

## **Notice of Motion for PWANZ Business Meeting September 2015**

There are two parts to this motion:

1. That the organisation known as Presbyterian Women AotearoaNZ, and formerly known as Association of Presbyterian Women, be wound up and cease to exist as soon as possible and in accordance with its own rules and the Corporate Societies Act
2. That monies such as Bequests, Trusts, the Emergency Fund and all other named funds, Scholarships and the Annual Mission Project, be administered by the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa NZ in accordance with the guidelines of the organisation and the conditions of each bequest and trust.

### **NOTES**

1. In recent times the organisation PW has often been run in ways not consistent with its own guidelines and structures, indicating that these are no longer relevant and no longer possible to maintain with the personnel required.  
There have been changes to structure over the years, but if a new start is desired (perhaps as set out in Bushfire) those who wish to take part should be free to do so in a way that is relevant to them and to another generation.  
Many current members of PW are elderly and no longer wish or are able to take a part in administrative duties. Most have been part of the organisation over many years and have already done years of service both locally and regionally as well as nationally. Their love for the church and its organisations is often now limited to parish groups. But their long service needs to be honoured while at the same time allowing younger women to belong to an organisation that meets their needs, just as the original APW met the needs of women at the time of its inception.
2. By shifting the monies which are tied, to the Presbyterian Church to be administered, all or part of the available funds (those used for the daily running of PW) could be transferred into any new organisation to give it a workable foundation.  
Such actions would leave the possibility that the U.N. membership could be continued by a new organisation without jeopardising its status.
3. The current NCG is a transitional group and could be retained for up to a year in order to wind up the current organisation in a proper manner and in accordance with the above motions, and if desired to work on something new.  
When any new organisation is set up actions are taken so that any previous or preceding organisation can cease to exist. This motion is setting out the proposal that the meeting allow this to occur so the creation of something new may happen without the encumbrances of a past era..  
It also allows parish groups to continue as they have always done if that is their wish and to have the choice of being part of any new organisation or existing on their own.

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