting women for the Deaconess Order. In 1975 Leta, herself, was ordained to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament and became Assistant Minister at Khandallah and later, Associate Minister, with the Rev'd Neil Churcher.

Three years later, in 1978, Leta accepted a Call to serve as minister of the Burwood United / St.Kentigern's Parish in Burwood, Christchurch - a name, Leta always claimed, sounded more like that of an English football team than that of a parish. Leta's twelve years in this Parish saw the extension of the two centres and Leta always spoke warmly of the privilege of ministry among people who opened their hearts and homes to her. While serving at Burwood the Presbytery elected her for a term as its Moderator, being only the second woman to serve in that capacity.

Also while serving in the Parish at Burwood, Leta, in 1986, took study leave and travelled to Geneva in Switzerland and to Princeton in the United States of America to attend courses. While at Princeton she attended a workshop on "Coping with Loss" by Elizabeth Kubler Ross. This led, on her return to the Parish, to an introduction to the Hospice Movement in Burwood, and developed into her priority interest in Wanganui when she retired to live there - not so much to retire as 'to be recycled'!

Leta often marvelled that God would choose to call a quiet country girl into service and give her such an enriching ministry. It surely could only be because He loved the ordinary people so very much.

The Church gives thanks to God for the loving-care, for the loyalty to her Lord, and for the leadership Leta brought to all amongst whom she served; and it extends its sympathy to her wider family.

The Rev Arthur Ian Hewson

On June 18 2001, the Presbytery/UDC of the Wairarapa gathered to celebrate Ian's life and ministry. He died peacefully at home after a short illness, with his wife Barbara with him.

Ian was born in Timaru in 1923, the older of two sons. He grew up on the family farm in the Esk Valley south of Timaru. He attended the sole charge school there.

At age 12 he became a boarder at Timaru Boys' High School. As one of the younger boys he developed a feeling for the under-dog. This helped to develop his concern and compassion for people, especially the little people. The school developed his early love of singing and music, and he learned the euphonium. The band-room was a refuge for a boarder.

Ian set out to become a teacher, but military training and service overseas in Italy intervened. He was wounded in the leg at Farenza, and continued a long convalescence in Dunedin. His life-long interest in the Peace movement during this unsettled time as well as in S.C.M. and the Moral Rearmament Movement assisted him to readjust and continue with studies at Otago University, and the challenge that would come as a divinity student of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand.

Ian's time (1950-52) in the Theological Hall both excited and drew him out. This was the time of the New Life Movement, and expansion in the Church. He appreciated parish life at Opoho and the friendship of the Manse folk. The then minister, Lloyd Geering, involved students in radio programmes.

Ordained in early 1953, he began ministry in the Heriot – Kelso Parish in the Matura Presbytery. Ian married Barbara (Squire) later that year in St.Giles Wellington. They had met at the Jubilee Bible Class Conference in Invercargill at a time when 600-1000 young people would attend such gatherings. They began a long and fruitful ministry together, which saw them as team mates for forty-seven and a half years.

With two children they moved in 1957 to pastures new in the Hawkes Bay Takapau – Norsewood parish where the farming community responded to the challenges of the Stewardship Campaign and New Life Movement.

In 1963, now with four children, the Hewsons shifted to the newly formed parish of St. Peter's Napier. These were the boom years with great demands. 170 new people added to the roll in one year. 12 babies baptized on one Sunday morning!

Wairarapa Presbytery, later to become UDC., inducted Ian into First Church Martinborough in 1966. In this extensive country parish, life included Interview 1969, Community '71. Together with the outlying areas the parish celebrated its Centenary.

In 1974 St. James Union Church Masterton called Ian. This was a time of ecumenical growth in the town. Ian enjoyed the educational involvement on a secondary school board, and followed his teen-aged sons sporting endeavours.

In 1981, the last move was to St. Marks Palmerston North where he stayed until 1988. This was a return to Presbyterian ways, but with a different view of matters ecumenical. In each parish, and after retirement, Ian was a member of the P.S.S.A, and later Support, Board, where his advice was always wise and his influence on other matters always gracious.

Ian was a people's man; he loved to yarn. He was a thoughtful man, setting up study groups, and joining the Sea of Faith to keep in touch with the latest thinking. He kept his spirit alive during his last illness, seeing it as part of life under God.

In retirement, back in Masterton, Ian enjoyed reading without interruption, helping out with pulpit supply, playing his new interest of bowls, good food, R.S.A., and singing tenor with the Wairarapa Singers. (They sang 'Thine be the Glory' at his funeral).

The loss of their youngest son, Paul, at 19, broadened Ian and Barbara's understanding of grief. Ian loved to talk through with people in his care the great experiences of birth, marriage and death. His pastoral care of people after the funeral was exemplary.

Well done, good and faithful servant

The Rev James Campbell Howat

James Campbell Howat died on 31 August 2001 at the age of 87.

Jim Howat was 26 years old when he took up work in the Rangitaiki Outfields Home Mission Station in the Bay of Plenty. He had been nurtured in the Bible Class movement of the Presbyterian Church, and had worked on farms in the Whakatane area.

When he became convinced that he was called to the ministry, he was advised to train by serving in the Home Mission field. Home Mission Stations were for the most part parishes in remote areas, many of them struggling to survive, typically a string of small rural communities with tiny congregations and connected by poor roads. Home missionaries received a substantially lower stipend than trained ministers. Jim Howat was sent straight from the farm to Rangitaiki Outfields without training. He had never taken a service of worship, a wedding or a funeral.

Jim married Agnes Cleland in his second year at Rangitaiki. They lived in a bach on a farm, only party lined, with primitive cooking facilities and no bath.

In Rangitaiki Outfields, and in other Home Mission Stations to follow, Jim Howat conducted worship, usually at three or four different places on a Sunday, often in schools or draughty public halls. He did the rounds of a number of country schools, taking Bible lessons, a task that throughout his ministry he always saw as important. He prepared for it thoroughly, and children looked forward to his visits. He kept in touch with the people of the parish – and this pastoral concern was at the heart of his ministry wherever he went.

Jim believed in the dignified and reverent conduct of worship, and his sincerity and his solid faith shone through his preaching. His compassion and humility were obvious and were warmly appreciated.

After Rangitaiki Outfields, Jim Howat served in Home Mission Stations at Mangapai, Hauraki Plains, Waimarino, and Mangere. Then he accepted an appointment with Te Hinota Maori, as it was then known, in charge of the David Hogg Memorial Hostel at Whakatane.

At the end of Jim's three-year appointment there, he was advised that there was no ministry vacancy suitable for him. The Howats moved to Hamilton where Jim worked for a steel company and tackled University classes. He took occasional services in churches in and around the city when called on.

Some of his colleagues in ministry believed that Jim's gifts and experience should be put to better use, and at their prompting, he was, in 1962, offered the position of Home Ministry Assistant to the Minister of St Andrew's, New Plymouth, the late Very Rev Stan Read. In the following year the General Assembly agreed to recognise him as a minister in full standing of the Presbyterian Church. It has been a long road – 22 years – from farm worker to Minister.

There followed nine and a half happy years of ministry at Waihi, and prior to retirement, a shorter time as Minister of the Eltham Parish.

The Howats retired to Hamilton where Jim was in demand to conduct services and funerals – the latter an aspect of his ministry that was warmly appreciated wherever he was.

Jim saw his role primarily as the shepherd of the flock. He had that rare gift – a pastor's heart. He cared deeply for the people of his parish, whether or not they were churchgoers.

The Presbytery remembers with gratitude to God the life and ministry of James Campbell Howat. To Agnes Howat and their family it offers its warm sympathy in their loss.

Mrs Calester Mavis Kaarup

The death of Mavis Kaarup on 16 February 2001 brought to an end a long and faithful ministry.

The last few years of Mavis' life were difficult as she coped with the frailties of age and having to be in continuing care. It was a testing time for both body and spirit, a time when she often 'told God off.' Yet this should not detract from a rich life wherein she walked the path of faith always looking to the guidance and fidelity of her Lord.

Born in Pahiataua in January 1908 to Annie and Albert Patterson, a dairy factory inspector, Mavis was one of two children. The family travelled extensively around rural New Zealand.

Mavis made her commitment to Jesus Christ in Bible Class at the age of 14. At 17 she became a member of St Andrew's Hamilton, teaching Sunday School and also being part of the Bible Class. Mavis continued her involvement in the Bible Class movement when she moved to Auckland. At this time she responded to the call to train for full time ministry. Initially she hoped to serve as a missionary in China.

In 1936 Mavis Patterson entered the Presbyterian Women's Training Institute to undertake training for the deaconess order. She was ordained a deaconess at Knox Church Dunedin on the 22nd November 1938. Her duties were to establish and maintain Sunday School work.

In 1942 Mavis moved from Knox to St Andrew's Ashburton to work under the Very Rev Stan Murray. Here she first met Charles Kaarup, who was working on farms round about and linked to the parish.

She moved to St Andrew's Hamilton in 1948. After only a few years Mavis had to resign from the parish. A TB infection in the spine led to hospitalisation for an extended time.

During this period Charles Kaarup, who by now had been accepted for Home Mission and appointed to the Mangakino hydro project, visited Mavis regularly in hospital. Whilst a captive audience Mavis allowed herself to be wooed and captured by 'her Dane' Marius Carl Kaarup.

They were married on the 9th January 1952 and for ten years had an extremely happy life. They served together as a deeply committed team in the parishes of Reparoa-Galatea, Keri Keri and Takaka., During this time Charles, as he preferred to be called, was ordained and raised to full status within the Presbyterian church. The work was often hard, but rewarding. Alas after only ten years Charles contracted cancer and after a short illness, died. Even to the end of her days Mavis held 'her man' close in her heart.

In 1966 Mavis took up a position with the P.S.S.A. as a deaconess at Nikau House in Wellington. There she worked as a counselor and social worker changing the lives of the many who came through the door. She extended her love and compassion to the lost and lonely, with a practical turn of mind too. Though she retired in 1973, there are many who kept in contact through her retirement years.

During her time at Nikau House Mavis joined St James' Church in Newtown and was quickly elected to Session. She was at the forefront of the move to welcome the Niuean congregation who joined the established Palagi congregation in 1977. She shared her love freely with both cultures, her wisdom and spirituality being widely appreciated. She supported many of the outreach ventures of the St James' Parish and it was at St James' that the Wellington Presbytery held her funeral on Wednesday the 21st February 2001.

She loved and served her God throughout her life, and her church gives thanks to God for her faithful and dedicated service

The Rev Rhys Arthur George Maddock

Rhys Arthur George Maddock was born in Gisborne in 1914. There he received his primary and secondary education. With his parents he belonged to St Andrew's Church, Gisborne. While still in his teen years he experienced a call to offer himself for the work of the holy ministry. In 1932 he went to Dunedin to study at the University of Otago. He completed an M.A. in history, and entered the Theological Hall in 1936, completing his training there in 1938.

For the full seven years of his studies in Dunedin, Arthur was a resident in Knox College. In his retirement years he was to write that "they were wonderful years that I still take delight in looking back on." Here he lived with and learned from other young men training for a variety of professions – an educational and enriching experience for this young man who was the only child in his family, and who had come from a remote town.

He believed he was too young and immature then to take up a full parish ministry. So, when the Gisborne Presbytery had licensed him as a Probationer in August 1938, Arthur sailed for Britain, in the company of fellow students Owen Baragwanath and Reid Harper. Both Arthur and Owen studied at New College, Edinburgh, and unexpectedly found assistantships at the historic St Giles' Church in that city. The experience of visiting among the 2691 members of St Giles' was excellent – if demanding - pastoral experience for these two young ministers.

When the second world war began, Arthur elected to return to New Zealand. He considered offering himself for chaplaincy service, but was advised that experienced men were required for that ministry, and he was advised to take up parish work.

In 1940, Arthur married Olive Black. Their partnership was to be an inspiration and example to many. They were together until Arthur's death 62 years later.

Arthur was ordained and inducted to the Papakura parish, also in 1940. There followed thirty-nine years of faithful ministry in the parishes of Te Kuiti, Kelburn, Howick, Levin, and Balmoral (Auckland). Papakura and Te Kuiti were former Home Mission Stations; the Howick district was at the time of Arthur's ministry there experiencing phenomenal growth.

He offered to his people in all these parishes strong leadership, exemplary pastoral diligence, reverent and carefully prepared worship, and thoughtful and stimulating preaching. He had the highest ideals of the nature of ministry, and was assiduous and untiring as he strove to achieve the goals that he set himself. He drove himself close to breaking point at times. The true welfare of his people was close to his heart: he put vast amounts of time and energy into his work as pastor. Arthur's ministry was warmly appreciated in all his parishes; and the man – and his wife – were loved by the people.

He served on a number of Assembly Committees. He made a significant contribution to the work of the General Assembly as convener, first of the Committee on Standing Committees for three years, and then of the Business Committee for seven years. In these demanding tasks Arthur's diligence, careful attention to detail, firmness and humility were used to the full – as were his understanding of human nature and his puckish sense of humour.

Retiring to Pakuranga in 1979, Arthur offered his services to the Session of that parish as an honorary parish visitor, and spent many hours continuing that pastoral ministry which he loved and for which he was so gifted. He continued in this work for a little over seven years. He died at Howick in November 2001.

The Assembly gives thanks for the long life and fruitful ministry of this servant of his Lord. It offers its warm sympathy to Mrs Olive Maddock and to their son and three daughters.

The Rev David Brown Martin

D B Martin – Dave – was to the end of his long life a much loved and respected minister and friend to many. There are few left who remember his student years, his first parish of Knapdale, and service as an army chaplain, but there were representatives of both his other parishes, St Clair, Dunedin and Mt Albert in Auckland, in Mt Albert Church on the 8th March 2002, to remember with gratitude and praise his life and work.

David was just a few weeks short of his 87th birthday when he died. He had been in poor health for some years, but had been able to keep in touch and respond to visits from family and friends until the last few days of his life.

David was born in Dunedin but spent his early years on back country farms where his father worked as a high country shepherd. David had to go away to grandparents to attend primary school but he did so well at this schooling and was so encouraged by his standard 3 teacher that the family moved to Palmerston so he could attend a larger school and go on to High School. But when schooling was over the Depression meant there was no money for further study, nor were there any jobs for young men in North Otago. Dave was out of work for three years; there was no dole; he did what he could in the way of odd jobs on farms, participated in local sports such as

running, where no equipment was needed, or cricket, where the team provided bats and balls. Dave also shared in the Presbyterian Bible Class where he was specially influenced by a theological student, Bill Johnston, whose own ministry was to be cut off by an early death. It seemed unlikely from such a limited background but as is the way of God, young Dave Martin felt a call to the ministry and was accepted by the North Otago Presbytery and began university study in Dunedin. The Presbytery's interviewing committee included such legendary figures in Church and National history as the Revs Tom Steele, Arnold Nordmeyer and Sam Baird. They asked Dave how much money he had and he replied "2 pounds in my Post Office Savings Account and 1 pound in my pocket." Getting through the years of study was a tremendous financial strain but by the later 1930s holiday work was becoming available, and Dave completed the Hall course and was ordained at Knapdale on 6th December 1940. Shortly after he married Dorothy Doak, university maths graduate and teacher. Together they began work in their new parish.

After 2 years at Knapdale Dave answered the call to serve as an Army Chaplain, first at camps in New Zealand and then overseas to Egypt and Italy. After the war, Dave was minister for 11 years at St Clair and from 1957 to 1980, at Mt Albert. From early in his time in Auckland, David became well known in General Assemblies and wider Church through his convenership of the Overseas Missions Committee at a time of great expansion and development in the late 1950s and early 60s. In the parish and Presbytery, Dave was well known for his forthright preaching, his clear stand on a number of moral issues and his constant availability as a pastoral visitor. He had an educated theological understanding and general knowledge, followed his favourite sports, and was a keen gardener. Those who knew Dave came to appreciate his wide interests, his sharp mind and sense of humour. It was sad that about the time of his retirement from Mt Albert, Dave suffered a serious bout of pneumonia which led to a decline in his health, which progressively restricted him in his last years of life.

Dorothy Martin died in September 1975. Members of Mt Albert and friends from the community packed the Mt Albert Church to share her family's grief and show their respect for her. One retired minister present commented that such a service was a great tribute to the influence a manse family can have, even in a modern city community.

In April 1978 David Martin married the Rev Margaret Reid, and family, parishioners and friends throughout the Church have rejoiced in his marriage and the enrichment it has brought to all over the years. Not least was the warm and dignified role Dave assumed in support of Margaret when she served as Moderator of the General Assembly in 1987.

Many of Dave's best friends have gone before him, but for those remaining he is remembered with the deepest love and affection. Auckland Presbytery extends sympathy and best wishes to David's daughter and son-in-law Glen and Ron Bryant, and his granddaughters, Kirsten and Tessa, and to his son David. Presbytery also remembers with affection our own retired minister, Dave's widow, Margaret.

All the Church rejoices in giving thanks for the gifts God bestowed on David Martin, and for the blessings he brought to so many through his gracious commitment and service.

Miss Frances Marion McNamara

Frances Marion McNamara joined Knox Church as a member aged 16, in 1932. She had been a member of St Stephen's Church, and at the age of 12 she responded to a call to become a Christian. After a period of her working life in Oamaru, she moved to Dunedin and in 1964 she

was elected an Elder of Knox Session. She was elected by her Presbytery peers to become the first woman Moderator of Presbytery in 1979.

Frances served on many committees in the church – the Enhancement Committee of the Synod of Otago and Southland, the Education for Ministry Committee overseeing Knox Theological Hall, the Committee of Church Women United Aotearoa, New Zealand, Otago Branch. Frances was active in the Association of Presbyterian Women.

Frances was born on 11 June 1916, the only child of a Catholic father, and a Presbyterian mother. Her education began at Selwyn School, near Dunsandel, and continued at a young age at George Street School, and then at Otago Girls' High School. She attended Deaconess College for one year and one term in 1944-45 but left there to become a nursing student in 1945. She did her Maternity training in Tauranga in 1947-48. Later in her career she did her Diploma in Social Science at Victoria University in 1961-62.

She was appointed the first Matron of the Iona Hospital and Home for the Aged in Oamaru in the years 1954-1961 – a new Presbyterian Social Services Association establishment. In 1962-1981 she was the PSSA Medical Social Worker at the Cameron Centre in Dunedin. During that time, she worked in Dunedin Women's Prison, was involved in hospital visiting and also worked with unmarried mothers. In 1976, she carried out an investigation of the needs of the Oamaru area, and recommended an expansion of Iona.

While in Oamaru she was elected as Eveline Church's first woman elder. In 1999 she was made a life member of Presbyterian Support. That was a climax of her involvement with PSS since a summer job as a nurse aid in Ross Home in 1944.

At the 25th Anniversary of the Iona Home in Oamaru, Frances was invited to address the gathering. She presented her 'creed' for living. "Faith, love, and prayer make up the basis for individual and corporate living, and is the foundation of the Church – the same church which brought the PSSA into being ... faith, and love, and prayer bring action which has resulted and will result in time, money, and all aspects of service being given for the advancement of a way of life which will be in keeping with Him who said, 'I have come that they might have life, and have it in its fullness.'

Frances tenaciously held matters of faith, and matters of worldly service together, where each informed the other. She was always respected, even when she asked the irritating question which expressed her sharp observation of a Committee's or person's performance.

In his history of PSSA 1906-81, the Rev Dr Simon Rae wrote: "Miss McNamara, who was neither minister nor deaconess, represented a new trained professional in the social service field, the social worker. Frances was vigilant in providing valuable advice in the field of aged care and helping to keep the general community of PSSA abreast of current needs and new ideas in social service".

Frances died on 4 June 2001.

Frances will be missed as a regular worshipper at Knox Church, Dunedin and as an Elder on Knox Church Session.

Mrs Lena Mitchell

The St James' English Language Congregation wishes to inform the Presbytery, and thence the Assembly, of the death of Lena Mitchell on Tuesday 10 July 2001. Lena Mitchell was a elder

emeritae of the St James' Parish and at her death was the last surviving member of the first four women elders ordained and inducted into the Eldership of the Presbyterian Church.

An extract of the St James' centennial history, "The Church on the Hill" tells how this came about.

"WOMEN ELDERS:

When Mr J G W Aitken, Mayor of Wellington and a 'thorough' Presbyterian, laid the foundation stone for our Church on 24 May 1900, he said that "New Zealand was praised for giving women the franchise, and rightly so, but in the Presbyterian Church, from its very earliest days, the women had the franchise, and equal rights with the men." A murmur of protest might have been forgiven from the hardworking women of the congregation. It was to be another 55 years before the congregation of St. James made history as the first Presbyterian Church in New Zealand to elect women to the eldership.

The first recorded vote on the issue of women elders was rejected 6 - 2 by our Session in 1944. The matter had been raised by the Timaru Presbytery at that year's Assembly on the basis of St. Paul's teaching that in the Christian fellowship there is no distinction between male and female. A year later the St. James congregation had the opportunity to express an opinion in a dominion-wide vote on the issue. Of the 84 voting papers returned, 58 were in favour (men 13, women 45), and 26 against (men 9, women 17). An optimistic woman voter suggested 'that the percentage of women be not more than half'.

It was during the ministry of the Rev. Lloyd Geering that Session decided to beat the gun. The women of the congregation out-numbered the men by around three to one, and yet the Session, made up solely of men, was running the parish. In 1951, then, three women associates were invited to join the Session. Their inability to vote was no impediment - decisions were made on a consensus basis anyway. The women made a vigorous and valuable contribution, and Mr Geering 'really felt that the Session changed character at that point'. When the 1955 Assembly made it possible for women to be ordained as elders, it was merely a formality to elect the women on the first Sunday after Assembly, and to ordain them on the first possible Sunday. Four women were ordained at a service on 4 December, 1955, all of whom had been attending meetings of Session for several years as Associate Members: Miss Jenny Hall, headmistress at Wellington Technical College, Sister Margaret Hewson, City Deaconess, Miss Hetty Walker, and Mrs Lena Mitchell, who is still a serving elder of St. James Session. Sister Margaret Hewson represented St. James on the Wellington Presbytery, and was the first woman to be appointed Presbytery elder. From then on women have continued to play a full part as ruling elders in St. James."

(The Church on the Hill - St James Presbyterian Church - Newtown. 1882-1982. pp62-63)

Lena Mitchell had a deep pastoral concern for all the folk she encountered, this was her God given gift to her church, that endured throughout her whole life. Her funeral took place on Monday 16 of July 2001.

The Rev Pepe Nokise

Pepe Nokise was born in the village of Fogapoa, Safotulafai, Western Samoa in 1914. His father, Pepe Senior, died when Pepe was ten years old. His mother was Mauosamoia Papali'i Namulau'ulu Su. Pepe went to Malifa School in Apia and then to the London Missionary Society High School at Leulumoega Fou, Malua.

Following teacher training Pepe Nokise taught for many years in Western Samoa. He was choirmaster for his village and also led choirs in other villages. These choirs took part in many

competitions. In that time Pepe composed suitable Samoan hymns, some of which are still in use today. His musical skills, apart from conducting and composing, included singing and organ playing.

The expected direction of his life changed when he met the Rev Robert Challis. Pepe Nokise was planning to train as a minister in Samoa but the Rev Challis encouraged him to come to the Congregational College in Auckland. He arrived in Auckland on 7 November 1951 and worked at the freezing works until ill health forced him into hospital. On regaining his health, his training as a Congregational minister began in 1953.

On 7 December 1957, exactly six years after his arrival in New Zealand, Pepe Nokise was ordained and inducted into the Pacific Islanders' Congregational Church, Newtown, Wellington where he formed a fruitful team ministry in the early years with the Reverend Tariu Teiaia from the Cook Islands. Other colleagues to work with Pepe at Newtown, were the Reverend Ta Upu Pere and the Rev Lagi Sipeli.

When these ministers moved on to other parishes Pepe continued to care for his people until he retired.

It is worth noting that Pepe and his colleague Rev Leuatea Sio (also ordained and inducted in 1957) were the first two Samoan ministers to minister to their countryfolk in New Zealand. They were both children of the Samoan Church (London Missionary Society)

Pepe's marriage to Lili'a Elisara took place on 12 April 1958. Lilia had attended Papauta Girls School, a mission school known for teaching young women about Christian principles and preparing them for a future ministry in the church. She later taught at the same school.

Together for the next 23 years, Pepe and Lili'a devoted their whole life to the love and care of their parish and Pepe's musical talents continued to be used. Holidays were very rare and their family life was centred round the activities of their church. For a number of years Pepe also had oversight of other Pacific Island Congregations, in particular, Porirua, Wanganui and Christchurch. This involved many days of travel throughout the year. Ever mindful of the cost to his people of air travel, he insisted on travelling by bus and ferry.

In 1969 when most Congregational Churches amalgamated with the Presbyterian Church, Pepe led his people faithfully through this challenging transition.

In November 1980, despite reluctance by this humble servant of God, his congregation bestowed an honour on Pepe Nokise. They chose to name their magnificent new church building "Nokise House".

On the occasion of his retirement in 1981, the Wellington Presbytery tribute to him said, "His was a ministry that has been long in years, devoted in pastoral care, splendid in achievement in a number of ways, and at the same time marked by a humility and grace that are the outward expression of a deep inner commitment to the King and Head of the Church, our Lord Jesus Christ." It should be noted that during Pepe's ministry, five young people from his congregation became Presbyterian ministers.

His retirement years were spent at his home in Wellington and after Lili'a, Pepe's wife, passed away on 28 September 1988, he enjoyed time spent with his family, in particular sharing aspects of his life as Tama to his grandchildren.

Pepe Nokise died peacefully in Ashburton on 6 February 2002 and was laid to rest there on 13 February 2002.

At his funeral service at St Paul's Presbyterian Church in Ashburton, he was called 'a pastor', 'a spiritual man', 'a proud Samoan' and 'a gentle man who walked with giants'. 'His was a ministry of love and compassion. He brought the grace and peace of God to the very people he ministered to and loved.' 'The greatest gift the late Pepe Nokise has left for us is the momentum and confidence to carry on the work he began and spearheaded.'

The Reverend Pepe Nokise is survived by his son and daughter. Reverend Dr. Fele Nokise, wife Rosalyn Nokise and children James, Tualagi, Samoan and Fetuao live in Fiji where Fele is the Principal of the Pacific Theological College in Suva. Pepe's daughter Reverend Luisa Fa'alili Fruean, husband Reverend Malutafa Fa'alili Fruean and children Julia and Jason live in Ashburton, where they minister to two parishes, St Paul's and St James.

The Rev Basil Robert Charles Nottage

Basil Nottage died on 1 October 2000 in the 69th year since ordination at General Assembly in Christchurch 27 February 1932.

He was born 9 August 1907 at Roxburgh, Central Otago just after his parents had moved from South Australia. Later in 1907 the family moved to Hastings and then in 1912 to Tasman, Nelson. Basil and his older brother were amongst the nine pupils of Tasman School when it opened in 1913 in the Nottage's barn. From 1921-22 he cycled to Motueka District High School, where he matriculated from Form 4 and gained a Senior National Scholarship which paid for him to attend Nelson College 1923-25 as a boarder.

Both parents supported his wish to take up law, but near the end of 1925, under influence of Rev James McNeil (Trinity, Nelson) he sought acceptance as a student for the Ministry. A major impact was made upon him by the Dominion Summer Conference of the Presbyterian Bible Class Movement at Nelson 1920/21 where 500 teenagers were inspired by leaders like Vic French.

He met his partner Ailsa Hanning of Caversham at age 22, became engaged at 24 shortly before sailing for missionary work in the New Hebrides. He was married at 26 on 21 February 1934, having the church crowded with wonderful friends, young and old including Hall professors Dr Dickie, Dr Hunter, Collie and voice production "Sos" Johnson and others – everybody so happy and supportive.

At his ordination he was also commissioned to active missionary work in Tongoa area of New Hebrides. His stipend as a single man was £180 (married £280) with an added living alone allowance of £26.

He attended Otago University 1926-29 attaining B.A. degree including Greek, Philosophy, English, Education, Economics and French. His Theological Hall years were 1929-31 during which time he was a member of Knox Church gaining inspiration from Tulloch Yuill and later D.C. Herron and took part in interchurch activities such as soccer.

The scope of his Ministry was:

1932 – 39	New Hebrides
1940	Returned NZ on sick leave
1941 – 45	Waikato East – Matangi

1945 – 50	Tuakau South Auckland
1950 – 60	St Albans, Christchurch
1960 – 66	Ashburton South St James Tinwald
1966 – 70	Moutere Hills (Tasman) Nelson
1970	Retired to “The Bluffs” Tasman

His time in the New Hebrides remained always a lively memory and after returning to NZ in 1939 for health reasons he wrote during 1940 the booklet “New Hebrides Calling” while recuperating. Then followed in 1988 the publication of his diary “Break of Day Islands”. His intention was to send copies to old friends and teachers in Vanuatu but a friend Rev Dr Graham Miller suggested that he and Ailsa visit the islands and present the copies. Ailsa did not feel equal to the journey but their son Douglas and daughter Jennifer Willis agreed to accompany Basil on what was an unforgettable experience and he presented more than 60 copies of the book – the people were so keen and gave them a thrilling reception.

In his retirement he continued in his own home, a lone after Ailsa’s death. He planned and kept his garden and played golf at the Tasman Golf Club where he became a life member, patron, president and club handicapper for 10 years. The Club arranged a party in honour of his 93rd birthday.

At the time of his 60 years of ministry he agreed that if he lived his life over again he would still choose to go into the Ministry as the Church has a lot to offer the community.

Wherever his work of parish ministry took him he was a valued member of Presbytery and maintained an alert mind to the end. He became a member of the Leprosy Trust Board in 1953 and was a life member from 1977.

We thank God for the life of Basil Nottage who served with devotion as an overseas missionary and at Parish and Presbytery levels. We convey sympathy to his son Douglas, daughter Jennifer and their families.

The Rev Ivan Beatty Powell

The Rev Ian Powell died in Christchurch on 7 September 2001, aged 85 years. Ivan was born in Timaru and started his working life as an apprentice motor mechanic. During World War 2 he served as an Airforce aircraft engineer at Harewood and Woodbourne bases and in the Pacific.

After the war, Ivan trained for the ministry at Knox College. His first call was to Kennington where he “built up a parish from almost nothing”, then Pleasant Point, and then Stirling. His final parish was St Alban’s (Berwick Street). While in St Alban’s Ivan’s wife Merle died suddenly.

Throughout his ministry, Ivan used his practical skills to good effect, while a maintenance engineer at the freezing works during his holiday break. His good rapport with others in the workplace was a precursor to his later work with the Interchurch Trade and Industry Mission (ITIM). For many years he was a Presbyterian representative of the Board of ITIM.

On retirement from conventional parish ministry Ivan became ITIM chaplain at Christchurch International Airport, a community of 2500 people. As a member of the International Association of Civil Aviation Chaplains he hosted its annual conference in Christchurch in 1991. Through his network he was able to encourage the growing local interest in Critical Incident Stress Management as vital resource for the care of those affected by major disasters.

Ivan's mechanical skills were applied to the restoration of old Austin cars and, to building a model steam engine. However, on final retirement at the age of 72 years, this was not enough so he took up wood-turning! In latter years he also mastered some of the secrets of computers.

Ivan is survived by eleven children and his second wife Elizabeth.

Ivan Powell's practical abilities, blended with a great understanding of people, equipped him for a long and effective ministry. God, and God's people have been well served.

The Rev Alun Morgan Richards

Alun Richards was born at St Melons, South Wales, 6 March 1907, and came to New Zealand in 1912 with his parents, the Rev Morgan Richards, his mother Edith and his brother. He was educated at Pakuranga and Morrinsville Primary Schools, Hamilton High, Auckland University College and Otago University, and New College Edinburgh.

Whilst at Auckland University Alun's refusal to do compulsory military training in 1927 sparked the campaign that ended compulsory military training, but he nearly went to jail for his refusal, and in 1929 he was deprived of his civil rights for ten years by resolution of Parliament as punishment. Alun obtained a first class honours degree and a diploma in journalism from Auckland University.

In 1931 Alun was expelled from Knox Theological College, Dunedin. Despite his differences with the College and the law, he won a Government scholarship to go overseas, and studied theology at New College, Edinburgh.

In the United Kingdom he met Muriel Hunt of Dunedin, and they were married in 1933 in London. They travelled through France and Nazi Germany by tandem bicycle. Alun took a side trip to communist Russia, and later Indonesia, China and Japan.

Back in New Zealand, Alun was a parish minister on the West Coast, but was not cut out for pastoral work. In 1938 he became organiser for extension studies for Victoria University, but lost his job in 1939 when he spoke against the war and the professorial board voted to dismiss him. He held that all war was futile, and thought it better for countries to let themselves be invaded and respond with civil disobedience. During the war he worked in the Internal Marketing Division giving away products such as apples that could not be exported because shipping was disrupted, and as a carpenter. He wrote for *The Listener* as AMR.

After the war he became an organiser for CORSO, and in 1947 became editor of the Presbyterian newspaper *Outlook*. He transformed the *Outlook* into a lively and interesting magazine dealing with social as well as religious topics. Later he edited the Methodist newspaper. For over a decade Alun brought his considerable journalistic skills to the service of the Church, and introduced news commentaries, book reviews, and columnists such as Denis McEldowney, as well as his own provocative editorial comment.

His last full time job was back in a parish, Newtown, Wellington. He retired in mid 1960's to Campbells Bay, where he was still writing (and publishing) until his last days. He wrote seven books, innumerable articles for magazines and letters to editors, and contributed to many conferences.

Alun was a pacifist and a theologian, a thinker of considerable originality, and a man often ahead of his times. He never found it easy to work to instructions, or within structures. He wrote and

thought in his own odd style, and he often led his listeners to think in new ways, and about things they had never before considered.

Alun died on August 22 2000, survived by his children Llewelyn, Margaret and Rhys. The funeral service which he wrote himself, complete with four hymns he authored, took place at his home church at Mairangi Bay, North Shore, a few days later. Alun wrote the following for his funeral:

"John Masefield's play *Easter* ends with Pilate's wife hearing rumours that Jesus is still operating. So she asks the centurion of the execution squad, 'Where do *you* think he is?' The man who saw him die replies: 'Let loose in the world, lady, where neither Roman nor Jew can stop him now.'
"So be it with all of us."

The Rev Ian Graham Ryburn

The ministry of the Rev Ian Graham Ryburn, who died on 6 August 2002, was a distinctive and memorable one. He was born in India in 1916, the third son of Josiah and Jessie Ryburn, pioneer missionaries of our Church in the Punjab in the early years of last century. He grew up in Taranaki, where his father was minister at Eltham, and attended Eltham Primary and Stratford High Schools. After graduating Bachelor of Arts at the University of Otago, he entered the Theological Hall in 1939.

During the following summer vacation in the early months of World War II, Ian enlisted in the army. In 1940 as a member of the 6th Field Ambulance he left New Zealand with the 3rd Echelon of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force in 1940 to serve in the campaigns in Greece and Crete. It was in Crete in 1941 that with many others he became a prisoner of war. His service as a prisoner of war until the end of hostilities in 1945 was remarkable and unique. The nature of his ministry was such that the General Assembly agreed that he be ordained in order that his ministry might be extended. Despite the formidable obstacles which war in Europe presented the German High Command made it possible for the Rev R J (Bob) Griffiths, a New Zealand Chaplain to the Forces and also a prisoner of war, to travel a considerable distance through Germany to the Genshagen Holiday Camp, Berlin. It was there on 2 October 1944 that Ian was ordained to ministry of word and sacrament.

Back home after the war he briefly returned to the Theological Hall and for a short time was assistant to the Rev Brian Kilroy, at St Andrews Church, Wellington. Ian was inducted to the parish of Otepopo-Kakanui in North Otago in 1946 and in 1947 he and Marjory Hercus were married. In the years that followed he was inducted to the parishes of Halkett in 1951, to Stirling in 1958 and to Hoon Hay in 1963. In 1971 he retired. The years of the war had left their mark upon him.

In the years of rehabilitation and peace as well as those of war Ian's gifts for ministry are remembered gratefully. He had the gift of relating quickly and sensitively to people not only within the church family but in the wider human community. He will be remembered in many ways. His friendship, his sense of fun, his passion for hockey and cricket were all part of him – as was his part in the life of St James Church, Spreydon, where he worshipped in the years of his retirement.

Ian was not alone in his ministry. Throughout the years he has been supported with the love and wisdom of Marjory, his wife. We remember gratefully all that she and their family meant to Ian and he to them. With them we give thanks to God for a servant of his Lord and Master.

Mrs Lorraine Sealy

Lorraine's life was so full and her service to the Presbyterian Church so varied, it is only possible to give a brief summary of the many avenues Lorraine used her talents and skills, her knowledge and experiences, her faith and her strength of character. As Lorraine grew from childhood into adulthood there were many difficulties and painful experiences to overcome, which she did gradually, and this personal struggle formed the strong discipline and caring she exercised in all she did over the years.

The following identifies some of her areas of service to the church, at parish, presbytery and national level.

Lorraine was involved in 3 North Shore parishes, Forrest Hill, Devonport and Belmont. In each of these parishes she was involved in a whole raft of committees, activities, groups. It was while she was at St. Paul's in Devonport that she was received into communicant membership and was later made an elder. One highlight for Lorraine during this time was her leadership in the APW, which led to becoming the National President for a 3 year term.

Lorraine served the Presbytery of North Shore in many ways, including serving a term as Moderator in 1986, and as Presbytery Clerk from 1991 – 1993. She was a respected and admired participant in the full life of Presbytery, for her clear thinking, her ability to make and carry through decisions, and her knowledge of the ways of the church as a whole. Even of the Book of Order.

Her devotion, dedication, dependability and good common sense became widely known throughout the church over many years as she served the national church in a variety of ways. As Rev. Michael Thawley says, "Lorraine was a person I turned to a lot for her wisdom and sheer common sense. I saved her for special committees because of her value rather than have her appointed to regular committees. The quality and breadth of her involvement in the service of the church was outstanding".

As a member of the PSDS Board of Directors for 13 years, Lorraine was able to use her particular skills and broad knowledge in helping the PSDS help parishes throughout the country.

Lorraine seemed to have that unique blend of humour, dedication, strength and experience which enabled her to take on many different roles and tasks. We give thanks to God for the privilege of knowing her and working with her over the years. Her contribution to the life of the church was something very special, and will be long remembered and celebrated.

It has been said often that she was a strong lady – and she was – strong in her convictions, in her faith, in her drive for excellence in all she undertook, in her compassion, and her humour.

She was richly blessed over the years through the loving patient support of her husband John, and their children, Kate, Jane and George, and their grandchildren.

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She will be sadly missed as a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, as a forthright, and sometimes forceful, member of the church, as a supporter of the role of women in the church and community, and as a wise gifted and valued member of our church.

Rev Manatoa Tavelia

The Rev Mana Tavelia was born in Niue Island. He attended primary and secondary school in Niue. He went on a scholarship to Samoa, where he attended Avele College. He migrated to New Zealand in 1972 and was employed for 16 years as an automotive machinist.

He courted and married Mele in 1974.

They shared God's gift in three children: Marisha, Christian and Angelina. Chris married to Rose and Marisha married to Nigel have added three grandchildren to the family: Nathaniel, Caitlin and Lanicia.

Rev Mana Tavelia followed his sense of call with his family when they left for Knox Theological College in the year 1977. He completed his B. Theology, Diploma in ministry, in 1982. He received his first call to the Parish of Caversham, Dunedin in 1981/82. He was called to Kaitangata and Stirling Parish in 1983, when after a few years, he was appointed the first Niuean Moderator of Clutha Presbytery.

The Clutha Presbytery community, who continued to refer to him as a great ambassador for Pacific Island people, duly missed him when he received a call from Otara PIC, Auckland,.

Moving to Otara [PIPC Otara] was very new and challenging for Mana as well as for the family. It was here that he quickly learned what it is that makes or breaks a minister in a PI Parish. It was a steep learning curve, but he rose to the challenge. He was surely missed by his best friend and confidant the Rev Aotofaga Lemuelu, when he did the unthinkable, which was to receive a call from Newton PIC, Auckland.

Leaving a Niuean Parish for another was a new concept for Niueans. There was an understanding that once you are a minister in a Niuean Parish, you will be expected to stay there for the rest of your working life. Mana broke tradition and made the shift to Auckland Newton PIC. Mana started to journey with the Newton Parish in regards to planning and providing clear goals and mission initiatives for the Niuean sector of the parish for whom he had special responsibility..

The late Rev Manatoa Tavelia was involved in many community projects. He was seen as a wisdom figure, perceived as a doctor, immigration officer, counsellor and mentor by many Niueans in the Auckland Community.

The late Rev Manatoa Tavelia made a great impact on the church through his involvement with the Council of Assembly, National Assessment Committee as a Co-covenor, PI Committee as a Co-convenor, and the Presbyterian Church representative for the Council for World Mission. He was the Moderator of the Niue Fono Motu for two and a half years (just fell short of his term). The Niuean members of the Fono Motu experienced a terrible loss with the death of Mana Tavelia.

The Rev Dr Harold Walter Turner

Harold Turner was a pioneer in the appreciation of African Indigenous Churches, a scholar of international repute, a determined advocate of critical cultural analysis, and an engaging mentor of students from around the world. His global documentation of New Religious Movements laid the foundations for a new academic field of study.

He was born in Napier and while living in Havelock North attended Napier Boys' High School. During his final secondary school year at Auckland Grammar he was baptised by the Rev. David Herron, minister at St David's, Khyber Pass. His father was a builder and his own interest in

science and experimentation led him to commence engineering studies at Canterbury College, Christchurch. These were Depression years and Harold adopted a very disciplined attitude towards the use of his meagre resources. He attended St Paul's Church where he met Maude Yeoman and after a four year engagement they were married in 1939. Harold was active in the Bible Class and was profoundly influenced by St Paul's ministers, the Rev. W. Bower Black and his successor, the Rev. Alan Watson. While at home on vacation in 1931 Harold experienced the Napier earthquake.

Attracted initially to being a missionary engineer in Indonesia, he changed to an arts degree and began preparing for the ministry. He majored in philosophy and graduated with a masters' degree with first class honours. He was deeply involved in the Student Christian Movement where he was introduced to the formative influences of Karl Barth and Emil Brunner.

In his last two years in the Theological Hall he was a student assistant at Knox Church. His not uncritical involvement in Moral Rearmament (MRA) helped shape his commitment to the pursuit of truth and the rights of conscience which found expression throughout his life. The opportunity in 1938 to attend an MRA meeting in Switzerland was combined with a term's study at New College, Edinburgh, under John Baillie.

Returning to Dunedin he became assistant minister at Knox Church from 1939 to 1942 with special responsibility for students. He continued studying, completing the Melbourne Bachelor of Divinity degree. In 1942 he was appointed as the first Student Christian Movement chaplain. His initiative led to the founding in 1941 of what became the Stuart Halls of Residence (Arana and Carrington) which included the first co-residential student hostel and married student flats in the country. He became full-time Warden of Arana from 1947 to 1951. The student residences placed heavy demands on his considerable practical skills, including carpentry, but his idealism clashed with the day-to-day demands of student life. Later in life he reflected that he was better as innovator than as a Warden. His first book, *Halls of Residence* (1953) remains a seminal publication on the practicalities and philosophy of university residential accommodation. In 1951 he became minister at Opoho where he sought to put into practice ideas nourished by the Church Service Society and his developing interest in church architecture.

Harold was actively involved in the National Council of Churches Campaign for Christian Order as convenor of its literature sub-committee. The publications he encouraged, particularly a *Bibliography of Current Literature*, revealed his passionate life-long concern that people have access to good Christian literature. His enterprise led to the founding of the University Bookshop in 1945. He also edited and produced the *Christian Newsletter*, retitled *Interpreter*, a precursor of his later interests in gospel and culture.

Interest in teaching theology led to Harold and Maude and their four children going to Britain in 1954. This was a considerable act of faith as he initially was only able to obtain a part-time teaching position. In 1955 he was appointed to the Faculty of Theology at Fourah Bay College, Sierra Leone, to lecture in Old Testament. His insatiable curiosity about a group on a beach led to his meeting with Adeleke Adejobi, a Nigerian missionary of the Church of the Lord Aladura. This encounter started Harold on a pioneering journey during which he first of all sought to understand this independent church by sympathetically entering into its life, history and worship, including their dancing. This became the basis for his Melbourne College of Divinity doctorate in 1963 and was published in two volumes as *African Independent Church* (1967).

For over thirty years the detailed study of New Religious Movements took Harold and Maude around the world collecting every scrap of documentation about them. He developed the terminology and theoretical framework to explain these movements. His documentation found a

home in the Centre for New Religious Movements which he established in Aberdeen and later at Selley Oak Colleges in Birmingham. One of his remarkable achievements was in having all this material microfiched and made available to theological colleges and university libraries in third world countries free of charge so they could have the opportunity of studying primary sources about their own history. Over a period of fifteen years he produced in six volumes annotated *Bibliographies of New Religious Movements in Primal Societies* (1977-92).

Harold left Sierra Leone in 1962 returning to Africa to teach in the Religious Studies Department in the University of Eastern Nigeria from 1963-1966. Here he collaborated with his former Fourah Bay colleague, Andrew F. Walls, a stimulating friendship and partnership of immense significance.

From 1966 to 1970 Harold was the founding lecturer in religious studies at the University of Leicester and Professor of World Religions at Emory University, Candler School of Theology in Atlanta from 1971 to 1972. In 1973 he moved to Aberdeen where he was reunited with Andrew Walls and had the research assistance of a fellow New Zealander, Dr Jocelyn Murray. Harold's wide ranging interest in the phenomenology of religion is seen, for example, in his published study guide of Rudolf Otto's, *The idea of the holy*. His creative study of the juxtaposition between sacred space and ecclesiastical architecture found expression in his contribution to a BBC television series on world religions and in his Burns' Lectures in Dunedin in 1976 later published as *From Temple to Meeting House: The Phenomenology and Theology of Places of Worship* (1979). In 1976 he was awarded an honorary Doctorate in Theology from the University of Otago. He had visiting fellowships in the Universities of Malawi, Papua New Guinea, South Africa and Victoria University.

Involvement in the study of religion was the product of Harold's deep curiosity, his desire to make sense of complex and diverse religious phenomena and an underlying missiological concern. He recognised that most new religious movements were the result of the interaction of Christian missionaries with primal societies and believed that it was the responsibility of Christians to understand them and thereby better understand themselves.

After retirement he moved to Birmingham in 1981 where the Centre for New Religious Movements was given a permanent home. A deep friendship with Lesslie Newbigin grew out of a discovery of their shared concerns and their parallel development of critical frameworks for the analysis of religion and culture. Both had experience of living in other cultures where religious discourse was part of life and they were both concerned to make conversation about religion meaningful in a Western setting

When he returned to New Zealand in 1989 Harold founded the Gospel and Cultures Trust, later reconstituted as the DeepSight Trust through which he promoted what he called 'deep mission to deep culture'. In his eighties, when most people would have sought a quiet retirement, Harold was putting diverse people in contact with one another, working with Sir Norman Perry in helping the justice system have a better understanding of Rastafarianism, giving lectures, writing articles and making 'relevant' Christian literature available. Harold marvelled at the common cause he found with those whose theological predecessors had despised the SCM that meant so much to him.

Harold's remarkable energy found expression in a lengthy list of publications but it was in the last five years of his life that he focused on getting his ideas into book form. *The Roots of Science: An Investigative Journey through the World's Religion* (1998) and *Frames of Mind: A Public Philosophy for Religion and Cultures* (2001) brought together his interests in philosophy, science and theology. Both books typically included diagrams illustrating the visual way in which Harold often expressed his insights. Autobiographical vignettes were written up in his whimsically titled,

The Laughter of Providence: Stories from a Life on the Margins (2001) in which he recounted his involvement with groups such as MRA, Rastafari, and the Moonies.

Harold Turner never sought popularity but passionately promoted his concerns and fiercely defended the truth in which he believed. He saw the pursuit of truth as an expression of his Christian vocation as an academic, scholar, theologian and minister of the gospel. This drivenness could sometimes provoke strong reactions by those who disagreed with him and the resulting cost in personal relationships worried him. Only if he could be persuaded theologically that he was wrong would he shift his ground. Some minorities never gained his sympathy or understanding yet he was a champion of minorities others failed to understand. At his funeral a statement was read in which Harold asked for the forgiveness of those whom he had in any way offended.

Maude was Harold's companion, supporter, research assistant and a wonderful hostess who helped make Harold's many achievements possible. To Maude and her children, Alison, David, Helen and Carolyn and their families we express our sadness at Harold's death. We give thanks to God for his full and varied life, the impact which he had on countless people, and his rich legacy.

The Very Rev William Bell Watt

It is with joy that we record this minute to honour the Very Rev Bill Watt. Bill was known and loved by so many in the church and the community, that his passing means that he will be missed by a huge number of people.

Bill was of Irish descent and grew up on a farm in South Taranaki. Coming to the academic work of ministry was not a simple matter for him, but he graduated BA and BD in 1949. He served in parish ministry for many years but is best known for sterling work as the Director of Ministry for the whole Presbyterian Church. He did singly what it later took a whole committee to do! He was a welcome and supportive visitor to manse all over the country, being instrumental in finding first parishes for many colleagues when they left the Theological Hall, listening and helping resolve difficulties for those in parishes, and encouraging new calls when appropriate.

Bill was highly regarded in his year as Moderator of the General Assembly (1976) for his wisdom and practical good sense. When he "retired" from stipended ministry, he continued to serve the church in his local parish in Karori and Wellington Presbytery. Few can match Bill's skill and loving care as a visitor, particularly to those shut in and elderly.

The Church grieved with him in the loss of his beloved wife Jean, who also served as a loyal and hardworking elder in the church. He was a loved father and grandfather, a very keen gardener and lover of the outdoors.

Bill had a strong sense of justice and was an advocate for the marginalised and poorer parts of our society. His own style of compassionate and simple living was a model of the Christian way, living to follow the great commandments of Jesus: to love God and to serve one's neighbour. He was a man of good humour, solid wisdom and practical kindness.

May he be at peace.

The Rev Alexander Clifton Webster

Cliff was born 29 August 1915 in Dunedin but subsequently received his primary and secondary education in Wanganui, and then Victoria University in Wellington for a tertiary stage.

As with many of his generation, World War 11 was the next item on the programme. He served with the 2nd NZEF in North Africa and as a medical orderly in No 2 General hospital which was finally based in Nazareth, - convenient for a future minister!

The post war course followed a not uncommon pattern – marriage- in his case to Stella Johnson whom he met at S.C.M. and then on to Knox College 1945 to 1947.

Cliff and Stella as a team then served the Presbyterian Church and their Lord in the following parishes- Heriot, Clinton, Murapara, Tuakau and what was once known as Trinity Presbyterian Auckland in the Saint Heliers Bay area. The progression northwards was accompanied by the raising of a family of five daughters and one son. This covered the years 1948- 1960

A “change of diet” then included some years with New Zealand Insurance Co and in the early 80’s a stint as chaplain to the U S forces in Japan and teaching English to sons of the Rising Sun.

Village Life at Lady Allum from 1997-2001 rounded off the career of a cheerful and caring Christian gentleman

Cliff is survived by his wife Stella and daughters Stella, Mary, Ruth, Naomi, Rachael and son Alex

The Rev Alfred William Willoughby

The Rev Alfred William Willoughby died in Blenheim on 13 September 2001. He was born 12 January 1910 at Palmerston North. When he was about five years old the family moved to Wellington and later to Auckland. He attended Grafton Primary School and Auckland Grammar School, where he won the senior shooting cup in the Rifle Club and topped the class in science.

He began work in a chemist's shop moved on to Smith & Caughey's Department Store, then lost his job because of the Depression. Finally he found work in insurance and became District Superintendent for Provident Life Insurance in Southland. Here he met Muriel Dunn at First Church, Invercargill and also made a decision to enter the ministry, and after finally being granted permission they were married in October 1943.

They set up home in the old Otakia manse in South Taieri – Alf still a student but working also as a Home Missionary. This meant long days and travel. For the final two years of study Alf and Muriel shared a house in Dunedin with two other Hall students and their wives, Ted and Iris Winter and Cliff and Stella Webster.

In 1947 Alf graduated and in December was ordained and inducted to Becks, Lauder, Omakau parish in Central Otago and coped with the rigours of climate and rough roads.

In 1951, with a two-year old son, Alf and Muriel accepted a call to Roseneath, Wellington. In 1957 the family returned to the South Island with a call to Mayfield Parish in Ashburton Presbytery. The scope of his ministry thereafter continued 1962-65 at Christchurch North. Then in 1965 came Bluff including some ministry to Stewart Island, and then Limestone Plains till retirement in 1975 to Blenheim. Here he helped in St Andrew's Parish as a hospital visitor and unofficial chaplain to Bursill Home.

He took up working on a lathe creating many beautiful gifts for family and friends, as well as keeping a marvellous garden. Sadly Muriel pre-deceased him in 1990. He wrote a letter to his family as a tribute to her marking the 50th Anniversary of their marriage.

We give thanks for his long life of service with quiet devotion to his Lord and the Church. We convey sympathy to their son John, his wife Brenda and all the grandchildren.

The Rev John Lewis Wilson

Lewis Wilson was born in Coalgate, Canterbury in 1916. He went to school for primary education in Glentunnel and for secondary, by bus and train each day to Christchurch West Hight School. At the age of 18 he began work at the pottery works at Glentunnel and was there for almost six years before going to Auckland to attend Bible Training Institute.

After a year there, he joined the army and in 1942, left for the South West Pacific area with field ambulance, where he served for nearly three years before being transferred to the Middle East for a year. On his return to New Zealand he went to Canterbury University for three years 1946-48 on a rehabilitation bursary.

His Christian background up to this point was first at the Presbyterian Church in Glentunnel, then with the Open Brethren Church there. He returned to the Presbyterian Church in 1946, and after his marriage to Mary in 1948, he spent three years with the Crusader Movement, as Travelling Secretary, based in Dunedin.

Responding to God's call to the ministry, he entered Knox College in 1952, where he tackled the full B.D course while at the same time for two years, serving as a student assistant at Andersons Bay Church with pastoral responsibility for the Waverley and Tomohawk areas, and regularly

The Rev Stanley Robert Wishart

The Rev Stanley Robert Wishart MA, died in Timaru on 13 February 2002, at the age of 88.

Stan was born in Port Chalmers on 7 September 1913. His father, Robert Martin Wishart, was an engineer, and a foreman at Stevenson and Cooks in Port Chalmers. Stan was born into a family of four girls and two boys.

Stan's primary schooling was in Hornby, where his father was second engineer at the Islington Freezing Works. In 1927, Stan moved to Pukeuri where for just one year his father served as chief engineer.

In 1928 Stan moved with his family to Timaru. His father was Chief Engineer at Smithfield, a position in which he worked until his retirement in 1947, at the age of 74.

Stan remained a fiercely proud Timaruvian for the rest of his life.

Stan went to Otago University when it had a roll of only twelve hundred students. He studied Arts and graduated MA in Philosophy, under Professor J N Finlay, with the intention of becoming a teacher. But he received a call to ministry in the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand, and studied for three years in the Theological Hall, Knox College, Dunedin, in the days of the great theologian and statesman, Professor John Dickie.

In 1940 Stan married Phyllis Johnston Wood, a teacher from Auckland, and they had a very happy and close marriage for more than 62 years.

Stan was ordained as a minister, and inducted as a minister of the Lyttelton parish in 1940. He served as minister of Huntly from 1943 to the end of 1948, Waipawa-Otane in Central Hawkes Bay from 1950 to 1959, Waiwhetu Lower Hutt from 1959 until 1965, St Pauls Devonport from 1965 until 1973, and finally, Foxton Union Parish from 1973 until his retirement in December 1978.

Stan Wishart was essentially a pastor. Regular visiting in the parish was the back bone of his ministry. He did not seek the limelight or any prominent position in the Church, although he served as Moderator of the Presbytery of Waikato, and as the first Moderator of the Presbytery of North Shore in Auckland. Stan avoided gimmicks and showmanship and self display. He put his people first and served them.

After some years of retirement in Auckland, Stan and Phyllis settled in Dunedin to be near his family, especially his three grandchildren. When frailty began to be a problem, Stan and Phyllis came to Timaru to settle in the Presbyterian Support Services Home, The Croft, in Park Lane. His last weeks were spent in the loving care of the staff at Margaret Wilson Home, in the hospital wing.

Stan survived by his wife, Phyllis, his son and daughter in law, the Rev Peter and Mrs Janet Wishart, of Chalmers Church, Timaru, and his three grandchildren, Dr Heather Wishart, a medical doctor in Wellington, and Alistair Wishart, a lawyer in Wellington, and Beth Wishart who has begun her studies at Otago University.

We give thanks to God for the faithful ministry of Stanley Robert Wishart.

The Clerk was granted leave to add additional names to courts of the church who wished to meet during the meeting of Assembly.

The Clerk moved and it was seconded:

- [02.011]** That the following courts of the church be granted permission to meet during the meeting of this Assembly:
St Mark's Avonhead Parish Council, Khandallah Session, Wellington, St Stephen's Parish Council, Napier, St Andrew's Parish Council, Levin.

There was no debate.

The motion was agreed to.

Anniversaries of Ordination

The Clerk moved and it was seconded:

That on the occasion of their ordination, the Moderator convey the warm congratulations and greeting of the Assembly to the following, for whom this milestone will be celebrated before the next Assembly.

- [02.012]** **1937 (65 Years Ann) as at 2002**
A Wardlaw (9 December 1937)

- 1938 (65 Yrs Ann) as at 2003**
C I L Dixon (2 February 1938), K A Hadfield (13 December 1938)

1939 (65 Yrs Ann) as at 2004

L A Brame (1 June 1939), O T Baragwanath (30 August 1939)

1942 (60 Yrs Ann) as at 2002

A J Templeton (18 November 1942), I Muir (17 December 1942)

1943 (60 Yrs Ann) as at 2003, L E Aberley (1 February 1943, L G Geering (26 February 1943), D R Madill (16 March 1943), D W Storkey (17 November 1943)

1944 (60 Yrs Ann) as at 2004

F A Hume (28 January 1944), W G K Moore (15 February 1944), G E Brown (2 March 1944), R S Roxburgh (2 March 1944)

1947 (55 Yrs Ann) as at 2002

M J Campbell (23 July 1947)

1948 (55 Yrs Ann) as at 2003

G C M Angus (3 February 1948), A G Horwell (10 February 1948), G L Lynds (11 February 1948), W S Stuart (15 June 1948), D M Riddle (15 November 1948), R S Anderson (15 December 1948)

1952 (50 Years Ann) as at 2002

D J Inglis (11 September 1950) (These were not included in 2000 Assembly), W A Davies (1 October 1952), T M Corkill (14 October 1952), G T Macann (1 December 1952), S W Perry (9 December 1952), W Tibbles (15 December 1952), S C Dunn (18 December 1952)

1953 (50 Years Ann) as at 2003

T U Pere (1 January 1953), J R Battersby (3 February 1953), R D Elley (4 February 1953), S A Robertson (10 February 1953), A G Dunn (10 March 1953), W C Downard (10 September 1953), J T Gunn (3 December 1953), N L Calvert (10 December 1953), D Glenny (16 December 1953), E R Harries (17 December 1953)

1954 (50 Years Ann) as at 2004

J G Jones (1 January 1954), W B Glassey (4 March 1954), L J Reid (11 March 1954), D J Brown (22 April 1954), P M Spencer (29 September 1954), N E Campbell (30 September 1954)

There was no debate.

The motion was agreed to.

The Clerk moved and it was seconded:

[02.130] That the scrutineers for this Assembly be Rev Edwin Clarke, Rev Reuben Hardie, Mr Makesi Alatimu, Mr Phil Bettany, Mr John Daniel, Miss Tala Fa'amausili Mr George Kopa, Ms Helen Martin, Mr Roy Pearson, Mr Cameron Sinclair, Mr Johannes Suwantika, Ms Carol Thorley.

There was no debate

The motion was agreed to.

Te Aka Puaho

Mrs Mona Riini, Te Aka Puaho Moderator, assisted by the Clerk of Te Aka Puaho, Mrs Millie Te Kaawa, presented the report of Te Aka Puaho.

Council of Assembly

The Rev Shirley Fergusson, Council of Assembly Convener moved and it was seconded:

Strengthening Presbyteries

- [02.014] That Assembly affirm the movement from presbyteries as presently constituted to new presbyteries better able to resource and lead congregations in mission and fulfil regional functions, as outlined in the Strengthening Presbyteries report.
- [02.015] That until the 2004 Assembly the Council of Assembly be authorised to reconfigure Presbytery boundaries in consultation with existing Presbyteries to achieve the goals set out in its report.
- [02.016] That regulation 172 be amended to ensure the achievement of the objectives set out in the report of the council of Assembly.
- [02.017] That Presbyteries be encouraged to exercise their responsibility to group congregations, where necessary, to best achieve mission objectives.

Questions of clarification were answered.

The motions were referred to Dialogue Groups for consideration.

The Rev Bob Reid moved, and it was seconded:

- [02.136] That the report 'Strengthening Presbyteries' be commended to Presbyteries and parishes for discussion and comment.

That:

- a Presbyteries hold a meeting of the parishes in their bounds to discuss the report as soon as possible,
- b the report form the basis of inter-Presbytery meetings during February to April 2003, individual Presbyteries reporting back to the Council of Assembly by the end of June,
- c the Council prepare a further report to be sent to Presbyteries summarizing the responses and outlining any new recommendations by March 2004,
- d further comment from Presbyteries be welcomed prior to the 2004 Assembly,
- e That Presbyteries/UDCs wishing to move forward be encouraged to do so in consultation with Council of Assembly.

Assembly Lay Moderators

Mrs Fergusson moved, and it was seconded:

[02.020] That in the election of Moderator the General Assembly be encouraged to reflect the diversity of the church and that from the 2004 Assembly at least every other Moderator of the General Assembly shall be a lay person.

[02.021] That General Assembly commend the practice (set out in the previous recommendation) to Presbyteries and UDCs.

Questions of clarification were answered.

The motions were referred to Dialogue Groups for consideration.

The Assembly met in Dialogue Groups to consider these motions.

The Assembly resumed in plenary session.

The Children's Assembly made a brief presentation.

The Assembly Guest Speaker, Rev. Prof. Nestor Miguez gave the first of his keynote addresses on the theme "I am the Way".

The Assembly adjourned to meet again at 1.30 p.m.

Michael Thawley, Moderator
Kerry Enright, Clerk

Session 3
St Patrick's College, Silverstream, Wellington
Monday, 23 September 2002 at 1.30 p.m.

The Assembly met and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

Memorial 1

The Rev Chris Nichol moved and it was seconded:

- [02.024]** That this Assembly
1. Appoint a Sessional Committee or pre-Assembly Commission to give consideration to all relevant conclusions of the General Assembly in the period 1985-2000 relating to the ordination of gay people.
 2. Instruct the Sessional Committee or pre-Assembly Commission to consult with such person/s as it sees fit.
 3. Ask the Sessional Committee or pre-Assembly Commission to report to the General Assembly with a specific recommendation concerning any restrictions on the presentation of gay persons for ordination studies.
 4. Ask the Sessional Committee or pre-Assembly Commission to report to this General Assembly as to whether, on the basis of prior conclusions of the General Assembly in the period 1985 to 2000, there is any restriction on the presentation of gay persons for ordination studies, and subsequent licensing and ordination

The motion was debated.

When the motion was put to the vote, there were 131 votes in favour and 194 against (40.3% to 59.7%).

The Moderator declared the motion to lie on the table.

Resourcing for Mission Policy Group

Mrs Anne Thomson and Rev Alistair McBride, Resourcing for Mission Policy Group Co-Conveners, presented the Policy Group's report.

Leave was granted to replace notice of motion [02.026] with notice of motion [02.133].

- [02.026]** **[withdrawn]**
That the Book of Order and Judicial Reference Group draft any further amendments needed to give effect to these decisions.

Church Membership

Mr McBride moved and it was seconded:

- [02.025]** That the following recommendations a to g be approved and sent to Presbyteries/UDCs under the Barrier Act.
- a) That there be provision for two forms of membership in the Presbyterian

Church, members and associate members.

- b) That regulation 19 be amended to read:
Each congregation shall have a list of members, a list of associate members, and a register of all persons under pastoral care.
- c) That regulation 20 be amended to read:
The list of members consists of persons recognised by the Session/Parish Council as:
 - having been baptised; and
 - professing their faith in Jesus Christ; and
 - expressing their intention to live their discipleship as part of the congregation.
- d) That regulation 22 be amended to read:
The list of associate members consists of persons recognised by the Session or Parish Council as expressing their intention to be associated with the congregation.
- e) That regulation 30 be repealed.
- f) That all members and associate members be entitled to a vote in congregational meetings.
- g) That members (not associate members) be eligible to be elders or Parish Councillors.

[02.133]

[replacing notice of motion 02.026]

That the following amendments be approved and referred to Presbyteries/UDCs under the Barrier Act.

- a. That regulation 46 be amended to read:
All members and associate members shall be entitled to a vote in congregational meetings.
- b. That regulations 47 and 48 be repealed
- c. That regulation 55 be amended by deleting the word "communicant".
- d. That regulation 65 be amended by deleting the word "communicant".
- e. That regulation 67 be amended to read:
Members (not associate members) shall be eligible to be elders or Parish Councilors. It is not competent for a person to be disqualified at any stage on the basis of gender or ethnic origin.
- f. That regulation 236 be amended to read:
Members and associate members on the roll alone have the right to vote on the recommendation or on any motion in connection with it. The vote of members and associate members shall be reported to the Presbytery. In cases where members are unable to attend, written votes may be accepted at the meeting of the Congregation. (see also 45)

Questions for clarification were answered by the co-conveners.

The motions were referred to Dialogue Groups for consideration.

Presbytery Oversight of Congregations

Mrs Anne Thomson moved and it was seconded:

- [02.027] That General Assembly adopt the proposals outlined in the paper *Presbytery Oversight of Congregations* (Appendix 2 in the Resourcing for Mission Policy Group report).

The motions were referred to Dialogue Groups for consideration.

Presbyterian Support

Dr Ruth Houghton, Chairperson Presbyterian Support New Zealand, presented a report to the Assembly. The Moderator acknowledged the work of Presbyterian Support.

Council of Asian Congregations

The Rev Paul Kim, Liaison Officer Council of Asian Congregations, presented the Council's report.

Presbyterian Savings and Development Society (PSDS)

Mr Robin Guy, General Manager of PSDS presented the Society's report.

Overseas Mission and Partnerships Policy Group

The Rev Stuart Vogel, Overseas Mission and Partnerships Policy Group Convener, presented the Policy Group's report. He introduced Rev Andrew Bell, Global Mission Secretary, and Rev Chris Nichol, Ecumenical Relations Secretary.

Mr Vogel moved, and it was seconded:

Israel – Palestine

- [02.035] That the General Assembly:
- a) Receive the supplementary report of the Church of Scotland on Israel Palestine and commend it as a document for study in the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand.
 - b) Express profound sorrow and deep concern for the situation in Israel-Palestine where a continuing cycle of violence is bringing only suffering and despair, and offer continuing prayer and support for the people involved.
 - c) Offer support to all the Christian churches in the area in their difficult task of building peace and reconciliation.
 - d) Condemn the attacks on innocent Israelis by Palestinian suicide bombers, gunmen and those who encourage them, as terror against innocent civilians is unacceptable to all civilised people.
 - e) Condemn Israeli attacks against innocent civilians and calls on the Israeli Government to work to ensure the safety of Palestinian non-combatants.

- f) Support the World Council of Churches' Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel; and ask the Global Mission Office, in consultation with the Overseas Mission and Partnership Policy Group, to explore ways to express this support.
- g) Affirm the conviction that justice demands a viable independent Palestinian state guaranteed by international treaty and action.

There was discussion.

The motion was referred to Dialogue Groups for consideration.

Conference of Churches in Aotearoa New Zealand (CCANZ)

Mr Michael Earle, General Secretary, Conference of Churches in Aotearoa New Zealand, and Mrs Gaynor Larsen, an elder of the Presbyterian Church and one of the three Presidents of the CCANZ, spoke to the report.

The Assembly met in Dialogue Groups.

The Assembly adjourned to meet again at 7.00 pm.

Michael Thawley, Moderator
Kerry Enright, Clerk

Session 4
St Patrick's College, Silverstream, Wellington
Monday, 23 September 2002 at 7.00 p.m.

The Assembly met and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

Niue Fono Motu

The Rev Tom Etuata and other Niuean members gave a presentation. The Moderator acknowledged the role of the Niuean Fono Motu within the Presbyterian Church.

Retiring Moderator's Address

The retiring Moderator, the Very Rev. Robert Yule, addressed the Assembly on the theme of "We can accomplish more together than apart". The Moderator paid tribute to Mr Yule for his leadership, and acknowledged the support of his wife, Mrs Christene Yule.

Celebration of 100 Years of Women in Ministry

The Rev Dr Nan Burgess led a presentation celebrating one hundred years of Women in Ministry in the Presbyterian Church. The Moderator gave thanks for the ministry of women and led in prayer seeking God's forgiveness for the churches oppression of women and God's hope for our future.

Association of Presbyterian Women (APW)

Mrs Marion Brash, Association of Presbyterian Women President, presented the APW report. Mrs Brash moved and it was seconded:

[02.041] That the Council of Assembly together with Policy Groups and the National Executive of the Association of Presbyterian Women seek to find ways of bringing the APW into a closer association and working relationship with the whole church.

[02.042] That the Assembly supports and encourages the APW as it works through a restructuring process in order to become more effective and more relevant to the needs of women in the church today.

There was debate.

The motions were agreed to.

Christian World Service

Ms Jill Hawkey Christian World Service Executive Officer presented the CWS report.

Ms Hawkey moved and it was seconded:

[02.038] That Assembly affirms the work of Christian World Service and encourages parishes to support the Christmas Appeal and emergency appeals.

[02.039] That Assembly encourages youth groups and parishes with young people in them to participate in the *Wipe Out Poverty* programme.

[02.040] That Assembly encourages all parishes to select a lay person to act as Parish Link to Christian World Service.

There was no debate.
The motions were agreed to.

Facilitation Group

Mrs Alison Grimshaw, of the Facilitation Group, reported on Dialogue Group responses to Notices of motion [02.014] – [02.017], [02.019], [02.136] (Strengthening Presbyteries). Mrs Grimshaw reported that none of the recommendations received full support, and that opinions were divided.

The Rev Bob Reid was granted leave to amend the wording of notice of motion [02.136].

- [02.136]** That the report 'Strengthening Presbyteries' be referred to presbyteries and parishes for discussion and comment.
That:
- a) Presbyteries hold a meeting of the parishes in their bounds to discuss the report prior to Christmas.
 - b) The report form the basis of inter-Presbytery meetings during February to April 2003, individual Presbyteries reporting back to the Council of Assembly by the end of June.
 - c) The Council prepare a further report to be sent to Presbyteries summarising the responses and outlining any new recommendations by March 2004.
 - d) Further comment from Presbyteries be welcomed prior to the 2004 Assembly.

There was debate.

The Rev Wilson Orange moved an amendment to extend the time frame of the reporting process. The amendment was lost.

The original motion was carried.
(Notices of motion [02.014 – 02.017], [02.019] thus lapsed).

Removal of Parish Boundaries

The Council of Assembly's recommendation on parish boundaries was debated.

[02.018] That this Assembly endorse the removal of all parish boundaries, and ask the Council of Assembly to consult presbyteries/UDCs and sessions/parish councils, and report back to the next assembly regarding this proposal.

Mr Bill Penno moved an amendment, which was seconded:

[02.018 amended] That this Assembly ask the Council of Assembly to consult Presbyteries/UDCs and parishes, and report back to the next Assembly on the proposal to remove parish boundaries.

The amendment was carried.

When put as a substantive motion, it was agreed to.

Closing Worship was led by the Rev Hariata Haumate.

The Assembly adjourned to meet again on Tuesday, 24 September 2002 at 8.30 a.m.

The Moderator pronounced the benediction.

Michael Thawley, Moderator
Kerry Enright, Clerk

Session 5
St Patrick's College, Silverstream, Wellington
Tuesday, 24 September 2002 at 8.30 a.m.

The Assembly met and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.
Worship was led by Mr Glen Labrum, accompanied by members of the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra.

The Moderator released members of Te Aka Puaho to attend a tangi.

Equipping the Leadership Policy Group

Rev Dr Graham Redding, Co-Convener of the Policy Group, presented the Policy Group's report.

Questions for clarification were answered.

Ordination and Induction Services

Dr Redding moved and it was seconded:

[02.044] That approval be given for the Equipping the Leadership Policy Group to trial alternative ordination, induction and commissioning services which retain the key elements present in the existing services but which also reflect modern language and style as well as the leadership for mission policy.

There was brief debate.
The motion was agreed to.

Tenure of Ministry

Dr Redding moved and it was seconded:

[02.045] That regulation 194 (1) concerning cessation of tenure be amended by the addition of the following words at the beginning of the regulation "Except as provided in the Ministry Regulations Appendix E-17, 3.4 or ..."

There was brief debate.
The motion was agreed to.

Appendix E-19

Dr Redding moved and it was seconded:

[02.046] That Appendix E-19 of the Book of Order be repealed.

There was debate.
The motion was agreed to.

Student Regulations

Dr Redding moved and it was seconded:

- [02.047] That the following amendments be made to the Student Regulations, Appendix E-13 in the Book of Order:
- a) Student Regulation 4.1 be amended by the substitution of the word "may" with the word "shall"
 - b) Student Regulation 4.4 be amended by replacing the words from "candidate" on line 2 to "ordained ministry" on line 3 with the following words "...Presbytery Student convener or representative for each candidate of the candidate's acceptance or otherwise as a student for the ordained ministry, such information to be conveyed to the student within the following seven days."

It was agreed to defer voting on this motion until it was further clarified.

Recognition of Rev Dr Simon Rae

Dr Redding moved, and it was seconded:

- [02.048] That the Rev. Dr Simon Rae be admitted to the status of Principal Emeritus of the former Theological Hall of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand

There was no debate.
The motion was agreed to.

Hewitson Library

Dr Redding moved and it was seconded:

- [02.049] That Assembly confirm its intention that the Hewitson Library remain based at Knox College in Dunedin.
- [02.050] That Assembly approve the formation of a committee to raise funds for the further development and operation of the Hewitson Library, Knox College.

There was no debate.
The motions were agreed to.

Pacific Theological College

Dr Redding moved and it was seconded:

- [02.051] That the Presbyterian Church recognises the BD programme taught by the Pacific Theological College as fulfilling the requirements of foundational studies required for entry into the School of Ministry's Ordination Studies Programme (OSP), with the following conditions:

- a. That BD graduates of PTC must have achieved a minimum B- grade average in that degree;
- b. The make-up of the degree must fulfil the General Requirements of Foundational Theological Degree Studies as listed in the School of Ministry, Knox College Handbook;
- c. That PTC graduates fulfil the other foundational requirements before entering the OSP;
- d. That the Presbyterian Church recognition of the PTC BD as a foundational theological studies degree is for a period of 5 years, and a follow-up assessment is performed towards the end of that 5 year period;
- e. That staff interaction is encouraged between the institutions, through the exchange of papers and lectures, and as study leave options;
- f. That the Presbyterian Church negotiate with the Board of the PTC for entry of Presbyterian Church candidates for ministry into PTC on similar conditions for candidates from member churches of PTC.

Leave was given to add to clause 52b the word “minimum” before the word “B- degree”.

There was debate.

The motion was agreed to.

Malua Theological College

Dr Redding moved and it was seconded:

[02.052] That upon the satisfactory completion of the accreditation panel’s work, the Equipping the Leadership Policy Group be authorised to accredit Malua’s 4-year BD and BTheol programmes so Presbyterian candidates can do their foundational theological studies at Malua with the following conditions:

- a. Such candidates would need to have some proficiency in Samoan language and culture.
- b. Presbyterian graduates who have a minimum of B- average in Malua’s BTheol degree and who have fulfilled the other foundational requirements would be offered entry to the OSP.
- c. That Presbyterian graduates who have been awarded Malua’s BD and who have fulfilled the other foundational requirements would be offered entry to the OSP.

There was no debate.

The motion was carried.

Dr Redding moved and it was seconded:

[02.053] That Malua CCCS graduates be offered the opportunity to do the 2-year MMin programme in Dunedin, joining the SoM OSP as much as possible, and for the SoM to supervise their University work where appropriate.

There was debate.

The motion was carried.

Dr Redding moved and it was seconded:

- [02.054]** That a request be made to the Board of Malua Theological College for Presbyterian students to study at Malua, with the understanding that:
- a. The students will be bonded to return to New Zealand and the Presbyterian Church on completion of their Samoan studies;
 - b. Presbyterian students sit and pass Malua's pre-entry exam;
 - c. At the end of the first year, which is DipTheol level, Presbyterian undergraduate students achieve a 75% average mark, which will allow them entry into the BTheol programme, otherwise they return home.
 - d. That the Presbyterian Church recognition of the Malua BTheol and BD as foundational theological studies degrees is for a period of 5 years and a follow-up assessment is performed towards the end of that 5 year period.
 - e. That staff interaction is encouraged between the institutions, through the exchange of papers and lectures, and as study leave options.

The debate was adjourned.

Lay Ministry Task Group – Future Ministry Together

The Rev Sally Carter, Co-convener, Lay Ministry, presented the Task Group's report.

Ms Carter moved *en bloc* and it was seconded:

- [02.055]** That Assembly affirm the ministry of the laos (the whole people of God) as the core of ministry within the Presbyterian Church, and the equipping of the laos for ministry as a priority for the Church.
- [02.056]** That Assembly affirm the importance of a well-trained ordained ministry of word and sacrament to resource, enable and empower the ministry of the laos. (Ordained ministry is charged with the responsibility to be a sign of the heritage and catholicity of the church.)
- [02.057]** That Assembly affirm the significance of the role of eldership and the need for ongoing training and support of elders.
- [02.058]** That Assembly recognise four strands of ministry of word and sacrament within the Presbyterian church as proposed in this report – these being:
- a. National Ordained Ministry (NOM) - nationally recognised through national assessment and training and confirmed through a call to a particular ministry charge.
 - b. Local Ordained Ministry (LOM) – recognised through a careful process of discernment at congregation and presbytery level and confirmed through ordination and induction.
 - c. Local Ministry Team (LMT) – A team of people inducted to fulfil the tasks of ministry, recognised through a careful process of discernment at congregation and presbytery level and confirmed through presbytery commissioning as a team ministry.

Within such a team individuals may be recognised by presbytery for training and ordination to a ministry of word and sacrament. These people would not be commissioned apart from a team.

- d. Amorangi ministry – self-supporting ministry in Te Aka Puaho, as outlined in the BoO, Appendix E-29 B

- [02.059] That the Council of Assembly develop and adopt guidelines for presbyteries on the selection, ordination and training for LOM's and LMT's as suggested in this report.
- [02.060] That the Council of Assembly develop and adopt appropriate training requirements and guidelines for the support of LOM's and LMT's as suggested in this report.
- [02.061] That Assembly ask the Council of Assembly to develop and adopt an approved course in the celebration of Communion that is available locally or extramurally through presbyteries. This national assessment and recognition should ensure a consistent standard of training for all in the Presbyterian Church who are allowed to celebrate communion. Completion of this course to a satisfactory standard should be a pre-requisite for all who officiate at communion.
- [02.062] That the Council of Assembly develop and adopt nationally recognised and assessed training modules (e.g. Baptism, Presbyterian Government or those courses deemed as necessary for those who enter LOM) for local use in Presbyteries.
- [02.063] That in light of the above, Assembly allow, as an interim measure, LOMs to have full membership on Presbytery except where there is more than one LOM in a particular parish. Where a parish has more than one LOM then each parish has one full seat on presbytery which would be shared or allotted as appropriate.
- [02.064] Where a parish chooses to form a LMT team, then that parish has the right to one full "ministry" seat on presbytery (along with their Elder's seat) which is allocated to one member of the LMT or shared between more than one member of the LMT of that parish.
- [02.065] That Assembly ask presbyteries to consider running at least two half day courses each year on relevant areas of pastoral care, preaching, and worship.
- [02.066] That Assembly ask the Beneficiary Fund Committee to look at the implications and requirements of LOMs joining the BF, and under what conditions they could join.

Questions of clarification were answered.

The motions were referred to Dialogue Groups.

Forum of Co-operative Ventures

Mr Ian Omundsen presented the report for the Forum.

He moved and it was seconded:

- [02.030] That General Assembly support the ministry of the whole people of God and develop models of lay ministry consistent with, and acceptable to, the Partners in the Forum.

The motion was referred to Dialogue Groups.

Overture 7: About Lay Ministry

Rev John Gullick moved and it was seconded:

[02.079]

1. That the General Assembly affirm and acknowledge the tremendous contribution that lay ministers are making to our Church.
2. That the Church develop a custom-built process whereby people in lay ministry can be trained and ordained that:
 - a) fully recognises existing qualifications of candidates
 - b) takes into account and fully values the previous experience gained in ministry situations.
 - c) Includes only those components that are considered to have not been covered by previous training or experience and avoids unnecessary duplication.
 - d) Requires minimum of disturbance, through the provision of suitable modules etc (many of which are already available) that allow candidates for ordination to be equipped for ministry in a way that both allows them to continue in their position wherever possible but also meets the church's ordination requirements
3. That the Assembly commission the Equipping the Leadership Policy Group to design and implement this process and to report back to the next Assembly including with any required legislative amendments.

The motion was referred to Dialogue Groups.

Overture 2: About Celebration of Baptism

The Rev David Gordon moved and it was seconded:

[02.080]

That the General Assembly agree in principle to the authorisation of elders to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism in a parish in which there is no ordained Minister of Word and Sacrament, such authorisation to be subject to the authority of the Presbytery/UDC, and ask the Book of Order and Judicial Reference Group to draft the appropriate amending legislation for reporting to the next General Assembly.

The motion was referred to Dialogue Groups.

Overture 6: Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism

The Rev John Turton moved and it was seconded:

[02.081]

- That the General Assembly
- a. Give approval to Presbyteries to authorise suitably trained elders to conduct the sacrament of baptism in those parishes without a resident ordained ministry;
 - b. Ask the Book of Order and Judicial Reference Group to draft the appropriate amending legislation and report to the next General Assembly.
 - c. Instruct the Council of Assembly to ensure the preparation of resources for use by authorised elders.

The motion was referred to Dialogue Groups.

The Assembly met in Dialogue Groups.

The Assembly resumed in plenary session.

The Rev Prof Nestor Miguez, gave the second of his keynote addresses on the theme “I am the Truth”.

The Assembly adjourned to meet again at 1.30 p.m.

Michael Thawley, Moderator
Kerry Enright, Clerk

Session 6
St Patrick's College, Silverstream, Wellington
Tuesday, 24 September 2002 at 1.30 p.m.

The Assembly met and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The Children's Assembly gave a presentation.

Church Schools

Mr Nigel Fairbairn, Rector of St Andrew's College, Christchurch, representing Presbyterian Church Schools, presented a report.

School Zoning

The Rev Nolan Martin moved and it was seconded:

[02.129] That the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand expresses its concern that the proximity criteria and zoning protocols applicable to State Schools are receiving greater emphasis than the special character criteria guaranteed to Church Schools under the Integrated Agreement.

That the General Assembly further requests that the Ministry of Education, when approving Enrolment Schemes for Integrated Presbyterian Church Schools, give careful consideration to the commitment entered into by the New Zealand government under the Integration Agreements to ensure that the Special character of such schools is recognized, respected and given the highest priority.

There was brief debate.

The motion was agreed to.

Pacific Islanders' Synod

Representatives of the pilot Pacific Islanders' Synod gave a presentation.

Pacific Islanders' Synod Review

The Very Rev Bruce Hansen presented the report of the Review Committee. He was granted leave to: replace motion [02.091] with motion [02.143], to withdraw motions [02.092] and [02.093] and to amend motion [02.095].

He moved *en bloc* and it was seconded:

- [02.143] That the General Assembly agree to the establishment of a Pacific Islanders' Synod within the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand as set out in the report of the Pacific Islanders' Synod Review Committee.
- [02.094] That the General Assembly authorise the payment of up to \$70,000 per annum for 3 years in order to fund the work of the Pacific Islanders' Synod Executive in establishing the Synod.
- [02.095] That the General Assembly in recognising the role of the Pacific Islanders' Synod within the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand instruct all Presbyteries that before a Presbytery proceeds with any matter that may involve or impinge upon the work of any Pacific Island minister or congregation within their bounds, that they consult with and seek the opinion and guidance of the Pacific Islanders' Synod in that matter, and that this be referred to the Book of Order and Judicial Reference Group to frame regulations.
- [02.144] That the Constitution as amended in accordance with the report of the review committee be sent down to Presbyteries and parishes under the Barrier Act.
- [02.159] That a liaison group be appointed as a standing committee of the Assembly to facilitate good communication between the Pacific Islanders' Synod and the courts of the Church and to mediate in any matters where there may be differences of understanding or interpretation.

Questions of clarification were answered.

Special Committee on Constitution for Pacific Islanders' Synod

The Rev Samuel McCay reported on the work of the committee.

He moved and it was seconded:

- [02.096] That the revised Constitution [2002] of the Pacific Islanders' Synod be approved ad interim and sent down under the Barrier Act to Presbyteries, Union District Councils and Te Aka Puaho for approval and report to the 2004 General Assembly.

Questions of clarification were answered.

Rev Maua Sola was granted leave to replace notice of motion [02.098] (Overture 11) with notice of motion [02.145].

Mr Sola moved and it was seconded:

- [02.145]
1. a) That the General Assembly agree to the establishment of a Pacific Islanders' Council within the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand.
b) That the executive of the pilot synod currently under trial be asked to act as the Pacific Islanders' Council until the next General Assembly.
 2. That the Pacific Islanders' Council encourage the various fono/groups to complete written constitutions under the guidance of the Book of Order and Judicial Reference Group.

3. That the membership of the various fono/ethnic groups is signalled by the free association of individuals. All members and congregations of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand in association with the fono/ethnic group remain subject to and part of their local Presbytery.
4. That the membership of the initial Council be the Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer of the Pilot Synod, and up to five members representative of the various fono/ethnic groups.
5. That subsequent Council membership be made up of two representatives elected annually by each of the fono/ethnic groups represented within the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand. The Convenor to be appointed by the Nominating Committee of the General Assembly. The Clerk and Treasurer appointed by the Council as ex officio/and additional members.
6. That the purpose of the Pacific Islanders' Council be to act in partnership with the Council of Assembly, the Presbyteries/Union District Councils and Congregations to:
 - promote worship and Christian nurture among Pacific Islanders
 - enhance, articulate and mobilise the Pacific Islanders' contribution to the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand and the Church's mission within New Zealand and overseas.
 - to address public issues of concern to Pacific Islanders and to represent those concerns to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand and other courts.
 - receive, discuss and report back on any matter referred to the Council by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand and to respond to requests from Presbyteries, Union District Councils and Te Aka Puaho for advice and help.
 - to provide a forum for Pacific Island groups represented in the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand to meet and share matters of common and special concern. These include:
 - Cook Islanders – Uapou Fellowship
 - English Speaking – English Speaking Group
 - Niueans – Fonu Motu
 - Samoans – Fono Samoa
 - Tokelauans - Fono Tokelau
 - Tuvaluans – Fono Tuvalu
7. That the General Assembly, recognising the partnership between the courts of the church and the Pacific Islanders' Council and the Council of Asian Congregations within the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand requests all Presbyteries to establish a standing committee to monitor, advise and promote multi-ethnic-cultural relations and mission strategies.

Moderator's Dialogue

The Moderator introduced Mrs Dawn Mitai-Pehi, Principal of Turakina Maori Girls' College and students from the college. The Moderator engaged in dialogue with Mrs Mitai-Pehi.

Pacific Islanders' Synod Review Committee

Motion [02.143] was debated.

The motion was carried.

Mr Hansen moved, and it was seconded:

[02.144] That the Constitution as amended in accordance with the report of the Review Committee be sent down to Presbyteries and parishes under the Barrier Act

The motion was agreed to.

Mr Hansen moved and it was seconded:

[02.144a] That the amended constitution be adopted *ad interim*

There was no debate.

The motion was agreed to

[02.094] That the General Assembly authorise the payment of up to \$70,000 per annum for 3 years in order to fund the work of the Pacific Islanders' Synod Executive in establishing the Synod.

There was no debate.

The motion was agreed to.

Having been moved earlier in the session the following motions were opened for debate.

[02.095] That the General Assembly in recognising the role of the Pacific Islanders' Synod within the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand instruct all Presbyteries that before a Presbytery proceeds with any matter that may involve or impinge upon the work of any Pacific Island minister or congregation within their bounds, that they consult with and seek the opinion and guidance of the Pacific Islanders' Synod in that matter and be referred to Book of Order & Judicial Reference Group to frame regulations.

There was no debate.

The motion was agreed to.

[02.159] That a liaison group be appointed as a standing committee of the Assembly to facilitate good communication between the Pacific Islanders' Synod and the courts of the Church and to mediate in any matters where there may be differences of understanding or interpretation.

There was no debate.

The motion was agreed to.

The Rev Samuel McCay was granted leave to withdraw the recommendations of the Special Committee on the Pacific Islanders' Synod. [see 02.096]

Rev Samuel McCay moved and it was seconded:

[02.097] That the Special Committee on the Pacific Islanders' Synod Constitution be thanked and discharged.

The Moderator paid tribute to the work of Mr McCay and the committee. The Assembly stood to acknowledge their contributions.

Rev Maua Sola was granted leave to withdraw notice of motion [02.145]

The Clerk moved and it was seconded:

That the Pacific Islanders' Synod Review Committee be thanked and discharged.

The motion was agreed to.

The Moderator led the Assembly in worship to acknowledge the establishment of the Pacific Islanders' Synod.

Subordinate Standards

The Very Rev Alister Rae, Convener, Subordinate Standards Task Group, gave a report. Mr Rae moved and it was seconded:

[02.083] That the Book of Order Re-write Task Group be instructed by this Assembly to re-write regulation 1 in the Book of Order in the terms outlined in this report and report their suggested wording to the next Assembly for adoption. [See Sections 7 and 8]

[02.084] That the Council of Assembly appoint a Task Group to develop a focal identity statement such as that suggested in Appendix 3 for use in worship as a confession of faith, including by those joining the church and those taking up leadership roles; the Task Group to include those who have a feeling for the use of language appropriate in worship; and that the results of their deliberations be reported through the Doctrine Reference Group to the next Assembly for adoption [See section 5.11, 7, and 9.3 plus Appendix 3]

[02.085] That the Book of Order and Judicial Reference Group together with the Book of Order Re-write Task Group be instructed by the Assembly to draw up a statement of the relationship between members and office bearers and our theological and historical statements in sympathy with the direction set out above and that this statement, and a formula to be signed by those holding office in this church, be reported to the next Assembly for adoption. [See section 9]

[02.086] That the Subordinate Standards Task Group be thanked and discharged. [See section 9.5]

Questions for clarification were answered.

The motions were referred to Dialogue Groups.

The Assembly adjourned to meet again at 7.00 pm.

Michael Thawley, Moderator
Kerry Enright, Clerk

Session 7
St Patrick's College, Silverstream, Wellington
Tuesday, 24 September 2002 at 7.00 p.m.

The Assembly met and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

Election of Moderator-Designate

The Rev Chris Elliot, Nominating Committee Co-Convener, presented a verbal report from the Committee, recommending that the Rev Garry Marquand be the next Moderator -Designate.

Mrs Elliot moved and it was seconded:

That the report of the Nominating Committee be received

The motion was agreed to.

The Rev Lance Thomas, Waikato Presbytery, moved and the Rev Shirley Fergusson seconded:

That the Rev Garry Marquand be Moderator-Designate of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand.

The motion was carried.

Mr Garry Marquand, Mrs Val Marquand and their daughter, Lana, were presented to the Assembly.

The Moderator-Designate addressed the Assembly.

Overture 8: About Doctrinal Standards

Rev Stuart Lange moved and it was seconded:

- [02.090]** That no attempt be made to alter the present relationship of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand to its confession of faith and other subordinate standards until such time as:
- a. The Constitutional issues have been faced and resolved.
 - b. Assembly has approved a substitute confession of faith that is (a) genuinely consistent with the historic apostolic and reformed faith, (b) fairly comprehensive, rather than just a brief affirmation, (c) more contemporary in language, (d) appropriate for New Zealand, yet consistent with Christian orthodoxy world-wide.

The motion was referred to Dialogue Groups.

Service Team

Service Team employees of the General Assembly gave a presentation.

Facilitation Group

Mrs Alison Grimshaw reported on Dialogue Group responses to motions [02.020] and [02.021]. Mrs Grimshaw reported that there was general support for the principle but not the process.

Assembly Lay Moderators

The Rev Ken Irwin moved and it was seconded:

[02.160]

- 1 Assembly affirms that the diversity of the church shall be reflected in the election of Moderators of the General Assembly.
- 2 That the Council of Assembly undertake an analysis including resourcing of why so few lay people women and ethnic groups within the church have been nominated for the role of Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand.
- 3 That the Council of Assembly prepare and circulate a schedule of gifts of the Spirit that would be most appropriate in the next Moderator, before the next round of nominations are called for in 2003.

There was debate.

The motion was voted on clause by clause.

Clause 1:

The Rev Helen Wallis moved an amendment, which was seconded:

That the words "continue to be reflected" replace "shall be reflected" in clause 1.

The amendment was lost.

The Rev Steve Jourdain moved an amendment, which was seconded:

That the word "shall" be replaced by the word "should".

The amendment was carried.

Clause 1 as amended now read:

- 1 Assembly affirms that the diversity of the church should be reflected in the election of Moderators of the General Assembly.

The amended clause was agreed to.

Clause 2 was agreed to.

Clause 3 did not receive the required 60% support, and the Moderator declared it to lie on the table.

(Motions [02.020] and [02.021] thus lapsed.)

Forum of Co-operative Ventures

Mr Ian Omunsden moved and it was seconded:

Church Membership

[02.031] That in considering requirements for membership in the Presbyterian Church the Assembly acknowledges the agreed reciprocal membership as detailed in the Guide to Procedures page 12 and section 221 of the Common Provisions.

Co-operative Ventures

[02.032] That General Assembly acknowledge the important role that Co-operative Ventures have to play in the life and work of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand and affirm the June 21, 2001 statement of partner representatives.

The motions were debated.

The motions were carried.

Resourcing for Mission

The Rev Alistair McBride moved and it was seconded:

Ecumenical Agenda

[02.028] That General Assembly adopt the proposed *Ecumenical Agenda* (Appendix 3 of the Resourcing for Mission Policy Group Report). [see paragraph 9 of the report]

The motion was debated.

When the motion was put, 164 were in favour and 126 against (56.5% - 43.5%).

The Moderator declared the motion to lie on the table.

Facilitation Group

Mrs Alison Grimshaw reported on Dialogue Groups responses to notice of motion [02.035].

Mrs Grimshaw noted that responses were generally in favour but varied.

Israel – Palestine

[02.035] That the General Assembly:

- a Receive the supplementary report of the Church of Scotland on Israel Palestine and commend it as a document for study in the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand
- b Express profound sorrow and deep concern for the situation in Israel-Palestine where a continuing cycle of violence is bringing only suffering and despair, and offer continuing prayer and support for the people involved.

- c Offer support to all the Christian churches in the area in their difficult task of building peace and reconciliation.
- d Condemn the attacks on innocent Israelis by Palestinian suicide bombers, gunmen and those who encourage them, as terror against innocent civilians is unacceptable to all civilised people.
- e Condemn Israeli attacks against innocent civilians and calls on the Israeli Government to work to ensure the safety of Palestinian non-Combatants.
- f Support the World Council of Churches of Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel; and ask the Global Mission, in consultation with the Overseas Mission and Partnership Policy Group, to explore ways to express the support.
- g Affirm the conviction that justice demands a viable independent Palestinian state guaranteed by international treaty and action.

The motion was debated.

The motions were voted on clause by clause.

Clause a was carried.

Clause b was agreed to.

Rev David Kriel moved an amendment to clause c which was seconded:

That the words “and all other faith communities” be inserted after the words “Christian churches”.

The amendment was lost.

Clause c was agreed to.

Clause d was agreed to.

Clause e was carried.

Clause f was carried.

Clause g: Mr Rudy Vogels moved an amendment which was seconded:

That the word “justice” be replaced with the word “compassion”.

The amendment was lost.

Rev Ian Pimm moved an amendment which was seconded:

That the words “and compassion” be inserted after the word “justice”.

The amendment was carried.

g) Clause g as amended now read:

Affirm the conviction that justice and compassion demands a viable independent Palestinian state guaranteed by international treaty and action.

The clause as amended was carried.

Closing prayers were led by the Rev Ray Coster.

The Assembly adjourned to meet again on Wednesday, 25 September 2002 at 8.30 a.m.

The Moderator pronounced the benediction.

Michael Thawley, Moderator
Kerry Enright, Clerk

Session 8
St Patrick's College, Silverstream, Wellington
Wednesday, 25 September 2002 at 8.30 a.m.

The Assembly met and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

Worship was led by Mrs Mary Jane Konings and members of the Youth Group, Knox Church, Lower Hutt.

Administration and Finance Policy Group

The Rev Brian Willisroft, Administration and Finance Policy Group Co-convenor, presented the Policy Group's report.

Ministers Housing Provision

Mr Willisroft was granted leave to withdraw notice of motion [02.108].

[02.108] withdrawn

That section 2.1.2 Location b in the Book of Order from the words *b) By leasing a house owned by the minister to main worship centre*, be repealed.

Mr Willisroft moved *en bloc* motions [02.109 – 02.106] and it was seconded.

These motions were debated jointly, but voted on separately.

Status and Standing of Ministers and Lay Workers

[02.109] That regulation 225 be amended by adding a new clause (vi) as follows (with consequential renumbering of succeeding clauses): Before a Board of Nomination makes any approach to a minister or puts a name before a Session or Parish Council the Nominator shall confer with the Assembly Office as to the status and standing of the minister or nominee and other relevant information, and shall report that information to the Board of Nomination.

The motion was agreed to.

[02.110] That regulation 226 be amended by adding a new clause (v) as follows (with consequential renumbering of succeeding clauses): Before a Board of Nomination makes any approach to a minister or puts a name before a Session or Parish Council the Nominator shall confer with the Assembly Office as to the status and standing of the minister or nominee and other relevant information, and shall report that information to the Board of Nomination.

The motion was agreed to.

[02.111] That the Book of Order be amended by the addition of a new regulation 86A and a new clause in Appendix E-17 4.1.2 (with consequential renumbering) as follows: Before a Session or Parish Council or Interim Moderator makes any approach to a minister to serve as Stated Supply the Interim Moderator shall confer with the Assembly Office as to that minister's status and standing and any other relevant information, and shall report that information to the Session or Parish Council.

The motion was agreed to.

[02.112] That the Book of Order be amended by the addition of a new regulation 86B as follows:

- (1) Before a Session or Parish Council or Interim Moderator makes any approach to a person to serve as lay worker in a position with pastoral responsibilities, the Interim Moderator shall confer with the Assembly Office as to the status and standing of any prospective appointee and any other relevant information, and shall report that information to the Session or Parish Council.
- (2) When a Session or Parish Council considers the appointment of a person to a position with pastoral responsibility it shall obtain from the Police a record of any convictions and shall obtain the consent of all prospective appointees to do so.

The Rev Ken Harray moved an amendment, which was seconded:

That the words "in a paid capacity" be added after the word "serve" in clause 1 and that the word "paid" be added after the word "position" in clause 2.

The amendment was lost.

The original motion was agreed to.

Notices of motion [02.113 – 02.116] were agreed to *en bloc*.

[02.113] That the Book of Order be amended by the addition of a new regulation 608 as follows:

Subject to the decision of a judicial body to the contrary, every complaint made to a Session/Parish Council or Presbytery/UDC under chapter 10 of the Book of Order (including Appendix E-9) and every disciplinary action taken by a Church Court or Court of Law shall be reported to the Assembly Executive Secretary immediately, and a record of every disciplinary action taken shall be placed on the minister's personal information file.

[02.114] That regulation 4 be amended by the addition of the following words at the end of the regulation after the words Chapter 5 " whose good standing has been verified by the Presbytery and the Assembly Office."

[02.115] That regulation 230 be amended by the addition of the following words after the words "retired ministers" in line 2:"and in good standing as verified by the Presbytery and the Assembly Office."

[02.116] That regulation 245 be amended to read as follows:

"When a call is sustained, if it is in favour of a minister not holding a seat in any Presbytery or of a licentiate, the Clerk shall transmit it to the Clerk of the Presbytery on whose roll the minister's or licentiate's name is listed, together with extract minutes of relative proceedings and a statement of reasons for the translation. The minister or licentiate receiving the call is asked to intimate his or her views in regard to it, which he or she may do in writing. The Presbytery considers the case and gives its decision. If the Presbytery decides to put the call into the hands of the minister or licentiate and it is accepted, the Presbytery directs the minister or licentiate to await the orders, relative to induction, of the Presbytery forwarding the call. Prayer is offered for the minister or licentiate and the process continues as set out in regulations 263 and following. (see also 231)

Single Assessment

Prof Ian Watson, Co Convener Administration and Finance Policy Group, moved and it was seconded:

- [02.117]
- a) That one assessment be used to fund the work of the General Assembly.
 - b) That all other assessments currently used to fund the work of the General Assembly cease at the time of the commencement of the new assessment.
 - c) That the underlying principle for funding the work of the General Assembly remain an equitable sharing of burden among all parishes rather than user pays.
 - d) That the assessment be based upon the number of members in a parish and the parish income with the weighting to be 50% membership and 50% income.
 - e) That the definition of income contained in Appendix 1 in the report of the Administration and Finance Policy Group be used to determine the amount of income of a parish subject to assessment.
 - f) That the single assessment be effective from 1 July 2003. [Appendix 1]

Questions of clarification were answered.

The motion was referred to Dialogue Groups.

Churches Agency on Social Issues

The Rev David Simmers, Convener of the Churches Agency on Social Issues (CASI), spoke to the report.

Mr Simmers sought, and was granted leave, to replace Motions [02.123] and [02.136] with Motion [02.134].

[02.123] withdrawn

- a) That General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand expresses to the Prime Minister its support for New Zealand's ratification of the Kyoto Protocol on Climate Change; and
- b) That General Assembly encourages its congregations to study the issue of global warming, and welcomes the study material being produced by the Churches' Agency on Social Issues.

[02.036] withdrawn

That the Assembly endorse the paper on Climate Change attached to the report of the Overseas Mission and Partnerships Policy Group. [paragraph 5.4.1]

[02.134] (Replacing recommendations 36 and 123)

That this Assembly :

1. endorses the paper on climate change attached to the report of the Overseas Mission and Partnerships Policy Group;
2. expresses to the Prime Minister its support for New Zealand's ratification of the Kyoto Protocol on Climate Change; and
3. encourages its congregations to study the issue of global warming, and welcomes the study material being produced by the Churches' Agency on Social Issues in co-operation with the Overseas Missions and Partnerships Policy Group.

The motion was referred to Dialogue Groups.

Dr Chris Downs, Presbyterian member of the Interchurch Bioethics Council (ICBC) addressed the Assembly.

The Assembly met in Dialogue Groups.

Assembly resumed in plenary session.

Children's Assembly made a presentation.

The Assembly Guest Speaker, Rev. Prof. Nestor Miguez gave the third of his keynote addresses, on the theme "I am the Life".

The Assembly adjourned to meet again at 7.00 p.m.

Michael Thawley, Moderator
Kerry Enright, Clerk

Session 9
St Patrick's College, Silverstream, Wellington
Wednesday, 25 September 2002 at 7.00 p.m.

The Assembly met and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

Moderator's Dialogue

The Moderator introduced the Hon Steve Maharey, Minister of Social Services and Employment. The Moderator engaged in dialogue with Mr Maharey on matters of concern to the church.

Youth Ministry

Ms Morag Mansill, National Youth Ministry Co-director, gave a presentation.

Reception of Overseas Guest

The Rev Jean Wete, President of the Evangelical Church of New Caledonia and the Loyalty Islands, was introduced. Mr Wete addressed the Assembly.

Book of Order & Judicial Reference Group

Mr Colin Pidgeon, Book of Order & Judicial Reference Group Convener, presented a report.

Sexual Misconduct Procedures

Mr Pidgeon moved and it was seconded:

[02.099] That Appendix E-9 of the Book of Order (Sexual Misconduct Procedures) be replaced by Appendix E-9 as set out in Appendix 1 of the Book of Order and Judicial Reference Group report to this Assembly.

The Rev Rilma Sands moved an amendment, which was seconded:

That in Appendix E-9 (Sexual Misconduct Procedures), the same rights for legal costs apply to respondents as to complainants under clause 11.4, and the Book of Order and Judicial Reference Group be authorised to incorporate the consequential amendments in the Book of Order.

The amendment was briefly debated.

The amendment was agreed to.

When put as the substantive motion, [02.099] with the additional clause as above, was agreed to.

Leave was granted, to replace notice of motion [02.124] (Overture 9) with notice of motion [02.162].

[02.124] Overture 9 - withdrawn and replaced by [02.162]

1. That the Presbyterian Church adopt a national process for the hearing of complaints of sexual harassment.
2. That a Task Group be established to consult with presbyteries, the Forum of Co-operative Ventures Standing Committee, those in presbyteries currently responsible for implementing Sexual Harassment procedures, the Book of Order Rewrite Task Group, and other interested parties and to formulate the best way to implement such a process, to keep it as simple as possible and to include funding.
3. That the Task Group direct the Book of Order and Judicial Reference Group to formulate appropriate regulations.
4. That the Task Group consider any other such matters that relate to Complaints Procedures, such as
 - a) The keeping of national records of upheld complaints and disclosure within presbyteries, between presbyteries and beyond the Church.
 - b) The voluntary or compulsory adherence by ministers and church staff to the Code of Pastoral Ethics (Book of Order E 10).
 - c) A form of Indemnity Cover for cases that are heard within the church courts, The use of mediation as a confidential means to resolve complaints, in a manner that respects the position of both complainant and respondent.

Mr Glen Labrum moved, and it was seconded:

[02.162] Replacing notice of motion [02.124] (Overture 9)

That while the Assembly appreciates the steps taken by the Book of Order and Judicial Reference Group to establish a National Hearing Process for Complaints of Sexual Harassment, it asks the Council of Assembly to set up a Task Group to consider any other such matters that relate to the maintenance of professional boundaries for church workers such as

- a) the Code of Ethics (Book of Order E 19A)
- b) indemnity cover for cases that are heard within church courts
- c) disclosure and confidentiality matters, within the Presbytery, between Presbyteries and beyond the church
- d) training and support for contact persons and those administering the processes
- e) preventative education for church workers
- f) monitoring of the application of regulations
- g) the use and impact of confidentiality on complainants, respondents and their communities.

There was brief debate.

The motion was agreed to.

Book of Order & Judicial Reference Group

Mr Pidgeon moved *en bloc* notices of motion [02.100] to [02.105], and these were seconded:

[02.100] That regulation 194 (1) be amended to read as follows:

194 Extension or cessation of tenure

- (1) Unless the Assembly determines otherwise the tenure of call or appointment to a charge shall cease from the date the minister retires which must not be later than his or her 66th birthday.
- (2) The Assembly may extend tenure on the request of a Presbytery where there are special circumstances.
- (3) The Council of Assembly may act as a Commission of Assembly to extend tenure under this regulation where determination by General Assembly is not possible without the calling of an emergency meeting.

[02.101] That the terms of reference for the Council of Assembly as outlined in Appendix E-20 be amended by adding the following new clause 10 (and consequentially renumbering the subsequent clauses 11 to 13) as follows:

To act as a Commission of Assembly to extend tenure under regulation 194 (3).

[02.102] That regulation 221 be amended to read:

The Presbytery shall appoint four persons, whether from within the bounds of Presbytery or not, two of whom shall be elders, and two of whom shall be ministers, who, together with the nominator and the parish representatives appointed under the preceding regulation, shall be the Board of Nomination, for that particular vacancy. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Presbytery may, in its absolute discretion, appoint only one minister if the nominator is a minister, in addition to the nominator.

[02.103] That the terms of reference of the Book of Order and Judicial Reference Group (Appendix E-20) have added to them the following:

To appoint, whether from within its members or otherwise, from time to time in its discretion, such persons to be Regional Advisors, on matters concerning the Book of Order, as it sees fit.

[02.104] That regulation 118 e be amended by adding after the words "Church Property Trustees" the following words "or (for parishes within the Synod of Otago and Southland) the Synod of Otago and Southland", and after the word "Trustees" add the words "or Synod."

[02.105] That Appendix E-20 be amended by adding at the end of the section relating to the Church Property Trustees the following words:

"In the provinces of Otago and Southland parish property is vested in the Otago Foundation Trust Board."

There was brief debate.

The motions were agreed to.

The work of Mr Pidgeon as Book of Order & Judicial Reference Group Convener was acknowledged.

Subordinate Standards

Facilitation Group member Mrs Nola Stuart reported Dialogue Group responses to notices of motion [02.083] to [02.086]. Mrs Stuart indicated there had been strong support for these motions.

The Very Rev Alister Rae, Subordinate Standards Task Group Convener, having moved notice of motion [02.083] in an earlier session, spoke to the motion.

[02.083] That the Book of Order Re-write Task Group be instructed by this Assembly to re-write regulation 1 in the Book of Order in the terms outlined in this report, and report their suggested wording to the next Assembly for adoption.

Leave was granted to replace notice of motion [02.090] with notice of motion [02.167].

[02.090] Overture 8: Doctrinal Standards – replaced by notice of motion [02.167]

That no attempt be made to alter the present relationship of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand to its confession of faith and other subordinate standards until such time as:

- a) The Constitutional issues have been faced and resolved.
- b) Assembly has approved a substitute confession of faith that is (a) genuinely consistent with the historic apostolic and reformed faith, (b) fairly comprehensive, rather than just a brief affirmation, (c) more contemporary in language, (d) appropriate for New Zealand, yet consistent with Christian orthodoxy world-wide.

The Rev Stuart Lange moved notice of motion [02.167] as an amendment to notice of motion [02.083]. The amendment was seconded.

[02.167] That the relationship of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand to its confession of faith and other subordinate standards be altered only after:

- a) The Constitutional issues have been faced and resolved.
- b) Assembly has approved a substitute confession of faith that is (a) rather than just a brief affirmation, (c) more contemporary in language, (d) appropriate for New Zealand, yet consistent with Christian orthodoxy world-wide.

There was extensive debate.

The amendment was lost, with 113 votes in favour (43.7%), and 167 (59.9%) against. When put, motion [02.083] was carried.

Mr Rae, having moved notice of motion [02.084] in an earlier session, now spoke to the motion.

[02.084] That the Council of Assembly appoint a Task Group to develop a focal identity statement such as that suggested in Appendix 3 for use in worship as a confession of faith, including by those joining the church and those taking up leadership roles; the Task Group to include those who have a feeling for the use of language appropriate in worship; and that the results of their deliberations be reported through the Doctrine Reference Group to the next Assembly for adoption.

There was debate.

The motion was carried.

Mr Rae, having moved notice of motion [02.085] in an earlier session, now spoke to the motion.

[02.085] That the Book of Order and Judicial Reference Group together with the Book of Order Re-write Task Group be instructed by the Assembly to draw up a statement of the relationship between members and office bearers and our theological and historical statements in sympathy with the direction set out above and that this statement, and a formula to be signed by those holding office in this church, be reported to the next Assembly for adoption.
[See section 9]

There was no debate.
The motion was carried.

Mr Rae, having moved notice of motion [02.086] in an earlier session, now spoke to the motion.

[02.086] That the Subordinate Standards Task Group be thanked and discharged.

There was no debate.
The motion was carried.

Closing prayers were led by the Rev Carol Grant.

The Moderator announced the benediction.

The Assembly adjourned to meet again on Thursday, 27 September 2002 at 8.30 a.m.

Michael Thawley, Moderator
Kerry Enright, Clerk

Session 10
St Patrick's College, Silverstream, Wellington
Thursday, 26 September 2002 at 8.30 a.m.

The Assembly met and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

Worship was led by the Rev Ola Tofilau and Pacific Island representatives.

The Moderator acknowledged the work of Mrs Cheryl Harray and the Assembly banner makers.

School of Ministry

The Rev Neville Emslie, School of Ministry Principal, presented a report.

Reception of Overseas Guest

The Rev Wang Kuang-syh, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Taiwan, was introduced. Mr Kuang-syh spoke to the Assembly.

Church Property Trustees

Mr Peter Isherwood, Chairperson, Church Property Trustees, gave a presentation.

Overture 10: Hospital Chaplaincy

Leave was granted to amend the wording of notice of motion [02.107].
Mr Cunny Atchison moved and it was seconded:

[02.107] (amended)

That the General Assembly:

- a) affirms Hospital Chaplaincy as a primary function of the Presbyterian Church.
- b) urge the Council of Assembly to give consideration to restoring the level of funding to the ICHC to the 2000-01 level (before adjustment for the stipend adjustment effected 1 July each year)
- c) in recognizing Hospital Chaplaincy as a core activity of the Presbyterian Church, transfers the Hospital Chaplaincy Budget to the National Services expenditure programme.

The motion was debated.
The motion was carried.

Overture 3: Ministerial Stipends

The Rev Craig Kilgour moved, and it was seconded:

[02.118] That the prayer of Overture 3 be granted and be referred to the Equipping the Leadership Policy Group for its consideration and report, namely:

That the General Assembly investigate the feasibility of payment of ministerial stipends within the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand from a common fund contributed to by every parish on a pro rata scale, and in doing so to be informed by the way this system functions in the United Reformed Church in England.

There was debate.
The motion was lost.

Beneficiary Fund and Seniority Allowance

Leave was granted to withdraw notice of motion [02.137] and replace it with notice of motion [02.152]

[02.137] (withdrawn, and replaced by [02.152])

That parishes:

- who for 10 years or more have not called a Presbyterian minister or any other full time minister and are not likely to do so in the foreseeable future,
- where there has been no possibility of a uniting, union or co-operating venture in the practical sense (where this has been fully considered, tried and found unsuccessful in the past, all this can be verified by Presbytery.);
- who do have a part time lay ministry (mission appointment) operating successfully,
- that those parishes be exempted from paying towards the Beneficiary Fund and Seniority Allowance until such time that adequate provision is made by the Presbyterian Church for the retirement of lay ministers (mission appointments),
- alternatively that the Presbyterian Church allows and directs that these Beneficiary Fund and Seniority allowance levies be paid directly to the lay minister (mission appointment) for retirement purposes only, the Parish to ensure that regular payments are made towards a reputable Retirement Insurance Scheme.

Mr Peter Spolestra moved, and it was seconded:

[02.152] (replacing Notice of Motion [02.137])

That the Equipping the Leadership Policy Group explore the possibility of the establishment of a fund which provides a retirement benefit for lay workers from levies paid by the parishes in which those lay ministers serve, consult with the Beneficiary Fund Work Group and report to the next Assembly.

There was no debate.
The motion was carried.

Commission of Assembly

Mr Peter Martyn moved, and it was seconded:

[02.126] That the Scheme of Variation of the GT Rae Trust as set out in paragraph 5.1 of the report from the Commission of Assembly be approved by the General Assembly pursuant to Section 15 of the Presbyterian Church Property Amendment Act 1996.

There was no debate.
The motion was agreed to.

Mr Martyn moved, and it was seconded.

[02.127] That the Scheme of Variation of the MD Stewart Trust as set out in paragraph 10.1 of the report from the Commission of Assembly be approved by the General Assembly pursuant to Section 15 of the Presbyterian Church Property Amendment Act 1996.

The Commissioner for St Andrew's Levin confirmed concern within the parish about the proposed variation.
The motion was carried.

Inter-faith Worship

Leave was granted to withdraw notices of motion [02.029] and [02.155], and replace these with notice of motion [02.164].

[02.029] Overture 4 (withdrawn and replaced by notice of motion [02.164])

- That the General Assembly urgently resource its ministers, leaders and members with
- (a) background information to raise their awareness of the meanings and practices of worship rituals in other faiths (as distinct from cultural practices) and resources on how to reciprocate with integrity as Christians when invited to be involved in inter-faith worship
 - (b) and to provide resources for connecting with people of other faiths in our Mission as a Christian Church

The Rev Margaret Anne Low moved, and it was seconded:

[02.164] That the Doctrine Reference Group give guidelines and resources to the church on appropriate ways for Christians to relate to and engage with people of other faiths.

There was no debate.
The motion was agreed to.

Assembly Executive Secretary

The Clerk moved, and it was seconded:

[02.087] That Book of Order regulation 176 (4) be amended by the addition of the following words: "and the Council of Asian congregations may appoint three representatives."

There was no debate
The motion was agreed to.

The Clerk moved and it was seconded:

[02.088] That pursuant to the Presbyterian Church Property Act 1930 the following be the Commission with Assembly powers to deal with such matters as may be submitted to it by the Church Property Trustees under Section 5 of the Amendment Act 1914 and to be the Commission under section 7 of the Presbyterian Church Property Amendment Act 1996 to consider applications under Part 1 of the Act:
The Rt Rev. Michael Thawley, Moderator of the General Assembly, the Very Rev Tom Corkill, Revs Robin Lane, Alan Shaw, Shirley Simmers, Harry Swadling, Messrs Brian

Chisholm, Bruce Corkill, Russell Feist, Robert Hopkirk, Ian Fraser, Colin McLeod, Peter Martyn, Mrs Margaret Inch, Assembly Executive Secretary. Associate: Secretary of the Church Property Trustees

[02.089] That the Rev. R.A. Foster replace the Rev. Brett Johnstone on the Iona College Council.

There was no debate.

The motions were agreed to.

Minutes

The Clerk moved and it was seconded:

That minutes of Sessions 1 and 2 of this General Assembly be taken as read and confirmed.

There was no debate.

The motion was agreed to.

Climate Change

Facilitation Group member, the Rev Neal Whimp reported Dialogue Group responses to notice of motion [02.134] (Climate Change). He reported strong support for the motion.

[02.134] That this Assembly:

- 1 endorses the paper on climate change attached to the report of the Overseas Mission and Partnerships Policy Group;
- 2 expresses to the Prime Minister its support for New Zealand's ratification of the Kyoto Protocol on Climate Change, and
- 3 encourages its congregations to study the issue of global warming, and welcomes study material being produced by the Churches' Agency on Social Issues in cooperation with the Overseas Missions and Partnerships Policy Group.

The Moderator declared the motion carried.

Overseas Mission & Partnership

The Rev Stuart Vogel, Overseas Mission & Partnerships Policy Group Convener, moved, and it was seconded:

[02.033] That the Council for World Mission be a primary relationship of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand.

There was no debate.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr Vogel moved, and it was seconded:

[02.034] That the relationship between the Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu and the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand be a primary relationship in overseas mission.

There was no debate.

The motion was agreed to.

The Rev Barry Tetley moved, and it was seconded:

- [02.141] That members of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand working with International Christian Mission agencies be recognised as an important expression of the Presbyterian Church's commitment to Christian mission and be supported as such by the Overseas Mission and Partnership Policy Group.

There was brief debate.
The motion was agreed to.

The Rev Stuart Vogel moved, and it was seconded:

- [02.037] That the Assembly receive the Church of Scotland report on Iraq and ask the Service Team to prepare a statement on the bombing of Iraq and the continuing sanctions against that country for consideration and action by the Council of Assembly.

There was debate.
The motion was agreed to.

Overture 1: About Resolution 96.150

Mrs Heather Hill moved, and it was seconded:

- [02.125] That this Assembly fall from the policy of the Church stated in the resolution of the 1996 General Assembly Resolution 96.150 regarding the status of Ministers, Licentiates and Elders who are practising homosexuals

There was debate.
The motion was lost.

The Assembly Guest Speaker, Rev. Prof. Nestor Miguez, gave the fourth of his keynote addresses on the theme "No one comes to the Father except through me".

The Assembly adjourned to meet again at 1.30 p.m.

The Moderator closed the meeting with prayer.

Michael Thawley, Moderator
Kerry Enright, Clerk

Session 11
St Patrick's College, Silverstream, Wellington
Thursday, 26 September 2002 at 1.30 p.m.

The Assembly met and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

The Children's Assembly gave a presentation.

Moderator's Dialogue

Mr Roger McClay, Commissioner for Children, was introduced. The Moderator engaged in dialogue with Mr McClay. Mr McClay addressed the Assembly.

Churches Agency on Social Issues

Poverty

The Rev David Simmers moved and it was seconded:

- [02. 121] That this General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand express to the Prime Minister its continuing deep concern at the extent of poverty which persists amongst the people of New Zealand.

The motion was debated.
The motion was agreed to.

Gambling

Mr Simmers moved and it was seconded:

- [02.122] That General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand ask the Government to take measures to ensure that vital social and community services are not dependent for their operation on income from gambling.

The motion was debated.
The motion was agreed to.

Evangelical Presbyterian Missionary Fellowship

The Rev Paul Loveday presented a report.

Single Assessment

Facilitation Group member Mrs Alison Grimshaw reported on responses from Dialogue Groups to motion [02.117] (single levy assessment to fund the work of the General Assembly). She reported very strong support for a single levy assessment.

Notice of motion [02.117] having been moved in a previous session, Administration and Finance Policy Group co-conveners, the Rev Brian Williscroft and Prof Ian Watson spoke to it.

- [02.117] a) That one assessment be used to fund the work of the General Assembly.

- b) That all other assessments currently used to fund the work of the General Assembly cease at the time of the commencement of the new assessment.
- c) That the underlying principle for funding the work of the General Assembly remain an equitable sharing of burden among all parishes rather than user pays.
- d) That the assessment be based upon the number of members in a parish and the parish income with the weighting to be 50% membership and 50% income.
- e) That the definition of income contained in Appendix 1 in the report of the Administration and Finance Policy Group be used to determine the amount of income of a parish subject to assessment.
- f) That the single assessment be effective from 1 July 2003.
[Appendix 1]

The Rev Reg Weeks moved an amendment, which was seconded :

[02.176] That clause d be amended by replacing the word “membership” with the words “average adult worship attendance”.

The amendment was debated.
The amendment was lost.

Mr Rob Ripley moved an amendment, which was seconded:

[02.171] That before being implemented, clauses a-d be referred to presbyteries/UDCs and sessions/parish councils for urgent consideration and response to Council of Assembly by March 2003.

The amendment was debated.
The amendment was carried.

[02.117] clause (f), as amended, now read:

That the single assessment levy be effective from 1 July 2003, subject to the responses received from presbyteries/UDCs and sessions/parish councils.

[02.117] The substantive motion as amended, now read:

- a) That one assessment be used to fund the work of the General Assembly.
- b) That all other assessments currently used to fund the work of the General Assembly cease at the time of the commencement of the new assessment.
- c) That the underlying principle for funding the work of the General Assembly remain an equitable sharing of burden among all parishes rather than user pays.
- d) That the assessment be based upon the number of members in a parish and the parish income with the weighting to be 50% membership and 50% income.

- e) That the definition of income contained in Appendix 1 in the report of the Administration and Finance Policy Group be used to determine the amount of income of a parish subject to assessment
- f) That the single assessment be effective from 1 July 2003, subject to the responses received from presbyteries/UDCs and sessions/parish councils.

That before being implemented, clauses a-d be referred to presbyteries/UDCs and sessions/parish councils for urgent consideration and response to Council of Assembly by March 2003.

There was extensive debate.
The motion was carried.

Prof Watson moved, and it was seconded:

- [02.172]** That the definition of income contained in Appendix 1 of the report of the Administration and Finance Policy Group be referred to presbyteries/UDCs, sessions/parish councils for comment and responses to the Administration and Finance Policy Group by March 2003.

The motion was debated.
The motion was agreed to.

Church Membership

Mrs Grimshaw reported on Dialogue Group responses to motion [02.025] (Church Membership.)

Motion [02.025] having been moved in an earlier session, Mrs Anne Thomson, Resourcing for Mission Policy Group Co-convenor, spoke to it.

Leave was granted to amend clause c by adding the word “publicly” after the word “professing.”

- [02.025]** That the following recommendations a to g be approved and sent to Presbyteries/UDCs under the Barrier Act.
- a) That there be provision for two forms of membership in the Presbyterian Church, members and associate groups.
 - b) That regulation 19 be amended to read:
Each congregation shall have a list of members, a list of associate members, and a register of all persons under pastoral care.
 - c) that regulation 20 be amended to read:
The list of members consists of persons recognised by the Session/Parish Council as:
 - having been baptised; and
 - professing publicly their faith in Jesus Christ; and
 - expressing their intention to live their discipleship as part of the congregation.
 - d) That regulation 22 be amended to read:
The list of associate members consists of persons recognised by the Session or Parish Council as expressing their intention to be associated with the congregation.

- e) That regulation 30 be repealed.
- f) That all members and associate members be entitled to a vote in congregational meetings.
- g) That members (not associate members) be eligible to be elders or Parish Councillors.

Rev Ernie Trask moved an amendment, which was seconded:

[02.158] That notice of motion 25 be amended by clause (d) being replaced with the words “(d) that Regulation 22 be amended to read ‘that the list of associates consists of other persons professing publicly faith in Christ, actively participating in the life of the congregation and who ask to be recognised by the Session or Parish Council as Associate Members.’”

The amendment was debated.
The amendment was lost.

Leave was granted to withdraw notice of motion [02.169], which had also related to a list of participants in congregational life.

The Rev Steve Jourdain moved a further amendment to notice of motion [02.025], which was seconded:
That the term “associate members” be amended to “associates” in the appropriate clauses of 02.025.

The amendment was debated.
The amendment was lost.

Motion [02.025] clauses a – c were put to the vote *en bloc*.
These clauses were carried.
Clauses d, e, f, and g. were voted on separately.
All four of these clauses were carried.
(Thus the motion was carried in its entirety.)

These commissioners recorded their dissent to the decision of clause g of motion [02.025]:

Chris Nichol, Sa Si-itia-Asi, Verna Healy, Clare Brockett, Margaret Mayman, Sherri Weinberg, Norman Wilkins, Margaret Anne Low, Caleb Hardie, Alyson Atchison, Richard Gooch, Leilani Warren, Doug Lendrum, Mervyn Aitken, David Clark, James Cunningham, Kerry Stotter, Helen Beaumont, Nehe Dewes, Barbara Curteis, Cunny Aitchison, Ron Mills, Hugh Perry, Rini Gardinier, David Kriel, Mona Riini, Hoki Tawa, Duncan Gillanders, Tom Law, Ken Irwin, Errol Croy, Len Pierce, Catherine Fletcher, Bill Penno, Brian Hardie.

The Assembly adjourned to meet again at 7.00 pm.

The Moderator closed the meeting with prayer.

Michael Thawley, Moderator
Kerry Enright, Clerk

Session 12
St Patrick's College, Silverstream, Wellington
Thursday, 26 September 2002 at 7.00 p.m.

The Assembly met and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

Reception of Overseas Guests

The Rev Arthur Pihigia, General Secretary of Ekalesia Niue, was introduced. Mr Pihigia addressed the Assembly.

The Rev Temere Poaru, representative of the Cook Islands Christian Church, was introduced. Mr Poaru addressed the Assembly.

Reasons for Dissent

The Clerk moved, and it was seconded:

[02.190] That the Rev Chris Nichol and Ms Helen Beaumont be asked to prepare reasons for dissent to motion [02.025] clause g, for recording in the minutes of Assembly.

There was no debate.

The motion was agreed to.

Church Membership

Notice of motion [02.133] having been moved in an earlier session, the Rev Alistair McBride, Resourcing for Mission Policy Group Co-convenor, spoke to it.

[02.133] [replacing notice of motion 02.026]

That the following amendments be approved and referred to Presbyteries/UDCs under the Barrier Act:

- a That regulation 46 be amended to read:
All members and associate members shall be entitled to a vote in congregational meetings.
- b That regulations 47 and 48 be repealed
- c That regulation 55 be amended by deleting the word "communicant".
- d That regulation 65 be amended by deleting the word "communicant".
- e That regulation 67 be amended to read:
Members (not associate members) shall be eligible to be elders or Parish Councilor's. It is not competent for a person to be disqualified at any stage on the basis of gender or ethnic origin.
- f That regulation 236 be amended to read:
Members and associate members on the roll alone have the right to vote on the recommendation or on any motion in connection with it. The vote of members and associate members shall be reported to the Presbytery. In cases where members are unable to attend, written votes may be accepted at the meeting of the Congregation.

Rev Brett Johnson moved an amendment, which was seconded:

[02.151] That regulation 236 be amended to read: Members and associate members on the roll alone have the right to vote on the recommendation, or on any motion in connection with it. The vote shall be reported to the Presbytery. In cases where members and associate members are unable to attend, written votes may be accepted at the meeting of the congregation.

Following debate, leave was granted to withdraw notices of motion [02.133] and [02.151], and to reinstate notice of motion [02.026], which had been withdrawn in an earlier session.

Mr McBride moved, and it was seconded:

[02.026] That the Book of Order and Judicial Reference Group draft any amendments needed to give effect to the decisions of motion [02.025].

The motion was agreed to.

Presbytery Oversight of Congregations

Motion [02.027] having been moved in an earlier session, Mr McBride spoke to it.

Leave was granted to add the following words to the motion:

After report add “as guidelines and they be sent down to presbyteries/UDCs and sessions/parish councils and the Pacific Island Synod for study and response”.

[02.027] That General Assembly adopt the proposals outlined in the paper *Presbytery Oversight of Congregations* (Appendix 2 in the Resourcing for Mission Policy Group report) as guidelines, and they be sent down to presbyteries/UDCs and sessions/parish councils, and the Pacific Island Synod for study and response.

There was debate.

The motion was carried, with 184 votes (65%) in favour, and 96 (35%) against.

Financial Accounts

Financial Services Manager Mr Geoff Bell presented a report.

The Rev Brian Willisroft moved, and it was seconded:

[02.191] That the report on the Financial Statements be received.

There was extensive debate.

The motion was carried.

Reappointment of Assembly Executive Secretary

Leave was granted to delete the words “a further period up to” from notice of motion [02.022].

Council of Assembly Convener Rev Shirley Fergusson moved, and it was seconded:

[02.022] That the Rev Dr Kerry Enright be appointed as Assembly Executive Secretary of the Presbyterian Church for four years.

There was affirmation of the work of the Assembly Executive Secretary.

The motion was agreed to.

The Moderator paid tribute to the work of Dr Enright.

Assembly Business Work Group Duties

Mrs Fergusson moved and it was seconded:

- [02.023]** That regulation 367 be amended by deleting paragraph (b) and regulation 364 be amended by adding the following clause (g) *To receive and determine applications by Assembly Commissioners for leave of absence from Assembly and to receive and adjust claims for travelling expenses.*

There was no debate.

The motion was agreed to.

Lay Ministry

Facilitation Group member Mrs Nola Stuart reported Dialogue Group responses to notices of motion [02.55 to 02.66] (recommendations of Lay Ministry Task Group). She reported general support.

Leave was granted to withdraw notice of motion [02.057] and replace it with notice of motion [02.165]; to amend notice of motion [02.061] by deleting all but the first sentence; to amend notice of motion [02.063] by deleting the words “in light of the above” and “as an interim measure”.

Notices of motion [02.055], [02.056], [02.057] having been moved in an earlier session, the Lay Ministry Task Group Co-conveners, the Revs Sally Carter and Tom Waight spoke to the motions.

- [02.055]** That Assembly affirm the ministry of the laos (the whole people of God) as the core of ministry within the Presbyterian Church, and the equipping of the laos for ministry as a priority for the Church

- [02.056]** That Assembly affirm the importance of a well-trained ordained ministry of word and sacrament to resource, enable and empower the ministry of the laos. (Ordained ministry is charged with the responsibility to be a sign of the heritage and catholicity of the church.)

The motions were debated.

The motions were agreed to.

Ms Carter moved, and it was seconded:

[02.165] Replacing Notice of Motion [02.057]

That Assembly affirms the centrality and significance of the role of eldership and reminds Presbyteries to take up their responsibilities for the on-going training and support of elders.

The motion was agreed to.

Notice of motion [02.058] having been moved in an earlier session, Ms Carter and Mr Waight spoke to the motion.

- [02.058]** That Assembly recognise four strands of ministry of word and sacrament within the Presbyterian Church as proposed in this report – these being:
- a) National Ordained Ministry (NOM) - nationally recognised through national assessment and training and confirmed through a call to a particular ministry charge.
 - b) Local Ordained Ministry (LOM) – recognised through a careful process of discernment at congregation and presbytery level and confirmed through ordination and induction.
 - c) Local Ministry Team (LMT) – A team of people inducted to fulfil the tasks of ministry, recognised through a careful process of discernment at congregation and presbytery level and confirmed through presbytery commissioning as a team ministry. Within such a team individuals may be recognised by presbytery for training and ordination to a ministry of word and sacrament. These people would not be commissioned apart from a team
 - d) Amorangi ministry – self-supporting ministry in Te Aka Puaho, as outlined in the BoO, Appendix E-29 B

There was debate.

The clauses of the motion were voted on separately. Clauses a, b, d were agreed to, clause c was carried.

The motion was declared carried.

Notices of motion [02.059], [02.060], [02.061], [02.062] having been moved in an earlier session, Ms Carter and Mr Waight spoke to the motions.

[02.059] That the Council of Assembly develop and adopt guidelines for presbyteries on the selection, ordination and training for LOMs and LMTs as suggested in this report.

[02.60] That the Council of Assembly develop and adopt appropriate training requirements and guidelines for the support of LOMs and LMTs as suggested in this report.

[02.061] That Assembly ask the Council of Assembly to develop and adopt an approved course in the celebration of Communion that is available locally or extramurally through presbyteries. This national assessment and recognition should ensure a consistent standard of training for all in the Presbyterian Church who are allowed to celebrate communion. Completion of this course to a satisfactory standard should be a pre-requisite for all who officiate at communion.

[02.062] That the Council of Assembly develop and adopt nationally recognised and assessed training modules (e.g., Baptism, Presbyterian Government or those courses deemed as necessary for those who enter LOM) for local use in Presbyteries.

The motions were debated *en bloc*.
The motions were agreed to.

The Rev Bob Reid was granted leave to withdraw notices of motion [02.179] and [02.180], which had sought to replace the word “adopt” with “trial.”

Notices of motion [02.063], [02.064] having been moved in a previous session, Ms Carter and Mr Waight spoke to the motions.

[02.063] That Assembly allow LOMs to have full membership on Presbytery, except where there is more than one LOM in a particular parish. Where a parish has more than one LOM then each parish has one full Ministry seat on Presbytery, which would be shared or allotted as appropriate.

[02.064] Where a parish chooses to form a LMT, then that parish has the right to one full "ministry" seat on Presbytery (along with their elder's seat) which is allocated to one member of the LMT, or shared between more than one member of the LMT of that parish.

Ms Carter moved, and it was seconded:

[02.185] Where Presbytery agrees to a congregation establishing a Local Ministry Team, Presbytery will appoint an experienced minister to be a resource minister to the congregation and those sharing the ministry. The resource minister will act as a ministerial advisor to the ordained ministers in the team, and help the development of collaborative ministry in the team. The resource minister has a role in encouraging and supporting individual and shared learning.

Motions [02.063], [02.064] and [02.185] were debated.
The motions were agreed to *en bloc*.

Notices of motion [02.065], [02.066] having been moved in an earlier session, Ms Carter and Mr Waight spoke to the motions.

[02.065] That Assembly ask presbyteries to consider running at least two half day courses each year on relevant areas of pastoral care, preaching, and worship.

[02.066] That Assembly ask the Beneficiary Fund Committee to look at the implications and requirements of LOMs joining the Beneficiary Fund, and under what conditions they could join.

Ms Carter moved, and it was seconded:

[02.183] That General Assembly, in affirming the work of the Lay Ministry Task Group reported to this Assembly, ask the Equipping the Leadership Policy Group to establish a Task Group to investigate and propose further ways of enhancing and equipping the eldership and lay ministries of the church.

Motions [02.065], [02.066] and [02.185] were debated.
The motions were agreed to *en bloc*.

Forum of Co-operative Ventures

Facilitation Group member Mrs Nola Stuart reported Dialogue Group responses to notice of motion [02.030].

Notice of motion [02.030] having been moved in an earlier session, Mr Ian Omundsen spoke to it.

[02.030] That General Assembly support the ministry of the *Whole people of God* and develop models of lay ministry consistent with, and acceptable to, the Partners in the Forum.

The Rev Verna Healy moved, an amendment, which was seconded:

[02.161] That the General Assembly support the ministry of the *Whole people of God* and development of the lay ministry in consultation with and due regard to the partners in the forum.

The amendment was debated.

The amendment was carried.

When put as the substantive motion, the motion as amended was carried.

Overture 7: Lay Ministry

Facilitation Group member Rev Neal Whimp reported Dialogue Group responses to notice of motion [02.079].

Leave was granted to amend the motion by the insertion of the word “ assessed” to clause 2, and inserting the word “national” before “ordination” in clause 2 d . {Notice of motion [02.173] which had sought this change, was then withdrawn.)

Motion [02.079], having been moved in an earlier session, was debated.

- [02.079]**
1. That the General Assembly affirm and acknowledge the tremendous contribution that lay ministers are making to our church.
 2. That the Church develop a custom-built process whereby people in lay ministry can be assessed, trained and ordained that:
 - a) includes only those components that are considered to have not been covered by previous training or experience and avoids unnecessary duplication
 - b) requires minimum of disturbance, through the provision of suitable modules etc (many of which are already available) that allow candidates for national ordination to be equipped for ministry in a way that both allows them to continue in their position wherever possible, but also meets the church's ordination requirements.
 3. That the Assembly commission the Equipping the Leadership Policy Group to design and implement this process and to report back to the next Assembly including any required legislative amendments.

The motion was carried, with 196 (68.3%) votes for, and 91 (31.7%) against.

Closing devotions were led by Moderator's Chaplain Mr Chris Purdie.

The Assembly adjourned to meet again on Friday, 27 September at 8.15 a.m.

The Moderator pronounced the Benediction.

Michael Thawley, Moderator
Kerry Enright, Clerk

Session 13
St Patrick's College, Silverstream, Wellington
Friday, 27 September 2002 at 8.15 a.m.

The Assembly met and was constituted with prayer by the Moderator.

Nominating Committee

Nominating Committee Co-convenor Mr John Hallett moved, and it was seconded:

[02.193] That the Rev. David Brown be re-appointed as Co-convenor of the Assembly Business Work Group for a further two years.

There was no debate.

The motion was agreed to.

Nominating Committee Co-convenor Rev Chris Elliot was granted leave to make additions and amendments to the published list of nominations for appointment for Council of Assembly, Policy, Reference and Work Groups.

Mr Hallett moved and it was seconded:

[02.119] That Assembly record its thanks for the service given by Conveners and Members of Council of Assembly, Policy Groups, Reference Groups and Work Groups, who have retired, resigned or who are retiring at this Assembly.

Conveners

Assembly Business Work Group: Rev Pamela Tankersley; Beneficiary Fund: Mr John Melville; Book of Order and Judicial Reference Group: Mr Colin Pidgeon QC; Church Property Trustees: Mr Bob McCay; Churches Agency on Social Issues: Rev Max Reid; Council of Assembly: Rev Martin Stewart; Crosslink Board: Mr Don Lind; Doctrine Reference Group: Revs Gaye Churchill and Graeme Ferguson; Moderator's Arrangements: Mr Graeme Russell; Nominating Committee: Rev Chris Elliot; Resourcing for Mission Policy Group: Mrs Anne Thomson and Rev Alistair McBride; Te Komiti Takawaenga o te Haahi: Mr Tony Wilson

There was no debate.

The motion was agreed to.

Mrs Elliot moved and it was seconded:

[02.120] That the Council of Assembly, Policy Groups, Reference Groups, Work Groups and Special Committees of the General Assembly be as listed (with corrections).

Council of Assembly

Convener: Shirley Fergusson WK.00.CF

Deputy Convener: Helen Bichan WN.00.LF.

Northland / North Shore: Duncan Gillanders NL.00.LM; Auckland: Kerry Stotter AK.00.LM; South Auckland: Peter Bristow SA.00.CM; Waikato / Bay of Plenty: Marion Sanders BP.00.LF; Taranaki /

Wanganui / Manawatu: Talosaga Su'a WG.00.CM; Gisborne / Hawkes Bay: David Dransfield HB.02.LM; Wellington / Wairarapa: Helen Beaumont WN.00.LF; Nelson – Marlborough / West Coast: Chris Auchinvole WB.02.LM; Christchurch: Brian Hardie CH.02.CM; Ashburton / South Canterbury: Neil Sinclair AS.02.LM; Otago-Southland Synod Area: Sa Si'itia-Asi DN.00.CF; Ken Harray DN.00.CM.

Te Aka Puaho: Tiakina Manihera MS.00.CM, Te Aouru Biddle MS.02.LF; Moderator Te Aka Puaho Mona Riini

PI Synod Moderator Uea Tuleia; Tafatolu Filemoni AK.02.CM (Clerk)

Moderator of General Assembly, Immediate Past Moderator for one year after their term, and Moderator Designate for one year before 5 Policy Group Co- conveners – one from each Policy Group to attend Council

Representative from Church Property Trustees: Margaret Inch

Associate: Assembly Executive Secretary

Administration and Finance Policy Group

Co-conveners: Brian Willisroft: DN.00.CM; Ian Watson: NS.00.LM

Catherine Barclay: WN.00.LF; Bruce Robertson: DN.00.LM; Pauline Stewart: WK.00.CF; John Trainor, AK.00.LM, Hamish Crooks SA.00.LM, Ron Stout WK.02.LM, Eoin Powell SC.02.LM

Associate: Peter Isherwood (Chairperson Church Property Trustees)

Service Team Representatives

Assembly Business Work Group

Co-conveners: David Brown AS.02.CM; Reuben Hardie WN.02.CM

Northern Unit: Edwin Clarke MN.98. CM; Rini Gardenier WN.00.LF; Ola Tofilau WN.00.CM.

Southern Unit: Robert Reid CH.98. CM; Murray Clark CH.00. LM; Sandra Wright-Taylor CH.02.CF;

Jennifer Syme CH.02.LF; Barry Murphy CH.02.LM; Chris Elliot SC.02.CF

Book of Order and Judicial Reference Group

Convener: John Marshall WN.02.LM

John Peill WN.98.CM; Alastair Sherriff WN.00. LM.

Joan Baber WN.00.LF; Maurice Brown WN.00.CM; Pam Southey WN.02.LF

Corresponding members: George Barton QC WN.LM; Nolan Martin HB.CM;

Regional Advisors: Jim Milne AK.CM; Bruce Corkill WN. LM; Royden Somerville, QC.DN.LM.

Judicial Panel

Sandra Alofivae AK.02.LF; Roy Christian AK.00.CM; John Evans AK.00.CM; Bruce Harris AK.00.LM; Graeme Murray AK.00.CM; Janet McLean AK.00.LF; Ron Mills NS.00.CM; Jeremy Brook WK.02.LM; Peter Gault WK.02.LM; Ron Stout WK.02.LM; Greg Hollister Jones BP.02.LM; Michael Chrisp HB.02.LM; Alan Cooper WG.00.LM; Russell Feist WN.00.LM; Douglas Day WN.00.LM; Paul Westbury WN.02.LM; Marilyn Wallace WN.00.LF; Michael Cooper WR.02.LM; Peter Whiteside CH.02.LM; Charles Manning CH.00.LM; Hamish Galloway CH.00.CM; Bruce Hansen CH.02.CM; Linton Laing AS.02.02; Arthur Budd SC.02.LM; Graeme Munro NO.02.CM; Neil Churcher DN.00.CM; Fraser Barton DN.02.LM; Rachel Judge CO.02.CF; Virginia Wilson SL.02.LF.; (Subject to their assent: Gaye Churchill AK.02.CF; Ikipa Tongatule AK.02.LM; Emily Maea WN.02.CF).

Church Architecture Reference Group

Co-conveners: Richard Colegrove NS.00.CM; Rose Luxford AK.00.CF; Les Parlane SA.00.LM; Roger Low AK.00.LM; Terry Gill NS.00.LM

Regional Groups:

Wellington: Convener: Glen Robertson WN.00.LM. Fiona Hoang WN.98.LF; one continuing vacancy.

Christchurch: Convener: Cecile Pierce CH.00.LF; Keith Moir CH.00.LM; Ian Wells CH.00.LM; Bruce Yates CH.00.LM; Len Home SC.00.LM; Janet Wishart SC.00.LF.

Dunedin: Convener: John Salmond DN.98.LM; Judy Oakley DN.98.LF; Michael Ovens DN.O2.LM; Dennis Povey DN.O2. CM; Neil McDowell SL.02.LM; Robert Simpson SL.02.LM.

Historical Records Reference Group

Convener: Hew McLeod DN.00.LM

Peter Miller DN.00.LM; Stuart Strachan DN.00.LM; Margaret Morgan DN.00.LF; Alan Richardson DN.00.LM; Betty Taylor DN.00.LF; John Sinclair DN.00.CM; Russell Thew NO.00.CM.

Associates: Librarian, Archivist, Master of Knox College

Moderator's Arrangement Task Group

Co-conveners 2002 - 2004: Cecile Pierce and Ivan Pierce

Co-convener 2004 – 2006: Alice Hill

Equipping the Leadership Policy Group

Co-conveners: Graham Redding: WN.00.CM; Asora Amosa: AK.00.CM.

Susan Jones: DN.00.CF; Bruce Leadbetter: DN.00.LM; Tukua Tuwairua: HB.00.LF; Tau Ben-Unu MT.01.CM; Wayne Matheson NL.02.CM; Peter Winder WN.02.LM; John Daniel (2002 Graduate); Elaine Scurr DN.02.LF.

Associate: Service Team representatives

Beneficiary Fund Work Group

Convener: Margaret Inch WN.02.LF

Morag Gray WN.98.LF; Tom Etuata WN.00.CM; Arthur Davis WN.02.LM; Lynn Russell WN.02.CF; Allan Shaw WN.02.CM; Jim Thomson WR.02.LM.

Church Property Trustees representative: John Molloy WN.02.LM

Secretary: Geoff Bell

National Assessment Work Group

Co-conveners: Vivian Coleman AK.00.CF; Reg Weeks CO.00.CM

Vivienne Adair AK.00.LF; Sue Norton AK.02.LF; Maua Sola AK.02.CM; Jonathan Parkes BP.02.CM; Fieta Ikitoelagi-Faitala WG.00.CF; Leslie Solomona WR.02.CM; Emily Maea WN.02.LF; Jenny McKinnon WN.02.LF; Gail Malcolmson WN.02.LF; Johanna Warren NM.00.CF; Sylvia Miller CH.00.CF; Ian Hyslop SC.00.CM; Libby Smith NO.02.CF; Richard Dawson DN.00.CM; Bill Lee DN.00.LM; Sandy Ross DN.00.LM; Clare Ayers SL.00.LF; Helen Martin (2002 Graduate).

Representative of: Te Aka Puaho; Pacific Island Synod; School of Ministry.

Associate: Co-Director Mission Resource Team

Resourcing for Mission Policy Group

Co-conveners: Peter Dunn: NL.02.CM; Lisa Wells DN.02.LF

Members, Alistair McBride: WK.00.CM; Philip King: CH.00.CM; Lee Somerville: DN.00.LF; Ere Talagi-Ikitoelagi: AK.00.CF; Freda Oloapu WN.00.LF; Forbes Worn AK.02.LM; Mark Chapman SA.02.CM; Steven Finlay WN.02.LM.

Associate: Service Team Representatives

Doctrine Reference Group

From September 2001

Co-conveners: Bruce Hamill CH.01.CM; Charles Manning CH.01.LM

Catherine Fletcher CH.01.LF; Katherine Peet CH.01.LF; Peter Wishart SC.01.CM; Anne Scott CH.01.LF; Alan Herron CH.02.CM; Yvonne Smith CH.02.CF; Jennifer Syme CH.02.LF.

Corresponding members: Graham Redding, John Roxborough, David S Clark.

Representative of: Principal School of Ministry - Neville Emslie, School of Ministry Staff Mary Huie-Jolly; Pacific Islanders' Synod: To be approached.

Executive of the Forum of Co-operative Ventures

Ken Linscott SC.01.LM; Chris Nichol (Ecumenical Relations Secretary) WN.02.CM

Overseas and Mission Policy Group

Co-conveners: Stuart Vogel AK.00.CM; Nikki Watkin AK.02.CF

Tokerau Joseph SA.00.CM; Richard Lawrence WK.00.CM; Janet McDonald WN.00.LF; Russell Rofe SC.00.CM; Janet Taege CH.00.LF; Carolyn Kelly WN.01.LF; Isabella Tedcastle AK.02.LF; Glenn Barclay WN.02.CF..

Associate: Service Team Representatives

Connecting with Society Policy Group

Co-conveners: Sally Carter MN.02.CF; Maureen Garing WN.02.LF

Jane Pritchard AK.02.LF; Elama Maea; WN.02.CM; Errol Croy AS.02.LM; Max Reid DN.02.CM.

Associate: Service Team Representatives

Churches' Agency on Social Issues

Presbyterian Co-convenor (acting) David Simmers WN.00.CM.

Glen Labrum WN.00.LM; John Jones WN.02.LM; Pam Thomson WR.02.LF;

Niki Francis WN.02.CF; Lesley Shaw WN.02.CF.

Nominating Committee

Co-conveners (nominated by A & F Policy Group) John Hallett WK.00.LM; Nancy Jean Whitehead WK.02.CF.

Verna Healy NL.CF; Ron Mills NS.CM; Cunny Atchison AK.LM; Margaret Anne Low SA.CF; Lance Kendrick WK. LM; Derrick Hills BP.CM; Tukua Tuwairua MS.LF; No nomination GS; Ian Pimm HB.CM; Neil Walker TK.02.LM; Rilma Sands MN.CF; Tom Waight WG.CM; Barbara Curteis WR.CF; Jim Cunningham WN.CM; Johanna Warren NM.CF; Pat Manning CH.LF; Bill Penno SC.LM; Libby Smith NO.CF; Les Gosling CL.CM; John Ranstead MT.CM; No nomination CO; David Gordon SL.CM. Co-opted Ere Talagi-Ikitoelagi.

Representative Pacific Islanders' Synod: Aotafaga Lemuelu; APW: Marion Brash.

Executive: John Hallett, Nancy Jean Whitehead, Cunny Atchison, Jim Cunningham, Johanna Warren, Bill Penno.

Te Komiti Takawaenga o Te Haahi (Joint Committee of General Assembly and Te Aka Puaho)

Convener: Tame Takao MS.02.CM

General Assembly representatives: Ken Wall GS.02.CM; Catherine Goldsmith BP.97.LF;

Rodney Gallen HB.00.LM; Ray Coster BP.00.CM; Graeme Kitto WK.02.LM;

Jean Cotter WK.02.CF.

Te Aka Puaho representatives: Nehe Dewes MS.02.CM; George Tuwairua MS. CM;

Alfred Te Rire MS.02.CM; Hariata Haumate MS.02.CF; Te Whare Turuwhenua MS.02.LM

Associated: Moderator Te Aka Puaho Mona Riini; Secretary of Te Aka Puaho: Millie Te Kaawa
Moderator General Assembly, Assembly Executive Secretary, Director of Communications

Christian World Service

Lindsay Day, Bruce Hansen, Kim Bathgate, Jan Cormack, Andrew Souness, Margaret Arnold, Janet Taege.

Representative on Christian World Service Council: Global Mission Secretary: Andrew Bell

Conference of Churches in Aotearoa New Zealand

Gaynor Larsen (President), (Executive) Max Reid, Ellen Murray

Council of Knox College and Salmond Hall

Appointment / due for re-appointment on dates shown (under the Council's own Constitution.)

Chairman: Prof George Petersen (2002) LM

Mr Adrian Cross (2002)LM; Mr Douglas Graham (2001)LM; Prof Hew McLeod (2002)LM; Mrs Carol Melville (2003)LF; Dr Dawn Miller (2002)LF; Rev John Sinclair (2004)CM; Dr Royden Somerville,

QC(2001)LM; Prof. David Skegg (2003)LM; Mrs Lisa Wells (2001)LM; Rev Graeme Munro (2001)CM.

Master, Knox College, Bruce Aitken.; Master, Salmond Hall, Mr Bruce Cowan; two others appointed by the Council of Knox College and Salmond Hall; Principal of School of Ministry.

Church Property Trustees

New nominations for appointment: John Harvey WR.02.LM; Michael Scott WK. 02.LM; John Molloy WN.02.LM; Virginia Wilson SL.02.LF.

Board of Turakina Maori Girls' College

Alan Cooper WG.LM, Nick Thomson WG.LM, Talosaga Su'a WG.CM

(Note: B.R.Cousins and K.L Sims appointed by Presbytery of Wanganui; Ivan Gore and Nancy Hazeleger appointed by Presbytery of Manawatu.)

Board of Iona College

Bob Foster HB.CM; Rodney Gallen HB.LM.

Commission of Refugee and Migrant Service: Beryl Anderson WN.02.LF

Presbyterian Savings and Development Society (and New Vision Foundation)

[To be elected by the Board]: Margaret Slater AK.02.LF; Hamish Crooks SA.02.LM (to be confirmed).

Note: The Moderator of the General Assembly is a full member of all Groups; Assembly Executive Secretary and Manager of Communications are associates.

There was no debate.

The motion was agreed to.

Memorial 2: Nominating Review Process

Mr Neil Walker was granted leave to replace notice of motion [02.106] with notice of motion [02.186].

Mr Walker moved, and it was seconded:

[02.186]

replaces [02.106]

- a) That the Assembly request the Council of Assembly to remandate its already convened task force set up in 2001 to consider a complete review of the whole appointment making system of the Presbyterian Church.
- b) The committee:
 1. be expanded to include others to bring an added perspective to the debate
 2. include (and consult with) people experienced in Human Resources procedures and Electoral systems.
 3. re-address the concerns expressed in 2000 Assembly, notice of motion [02.128] as printed in Memorial 2.
 4. complete the audit of the problems with the existing system and recommend solutions.
 5. send it for discussion to all Presbyteries/District Councils/Churches for study and comment by September 1, 2003.
 6. that a report including comments from Churches/Presbyteries/Union District Councils and recommendations be brought back to the 2004 Assembly.

There was debate.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr Chris Auchinvole moved and it was seconded:

[02.177] That the Nominating Process Review Task Group be instructed to examine the procedure for the election of the Moderator Designate of the General Assembly in order to clarify the possible uncertainty as to the weighting (if any) of votes between Presbyteries/UDCs/Sessions/Parish Councils in clause 2 Appendix D8 of the Book of Order and to properly reflect the intention of the Commission for Diversity as agreed by General Assembly.

[02.178] That Council of Assembly be empowered to instruct the Book of Order and Judicial Reference Group to draft regulations to implement the decision of the Council of Assembly made after receipt of the advice of the Nominating Process Review Task Group, to be in effect for the election of the Moderator Designate for the 2004 General Assembly.

The motions were debated.
The motions were carried.

The Clerk moved, and it was seconded:

[02.147] That Mr John Hallett and the Rev Nancy Jean Whitehead be Co-conveners of the Nominating Committee

There was no debate.
The motion was agreed to.

Pacific Islanders' Synod

The Very Rev Bruce Hansen moved, and it was seconded:

[02.181] That the terms of reference for the Pacific Islanders' Synod be:

- 1 To facilitate good communication between the Pacific Islanders' Synod and other groups or courts within the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand in accordance with the partnership established under the constitution of the Pacific Islanders' Synod.
- 2 To act in a mediating role and, where appropriate, to arbitrate when differences of understanding or interpretation arise in the relationship between the Pacific Islanders' Synod and other groups or courts within the Presbyterian Church.
- 3 To take any actions that might enhance, promote and increase understanding of the role and functions of the P I Synod within the Presbyterian Church.

There was no debate.
The motion was agreed to.

Pacific Islanders' Synod Liaison Group

Mrs Elliot moved and it was seconded:

[02.188] That the membership for the Pacific Islanders' Synod Liaison Group be:
The Rev Bruce Hansen (Convener), the Rev Aotofaga Lemuelu, Mr Ikipa Tongatule and the Rev Lorraine Francis (to be confirmed).

The motion was debated.

Debate was adjourned.

Student Regulations

Debate resumed on notice of motion [02.047] (amendments to student regulations).

- [02.047]** That the following amendments be made to the Student Regulations, Appendix E-13 in the Book of Order:
- a) Student Regulation 4.1 be amended by the substitution of the word "may" with the word "shall"
 - b) Student Regulation 4.4 be amended by replacing the words from "candidate" on line 2 to "ordained ministry" on line 3 with the following words "...Presbytery Student convener or representative for each candidate of the candidate's acceptance or otherwise as a student for the ordained ministry, such information to be conveyed to the student within the following seven days."

Mr Andrew Scott moved, and it was seconded:

- [02.154] amendment to [02.047]**
That the first sentence of regulation 4.4 in Appendix E.13 in the Book of Order be replaced by the following;
"the National Assessment Work Group, before the end of the assessment programme, gives the candidate the option of being informed of their acceptance or otherwise as a student for ordained ministry by the National Assessment Work Group at the conclusion of the assessment weekend, or being informed by the Presbytery Student Convener/Representative at a time agreed between the Presbytery Student Convener/Representative and the candidate."

There was debate
The amendment was carried.

- [02.047] as amended**
- That the following amendments be made to the Student Regulations, Appendix E-13 in the Book of Order:
- a) Student Regulation 4.1 be amended by the substitution of the word "may" with the word "shall"
 - b) Student Regulation 4.4 be amended by replacing the words from "candidate" on line 2 to "ordained ministry" on line 3 with the following words "...Presbytery Student convener or representative for each candidate of the candidate's acceptance or otherwise as a student for the ordained ministry, such information to be conveyed to the student within the following seven days."

The motion, as amended, was carried.

The Rev Asora Amosa was granted leave to withdraw notice of motion 54.

- [02.153]** That Notice of Motion 54 be amended by adding the following words after the word "Malua" in the second line.
"at such time that Malua accepts women students for ordination training," the recommendation then continuing "with the understanding that"

Notices of motion [02.054] and its amendment notice of motion [02.153] were declared to have fallen.

Assembly Greetings and Congratulations

The Rev Dr Graham Redding moved and it was seconded:

- [02.138] That the General Assembly convey its greetings and congratulations to the Rev Professor Lloyd Geering in recognition of his being made a Principal Companion of the New Zealand Order of Merit. In so doing, the General Assembly recognises the long-standing contribution of Professor Geering to the field of religious studies in this country and to the task of taking theological discourse beyond the university, seminary and church into the public arena.

The motion was debated.

The motion was carried.

Regulations for Lay Ministry

Leave was granted to amend notice of motion [02.078], by the following:

Clause 3.14: add the words “prepared by National Assessment Work Group” after the words “application form”
Local Ordained and Local Ministry Teams Assessment: ...he/she will be assessed by “Presbytery with input from the Mission Resource Team, the person responsible for the student’s training”, Senatus

The Rev Sally Carter moved *en bloc*, and it was seconded:

- [02.067] That regulation 4 be amended so the words in brackets read as follows: "(except Amorangi, Local Ordained Ministers, those ordained for Local Ministry Teams and retired ministers).

- [02.068] That regulation 182 be amended to read:

"Presbyteries have under their supervision all students for the ordained ministry ordinarily residing within their bounds. The process of assessment, training and licensing is set out in the Student Regulations, Appendix E-13. The Presbytery is responsible for licensing students who have satisfactorily completed the required pre-ordination training. In the event of disagreement between a Presbytery and the Principal of the School of Ministry concerning the termination of a student's course at any stage of training, the National Assessment Work Group shall act as arbiter."

- [02.069] That regulation 183 be amended to read:

183. Application to Presbytery

Application for acceptance as a student for the ordained ministry shall be made in accordance with the processes outlined in the Student Regulations, Appendix E-13. A medical report from an approved medical practitioner will be required from all candidates before attending the assessment programme.

- [02.070] That regulation 185 be amended to read:

185. Acceptance of Candidate

For candidates for National Ordained Ministry the National Assessment Work Group, if satisfied with the candidate's suitability in respect to character and gifts for the work

of the ordained ministry, may accept the candidate as a student for ministry. For candidates for Local Ordained Ministry or ministry in a Local Ministry Team the National Assessment Work Group, if satisfied with the candidate's suitability in respect to character and gifts for the work of that ministry, may recommend to the presbytery that the candidate is suitable for acceptance as a student for ministry.

[02.071] That regulation 186 be amended to read:

186. Membership of a Congregation

Students for National Ordained Ministry become communicant members of a Congregation in the centre where they are undertaking foundational studies or in Dunedin if at the School of Ministry, and inform the Principal of the School of Ministry accordingly. The Principal has power to grant exemption in special cases. Students for Local Ordained Ministry and Local Ministry Teams shall continue as members of the congregation for which they have been identified as a student for ministry.

[02.072] That regulation 188 be amended to read:

188. Transference

If the National Ordained Ministry student, at any stage of the trials, requires to remove beyond the bounds, the Presbytery, if satisfied with the reasons stated, gives a transference to the Presbytery within whose bounds the student goes to reside, certifying the subjects of trial, if any, that have been prescribed, the parts that have been performed, and whether with approbation or otherwise. The Presbytery receiving the transference, without any review of the parts of trial already satisfactorily gone through, proceeds with the remainder, as if the candidate had at first appeared before itself.

If a Local Ordained Ministry or Local Ministry Team student requires to move from the congregation for which the student has been accepted the student status will lapse. If subsequently that person is identified for Local Ministry due credit will be given for training done.

[02.073] That regulation 192 be amended by replacing the words "sought ordination" in the first line with the words "been ordained".

[02.074] That regulation 231 be amended by adding the following words in the first line after the words "A final year student", " in the National Ordained Ministry ordination studies programme."

There was brief debate.

The motions were agreed to.

Leave was granted to amend the wording of notice of motion [02.075] by the addition of notice of motion [02.132.], which amended [02.075] paragraph e to read:

Schedule A: Complaint Procedure for School of Ministry, Knox College
"other than a complaint covered by appendix E-9"

The Rev Tom Waight moved *en bloc*, and it was seconded:

[02.075] (as amended)

That Appendix E-12 be amended by:

- a) In paragraph 2 adding the following sentence at the end of the paragraph. "Mission Resource Team Co-Directors may be associated with the Senatus for the

consideration of training relating to Local Ordained Ministry and ordination for Local Ministry Teams."

- b) In 2.3 replace "courses" with "study programmes".
- c) Amending 2.3.1 to read 2.3.1. *All students for ordained ministry whether in the School of Ministry (residential or dispersed) or engaged in foundational studies; In 2.4.3 amend to read: "Issue a Diploma in Ministry (Presbyterian Church) to National Ordained Ministry students whose final year is sustained.*
- d) Add new paragraph 2.4.4 as follows:

2.4.4 Issue a letter of authorisation to Local Ordained Ministry and Local Ministry Team students whose pre-ordination study has been satisfactorily completed

- e) Add words in heading and first part of Section A: Complaint Procedure so it reads:

Schedule A: Complaint Procedure for School of Ministry, Knox College "(other than a complaint covered by Appendix E-9)"

Complaints procedure for students not part of the community of the School of Ministry, Knox College site shall be those set out in Appendix E-9.

Schedule A: Complaint Procedure for School of Ministry, Knox College

The motions were debated.

The motions were agreed to.

Leave was granted to amend notice of motion [02.078] by notice of motion [02.146].

Mr Waight moved, and it was seconded:

[02.146] amends [02.078]

That notice of motion [02.146] be amended to read:

'The assessment process for LOM and LMT is conducted by the Presbytery in consultation with the National Assessment Work Group according to national guidelines prepared by Equipping the Leadership Policy Group'

There was no debate.

The amendment was agreed to.

This became the substantive motion, and was agreed to.

Mr Waight moved, and it was seconded:

[02.184] That the Equipping the Leadership Policy Group prepare and authorise such interim provisions in lieu of regulations required to implement the effect of the Lay Ministry Task Group report to this Assembly, and bring further draft regulation changes, to the next General Assembly.

There was no debate.

The motion was agreed to.

Mr Waight moved, and it was seconded:

[02.142] That regulation and appendix changes effected by notices of motion [02.055] – [02.078] come into effect on 1st February 2003.

There was no debate.
The motion was agreed to.

Mr Waight moved, and it was seconded:

[02.187] That the Lay Ministry Task Group be thanked and discharged.

There was no debate.
The motion was agreed to.

The Moderator thanked the Task Group members for their work.

Overture 12: Building Repairs and Maintenance

Mr Rob Ripley moved, and it was seconded:

[02.128] That Book of Order regulation 172 (e) (iii) be amended to read as follows:
“approves plans for any re-erection or renovation of, and alterations and additions to the same where the cost exceeds \$15,000”.

There was no debate.
The motion was agreed to.

Overture 6: Sacrament of Baptism

Facilitation Group member Rev Ken Wall reported responses from Dialogue Groups on Overture 6, on Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism. He reported that responses were varied.

Leave was granted to withdraw notices of motion [02.080], [02.081] and [02.166], to be replaced by notice of motion [02.182].

The Rev John Turton moved, and it was seconded:

[02.182] That the General Assembly

- a. Give approval to extend the provisions for training and authorising elders to conduct the sacrament of communion to include the sacrament of Baptism.
- b. Ask the Book of Order and Judicial Reference Group to draft the appropriate amending legislation and report to the next General Assembly.
- c. Instruct the Council of Assembly to ensure the preparation of resources for use by authorised elders.

The motion was debated.
The Clerk advised that this proposal would require legislation changing the subordinate standards, so the decision in clause (a) was in principle.

The motion was carried.

Overture 5: Council of Assembly

Leave was granted to amend clause (d):
that this Assembly return to annual meetings of the General Assembly establish a Task Group to report to the next General Assembly.

Mr Rob Ripley moved, and it was seconded:

[02.043] That this Assembly

- (a) reaffirms the primacy of local congregations and parishes supported by their local presbyteries as the source of the Presbyterian Church's real strength.
- (b) restores the General Assembly to its rightful place as the superior court of the Church which meets each year, receives reports directly from the Assembly Committees and directs the Council of Assembly to implement the Assembly's decisions.
- (c) returns the Council of Assembly to the spirit and intent of its 1972 terms of reference and/or constitution by directing the Council of Assembly to restrict its activities to implementing the decisions of the General Assembly.
- (d) that this Assembly return to annual meetings of the General Assembly and establish a Task Group to report to the next General Assembly.

There was debate.
The motion was lost.

Comprehensive Motion

Assembly Business Work Group Co-convenor Rev Pamela Tankersley moved, and it was seconded:

[02.135] That the reports of the Doctrine Reference Group, Evangelical Presbyterian Missionary Fellowship, Beneficiary Fund, Church Property Trustees, Council of Knox College and Salmond Hall, Assembly Business Work Group, Council of Asian Congregations, Church Architecture Reference Group, Historical Records Reference Group, Moderator's Arrangements Task Group, Te Komiti Takawaenga O te Haahi be confirmed, and notice of motion [02.082] (Constitution of Knox College and Salmond Hall Inc) be agreed to.

There was no debate.
The motion was agreed to.

2004 Assembly

Mrs Tankersley moved, and it was seconded:

[02.007] That the Presbytery of Christchurch be invited to hold the 2004 General Assembly within its bounds; venue, date, and time to be set by the Assembly Business Workgroup.

There was no debate.
The motion was agreed to.

Minutes

The Clerk moved, and it was seconded:

That the Minutes of Sessions 3 – 8 of this General Assembly be taken as read and confirmed.

That the Council of Assembly be authorised to confirm the minutes of the remaining sessions of this General Assembly.

There was no debate.
The motions were agreed to.

Reasons for Dissent

The Clerk moved and it was seconded:
The motion was agreed to.

That Council of Assembly be authorised to incorporate reasons of dissent to decision [02.025] clause g in the Minutes of General Assembly, and to arrange for answers to the reasons to be prepared, and incorporated into the minutes of the Assembly.

Reasons for Dissent to Decision [02.025]

On members, associate members, and eligibility for Session/Parish Council.

1. The notion of two categories of membership and the restriction of the rights and responsibilities of one of these categories is repugnant and contrary to the gospel message of God's inclusive love toward all people. One category of membership, open to all who seek it and are accepted by the local Session/Parish Council, is preferred.
2. The current confusion around the status of gay and lesbian persons is made worse by relating categories of membership to eligibility for Session/Parish Council. It is unclear whether or not gay and lesbian persons may serve in this capacity and hence they may not be able to become 'members' regardless of their baptism, public confession of faith and willingness to serve. Alternatively, if they are deemed eligible for membership but ineligible for Session/Parish Council, a third category of membership is established, that of members without full rights and responsibilities.
3. In a rural situation people will often attend the local Presbyterian church but may still identify with another denomination and not wish to become 'members' of the Presbyterian church. These people prefer to be 'associate members' but are willing to assist with the leadership by being members of Session/Parish Council. Small rural parishes need to be able to appoint such people to Session/Parish Council and use their gifts within the church.

Answers to Reasons for Dissent against Decision [02.025 g]

Answer to 1:

God's inclusive love towards all people seeks a response, which has always been expressed in the church through baptism and a life of discipleship. The church, understood as 'ekklesia'- 'those called out', has always understood that there are those who respond to God's call to live in discipleship and those who do not, and draws on the tradition of Jesus for that understanding. By offering two categories of membership - 'members' and 'associate members'- we seek to recognise that the church has a place both for those who have responded to God's love in this way and also for those who are yet to make such a response.

Answer to 2:

These regulations do not relate categories of membership to eligibility for Session/Parish Council. Rather, they relate eligibility for Session/Parish Council to membership. The only criteria for membership are baptism, publicly professing faith and intention to live out discipleship as part of the congregation. We do not believe we have altered the eligibility criteria. Regulation 65 prior to the amendments being enacted is clear that communicants alone are able to be nominated at present. Our category of 'member' is similar to that of 'communicant member'. It is not our intention to create a third category.

Answer to 3:

"Membership' in the first instance is to the body of Christ, the holy catholic and apostolic church, and not the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand. Each congregation is a local manifestation of that. We are Christian first, then later Presbyterian. That distinction is important to hold on to even though it might not easily be understood by some. Regulation 55 is being amended but will still allow for the appointment of associate members of Session or Parish Council from the wider membership. A Session or Parish Council could appoint an associate to such a position. We are clear that those who are to be elders or Parish Councillors must be prepared to subject themselves to the discipline of the church and to be accountable for their actions. This, in our view, requires the level of commitment recognised in Notice of Motion 25(c)

Unfinished Business

The Clerk moved, and it was seconded:

That unfinished business on notices of motion [02.150], [02.190] be referred to the Council of Assembly for appropriate action.

The motion was agreed to.

Standards of Language

The Rev Dr Margaret Mayman moved, and the Rev Stuart Lange seconded:

[02.189] replaces notice of motion [02.168]

That Assembly, mindful of deeply held convictions and sensitivities on all sides and debates within the Church, urges everyone to respect all other persons, seeking to avoid depersonalising others, caricaturing their convictions or questioning their motivations.

There was no debate.

The motion was agreed to.

Gambling

Leave was granted to amend clause 2 of motion [02.191] by changing the word 'supports' to 'encourages'.

The Rev Ken Irwin moved, and it was seconded:

[02.191] That this Assembly express its outrage at the proliferation of poker gambling machines, and its dangerous impact on the lives of children and families throughout the country.

That this Assembly encourage the Government to take all steps necessary to halt further expansion and reduce current operations of poker gambling machines.

The motion was debated.

The motion was agreed to.

Pacific Islanders' Synod Liaison Group

Debate on notice of motion [02.188] was resumed.

[02.188] That the membership for the Pacific Island Synod Liaison Group be:

The Very Rev Bruce Hansen (Convener), the Rev Aotofaga Lemuelu, Mr Ikipa Tongatule and the Rev Lorraine Francis (to be confirmed).

The motion was agreed to.

Leave was granted leave to introduce a new motion.
The Rev Chris Elliot moved and it was seconded:

[02.193] That the Nominating Committee be asked to facilitate the rotation of membership of the Pacific Islanders' Liaison group.

There was no debate.
The motion was agreed to.

Vote of Thanks

The Rev Libby Smith moved, and Mr Erik Erika seconded:

That the thanks of the Assembly be offered to all those who had assisted in the preparation and organisation of this Assembly:
Local Arrangements Committee, St Patrick's College, Silverstream, Wellington, Assembly Clerk and Assistant Clerk, Business Workgroup, sound and video technicians, Assembly Office staff; Facilitation Group, Legal Advisor, Dialogue Group Moderators, and the Moderator.

The motion was agreed to by acclamation.

Assembly was adjourned to meet in the year 2004 in Christchurch, at a date to be determined by the Council of Assembly and the Assembly Business Work Group.

Assembly concluded with a Service of Holy Communion led by the Moderator.

Michael Thawley, Moderator
Kerry Enright, Clerk

