

Appendix A – Available Resources

A number of resources are available, with many booklets available for download, and occasionally hard copies can be requested from the organisation:

Presbyterian Support (www.ps.org.nz) – with links to their regional organisations on their website. Collectively, the Presbyterian Support organisations are one of the largest providers of social and health services in the country, working with older people, people with disabilities, families at risk, children and young people. The seven Presbyterian Support organisations are governed, managed and operated separately providing local services in each region. They come together under the PSNZ federation to share information, best practice ideas and where possible resources across the country.

Resources for Speaking Out (www.presbyterian.org.nz/speaking-out/resources-for-speaking-out) is a very handy section of the Church's website with case studies and discussion papers on various topics and a link to the World Council of Churches ecumenical call to Just Peace programme. Also available are various downloadable booklets which can be used as Bible study guides to inform leaders or groups in a congregation and help them to consider and understand pertinent issues more fully. The well-researched topics covered are: Justice and Action; Sexual Ethics; Caring for Creation; House to Home; Caring for our Children (Child Abuse); Connecting with Young People; Bring on the Baby Boomers: Coming of Age (Aging); Giving and Getting; Parenting Today; Crime and Justice; Family Raising Kin; Churches Working Together; Understanding Multiculturalism in the Church and in New Zealand.

New Zealand Council of Christian Social Services (NZCCSS) represent six church networks: the Anglican Care Network, the Baptist, Catholic and Presbyterian social services agencies, as well as the Methodist and the Salvation Army churches. NZCCSS works for a just and compassionate society in Aotearoa New Zealand, and the Presbyterian Church continues to support their work financially each year. Their website (www.nzccss.org.nz) has a wealth of information on it, containing many resources which cover a broad spectrum of issues and interests. It should be noted that the NZCCSS has a non-partisan, issues-based approach, meaning the value of their resources are not diminished by changing governments.

For those congregations or members who are more business orientated/focused, the New Zealand Initiative also provides resources on social issues: www.nzinitiative.org.nz.

The InterChurch Bioethics Council(ICBC) is an ecumenical cross-cultural body supported by the Anglican, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches of Aotearoa New Zealand (first established as the Tnterchurch Commission on Genetic Engineering in 2002). ICBC members have between them considerable expertise and knowledge in science, ethics, theology, medicine and education. The terms of reference for the original Interchurch Commission on Genetic Engineering have been expanded to include the ethical, cultural and spiritual issues relating to biotechnology. Their website contains both resources and submissions that have been made relating to various issues (www.interchurchbioethics.org.nz). Members of the ICBC are also available to run workshops on request.

Uniting Care Australia (www.unitingcare.org.au) see encouraging of theological reflection on the Church's community services work as one of their key responsibilities and has done good work on aging; Child, young people and families;

disability; employment; housing and homelessness; financial health and wellbeing; funding and taxes and not-for-profit sector reform.

The World Council of Churches, of which the Presbyterian Church is a member, is a rich source for background and principal thinking on various social issues.

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