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Aim:

To unite in prayer, study, fellowship and service
To make a Christian witness in home, church and community
To support the work of partner churches in worldwide mission and evangelism

Mission Statement

"Serving God locally and globally with love."

Membership Statistics

PWANZ's focus on local, national and international mission is supported by more than eight hundred and seventy members whose commitment is strong with affiliation fees including "freewill" donations contributing over \$9,000.

Like many other organisations such as National Council of Women, Presbyterian Women have reflected on how best to serve our individual members, and those members who gather in 70 groups, plus our six Presbyterials.

The role of Presbyterials has recently diminished as changing church structures occur. More inclusive regional gatherings and groups for interested women are now held in many areas.

National Reports 2016

National Co-ordinator

I write this report having only been in the role for the past 5 months. It was evident from my first meeting with the Transition team how much work had previously been done in the month's past. In some sense the first year of any transition is about getting a gauge on what the reality is 'in the moment'. As such, there has been a lot of time spent in understanding the methodology within the workings of Presbyterian Women Aotearoa New Zealand. Many will have noticed that the Gleanings publication finished earlier this year. Thank you for all who have edited and contributed to Gleanings throughout the years. Bushfire which was developed last year has continued to go from strength to strength and has become an important communication resource for the Transition team to connect with members on a monthly basis

Over the past few months there have been specific opportunities for discernment by the team – this, as we asked ourselves and others the confronting question, 'Is there a future for PWANZ'? We are thankful for the initiative shown with the Dessert and Coffee Evening held in Palmerston North, when forty plus women came together to explore what they would like to be part of in this new season. Likewise, in August a retreat where some leaders of women's ministries within the church, was held in the Otago region to discern and ask questions along similar lines.

Speaking on behalf of the Transition Team – we feel confident that there is suitable energy from others for PWANZ to move forward in a more concerted manner of transition.

Here are some of the things that have been revealed:

PWANZ has significant taonga, to close the organisation would mean the loss of our significant voice. This voice is both global via our relationship with the United Nations (see the accompanying UN report) and national, as the voice of our church– with the rights Presbyterian Women now having been safeguarded within our denominational structure. If PWANZ was to wind up in order to make space for something new, these treasures may not be found again.

We cannot afford financially to do nothing. Currently, although PWANZ is healthy mission-wise, from an administration point of view subs do not meet the obligations that have been agreed upon. Thus there is a financial motivation to explore ‘why’ PWANZ, and to what end we serve.

Younger women: Naming our reality is a vital component when in a time of transition. Despite many efforts to invite younger women to be part of PWANZ, as an organisation we are being advised of existing groups who have decided to end their traditional meetings. Our time of listening suggests that younger women are less keen to join an organisation. Yet there is support and energy for some form of a movement. A movement that can inspire and assist women by meeting them wherever they are on their life journey.

A movement that can gather women of like-minds and with differing views, and a movement that is shaped from local contexts with nimble national support. Younger women are keen to explore what it means to be a Presbyterian Woman but more so in ways relevant to today's every changing society.

Our times of discernment through prayerful discussion led to the phrase ‘We are Presbyterian Women’. There is energy amongst the transition team to explore this further as a pathway toward the continued relevance of PWANZ amongst both the younger generation, and those who are currently part of PWANZ.

PWANZ as ‘A Well’: This is an image we identified with strongly in our time of discernment. Women gathering in common relationship with Jesus Christ, women coming to the well in groups and individually. As the transition team we are keen to explore how this image could be imagined for PWANZ moving forward.

Much of the work undertaken this year by the transition team is a platform for what could happen in the future. There are some action plans that we would like to implement but have held ourselves in check until there is clarification from the AGM about what happens next.

My personal thoughts are as one excited about the journey thus far. I am hopeful we will be given a mandate to continue the work for transition of PWANZ into the future. I am mindful transition requires courage to let go and let God, and sometimes we have to start a journey of change without actually being able to see where or to what we are transitioning. I believe this is the case with PWANZ. To date, we have listened to a small section of women, if we are given a mandate to continue my next task will be to connect with groups of women within each Presbytery and continue to listen while sharing our transition plans. Jeremiah 29:11 reminds us 'For I know the plans I have for you' declares the Lord 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.' - I pray this for PWANZ

Serving in Christ
Rev Erin Pendreigh

Administrator

The Transition Team, with support from an Advisory Group, have worked within a restructured Presbyterian Women's organisation in 2016, including drafting a new Terms of Reference. PWANZ now operates differently, and communicates directly with branches and individuals throughout the church. PWANZ are members of NZ National Council of Women, full members of the Ministry of Women International Caucus and Ecumenical Women at the United Nations.

Responsibilities:

- The maintenance of the database of PWANZ contacts.
- Supporting the work of the Transition Team – United Nations Convener, Mission Convener, and Co-ordinator.
- Communication responsibilities, co-writing Bushfire, sending out Bushfire, update of PCANZ website, including comment for articles and PWANZ Facebook page, emails to members.
- Regulatory responsibilities - PWANZ's Charities registration, Reviewer engagement for year-end accounts, Inland Revenue.
- Representing Presbyterian Women at International Women's Day at Parliament, NCW regional meetings, Conference and Presbytery.
- Co-ordinating two combined Advisory Group and Transition Team meetings, plus three working meetings for the Transition Team with Financial reporting, Minutes.
- Receipting, banking and distribution of mission funds as agreed by the Transition team.
- Coordinate drafting of 2016 Terms of Reference.

Our commitment is to uphold the aim of Presbyterian Women – serving God locally and globally in love. Positive feedback received by the Transition Team from groups and individuals on the way forward ensures Presbyterian women will continue to have a voice in the church.

Communication

Thank you for all the positive comments about the Bush Fire email newsletter. This is a monthly publication and is a good way of getting our news to our members and to all people of PCANZ.

PWANZ has a monthly contribution to the PCANZ e-mail newsletter Bush Telegraph. The PCANZ has a section available for PWANZ and currently we have the following pages:

- [Publications](#)
- [News and upcoming events](#)
- [Special Project](#)
- [Transition Team and Advisory Group](#)
- [United Nations](#)
- [Moving Forward](#)

Like us on Facebook 

<https://www.facebook.com/presbyterianwomenaotearoanewzealand/>

This page is a work in progress with 38 people 'liking' us.

Thank you to everyone who contributes to all our various methods of communication.

Mission Report



Presbyterian Women

Don't they raise money for mission?

Of course Presbyterian Women raise money for mission!
And we do so with unbridled enthusiasm!

The focus of our fund raising each year is the Special Project which is a joint initiative with the Methodist Women's Fellowship. Traditionally an overseas and a NZ projects have been selected with an alternating 70/30 split of funds. I have held several meeting with Olive Tanielu, National President and Saunoa Te'otulou, Vice President/Mission Convenor, Methodist Women's Federation to discuss joint projects and we have worked well together.

2015/16 Special Project:Amount raised: **\$19,174**

- Young New Zealanders Foundation – resources for teachers, youth workers etc. on self-worth, suicide prevention \$13,422
- CWS Philippines - Rebuilding Homes and Livelihoods after Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines \$5,753

As we have recently paid over the monies the reporting back from the Young New Zealanders Foundation and CWS will occur during this year.

Greetings from Christian World Service. We are grateful for your interest and generosity.

CWS report: Last year you raised funds for Developers in the Philippines. The coastal communities where they work were damaged and destroyed by Typhoon Haiyan in 2013. Donations to CWS's Philippines Typhoon Appeal gave them funds to repair and rebuild homes as well as replace lost equipment, plants and livestock.

The money you raised will be used in the next phase to help people prepare for disasters. To further protect their homes and livelihoods from major storms, they want to plant a minimum of 12,000 new mangrove and fruit trees. Finally, they plan to provide the start-up funding for local farmers to set up a weekly small market.

2014/15 Special Project

Presbyterian and Methodist women supported Neythal working to protect the rights and improve the livelihoods of fisherfolk in South India. More women have chilly bins and other equipment to sell fish or make fish products. They are tackling violence in their families and communities. They are stronger because of your help.

Diabetes Youth New Zealand support children with diabetes and their families.

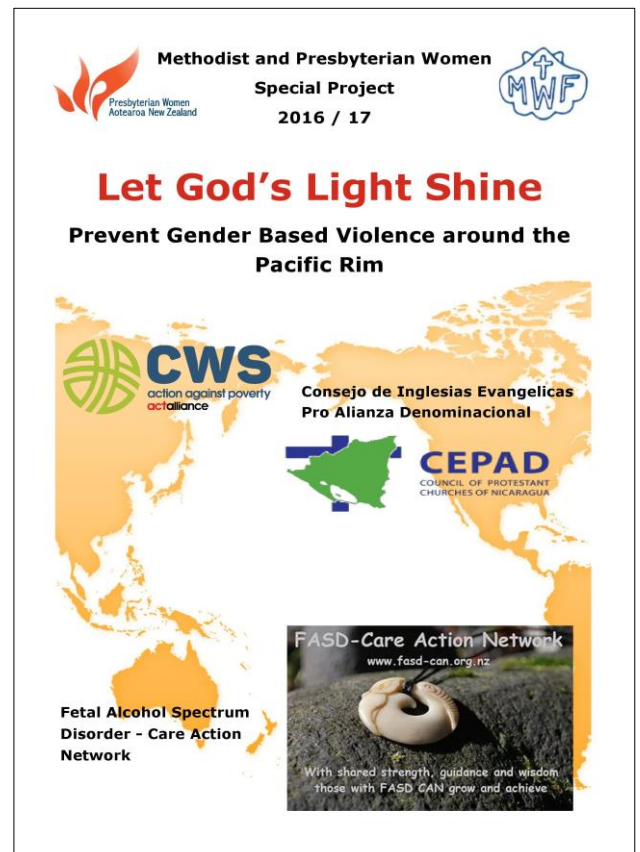
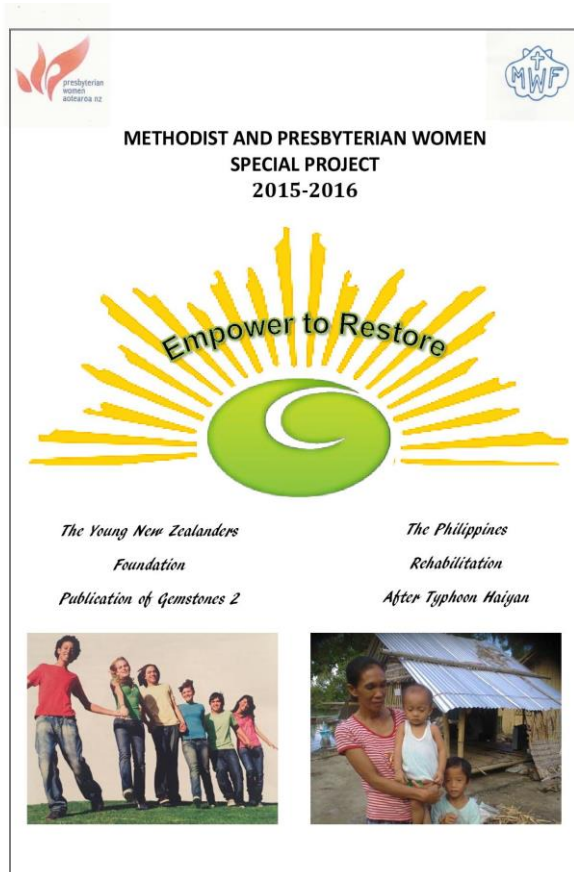
One way is through well-structured teenage camps where sufferers can get together, have some fun and appreciate they are not alone.

2016/17 Special Project: Let God's Love Shine

Split 70% Overseas and 30% New Zealand

- CWS Nicaragua – with the Council of Protestant Churches (CEPAD) on their improving family life programme which addresses gender based violence.
- New Zealand— FASD-CAN to assist families support their members with Foetal Alcohol Syndrome.

Packs with the main leaflets, poster and cd with additional information and CEPAD power point are being sent out. Last year packs were not sent out and many groups were left wondering what was happening.



Mission Birthday Gifts

As the receipts add up for the year we see Mission Birthday is still very much used as a tool for raising money for mission. Thank you to Bev Quigley in Timaru who continues to send out the envelopes.

Stamps

Thank you for collecting used stamps in your area. The sales add to the ways Presbyterian Women raise money for our mission activities.

Mission gifts:

\$18,973

This is money raised from 'Mission Birthday Gifts' and the sale of used stamps.

✗ **mainly music in Lebanon**

\$3,000

“mainly music partners with churches throughout the world to assist them in the development of connections with young families in the community.” mainly music is well supported by our women who run the weekly sessions in many of our churches. The young parents/caregivers who attend would also be interested in what PWANZ is doing with this gift.

Proposal: To help Syrian and other refugees in Lebanon

Steph Christiansen, from Palmerston North, has been working in the Middle East for over 20 years. Recently, Steph has been using the mainly music concept with Syrian and Chaldean Catholic Assyrian refugees and has established two mainly music groups with the songs are sung in Arabic. Most of the mums are illiterate but words feature on the wall, in Arabic, to help the women develop skills. Bible stories sometimes feature by way of a puppet show or statements made within the session in response to the ‘God songs’.

In addition to the families enjoying the sessions, appropriate mums are being trained as session facilitators to ensure that should Western missionaries have visa permissions revoked, the work will continue. The accommodation of the families who attend mainly music is usually in a small, one-roomed apartment where children are required to be quiet. There is no outdoor facility for running, climbing and exploring. In particular, Steph knows of Syrian families who live in a room designed for one man on the ground floor of an apartment complex, where dad is the concierge and the family lives because they have nowhere else to stay. The children should not be there and consequently are required to be quiet and orderly. Enter –a weekly mainly music session! This is a time when mothers can chatter freely with their friends without the oppression of their surroundings

Steph has a vision to establish more mainly music sessions and writes: *The money would be for morning tea supplies for the children a piece of fruit, a piece of manooshe (a Lebanese food) and a juice box. The mothers get a piece of baklava and a cup of 7Up. The two groups of 60 families already running use a room most Western mainly music groups would use for half that number. Some venues are almost perfect with an open space, a carpet and a projector. But there are no toys. We would like to buy age-appropriate toys.*

Our contribution will support one new group with toys and provide morning tea for a year.



✗ Palm Project in Vanuatu

\$5,000

This is example of excellent development empowering women in small isolated islands.

Maskelynes/Uliveo Islands

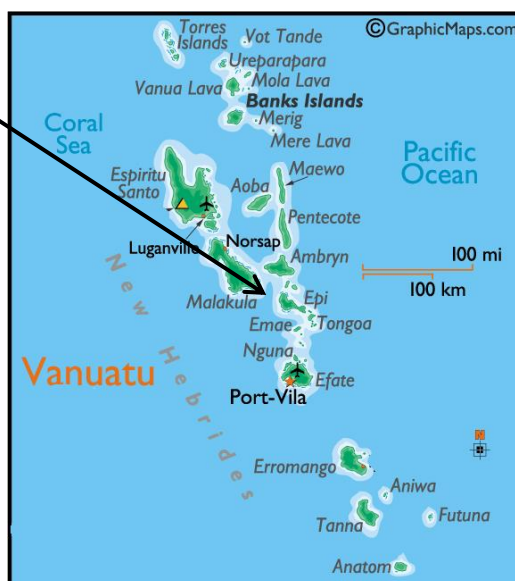
Palm Project is a community based programme initially formed to make soap to assist with the eradication of the increasing cases of scabies, louse and skin infections. The soap has become so valued that Palm Project is now in phase two of the project and hopes to turn the soap making into a business that will improve the livelihoods of the whole community.

The soap factory committee has raised the price of coconut oil and now pay 250 Vatu per litre making this the highest price for any local commodity, with copra at 125 Vatu per kilo and tamanu oil seeds 50 Vatu per kilo. After Cyclone Pam, the soap factory bought 400 litres of coconut oil from the local community, this put 100,000 Vatu directly into the women's hands to assist with the recovery.

Palm Project is a community based business run by the community for the betterment of the community. Community members are selected by the community as a whole and these people are there to serve their communities.

All monies made by Palm Project go directly back into the community to improve the livelihoods of the people. Children are financially sponsored for their education. Community members are able to get medical attention when necessary. Improvements to village facilities which are now limited will be upgraded improving the health & hygiene for the whole community.

There is so much to be done and NZCHET have been working in south east Malakula Islands of Vanuatu for the past nine years. The Workshop has just completed their second internationally funded water project and are now building more classrooms at the school. Because of the Desalination plant and the extra solar power, the Vanuatu Education Department has awarded the community with a secondary school...hooray!!!



Since November 2015, Trade Aid NZ and their 32 shops stock Palm Project soap. Just before Christmas Trade Aid called to say they would need another order. This is fantastic and the soap is selling very well. Of course Palm Project soap is completely chemical free and made with pure virgin organic coconut oil fresh from the local women. We can also support this project by buying soap at Trade Aid outlets.

✗ Pacific Conference of Churches (PCC) through CWS

\$5,000

The PCC draws together member churches and National Councils of Churches throughout the Pacific. The Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand is a member of PCC. It aims to build ecumenical cooperation around identity, solidarity, social justice action, leadership and theological education; lead and actively contribute to re-thinking the stewardship role of the Churches, political institutions based on ecological and political justice throughout the Pacific, and strengthen the prophetic voice of the church on self-determination, rethinking development and gender relations within the mission and life of the church, and to secular policy making bodies.

While CWS supports the overall work of PCC, we have focussed on the following key programmes:

- a) impact of climate change - for the Pacific this means rising sea levels, ocean acidification, destruction of coral reefs, decimation of food sources, climate related issues which threaten homes and livelihoods of Pacific Islanders, and the relocation of communities.
- b) gender based violence affects two out of every three women in the Pacific (*PCC document*) and is a major threat to peace and justice in the region. It reflects iniquities in power relations which are further exacerbated by poverty, economic exploitation, poor education.
- c) self-determination for countries living under colonial rule - West Papua, Kanaky (New Caledonia) and Maohi Nui (Tahiti/French Polynesia).
- d) strengthening the engagement and role of women and youth

Its programmes include:

- training and capacity building of local, national and regional youth and women's networks and leaders, including on GBV
- training and support to churches to become 'champions' on GBV issues
- research, documentation and publication on issues of advocacy and developing awareness (climate change relocation, GBV, demilitarization, HIV/AIDS, Disabilities, small arms, extractive industries, etc)
- training on stewardship and accountability
- support and training to churches and communities on self-determination to enable them to effectively lobby their governments, engage in debate and dialogue, and with the media.
- building awareness on new models of development in the Pacific through training, dialogue and research

PCC is very vocal on these issues, and provides leadership, not just to the churches but to secular organisations and governments. It has provided training on formation and leadership, and resources for advocacy on these key issues. PWANZ is supporting the gender based violence aspect of their work.

Mission Gifts 2014/15 year:

✗ PCANZ Global Mission Rice Bowl appeal in Myanmar \$2,500

“We support a nurse who has just completed her second year of study with one more to go. Once she has completed her studies she will be working in the Agape Hospital”

✗ Waitaki Tongan community (Eveline parish) NOTE project \$2,500

North Otago Tonga Engagement (Note) was formed by the Waitaki Presbyterian Parish after the Rev Jill McDonald, who is the minister of the parish, travelled to Tonga to explore potential projects for the North Otago community.

North Otago's Pasifika population, especially the Tongan community, has grown significantly in recent years. It has been estimated that between 1700 and 2000 Tongans call Oamaru home and make up about 20% of the town's population. “There is no doubt that we have a growing Pasifika population here in North Otago with the majority being Tongan. The main places that Tongans and Palagi (Europeans) get to interact in North Otago are schools, the freezing works and the rugby clubs. However, for those of us who don't work or play in these areas, there is little opportunity to get to know each other.

“Note is seeking to remedy this by providing opportunities for Tongan and Palagi to work together on various projects, knowing that it is when we are working together side by side that we naturally build relationships with one another.”

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OamaruMail

Water tanks installed

August 19, 2016

A North Otago group has arrived home after installing vital infrastructure services in three villages in Tonga.



In late July, North Otago Tonga Engagement (Note) travelled to the Pacific nation after it reached a fundraising goal of \$25,000 to carry out its Hihifo Rainwater Harvesting Project in the villages of Ha'atafu, Kanukupolu and Ahau, work which was completed early this month. Note aims to promote closer relationships between Waitaki's Tongan and Palagi population.

Reverend Jill McDonald, of Note, said six tanks were installed in total – two in each of the three villages – with the help of locals who will use the tanks.

Despite some challenges along the way, such as concrete that was to be used to build pads for the tanks being snapped up by someone else and the next shipment of concrete not being due in the country for another two weeks, the group got the job done.

Waitaki Tongan Community president Talanoa Palu's local connections came in handy. However, the trip was not all about hard work. The group of 18, made up of both Palagi and Tongan people, enjoyed feasts and church services with villagers, among other activities. "We really got to know each other really well and the relationships we have built with the Tongan people is great," Rev McDonald said.

Mrs Palu said the fundraising activities for the trip and the trip itself had "definitely" gone a long way towards building stronger relationships between the district's Palagi and Tongan communities.

Pua Vaitohi, a member of Oamaru's Tongan community, said villagers were hugely appreciative of the work, even though they struggled to express that themselves. "Some of the older people said they wished they could say in English that they would like to express how they were feeling and the appreciation they had for the aid and how special it was."

Rev McDonald said Note had other projects planned for the future, but she doubted the group would travel to Tonga every year.

✗ Syrian refugee resettlement in Dunedin / Wellington

\$10,000

Change Makers Refugee Forum in Wellington provides volunteers to teach driving skills to refugee woman. There project has been operating for the last three years and supports 21 women each year. PWANZ will provide the fees and costs for one of these women to gain her full drivers licence.

In Dunedin applications are being called for among the new settlers to support education fees as women adapt to their new lives. PWANZ is offering 10 \$500 education scholarships to help the newcomers to learn new skills or to retrain. Four applications have been received to date.

Turakina Maori Girl's College

Wayne Te Kaawa, Moderator Te Aka Puaho is pleased that PWANZ are still interested in Turakina and their pupils. He reports that 20 girls have gone to Hukarere Girls College in the Esk Valley, north of Napier and that Deputy Principal Kerehoma Mihaere has transferred with them to make the transition easier. This year PWANZ is providing a \$1,000 scholarship to Jemau Bell to be available for extra-curricular school activities and items which will help in her aim to study at Otago University.

Ko Ruapehu te maunga

Ko Whanganui te awa

Ko Te Atihau a paparangi te Iwi

No Otautahi ahau

Ko Jemau Bell ahau.

Kia ora. I'm a year eleven student currently. I'm a very adventurous person, I love finding new places to explore! I like making new memories and meeting new people. Being at a Māori boarding school has given me confidence so I'm not that shy when it comes to meeting new people unless it's meetings or really important times. But not only does it give me confidence, but it provides me with a great understanding of my culture.

I'm the middle child so I tend to tag along with my older brother and go out with him just to go and get out of the house for a few hours. Attending a boarding school, I'm not home much so when I am I like to spend as much time and help out with family whenever I can. I'm from Christchurch but I live on the Gold Coast in Australia. I'm not one for cleaning voluntarily but I still do, I guess I can't stand when people don't help out or pitch in where or when they can. I believe that helping out a little never hurts anyone. Whether I'm in Christchurch or over in Australia with different family members I always do my part in the house hold. In my family I'm more of the academic child, as my older brother and younger sister are the sporty ones.

I suppose I've always loved learning new things especially outside of the classroom, so I do love P.E because I learn new things each lesson while going out and having a run. Science is one of my favourite subjects, I love biology! My future career goal is to attend Otago University for a bachelor of medicine and bachelor of surgery. I want to be a surgeon to help and save others! I haven't decided which area I want to specify in but I'm leaning towards being a cardiothoracic surgeon. I'm a very passionate person when it comes to things that I love, such as kapa haka! I can't wait until next year's regionals for secondary kapa haka.

I would like to thank Presbyterian Women for giving me the opportunity to be considered for a scholarship but more importantly the honour of receiving a Turakina Scholarship in which both myself and whanau will be very proud to hold.

No reira

Jemau Bell

Kerehoma Mihaere adds: She was sent back to NZ to learn more about her Maori side and herself as a person. The values taught here are those of Turakina based upon our Christian faith. Her family comes from the Whanganui river with many relatives past pupils of Turakina, four being foundation pupils

Thank you for your support and feedback.

Sally Russell Missions Convenor

30 July 2016

United Nations

Report from Carol Grant - Transition Team member and PWANZ UN Convenor

A new beginning.

At the National Business Meeting in September 2015 a recommendation was carried that a Transition team be established consisting of a Co-ordinator, Paid Administration/Finance (20 hours per week), UN Convenor and Mission Convenor. An Advisory Group would be established to provide support and consultancy to the Transition Team and to oversee the advertising for the Transition team and postal voting. The current National Co-ordinating Group (NCG) would stay on until 30th November 2015 when the new Transition team would become operational.

The next steps

Following the business meeting, the Advisory Group advertised the positions to be filled and voting forms were distributed widely. United Nations Convenor, the Rev Carol Grant and Missions Convenor, Sally Russell, were elected unopposed. Following the appointment of Sandra Waldrom, as Administrator it was hoped to fill co-ordinator position as soon as possible. This unfortunately did not happen until the end of May 2016, when the Rev Erin Pendreigh was appointed with a job description revised by the Advisory Group

For me, this transition time has been a real pleasure.

From December 2015 the Transition Team members have worked as a team within their defined portfolios and together across all aspects of PW business. Communication has been a priority as well as all the tasks outlined at the NBM. We have worked hard to accomplish a great deal in a very short time. We all look forward to the gifts Erin will bring to the team.

THE UN Portfolio

The ongoing United Nations work continues throughout the year - speaking engagements to church and community organisations and groups, both large and small, leading worship with a UN focus with members of the delegation, advertising for early expressions of interest for the next delegation, receiving final letters of application and CV;s, contracting with a NY hotel for group accommodation, engaging with each member of the delegation, and with other members of the UN support team to put final preparations in place.

During the year direct communications are received from Ecumenical Women at the UN, UN Women and other UN entities, various specific google group discussions and requests from individuals overseas as follow up work continues. PWANZ were the largest NGO delegation at the UN from NZ this year. The invitation from the PCUSA to be a panelist at a Parallel Event was unexpected but exciting.

I have attended the Ministry for Women's International Caucus Meetings held before and after each Commission and I am glad to report that the suggestions I made to improve

these gatherings of Government and NGO's have all been implemented. We have commented on Government reports and our voice is valued as a faith based organisation. My sincere thanks to members of my UN team who have provided valuable feedback and support.

I have appreciated the assistance I receive whenever I call for responses.

During the year I have continued to liaise with other women's groups on international human rights, NZ NCW, Pacific Women's Watch, NZ FGW, Zonta International, and other NZ women's networks. Our Special Consultative Status at the UN as Presbyterian Women is unique and should be valued by the whole church community as it gives us a national and international voice on so many issues of global importance.

Communication to Members

Bush Fire has been well received. I have contributed fully to this as UN Convenor and Transition Team member, as well as to Bush Telegraph and articles for other forums and church magazines. Information has been shared by other members of the 2015 and 2016 UN delegation members as they have networked with other church and community groups and workplaces.

PWANZ Capacity Building Retreat

It was rewarding to initiate, organise and facilitate at Capacity Building retreat in the South. I congratulate Heather Tate in initiating, organising and facilitating another event in the North Island. Feedback from both has been invaluable. A PCANZ Women's Assembly is planned for late 2017, and strategies are in place to begin different movement and new pathways for women of all ages in our current church context.

General Assembly 2017

The 2016 General Assembly Report with strong recommendations has been finalised and included in the White Book. Sandra Waldrom, National Administrator and Jill Rutherford, PW member from Knox Church, Dunedin, will represent PWANZ as commissioners to General Assembly. Erin Pendreigh, Sally Russell and Carol Grant will also be attending as commissioners so PWANZ will be well represented at GA 2016.

Attached is the full UN report along are individual reports from members of the CSW60 delegation, the presentation at the UN Parallel Event, and the combined PW comments on the 8th Draft Government CEDAW Report to the United Nations.

Advisory Group

September 2015 was a critical time for the organisation of Presbyterian Women, PWANZ as there was a recommendation to its National Business Meeting, NBM that the organisation “close down “. In response to this, another small group offered an alternative proposal called “The Third Way” which would allow the organisation a period of Transition to respond to the needs and aspirations of all Presbyterian women of faith and be appropriate to the 21st Century. With the NBM endorsement of “The Third Way” proposal, the meeting agreed to the appointment of a Transition Team, to be established for twelve months to carry out the functions outlined in the proposal. The NBM approved four members to be the Advisory Group, who were tasked to manage the process of establishing the Transition Team and to provide support and consultancy to them.

The Transition Team would consist of a Coordinator, a paid Administrator (to include managing finance), a United Nations Convenor and Missions Convenor. With a very tight deadline of completion by 30 November 2015, job descriptions were written and positions advertised. The successful applicants were duly announced –Administrator: Sandra Waldrom, Missions Convenor: Sally Russell and Rev Carol Grant continuing her role as United Nations Convenor, but unfortunately there was no response to the role of Coordinator. At the December Meeting of the Transition Team and Advisory Group, it was agreed that without a Coordinator the Advisory Group would provide any support and continue to seek to fill the position of Coordinator. The Transition Team operated by spreading the work load between themselves with the capacity to co - op others to assist as required.

Over 2016 the Advisory Group has worked consistently. Its priority was to find a Coordinator and in May appointed Rev. Erin Pendreigh to the position. In addition, the Advisory Group contributed to reviewing the Terms of Reference; contributed to the AGM for the 2016 NBM; networked with PWANZ groups; travelled to Transition Team meetings when requested and offered encouragement and advice.

The organisation of Presbyterian Women has been greatly blessed by the passion, and commitment of the Transition Team which is much appreciated. It has worked hard to introduce new initiatives, to increase membership and move forward this organisation of inspirational and faithful women. As women continue to out-number men in our churches it is vital that the experience and different gifts that women have to offer is acknowledged by the PCANZ leadership and used to grow God’s Kingdom. The generous funding from Council for World Mission for capacity development of all women but especially Maori, Pacific, Asian, Refugee and Rural women will provide more opportunities to strengthen and increase roles and responsibilities of all women in our churches.

I would like to thank the members of the Advisory Group who in loyalty to PWANZ and in good faith, took on a supportive role to rebuild this organisation despite having some

concerns. Presbyterian Women of Aotearoa New Zealand proudly faces the challenges of its role in Mission both locally and globally, New Zealand society, its Consultative Status at the United Nations and in the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand. However, now and with God's leading, it has a focus to acknowledge the aspirations and leadership skills of a new generation of Christian women for the 21st Century. There is no doubt that Presbyterian Women of Aotearoa New Zealand will continue to flourish and grow as more outstanding Presbyterian women claim their rights and opportunities in following God's calling. It has indeed been a privilege to be part of the journey.

Heather Tate

Regional and Group Reports 2016 - highlights

Cambridge Union Parish, Cambridge (abridged)

The Women's Fellowship have supported mission funding which includes Helena Goldie Hospital, Least Coin, St John, Westpac Helicopter, Doreen Riddle Nursing Scholarship, Leprosy mission and Citizen's Advice Bureau.

Eveline, Oamaru (abridged)

The Eveline Association of Presbyterian Women have had a full programme for both the afternoon and evening groups – the history of aprons, Waitaki Newcomers Network, healthcare for the elderly, and exchange student in Germany. The World Day of Prayer service from Cuba was held at St Paul's, while the Spring Service was held in the Salvation Army Citadel with speaker (and his music) Colin Gibson. Mission donations made to the Tear fund "Microenterprise", Christmas Cheer and others.

Greymouth Uniting Church Women's Fellowship (abridged)

The group is the strength of the church with devotions and singing at rest homes, participation in worship services, with fundraising, helping at the Parish Fair, mission work, entertaining and visiting each other and all those over 80 years. Monthly talks included "Supporting Families and Mental Illness", Complex Clinical Care Network, and work at the Day Centre in Mallawi South Africa with mission support including donations collected for Buller Westland Home Hospice.

Opotiki Union Parish, Opotiki (abridged)

The Women's Fellowship has gained members from other denominations during the year to share meeting topics including homeopathy, floral art, publishing, and travels to China and Mongolia. Mission funding has supported Fred Hollows Foundation, Wycliffe Bible Society, Cyclone Fiji amongst others.

Oteramika Kennington, (abridged) – Group formally disassociated from PWANZ at AGM On April 24, 2016 the parish deconsecrated and decommissioned the Oteramika Church building and property. APW in "days gone by" had a very strong group of faithful women

who supported many missions and missionaries; some of which were from the area. Meetings held at Kennington included presentations on Samoan culture, Southland Help Centre, and support mission giving.

Te Aroha Co-operating Parish, Te Aroha (abridged)

The Eastport Road Combined Women's Fellowship devotions are an important part of their monthly gathering. Activities have included luncheon with Catholic Women's League, visit to display of insulators, and rally days.

Kapiti Uniting Parish, Paraparaumu (abridged)

The Women's Evening Fellowship have had interesting travel talks, retail sales including newly opened Trade Aid store and participated in a Christmas play. Mission funding includes Guide Dogs, Least Coin, Syrian refugees and gifts for Women's Refugee.

Mount Church Group, Tauranga

July 2016, Mount Church group in Tauranga went into recess, individual members maintain affiliation to Presbyterian Women.

Central Southland (abridged)

"Operation Cover Up" mission supported with monthly workshops for knitters, with items sent on to needy homes and orphanages in Ukraine, Moldova and Romania. Nineteen members have supported their community with posies for the bereaved, "Meals on Wheels", and chocolates on Father's Day.

Waikato Presbyterial

As of 2nd August 2016 Waikato Presbyterial went into recess, branches being encouraged to meet ad hoc with other groups and associate members as convenient once or twice a year. Branches and Associate Members to be individually affiliated to PWANZ.

Wairarapa Methodist Presbyterian Women's Association

Two fellowship groups, no annual general meeting due to ill health of members and contribution to Church celebrations.

Windsor Community Church Group, Invercargill

In August 2016, Windsor Community Church group in Invercargill went into recess, individual members maintain affiliation to Presbyterian Women.

Performance Report

The Charities Commission has introduced an updated performance reporting requirement which not only gives the financial report but also non-financial information, such as purpose and activities and gives a more balanced view of our performance. PWANZ reports using the Tier 4 format and this is the first year that we have reported in this way.

Presbyterian Women Aotearoa New Zealand
Statement of Receipts and Payments

"How was it funded?" and "What did it cost?"

For the year ended: 30 June 2016

	2016	2015
Operating Receipts		
Donations, fundraising etc	\$ 39,495	\$ 50,326
Fees, subscriptions and other	\$ 10,007	\$ 11,624
Interest, Dividends and other	\$ 9,292	\$ 9,513
Other operating receipts	\$ -	\$ 500
Grants	\$ 10,000	\$ -
Total Operating Receipts	\$ 68,794	\$ 71,963
Operating Payments		
Volunteer and employee	\$ 32,073	\$ 35,905
Payments related to G & S	\$ 451	\$ 1,173
Grants and donations paid	\$ 31,353	\$ 55,476
Other operating payments	\$ 1,359	\$ 2,866
Total Operating Payments	\$ 65,236	\$ 95,420
Operating Surplus / Deficit	\$ 3,558	\$ (23,457)
Increase / (Decrease) in Bank	\$ 3,558	\$ (23,457)
Bank at beginning of Financial Year	\$ 282,522	\$ 305,979
Bank at end of Financial Year	\$ 286,080	\$ 282,522
Represented by:		
Cheque accounts	\$ 5,805	\$ 17,674
Savings accounts	\$ 97,595	\$ 77,168
Term Deposits	\$ 182,680	\$ 187,680
Total Bank End of Financial Year	\$ 286,080	\$ 282,522

Presbyterian Women Aotearoa New Zealand
Notes to the Performance Report

For the year ended: 30 June 2016

Note 2 : Analysis of Receipts "How was it funded?"

	2016	2015
Fundraising receipts		
Emergency Aid	\$ 563	\$ 602
Mission Birthday Gifts	\$ 17,002	\$ 13,670
Stamp sales	\$ 1,971	\$ 3,151
Turakina	\$ 345	\$ 2,468
Special Project	\$ 19,174	\$ 29,995
Braided River	\$ -	\$ 15
Jagadhri Nursing Scholarship	\$ 439	\$ 425
Total	\$ 39,494	\$ 50,326
Grants and Donations		
Council for World Mission	\$ 10,000	\$ -
Total	\$ 10,000	\$ -
Fees, subscriptions & other receipts from members		
Fees and subscriptions members	\$ 8,417	\$ 9,772
Annual reports	\$ 10	\$ 27
Donations, koha	\$ 700	\$ 1,390
Newsletter (Gleanings)	\$ 35	\$ 435
UN Mission	\$ 845	\$ -
Total	\$ 10,007	\$ 11,624
Interest, dividends and other investment income receipts		
Interest: Bequests	\$ 4,969	\$ 4,929
Interest: Savings	\$ 4,324	\$ 4,584
Total	\$ 9,293	\$ 9,513

Presbyterian Women Aotearoa New Zealand
Notes to the Performance Report

For the year ended: 30 June 2016

Note 3: Analysis of Payments “What did it cost?”

	2016	2015
Volunteer and employee related payments		
Administration Services	\$ 15,300	\$ 15,750
UN – travel & expenses	\$ 10,277	\$ 10,819
Travel	\$ 5,884	\$ 6,767
Allowances	\$ 112	\$ 375
Conferences	\$ 500	\$ 1,318
GA15		\$ 876
Total	\$ 32,073	\$ 35,905
 Payments relating to providing goods or services		
Office Expenses	\$ 291	\$ 550
Postage – PO Box	\$ 160	\$ 276
Insurance	\$ -	\$ 347
Total	\$ 451	\$ 1,173
 Grants and donations paid		
Emergency Aid	\$ -	\$ 2,000
Jagadhri	\$ 439	\$ -
Mission Birthday	\$ 5,000	\$ 16,000
Study Grant	\$ -	\$ 2,340
Turakina	\$ -	\$ 3,448
Special Project 2013/2014	\$ -	\$ 30,959
Special Project 2014/2015	\$ 25,914	\$ -
Special Project Costs	\$ -	\$ 729
Total	\$ 31,353	\$ 55,476
 Other operating payments		
Bank Fees	\$ 40	\$ 40
Subscriptions	\$ 244	\$ 2,021
Audit Fees	\$ 1,075	\$ 805
Total	\$ 1,359	\$ 2,866

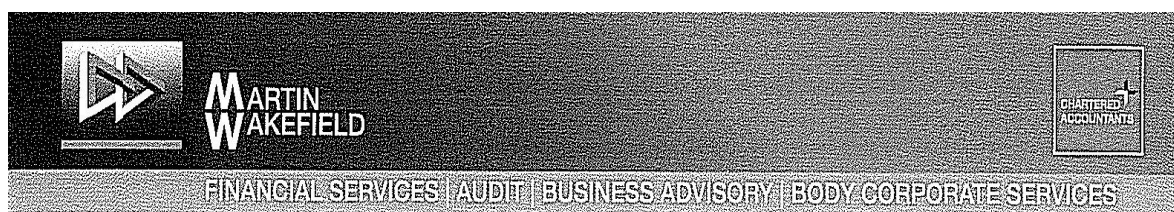
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Trust Funds

Auckland Manse Account	\$ 60,275	\$ 60,275
Cowan and Johnson Bequest	\$ 1,719	\$ 1,719
M I Glendinning Bequest	\$ 4,499	\$ 4,499
Margaret Hewitson Memorial Fund	\$ 15,634	\$ 15,634
R Strang Bequest	\$ 389	\$ 389
A C Cunningham Bequest	\$ 11,977	\$ 11,977
Annie Permin Post Grad Bequest	\$ 10,209	\$ 10,209
J E Price Bequest	\$ 5,298	\$ 5,298
Total Trust Funds	\$ 110,000	\$ 110,000

INDEPENDENT ASSURANCE PRACTITIONER'S REVIEW REPORT



To the Members of Presbyterian Women Aotearoa New Zealand

Report on the Financial Statements

We have reviewed the accompanying performance report of Presbyterian Women Aotearoa New Zealand, which comprises the entity information, the statement of service performance, statement of receipts and payments, for the year ended 30 June 2016, the statement of resources and commitments as at 30 June 2016, and the statement of accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Committee's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

- a) Identifying outcomes and outputs, and quantifying the outputs to the extent practicable, that are relevant, reliable, comparable and understandable, to report in the statement of service performance;
- b) the preparation and fair presentation of the performance report which comprises:
 - the entity information;
 - the statement of service performance; and
 - the statement of receipts and payments statement of resources and commitments, statement of accounting policies and notes to the performance report in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting — Cash (Not-For-Profit) issued in New Zealand by the New Zealand Accounting Standards Board, and
- c) for such internal control as the Committee determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the performance report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Assurance Practitioner's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the performance report. We conducted our

review of the performance report in accordance with International Standard on Review Engagements (New Zealand) (ISRE (NZ)) 2400 (Revised), Review of Historical Financial Statements Performed by an Assurance Practitioner who is not the Auditor of the Entity, and the review of the entity information and statement of service performance.

Those standards require us to conclude whether anything has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the performance report, taken as a whole, is not prepared in all material respects in accordance with the Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting — Cash (Not-For-Profit). Those standards also require that we comply with ethical requirements.

A review of the performance report in accordance with ISRE (NZ) 2400(Revised) is a limited assurance engagement. We will perform procedures, primarily consisting of making enquiries of management and others within the entity, as appropriate, and applying analytical procedures, and evaluate the evidence obtained. The procedures selected depend on our judgement, including the areas identified where a material misstatement is likely to arise and includes performing procedures to obtain evidence and evaluating whether the reported outcomes and outputs, and quantification of the outputs to the extent practicable, are relevant, reliable, comparable and understandable. The procedures performed in a review are substantially less than those performed in an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand). Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion on the performance report.

Other than in our capacity as assurance practitioner we have no relationship with, or interests in, Presbyterian Women Aotearoa New Zealand.

Conclusion

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that:

The performance report does not present fairly, in all material respects:

- the statement of resources and commitments of Presbyterian Women Aotearoa New Zealand as at 30 June 2016, and its statement of receipts and payments for the year then ended; and
- the entity information and its service performance for the year then ended in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting — Cash (Not-For Profit)

Restriction on Distribution or Use

Our Review work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Members and Committee those matters which we are required to state to them in a Reviewer's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Members and Committee for our Review work, for this report or for the opinions we have formed.

Signature: Martin Wakefield

Address:

Canon Street, Timaru

Date: 27/07/2016.