

# THEOLOGY OF PROPERTY AND MONEY

Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand

General Assembly 2018 directed the Council of Assembly to establish this work group to develop a theology of property and money, to consult widely with the Church concerning how we may better share our wealth, and report back its findings to General Assembly 2020. This document is a platform to encourage discussion. We want to hear what YOU think. Please prayerfully wrestle with what follows, respond to the questions, and get back to us.

## Questions for reflection and discussion:

- 1) How do you feel knowing the Presbyterian Church, both Presbyterian and Uniting parishes, has a collective wealth of \$1.5 billion – comfortably assured sensing our future is secure or uncomfortably disturbed sensing God is calling us to re-examine our priorities?
- 2) Believing that God is love, has created us in love, and calls us to be people of love: how does this shape the way you feel called by God to use the resources we have?
- 3) How do you think a theology of property and money should inform our Western ideas of ownership, possessions and private property?
- 4) How do you respond to the idea that money and property are a river that flows to us from the loving provision of God, rather than a pool for us to store and control?



5) Do you think that we as a Church may have been channelling resources into areas that stand in contradiction to God's mission? What are these areas and how can we address them?

6) How can we faithfully honour our Church forebears while also honouring God's call in the present in relation to how we use the wealth we collectively own?

7) In what ways might the Presbyterian Church be undergoing a death - and how do you feel God is raising the Church from this death into a new shape?

8) What do you sense God's call is in relation to how we should use our Church's wealth?

## What Next?

We value what you have to say about the draft Theology of Property and Money.

We value your responses to this issue so let us know what you think. We would love to hear from anyone (individual, group or parish) who has something to add to the conversation.

Email responses to: [TMP@presbyterian.org.nz](mailto:TMP@presbyterian.org.nz) or mail to

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Please get back to us by  
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