



Presbyterian Church
of Aotearoa New Zealand



Minutes of the 2025 General Assembly

**Held at St Paul's Trinity Pacific Presbyterian Church,
45 Fitzgerald Avenue, Christchurch**

Monday 20 October to Thursday 23 October 2025

*Note: The reports and other papers that informed the
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Minutes of Session 1 of the 2025 General Assembly

**Held at St Paul's Trinity Pacific Church, 45 Fitzgerald Avenue, Christchurch
Monday 20 October 2025 at 1:00 pm.**

The ministers and ruling elders of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand, commissioned as members of the General Assembly, together with associate and observer members and guests, convened pursuant to the appointment of the General Assembly meeting in October 2025.

The Assembly was welcomed by Alpine Presbytery with a Mihi Whakatau. Professor Taiarahia Black responded for Te Aka Puahou on behalf of the Assembly.

The Right Reverend Rose Luxford, outgoing Moderator of the General Assembly, constituted the Assembly with prayer and led in worship.

Roll of 2025 Assembly

The Clerk of Assembly moved, it was seconded and agreed:

[25.001] That the Roll of the Assembly, as laid on the table, be accepted.

Moderator: Rt Rev Peter Dunn

Clerk: Rev Wayne Matheson

Te Aka Puahou

Ministers

Mitchell Jaram, Hone Te Rire, Tamiana Thrupp

Elders

Faye Apanui, Taiarahia Black, Daniel Thrupp, Honey Thrupp, Richard Tumarae

Pacific Presbytery

Ministers

Ieriko Afasamaga, Karima Faiai, Elama Maea, Arona Tusega

Elders

Tauasili Anesi, Margie Apa, Vasaifanua Pelema Aukuso, Miura Elikana, Lise Erika, Aloema Fainuu, Pei Luamanu, Maeu Tanimu

Young Adults

Jennifer Fialelei Tuigamala, Sufia Maevega Vagana

Kaimai Presbytery

Ministers

Ron Bennett, Phillip Bettany, Ian Guy, Jono Lange, Garry Marquand, Jaco Reyneke, Tengarū Paniōra, Phillip Potgieter, Sandra Warner, Cate Williams

Elders

Olive Adams, Eoin Crosbie, Valerie Milne, Sue Nelson, Ivy Oosthuizen, Elaine Riddell, Bradley Seed, Marion Sanders, Vanya Wallis

Young Adults

James Olliver, Jessica Seed

Northern Presbytery

Ministers

Fa'amanu Akeripa, Howard Carter, Keleva Faleatua, Tala Fa'amausili, Martin Fey, Michael Frost, Roxy Gahegan, Reuben Hardie, Kris Heale, Tertius Jacobs, Won Hyuk Joung, Jin Sook Kim, Stuart Lange, Kontiki Makani, Nick McLennan, John Malcolm, Colin Marshall, Mark Maney, Craig Millar, Steve Millward, Rob Pettersen, Maugapala Ropeti-lupeli, John Jnr Setu, Michelle Shin, Saikolone Taufa, Mose Taumaoe, Micah Tang, Johanna Warren, Richard Ward, Nikki Watkin

Elders

Cuningham Atchison, Naliyah Bell, Catherine Bremner, Lyn Buchanan, Ward Buckingham, Jacqueline Bycroft, David Cooper, Andrew Cox, Mike Dale, Bruce Dixon, Esther Elmore, Sharlene Hart, Denise Hunter, Bernard McClean, Mary Malio, Mariana Ben Marsters, Linda Plant, Colin Print, Craig Prosser, Isabella Tedcastle, Carolynn Tepou, Johsua Tepou, John Timoti

Young Adults

Kalo Funganitao, Rebekah Sheppard

Presbytery Central

Ministers

Anna Gilkison, Steve Jourdain, Mark Johnston, Bobby Kusilifu, Allister Lane, Paula Levy, Peter MacKenzie, Nathan Parry, Ryhan Prasad, Paul Prestidge, Brett Reid, Grant Ridout, Fei Taulealeausumai, Antony Wood

Elders

Janice Bewick, Jean Harris, Rob McIntosh, Ellen Murray, Helen Patterson, Richard Schofield, Christine Spall, Jim Spall

Young Adults

Shane Dickson, David Hoggard, Meg Lange, Aroha Morrison, Connor Parsons, Eli Prasad

Alpine Presbytery

Ministers

Craig Allan, Jonathan Barb, Luke Blackbeard, Sage Harris, Martin Harrison, Joohong Kim, Jason King, Alistair McNaughton, Josh Olds, Marty Redhead, Michael Reid, Esther Sabey, Lynmaree Sopoaga, Sandra Wright-Taylor

Elders

Brent Agnew, Malcolm Bishop, Alison Ford, Claire Haugh, Frank Hermann, Mauafu Mauafau, Gafataitua Tuiloma, Lyn Stobie

Southern Presbytery

Ministers

Reece Frith, Malcolm Gordon, Lynne Hall, Andrew Howley, Ian Hyslop, Carlton Johnstone, Gene Lawrence, Hayden Luke, Rachael Masterton, Tom Mephram, Nyalle Paris, Rob Pendreigh, Clay Peterson, John Ranstead, John Schoneveld, Andrew Scott

Elders

Barbara Carsten, John Cleland, Joy Creighton, Annie Colley, Sarah Cowan, Craig Donaldson, Eric Gordon, Dawn James, Bernadine Little, Jennifer Longworth, Helen McLeish, David Selbie, Mary-Jane Sime, Andrew Taylor, Lisa Wells, Avis Williamson

Young Adults

Hannah Acheson, Richie Brown, Sophia Hay, Grace Jan, Tessa Lovelock

Installation of Moderator

The Clerk of Assembly moved, it was seconded and agreed:

- [25.002] That, pursuant to the election process of the Church, the Rev Peter Dunn be declared elected and be inducted as the Moderator of the 2025 General Assembly, to hold office until the induction of his successor at the next ordinary meeting of the Assembly, or as this Assembly determines.

The outgoing Moderator inducted the Rev Peter Dunn by prayer to the office of Moderator. The Moderator of Te Aka Puahou presented him with the Moderator's Korowai tapu. Mr Dunn signed the Centennial Bible.

The new Moderator assumed leading the opening worship.

Act of Commemoration

The following ministers who had died since the last General Assembly met were remembered by name in the Act of Commemoration.

Douglas William Anderson, David John Balchin, Eric Caton, Fletcher Roy Christian, George Martin Cleland, William Cuthers, Bruce John Deverell, Sheena Elizabeth Dickson, David James Douglas, Douglas William Earp, Tamatoa Etuata, Ionatana Mika Fa'amausili, Graeme Robert Ferguson, Ronald Wassell Gilder, Errol Alton Hildreth, Richard Dawson Holland, John Burton Hunt, David Page Jack, Robin Humphrey Lane, Atiniapa Tapele Leali'ifanolevaveae, Fogatia Lavana Levi, Janet McKinlay, Elizabeth Margaret Livingston Mansill, Peter Clarkson Matheson, Roger Frank Millichamp, William Reuben Moore, Catherine Pearl Gillanders Morley, Robert Mackintosh Paterson, Dennis Michael Povey, Pamela Mary Pruden, Laurence Gilbert Richards, Shirley Margaret Simmers, John George Sinclair, James Ernest Soper, Stanley James Stewart, Brian Phillip Williscroft

The Moderator gave an address on the theme of "We Believe." He led in the celebration of the sacrament of Holy Communion, assisted by the Moderator of Te Aka Puahou.

The opening service concluded with the benediction.

Assembly Procedures

Assembly Business Work Group convenor Rev Dan Spragg explained Assembly procedures.

Communications Director Angela Singer, through a video presentation, outlined the Church's policies on media communication for General Assembly.

The Assembly Business Work Group Convenor moved, it was seconded and agreed:

- [25.003] That the reports and proposals printed in the Assembly Papers be received and be the working documents of the Assembly.

Leave was granted to extend the business hours of this session of Assembly to 6.30pm.

Mr Spragg moved, it was seconded and agreed:

- [25.004] That the Standing Orders as printed be accepted as the standing orders for the 2025 General Assembly.

Mr Spragg moved, it was seconded and agreed:

- [25.005] That Heather McKenzie be appointed Deputy Clerk of Assembly until the close of the 2025 Assembly meeting.

Mr Spragg moved, it was seconded and agreed:

- [25.006] That the Assembly recognise the following as associates:
Dan Spragg, Shona Bettany, Anne Stewart and Gerald Bradfield (Assembly Business Workgroup), Kat Solomona (Council of Assembly), Kerry Enright (Book of Order Advisory Committee), Ryhan Prasad (Leadership Sub-committee), Craig Donaldson (Resource Sub-committee), Andrew Souness and Ron Mills (Church Property Trustees), Very Rev Rose Luxford (Immediate Past Moderator).

Mr Spragg moved, it was seconded and agreed:

- [25.007] That the following people be associated with the Assembly for the purpose of speaking to specific reports:
Andrew Doubleday (UCANZ), Charissa Nicol (Proposal F2), Murray Rae (Doctrine Core Group, Board of Knox & Salmond Colleges).

Mr Spragg moved, it was seconded and agreed:

- [25.008] That the Facilitation Group, under Standing Order 24, comprise Judith Souness, Martin Stewart.

Mr spragg moved, it was seconded and agreed:

- [25.009] That the timekeepers for this Assembly be:
Maria Herbert, Litia Paulo, Matalena Tuiloma, Silila Ioane, Hayley Barrows, Naomi Faga, Tipesa Te'evale .

Mr Spragg moved, it was seconded and agreed:

- [25.010] That the scrutineers for this Assembly be:
Makesi Alatimu, Nga Rolston, Fergus Sime, Tanielu Paulo, Litia Paulo, Epati Ieremia, Hayley Barrow, Tailua Soli, Naomi Faga, Maria Lemalie, Prudence Stone

Mr Spragg moved, it was seconded and agreed:

- [25.011] That the following church councils be given approval to meet during the 2025 General Assembly:

Napier North Presbyterian; St Paul's-St Mark's, Whanganui; Knox Fitzroy, New Plymouth; Mangapapa, Gisborne; Hawera, Taranaki; First Church Martinborough; Milson Community Church.

Memorial Minutes

The Clerk of Assembly moved, it was seconded and agreed:

- [25.012] That Memorial Minutes for the following be placed in the records of the Assembly:
Doug Anderson, David Balchin, Roy Christian, Martin Cleland, Bruce Deverell, Sheena Dickson, David Douglas, Doug Earp, Tom Etuata, Mika Fa'amausili, Bob Fendall, Graeme Fergusson, Ron Gilder, Errol Hildreth, Dick Holland, John Hunt, David Jack, Robin Lane, Fogatia Levi, Janet McKinlay, Elizabeth Mansill, Peter Matheson, Roger Millichamp, Bill Moore, Sr Cath Morley, Mr Allan Paulin, Robert Paterson, Dennis Povey, Pam Pruden, Laurie Richards, Shirley Simmers, John Sinclair, Jim Soper, Fania Talagi, Brian Willisroft, Mr Peter Weir.

[Refer Appendix 1]

Anniversaries of Ordination

The Clerk of Assembly moved, it was seconded and agreed:

- [25.013] That the General Assembly acknowledge anniversaries of ordination and that the Moderator convey the warm congratulations and greetings of the Assembly to those for whom these milestones will be celebrated before the next Assembly.

[Refer Appendix 2]

Ministerial Roll changes

The Clerk of Assembly moved, it was seconded and agreed:

- [25.014] That General Assembly confirm the changes to the ministerial roll since the Assembly last met.

[Refer Appendix 3]

The Clerk of Assembly moved, it was seconded and agreed:

- [25.015] That the record of changes to the Ministerial Roll for the 2008 General Assembly be archived with the Proceedings of the 2008 General Assembly.

The Clerk of Assembly moved, it was seconded and agreed:

- [25.016] That General Assembly confirm Presbytery representatives on the Nominating Committee.

Te Aka Puahou

A video presentation on the work of Te Aka Puahou was screened.

Daniel Thrupp, Rev Mitchell Jarram, Professor Taiarahia Black and the Moderator of Te Aka Puahou spoke to the report.

Mrs Honey Thrupp moved, it was seconded and agreed:

[25.017] That the change of name from Te Aka Puaho to Te Aka Puahou be noted.

Mrs Thrupp moved, it was seconded and agreed:

[25.018] That the Book of Order and all related documents be amended accordingly.

The Moderator led in prayer for Te Aka Puahou.

Retiring Moderator's Address

Very Rev Rose Luxford addressed the Assembly, reflecting on her time as Moderator.

Mrs Luxford made a presentation to the Moderator of Te Aka Puahou.

The Moderator led in prayer for Mrs Luxford.

Leadership Sub-committee

Leadership Sub-committee convenor, Rev Ryhan Prasad, introduced a series of questions for discussion in dialogue groups.

Assembly moved from plenary session into dialogue groups for the remainder of the session, to consider questions from the Leadership Sub-committee.

Assembly adjourned at 6.30 pm, to resume business at 8.30 am the next day.

Minutes of Session 2 of the 2025 General Assembly

**held at St Paul's Trinity Pacific Church, 45 Fitzgerald Avenue, Christchurch
Tuesday 21 October 2025 at 8.30 am**

Business was preceded by worship.

The Moderator constituted the session.

Assembly Scrutineers

The Assembly Business Workgroup Convenor was granted leave to amend decision [25.010] to read:

[25.010] That the scrutineers for the Assembly be: Makesi Alatimu, Nga Rolston, Fergus Sime. Tanielu Paulo, Litia Paulo, Epati Ieremia, Hayley Barrow, Naomi Faga, Maria Lemalie, Kate Wilson, Stephanie Wells.

Council of Assembly

Council of Assembly Convenor Ms Katerina Solomona spoke to the Council's report. Members of the Council of Assembly supported Ms Solomona at the podium.

Deputy Convenor Rev Roxy Gahegan reported on the Church's public apology in response to the Report of the Royal Commission into Abuse in Care.

Ms Solomona and other Council members responded to questions of clarification.

Ms Solomona moved, it was seconded and agreed:

[25.019] That General Assembly place on record its thanks to those who have assisted the Council of Assembly in responding to the Findings and Recommendations of the Royal Commission Report into Abuse in Care and on the journey to incorporate these into the life of the Presbyterian Church.

Ms Solomona moved, it was seconded and agreed:

[25.020] That congregations and presbyteries be urged to ensure the Church's redress process is understood and effectively communicated at all levels of church life; that appropriate training is provided where necessary, and the process is applied diligently and consistently.

The Moderator led the Assembly in prayer for the Council of Assembly.

Ms Solomona moved, it was seconded and agreed:

[25.021] That Rev Brendan O'Hagan be appointed Convenor of the Nominating Committee 2025-27.

PressGo Review

PressGo Review Group convenor Mr Rob McIntosh spoke to the report of the Five-Yearly Review of PressGo.

Mr McIntosh moved the Review Group's motions *en bloc* and they were seconded.

Mr McIntosh responded to questions of clarification.

Having been moved and seconded, motion [25.028] was debated.

The motion was carried:

- [25.028] That General Assembly acknowledge there is still a valuable role for PressGo to work with presbyteries and congregations in mission.

Having been moved and seconded, motion [25.029] was debated.

The motion was carried:

- [25.029] That General Assembly approve an increase in the maximum size of the PressGo Board from six to eight members.

Having been moved and seconded, motion [25.030] was agreed:

- [25.030] That General Assembly affirm the PressGo Board engaging with mission partners across the Church to strengthen collaborative ways of working with those partners.

Having been moved and seconded, motion [25.031] was agreed:

- [25.031] That the Council of Assembly be asked to explore with the PressGo Board how best to provide dedicated coordination support for the Board, using existing resources available to PressGo.

Testimonies

The Moderator invited Janice Bewick and Eoin Crosbie to share their personal testimonies with Assembly.

Facilitation Group

Facilitation Group member Rev Martin Stewart provided feedback from Dialogue Group responses to questions posed by the Leadership Sub-committee. He noted that feedback was very mixed.

Dialogue on Sexuality, Biblical Morality and Leadership

The Very Rev Hamish Galloway and the Very Rev Rose Luxford spoke to their report on the Dialogue on sexuality, biblical morality and leadership talks.

The Moderator led in prayer for the two former moderators and for the Church.

Mission Enterprise Fund Review

Rev Erin Pendreigh was associated with Assembly for this report.

Mrs Pendreigh spoke to the report

Mrs Pendreigh moved, it was seconded and agreed:

[25.032] That the Mission Enterprise Fund be wound up effective no later than 31 January 2026.

Mrs Pendreigh moved the remainder of the Review Group's motions *en bloc* and these were seconded.

Mrs Pendreigh and Rev Howard Carter responded to questions of clarification.

Mr Russell Garrett, Executive Officer of the Presbyterian Church Property Trustees, was associated with the Assembly in order to assist with responses to technical questions.

When put, motion [25.033] was agreed:

[25.033] That partner churches be advised that the Presbyterian Church has wound up the Mission Enterprise Fund.

When put, motion [25.034] was agreed:

[25.034] That Book of Order Supplementary Provision for Chapter 16 paragraph 4.5 be revoked.

When put, motion [25.035] was agreed:

[25.035] That the contribution cut-off date for the Mission Enterprise Fund be 30 June 2025.

Motion [25.036] was debated clause by clause.

When put, clause a. was carried:

[25.036 a] a. That, at the date of winding up, the funds held in the Aroha Fund within the Mission Enterprise Fund be given to Te Aka Puahou to administer.

When put, clause b. was carried:

[25.036 b] b. That the Aroha funds be used to support ministry among people who are vulnerable and socially disadvantaged.

When put, motion [25.037] was agreed:

[25.037] That, at the date of winding up the Mission Enterprise Fund, the remaining 80% of funds be given to presbyteries for mission projects, seed funding and the support of stipend/salary for specific mission projects, with 20% each to Te Aka Puahou and the Pacific Presbytery, 10% each to Northern, Kaimai, Central and Alpine Presbyteries.

Assembly Executive Secretary

Assembly Executive Secretary Rev Wayne Matheson spoke to the report.

Mr Matheson moved, it was seconded and agreed:

[25.044] That the changes to Book of Order regulations as set out in Proposal 1 of the Assembly Executive Secretary report be adopted.

Mr Matheson moved, it was seconded and agreed:

[25.045] That the changes to Book of Order regulations as set out in Proposal 2 of the Assembly Executive Secretary report be adopted.

Mr Matheson moved, it was seconded and agreed:

[25.046] That the changes to Book of Order regulations as set out in Proposal 3 of the Assembly Executive Secretary report be adopted.

Mr Matheson moved, it was seconded and agreed:

[25.047] That the changes to Book of Order regulations as set out in Proposal 4 of the Assembly Executive Secretary report be adopted.

Mr Matheson moved, it was seconded and agreed:

[25.048] That the changes to Book of Order regulations as set out in Proposal 5 of the Assembly Executive Secretary report be adopted.

Mr Matheson moved, it was seconded and agreed:

[25.049] That the changes to Book of Order regulations as set out in Proposal 6 of the Assembly Executive Secretary report be adopted.

Mr Matheson moved, it was seconded and agreed:

[25.050] That the changes to Book of Order regulations as set out in Proposal 7 of the Assembly Executive Secretary report be adopted.

Mr Matheson moved, it was seconded and agreed:

[25.051] That the changes to Book of Order regulations as set out in Proposal 8 of the Assembly Executive Secretary report be adopted.

Mr Matheson moved, it was seconded and agreed:

[25.052] That the changes to Book of Order regulations as set out in Proposal 9 of the Assembly Executive Secretary report be adopted.

Mr Matheson moved, it was seconded and agreed:

[25.053] That the changes to Book of Order regulations as set out in Proposal 10 of the Assembly Executive Secretary report be adopted.

Mr Matheson moved, it was seconded and agreed:

[25.054] That the changes to Book of Order regulations as set out in Proposal 11 of the Assembly Executive Secretary report be adopted.

Commission of Assembly

Rev Wayne Matheson moved, it was seconded and agreed:

[25.055] 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 Peter Dunn (Moderator), Very Rev Rose Luxford, Revs Becky Heale, Sage Harris, Richard McLean, Anne Stewart; Ms Fiona Coughlan, Messrs Andrew Irwin, Simon Shaw and Assembly Executive Secretary.
Associate: Executive Officer of the Presbyterian Church Property Trustees.*

Te Kāhui Whanaungatanga

Rev Allister Lane and Rev Cate Williams introduced the Te Kāhui Whanaungatanga Workgroup's questions for discussion in dialogue groups in the afternoon session.

General Assembly Review

General Assembly Review Task Group co-convener Mrs Abi Trevathan introduced the work group's questions for discussion in dialogue groups in the afternoon session.

The session ended at 12.30 pm.

Minutes of Session 3 of the 2025 General Assembly

**held at St Paul's Trinity Pacific Church, 45 Fitzgerald Avenue, Christchurch
Tuesday 21 October 2025 at 1.30 pm**

Assembly moved from plenary session into dialogue groups to consider the questions from the Te Kāhui Whanaungatanga Workgroup and the General Assembly Review Work Group.

Business resumed in plenary session.

Te Kāhui Whanaungatanga

Convenor Rev Allister Lane spoke to the report of the workgroup. Other members of the workgroup supported Mr Lane at the podium.

Questions of clarification were responded to by members of the workgroup.

Mr Lane moved, it was seconded and carried:

[25.069] That General Assembly encourage an intentional commitment to deepen and grow *whanaungatanga* using the seven specific suggested ways in the report of the Te Kāhui Whanaungatanga Workgroup, guided by the Holy Spirit.

Mr Lane moved, it was seconded and agreed:

[25.070] That whanaungatanga be put into practice across the Church for shaping strategic direction, participation in structures, and how shared challenges, opportunities, conflicts, and decisions are attended to.

Mr Lane moved, and it was seconded:

[25.071] That strategy be discerned and developed by presbyteries appropriate to their contexts.

Mr Lane responded to questions of clarification.

Leave was granted to amend motion [25.071] to read:

That presbyteries' strategies be discerned and developed by presbyteries appropriate to their contexts.

Leave was granted to further amend the motion [25.071].

That presbyteries discern and develop strategies appropriate to their context that take forward whanaungatana.

This amendment became the substantive motion and was debated.

The motion was agreed:

Mr Lane moved, it was seconded and agreed:

- [25.072] That the 'Strategic Directions' (2012) and 'Bringing Clarity to our Mission' (2014) documents be acknowledged as no longer the current strategy of the Church, and instead be recognised as historical reference resources on the Church's continuing journey.

Questions of clarification were responded to by Mr Lane.

Mr Lane moved, it was seconded and agreed:

- [25.073] That the Te Kāhui Whanaungatanga Workgroup enable presbyteries and other groups to put into practice the commitment to deepen and grow whanaungatanga

General Assembly Review

General Assembly Review Task Group co-convenors Mrs Abi Trevathan and Rev Andrew Howley spoke to the report of the General Assembly Review Task Group.

Mrs Trevathan and Mr Howley responded to questions of clarification.

Mr Howley moved, it was seconded and carried:

- [25.022] That the core funding for Assembly be included in the annual General Assembly budget.

Mr Howley moved, it was seconded and agreed:

- [25.023] That the Council of Assembly work with Resource Sub-committee to develop a new funding model for General Assembly 2027, acknowledging its importance in the life of our Church and including consideration of building the attendance costs into Assembly Assessment.

Mr Howley moved, it was seconded and motion [25.024] was debated.
The motion was carried:

- [25.024] That the Book of Order Advisory Committee be asked to draft regulations enabling the possibility of hybrid Assemblies.

Debate on the General Assembly Review Work Group report was suspended.

Book of Order Advisory Committee – General Assembly Review

Rev Dr Kerry Enright, Book of Order Advisory Committee, moved and it was seconded:

- [25.088] That Chapter 14.29 of the Book of Order be amended by adding a new section (5) as follows:
"A General Assembly may be held with a proportion of participants joining by electronic means in accordance with the rules imposed under standing orders."

Dr Enright responded to questions of clarification.

The motion was carried:

Dr Enright moved motion [25.089] and it was seconded:

[25.089] That the amendment to Chapter 14.29 of the Book of Order be accepted and remitted to presbyteries and church councils under the special legislative procedure.

Dr Enright responded to questions of clarification.

There] was debated.

The motion was agreed:

Dr Enright moved and it was seconded:

[25.090] That the amendment to Chapter 14.29 of the Book of Order be adopted as an interim provision having force until the next General Assembly meets.

Dr Enright responded to questions of clarification.

The motion was debated.

The motion was lost. For: 75 (46%) Against: 87 (54%)

Assembly adjourned at 5.45pm, to reconvene at 8.30 am on Wednesday 22 October 2025.

Minutes of Session 4 of the 2025 General Assembly

**held at St Paul's Trinity Pacific Church, 45 Fitzgerald Avenue, Christchurch
Wednesday 22 October 2025 at 8.30 am.**

Business was preceded by devotions and worship.

The Moderator constituted the session.

Minutes

The Clerk of Assembly moved, it was seconded and agreed:

That the minutes of Sessions 1 and 2 be accepted.

Leadership Sub-committee

Leadership Subcommittee Convenor Rev Ryhan Prasad introduced questions from his report for discussion in dialogue groups.

Assembly moved from plenary session into dialogue groups to consider the questions from the Council of Assembly.

For a short period Very Rev Rose Luxford moderated the session.

Testimonies

The Moderator invited Lyn Stobie and Mike Dale to share their personal testimonies with Assembly.

Facilitation Group

Facilitation Group member Judith Souness provided feedback from Dialogue Group responses to questions posed by the Te Kāhui Whanaungatanga Work Group and the General Assembly Review Work Group. Responses were varied on both topics.

General Assembly Review Task Group (resumed)

Task Group co-convenors Abi Trevathan and Andrew Howley responded to questions of clarification.

Mrs Trevathan moved, and it was seconded:

[25.025] That reports to General Assembly be made available to the wider Church prior to Assembly, and that General Assembly is made freely available for viewing via livestream from 2027 onwards.

Leave was granted to split the motion into two clauses, which were debated separately.

[25.025 a] That reports to General Assembly be made available to the wider Church prior to Assembly.

After debate, clause (a) was carried:

Clause (b) was then debated.

[25.025 b] That General Assembly is made freely available for viewing via livestream from 2027 onwards.

Debate on this motion was suspended.

Moderator Designate

Rev Alan Judge, Nominating Committee convenor, advised that, pursuant to the Church's election process, the committee nominated Rev Dr Murray Rae as Moderator Designate of the General Assembly.

Mr Judge moved, it was seconded and agreed.

[25.087] That Rev Dr Murray Rae be elected Moderator Designate for the 2027 General Assembly.

In seconding the motion, Rev Allister Lane affirmed Dr Rae's gifts and endorsed his nomination for this role.

Dr Rae was invited to address the Assembly.

The Moderator of Te Aka Puahou prayed for Dr Rae.

General Assembly Review Task Group (resumed)

Following earlier debate, Motion [25.025b] was put to the vote and was carried:

[25.025 b] That General Assembly be made freely available for viewing via livestream from 2027 onwards.

Mrs Trevathan moved, and it was seconded:

- [25.027]
- a. That a standing task group be formed to continue to discern the future shape of General Assembly.
 - b. That this task group be afforded transparency around the budget process of the Presbyterian Church and a budget for meetings.
 - c. That the standing task group work with the Assembly Business Work Group and Local Arrangements to shape future Assemblies.

Questions of clarification were responded to.

After debate, the motion was carried.

Further consideration of the Task Group's recommendations was adjourned.

The session ended at 12.30 pm.

Minutes of Session 5 of the 2025 General Assembly

**held at St Paul's Trinity Pacific Church, 45 Fitzgerald Avenue, Christchurch
Wednesday 22 October at 1.30 pm.**

The Moderator constituted the session.

New Assembly Executive Secretary

Assembly moved into private.

Business resumed in public.

Rev Peter MacKenzie, who had been appointed by the Council of Assembly as chair of the Recruitment Panel for a new Assembly Executive Secretary, spoke to the panel's report.

Mr MacKenzie responded to questions of clarification.

Mr MacKenzie moved, and it was seconded:

[25.038] That the Rev Erin Pendreigh be appointed Assembly Executive Secretary, effective from 1 February 2026.

There was debate, followed by secret ballot.

The motion was carried.

For: 145 (84%) Against: 28 (16%)

The Clerk of Assembly moved, it was seconded and agreed:

That the ballot papers be destroyed.

The Moderator led the Assembly in prayer.

Book of Order Advisory Committee

Book of Order Advisory Committee convenor Rev Dr Kerry Enright spoke to the committee's report.

Dr Enright responded to questions of clarification.

Debate on the Book of Order Advisory Committee report was suspended.

Assembly Executive Secretary Appointment Response

Rev Peter MacKenzie presented Rev Erin Pendreigh to the Assembly.

Mrs Pendreigh addressed the Assembly.

The Moderators prayed for Mrs Pendreigh.

Book of Order Advisory Committee (resumed)

Dr Enright continued responding to questions of clarification.

Dr Enright moved, it was seconded and agreed:

- [25.056] That the amendments to the Book of Order set out in Appendices 1 and 2 of the report of the Book of Order Advisory Committee be accepted and remitted to presbyteries and church councils under the special legislative procedure.

The amendments were as follows:

1. to chapters 5.10, 5.10A and 5.10B relating to the review of a congregation on the initiative of presbytery
2. to chapters 7.6, 7.7, 10.1, 10.2, 10.3, 10.4 and 10.6 relating to oversight of congregations
3. to chapter 8.5 regarding proposals from church councils to presbyteries to Assembly
4. to chapter 15.14, 15.31, 15.36, 15.37 and 15.47 regarding advice to church councils, publication of disciplinary decisions, adding a right for the Assembly Executive Secretary to appeal a disciplinary commission decision and presbytery responsibility for costs
5. to chapter 10.18 relating to local shared ministry
6. to chapter 16 regarding Assembly Property Commission approval
7. to chapters 5.2, 7.12, 11.3, 14.12, 16.8, 16.10 and 16.11 regarding audits and reviews.

The amendment in Appendix 2 was to chapter 14.10 clarifying the scope of decisions that may be reviewed by the General Assembly.

Dr Enright moved, it was seconded and agreed:

- [25.057] That the amendments to the Book of Order set out in Appendix 1 of the report of the Book of Order Advisory Committee be adopted as interim provisions having force until the next General Assembly meets.

Dr Enright moved, it was seconded and agreed:

- [25.058] That the Supplementary Provisions amendments adopted by the Council of Assembly set out in Appendix 3 of the report of the Book of Order Advisory Committee be ratified.

A proposed Supplementary Provision relating to the Mission Enterprise Fund was not presented because the Assembly had revoked that Provision at [25.034.]

The remaining Supplementary Provision amended the Conditions of Service Manual.

Dr Enright moved, it was seconded and agreed:

- [25.059] That the Supplementary Provisions set out in Appendix 4 of the report of the Book of Order Advisory Committee be repealed, adopted or amended as indicated therein.

The Supplementary Provisions in Appendix 4 related to:

1. Chapter 9 Local Shared Ministry, repealing the existing Supplementary Provision and replacing it with a new Provision
2. The ordination and induction of licentiates and the induction of ministers
3. Chapter 16 Property and Finance
4. A redress process for abuse claims - There was discussion of the proposed redress process, in the course of which it was decided that clause 8.3 would not be presented. Accordingly, the process was adopted except for clause 8.3.

Dr Enright moved, it was seconded and motion [25.060] was debated.

The motion was carried:

[25.060] That the draft Code of Practice set out in Appendix 5 of the report of the Book of Order Advisory Committee be circulated to presbyteries for comment by 30 June 2026, to enable the Book of Order Advisory Committee to draft the final wording of the Code for adoption by the Council of Assembly as a Supplementary Provision.

The motion was carried

The Moderator thanked Dr Enright for his term as convenor and prayed for him.

Commission of Assembly: Variation of Trusts

Assembly Executive Secretary Rev Wayne Matheson spoke to the report.

Mr Matheson moved, it was seconded and agreed:

[25.061] That General Assembly amend the purposes of the James Mackay Drummond Trust as follows:
To apply the capital and income of the Trust for the purpose of providing financial assistance to any former student of St. Andrew's College of Christchurch for the training or study of any trade, profession or calling for which they show aptitude or talent.

Mr Matheson moved, it was seconded and agreed:

[25.062] That the General Assembly amend the purposes of the Thornton Blair International Travelling Scholarship Fund as set out in the report of the Commission of Assembly.

Proposal F3: Quorum for Presbytery Gatherings

On behalf of Alpine Presbytery, Rev Martin Stewart moved, and it was seconded:

[25.080] That where Book of Order regulation 8.15 (1) states 'A quorum for a meeting of the full presbytery held at a physical location is one third of the voting members, representing at least one third of the congregations of the presbytery.', this be altered to read:
 (1) A quorum for a meeting of the full presbytery held at a physical location is either one third of the voting members, or one third of the congregations of the presbytery.

The motion was debated and, when put to the vote, was carried.

Retirement of Assembly Executive Secretary

Tributes were paid to Rev Wayne Matheson in acknowledgment of his coming retirement as Assembly Executive Secretary, and he was presented with gifts.

Speakers, led by the current Council of Assembly Convenor, Ms Katerina Solomona, included former Moderators and Council of Assembly Convenors who had served alongside Mr Matheson.

Mr Matheson responded.

The Moderators prayed for Mr Matheson and the Assembly stood in acclamation.

Doctrine Core Group

Rev Dr Murray Rae and Rev Dr Fei Taulealeausumai spoke to the report of the Doctrine Core Group.

Dr Rae moved, it was seconded and agreed:

[25.063] That the statement titled 'A Theology of Ordination' be adopted by the Assembly.

Board of Knox College and Salmond College

Board Chair Rev Dr Murray Rae spoke to the report and responded to questions.

Dr Rae moved, it was seconded and agreed:

[25.064] That the revised Constitution of Knox College and Salmond College Incorporated be approved.

Leave was granted for Assembly to meet for an evening session that day, and to resume business at 8 am the next morning.

The Session ended at 5.45 pm

Minutes of Session 6 of the 2025 General Assembly

held at St Paul's Trinity Pacific Church, 45 Fitzgerald Avenue, Christchurch
Wednesday 22 October 2025 at 7.30 pm.

The Moderator opened the session

Resource Sub-committee

Resource Sub-committee convenor Mr Craig Donaldson spoke to the report and responded to questions.

Mr Donaldson moved, it was seconded and agreed:

[25.042] That General Assembly receive the audited accounts of the Church for the financial year 1 July 2024 to 30 June 2025.

Mr Donaldson moved, it was seconded and agreed

[25.043] That the Convenor and Deputy Convenor of the Council of Assembly be authorised to sign the audited accounts on behalf of General Assembly.

Nominating Committee

Rev Alan Judge spoke to the report. He explained that some committees were short of members, due to a lack of nominations. He responded to questions of clarification.

Mr Judge moved, it was seconded and agreed:

[25.067] That the membership of national church committees, work groups and other nationally appointed bodies be as set out in the appendix to the report of the Nominating Committee.

[indicates new appointment]*

Council of Assembly:

Convenor: Katerina Solomona (2023-27), Deputy Convenor: Rev Andrew Scott (2025-29)

Members: Grant Holland (Alpine Presbytery 2023-27), Marion Sanders (Kaimai Presbytery 2021-25, extension to 2027), Honey Thrupp (Te Aka Puahou 2021-25, extension to 2027), Rob McIntosh* (Presbytery Central 2025-29), Mata'aga Hana Fanene-Taiti *(Southern Presbytery 2025-29), Rev Micah Tang (Asian Congregations 2023-27), Rev Elama Maea* (Pacific Presbytery 2025-29), *(Northern Presbytery 2025-2029), Rev Nikki Watkin* (Convenor Leadership Sub-committee), Craig Donaldson (Convenor Resource Sub-committee), Right Rev Peter Dunn (Moderator of General Assembly)

Associates: Moderator of Te Aka Puahou, Moderator of Pacific Presbytery, Assembly Executive Secretary, Church Property Trustees representative, Synod of Otago & Southland representative.

Nominating Committee

Convenor: Rev Brendan O'Hagan (2025-2027), *Co-convenor to be nominated by Council of Assembly*

Executive members 2025-27: Rev Jonathan Barb (Alpine), Molly Foai (Pacific), Rev Phil Bettany (Kaimai)

Additional members 2025-27: Rev Lorraine Francis (Northern), Rev Lyn Heine (Alpine), Helen McLeish (Southern)

Leadership Sub-committee

Convenor: Rev Nikki Watkin* (2025-29), Deputy Convenor: Rev Tom Mephram (2025-29)
Members: Dr Andrew Hill (Northern Presbytery 2023-27), Sharon Spragg (Alpine Presbytery 2023-27), Honey Thrupp (Te Aka Puahou, 2021-25, extension to 2027), Brad Kelderman (Southern Presbytery, 2021-25, extension to 2027), David Dally (Alpine Presbytery, 2021-25, extension to 2027), Andrea Telea* (Pacific Presbytery 2025-29), Rev Josh Olds* (Alpine Presbytery 2025-29), Rev Craig Allan* (Alpine Presbytery 2025-29), Rev Andrew Cox* (Northern Presbytery 2025-29), Rev Rachael Masterton* (Southern Presbytery 2025-29).
Associates: Assembly Executive Secretary, KCML Principal, Synod of Otago & Southland representative.

Resource Sub-committee

Convenor: Craig Donaldson (2021-25, extension to 2027) Deputy Convenor: *vacancy*
Members: Fritsen Kristiano (Northern Presbytery 2023-27), Ann McMillan (Alpine Presbytery 2023-27), Pelema Aukuso* (Pacific Presbytery 2025-29), Barbara Carston* (Southern Presbytery 2025-29), Colin Print* (Northern Presbytery 2025-29)
Associates: Synod of Otago & Southland; Church Property Trustees; PCANZ Finance Manager, Assembly Executive Secretary.

National Assessment Work Group

Convenor: Margaret van Ginkel (2025-29), Deputy Convenor: Rev Mike Kirkby-Sing (2023-2027)
Members: Rev Jin Sook Kim (Northern Presbytery 2023-27), Amanda Guy (now Kaimai Presbytery 2023-27), Rev Rob Williams (Kaimai Presbytery 2023-27), Rev Brent Richardson (Alpine Presbytery 2021-25, extension to 2027), Rev Paula Levy (Presbytery Central 2021-25, extension to 2027), Rev Lynne Hall* (Southern Presbytery 2025-29), Rev Ieriko Afamasaga* (Pacific Presbytery 2025-29), Dr Daniel Pettigrew* (Southern Presbytery 2025-29)
Associates: Principal KCML, Leadership Sub-committee representative.

Book of Order Advisory Committee

Convenor: Rev Peter MacKenzie (2025-29), Deputy Convenor: *vacancy*
Members: Andrew Irwin (lawyer, Presbytery Central 2023-27), Julie Mander* (lawyer, Southern Presbytery 2025-29), Frazer Barton* (lawyer, Southern Presbytery 2025-29), Kate Wilson* (moving to Kaimai Presbytery 2025-29)
Associates: Assembly Executive Secretary, Book of Order Advisor

Personnel Work Group

Convenor: Rev Stuart Simpson (Presbytery Central 2023-27), Deputy Convenor: Rev Christine Sorenson (Northern Presbytery 2025-29)
Members: Anesi Tauasili (Pacific Presbytery 2023-27), Rev Gene Lawrence (Southern Presbytery 2023-27), Rev Nathan Parry (Presbytery Central 2021-25, extension to 2027). Very Rev Rose Luxford* (Southern Presbytery 2025-29)

Assembly Business Work Group (for Assembly 2027)

Convenor: Rev Dan Spragg (2023-27). Deputy Convenor: *vacancy*
Members: Rev Anne Stewart (2023-27), Gerald Bradfield (2023-27).
Associates: Clerk of Assembly, Deputy Clerk of Assembly

Doctrine Core Reference Group

Convenor: Rev Dr Jordan Redding (2025-29), Deputy Convenor: *vacancy*
Members: Rev Dr Timothy Lim (2023-27), Rev Mark Maney (2023-27), Rev David Williams (2023-27), Rev Dr. Jonathan Ryan* (Southern Presbytery, 2025-29), Rev Dr Carolyn Kelly* (Presbytery Central, 2025-29), Rev Karima Fai'ai* (Pacific Presbytery, 2025-29)

Church Architecture Reference Group

Northern, Pacific and Kaimai: Polisi Faumuina, Daniel Alemann
Presbytery Central: John Grant, Ric Slessor

Alpine Presbytery:
Southern Presbytery:

Rev Dugald Wilson, Rev Stephanie Wells, Gordon Dalkie
Michael Ovens, Michael Marron, Rev David Anderson

PressGo Board

Chair: Very Rev Hamish Galloway (Alpine Presbytery 2023-27), Deputy Chair: Anne Overton (Northern Presbytery 2021- 25, extension to 2027)

Members: Hannah Dunne (Presbytery Central 2023-27), Rev Won Hyuk Joung (Northern Presbytery 2023-27), Rev Winston Leilua Timaloa* (Northern Presbytery 2025-29), Rev Mitch Jaram* (Te Aka Puahou 2025-29)

Associate: Assembly Executive Secretary

UCANZ Standing Committee

Member: Rev Hanna Popea-Dell* (2023-27)

Judicial Panel

Makesi Alatimu, Wendy Aldred, Barry Ayers, Frazer Barton, Liliias Bell, David Carden, Vivian Coleman, Bruce Corkill KC, Rebecca Dudley, Mavis Duncanson, Rachel Dewar, Kerry Enright, Richard Fowler KC, Lorraine Francis, Carol Grant, Richard Gray, Bruce Hansen, Tausala Iosefa, Andrew Irwin, Brett Johnstone, Tokerau Joseph, Fakaofu Kaio, Allister Lane, Alistair McBride, Robyn McPhail, Sylvia Miller-Hardie, Nyalle Paris, Nathan Parry, Lauren Pegg, Stephanie Pettigrew, Alex Robinson, Michaela Ryan, Alastair Sherriff, Alison Tait, Pamela Tankersley, Ikpa Tongatule, Marilyn Wallace, Nicola Watkin, Peter Whiteside KC, Dugald Wilson, Virginia Wilson.

Church Property Trustees

Chair: Rev Dr Ron Mills (until November 2025) Andrew Souness (from November 2025)

Deputy Chair: Andrew Souness (until November 2025)

Trustees: Paul Barber, Marie Burgess, Helen Carter, Brian Dangerfield, Margaret Galt, Roger Gyles, John Harvey, Hao Hoang, Alan Jamieson, Lyn Murray, Lynne Dovey* (Wellington), Carolyn Lints* (Akaroa), Simon Lints* (Akaroa), Rev Mitch Jaram* (Whakatane.)

Trustees on Leave of Absence: Rose Luxford, Winston Timaloa

Associate Specialist Trustee: Ruth Rainey

It was noted that Church Property Trustee appointments are open ended, and only new trustees are appointed by Assembly.

Mr Judge moved motions [25.065] and [25.066] *en bloc*.

[25.065] That the Council of Assembly undertake a review of the Assembly nomination processes and then report back to the 2027 General Assembly with recommendations.

[25.066] That the Nomination processes review include:

- a. identifying the barriers to availability of nominations to committees of the church.
- b. considering whether it is time to move away from pure volunteers, to using more of the Assembly and Presbytery employees in the committee work of our church.
- c. investigating whether the numbers of members on each committee could be reduced.
- d. reviewing the roles of those committees and workgroups.

Mr Judge responded to questions of clarification.

The two motions were agreed.

Proposal F2: Presbyterian Women Successor Organisation

Leave was granted for Rev Stephanie Wells to be associated with Assembly for the purposes of speaking to this report.

Rev Charissa Nicol spoke to the proposal.

Rev Charissa Nicol moved motions [25.077], [25.078], [25.079] *en bloc*, Rev Stephanie Wells seconded and they jointly responded to questions of clarification.

[25.077] That a task group be established to facilitate the formation of a successor organisation to Presbyterian Women Aotearoa New Zealand.

[25.078] That the task group have the following terms of reference:

- Oversee the establishment of the organisation, including its goals and constitution;
- Engage with the United Nations in relation to consultative status;
- Comply with the United Nations timeline including if that requires action before the next Assembly;
- Consult with relevant bodies and persons within the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand;
- Liaise with the Council of Assembly regarding any issues that might affect the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand, the Council being authorised to resolve such issues on behalf of the General Assembly
- Report to the next General Assembly.

[25.079] That the Council of Assembly be asked to appoint the members of the task group.

The motions were debated.
The motions were carried:

Proposal F4: Taxation of Churches

Mr Cunningham Atchison moved and it was seconded:

[25.081] That General Assembly, through the Inter Church Bureau, continue to advocate to oppose initiatives to tax the business operations of churches.

Mr Atchison spoke to the proposal and responded to questions of clarification.

The motion was agreed.

The Moderator closed the session with prayer.

Assembly adjourned at 8.50 pm, to reconvene at 8.00 am on Thursday 23 October 2025.

Minutes of Session 7 of the 2025 General Assembly

**Held at St Paul's Trinity Pacific Church, 45 Fitzgerald Avenue, Christchurch
Thursday 23 October at 8.00 am.**

Business was preceded by worship.

The Moderator constituted the session.

Retirement of Deputy Clerk of Assembly

Tribute was paid to retiring Deputy Clerk of Assembly Ms Heather McKenzie. Rev Wayne Matheson outlined her multiple administration roles in the wider Church over several decades and presented her with a gift.

The Assembly showed its appreciation with acclamation.

Ms McKenzie responded.

The Moderator prayed for Ms McKenzie.

Facilitation Group

Rev Martin Stewart provided feedback from Dialogue Group responses to questions posed by the Council of Assembly.

General Assembly Review Work Group (resumed)

Mrs Trevathan moved, and it was seconded:

- [25.026] a. That a task group be formed to expand on the work done in 1998 on models of consensus decision-making and how we could begin to implement this in our life together.
 b. That the consensus decision-making task group consult with Te Aka Puahou and the Uniting Church in Australia in the first instance.

Mrs Trevathan and Mr Howley responded to questions of clarification.

There was debate.

The motion was lost. For: 79 (52%) Against: 73 (48%)

Mr Howley moved, it was seconded and agreed:

- [25.091] That the General Assembly Review Group be thanked and discharged.

The Moderator thanked the convenors and prayed for them and the work group.

Leadership Sub-committee

Leadership Sub-committee convenor Rev Ryhan Prasad and Rev Tom Mephram spoke to the sub-committee's report.

Mr Prasad and Mr Mephram moved and seconded the committee's motions *en bloc*.

[25.039] That Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership be given responsibility for the training and the period of probation of a candidate for local ordained ministry, and the Book of Order be amended accordingly.

[25.040] That local ordained ministry candidates be assessed using the national assessment selection process.

[25.041] a. That the decision of the 2022 Assembly to amend the requirements for the reception of ministers of other denominations to the Ministerial Roll to include "an approved induction programme to be completed within the first year of reception" be fallen from.

b. That the requirement for 12 months prior membership of a Presbyterian congregation be reinstated for reception of ministers from other denominations to the Ministerial Roll.

Mr Prasad and Mr Mephram responded to questions of clarification.

Motion [25.039] was agreed:

[25.039] That Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership be given responsibility for the training and the period of probation of a candidate for local ordained ministry, and the Book of Order be amended accordingly.

The Leadership Sub-committee report was suspended.

Book of Order Advisory Committee convenor Rev Dr Kerry Enright presented Book of Order amendments to give effect to motion [25.039].

Dr Enright moved, it was seconded and agreed:

[25.092] That chapter 9.15 (2) of the Book of Order be amended as follows (delete strikethrough, add bold)
After **the presbytery has accepted** ~~acceptance~~ of a ministry settlement board recommendation by the congregation or the recommendation of a ministry context oversight body, **the candidate for local ordained ministry must be assessed by the national assessment selection process to determine the presbytery must examine whether the** a candidate for the local ordained ministry meets the criteria for local ordained ministry as set out in the supplementary provisions. .

Dr Enright moved, it was seconded and agreed:

[25.093] That chapter 9.15 (3) be amended as follows:
After a candidate has been accepted under subsections (1) and (2), ~~presbytery must ensure that~~ **the presbytery must refer the candidate to the Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership which must**
(a) **appoint** a training advisor for the candidate ~~is appointed by the Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership~~, and
(b) ~~it approves and~~ appoints a training enabler for the candidate, and

- (c) ~~adopt the candidate, training adviser, and training enabler agree upon a training agreement and probationary programme for the candidate~~ **following consultation with the candidate, presbytery, training advisor and the training enabler**, and
- (d) ~~specify the presbytery specifies~~ the period of probation, after consultation with the training adviser, the training enabler, the candidate, **the presbytery** and the church council or other ministry context oversight body, and
- (e) advise the presbytery when the period of probation has been completed.**

Dr Enright moved, it was seconded and agreed:

- [25.094] That chapter 9.18(2) of the Book of Order be amended as follows: If the presbytery is not satisfied with the final review, it may, in consultation with the ~~training adviser~~ **Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership**, (a) extend the probation period, or (b) terminate the training agreement."

Dr Enright moved, it was seconded and agreed:

- [25.095] That chapter 9.20 of the Book of Order be amended as follows: A local ordained minister must undertake regular and on-going training relevant to his or her ministry as specified by the presbytery **and the Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership**.

Testimonies

The Moderator invited Sufia Maevega Vagana and Sophia Hay to share their personal testimonies with Assembly.

Thanks

The Clerk of Assembly thanked Hayley Payne, leader of the Local Arrangements Team, and Tailua Sofi, leader of St Paul's Trinity Pacific Church volunteers, for their work in organising the arrangements for Assembly.

Leadership Sub-committee (resumed)

Mr Prasad and Mr Mephram responded to questions of clarification.

Having been moved and seconded, motion [25.040] was debated.

- [25.040] That local ordained ministry candidates be assessed using the national assessment selection process.

The motion was carried:

Motion [25.041] was voted on clause by clause.

Motion [25.041 a] was agreed:

- [25.041 a] a. That the decision of the 2022 Assembly to amend the requirements for the reception of ministers of other denominations to the Ministerial Roll to include "an approved induction programme to be completed within the first year of reception" be fallen from.

Motion 25.041 b] was debated.

The motion was agreed:

- [25.041 b] b. That the requirement for 12 months prior membership of a Presbyterian congregation be reinstated for reception of ministers from other denominations to the Ministerial Roll.

Unfinished Business

The Clerk of Assembly moved, it was seconded and carried:

That any remaining matters of business be referred to the Council of Assembly.

[Remaining recommendations were:

- *UCANZ: that the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand renew its commitment to nurturing Cooperating Ventures.*
- *Proposal F1: That the terms of call for Nationally Ordained Ministers and Locally Ordained Ministers be reviewed.*
- *Notice of Motion: That Rev Professor Sir Lloyd Geering, in his 108th year, be congratulated for his contribution to religion and the church in this country over many decades.*
- *Notice of Motion: Proposed 'Local Pastor' option as a 5th strand for settling ministry .*
- *Notice of Motion: That the Government be urged to step away from a path of growing a weapons industry in Aotearoa New Zealand.]*

Comprehensive Vote of Thanks

Rev Karima Fa'ai gave a comprehensive vote of thanks to all those, named individually and in groups, who had assisted with the running of the Assembly. Those present voiced their appreciation with acclamation.

Video Presentations

At various times throughout the Assembly, short video presentations were screened on the work of the following:
Northern, Kaimai, Central, Alpine and Southern Presbyteries; Presbyterian Youth Ministry, Global Mission.

Video messages of greeting were screened from the President of the Uniting Church in Australia, the Clerk of the Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu, the General Secretary of the Presbyterian Church of Myanmar.

The Moderator, the Rt Rev Peter Dunn led the closing service of worship. His address was on the theme of "Our Braided River".

The Moderator led the Assembly in the celebration of Holy Communion.

The Clerk of Assembly advised that the business of the 2025 Assembly was concluded.

He announced that Assembly stood adjourned to meet again within the bounds of Northern Presbytery in 2027, at a date to be determined.

Confirmed:

Moderator:

Clerk:

Appendix 1: Memorial Minutes

The Reverend Dr Douglas William Anderson

[1935 – 2025]

Douglas (Doug) Anderson was born on 26 October 1936 in Winton, Southland, and grew up on a family farm. He attended Otago University and graduated with a Master of Science (Chemistry) in 1960. He then moved to Wellington to work as a research chemist for several years before hearing the call to ministry.

Doug attended the Theological Hall in Dunedin from 1961 to 1963 and was ordained and inducted into St David's Parish, Woodville, Manawatu Presbytery, on 11 February 1964. He married Beryl Florence Beaton in May 1966.

Doug resigned from his Woodville parish in 1968 and the family moved to Singapore where Doug taught at the Singapore Discipleship Training Centre and ministered at Prinsep Street Presbyterian Church, Singapore (English-speaking Chinese). In 1978, he became the Area Director for Overseas Missionary Fellowship in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and the family moved to a new cultural setting.

The family returned to New Zealand in 1981 and Doug accepted a call to St Paul's Trinity Pacific Parish in Christchurch in 1982, as associate minister, before being called to Knox Presbyterian Parish, Lower Hutt, in 1986. Doug resigned in May 1994 from Knox and he and Beryl headed overseas where Doug served as minister at the Union Church of Istanbul, Turkey, from 1 June 1994 until returning to New Zealand in mid-2001. Doug and Beryl also had time in a parish in the north of Scotland, in the Caithness Presbytery.

Doug was granted the status of Minister Emeritus by Wellington Presbytery in December 2001. In retirement, he pursued a PhD through Otago University, graduating at the age of 78 in 2014. His thesis was an in-depth analysis of Matthew 27:51-53.

Doug brought a sharp intellect and a deep love of God and Scripture to his leadership in his various ministries. With a strong pastoral heart, he showed concern for many and was always quick to offer words of encouragement. He enjoyed tramping in the hills, fishing and enjoying the company of family and friends.

Doug "completed his good innings" on 18 March 2025 at Lower Hutt. We give grateful thanks to God for Doug's life and ministry and pray for Beryl and family.

The Reverend David John Balchin

[1956 – 2023]

David Balchin was born on 27 April 1956 in Glasgow, Scotland. He pursued studies that combined intellect and devotion, earning a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Auckland, a Bachelor of Divinity from the Bible College of New Zealand, and a Master of Theology (Romans) from the University of Otago.

Before his ordained ministry, David served in various lay and pastoral roles. He was a Lay Appointee at Waiau Pa, First Church, Papakura for three and a half years, Pastor at Northcross Community (Brethren) Church for three years, and Lay Appointee at Mangatangi/Pokeno for two years. His love for teaching took him abroad, where he taught English at Tercuman Lisesi, Istanbul (1986–1988), and at Trident College, Hiroshima (1989–

1990). He also spent six years working at Glenbrook Steel Mill, demonstrating a dedication to both faith and vocation in diverse contexts.

In November 2005, David was appointed as a Lay Appointee to Tokomairiro Co-operating Parish in Clutha Presbytery and, in June 2006, he was recognised as a Licentiate. His ordination as minister took place at St James, Waihi, Waikato Presbytery, on 14 February 2007, marking a deepening of his commitment to pastoral ministry. Later, he served faithfully at Wellsford Co-operating Parish, Northern Presbytery, from 16 December 2018. David also contributed beyond parish boundaries, serving as a Board Member of Evangelism Explosion, New Zealand, reflecting his passion for sharing the Gospel and equipping others for ministry.

David's life and ministry were marked by steadfast service, humility, and a desire to walk alongside people in their faith journeys. He brought dedication and integrity to every role he undertook, encouraging others to explore the depth of God's Word and live out their faith in practical ways. His journey bore witness to a life shaped by prayer, study, service, and a heart for people.

David was married to Christine Ann (Chris) Balchin on 17 December 1993, sharing life together in partnership and mutual support throughout his ministry.

David passed away on 9 December 2023. He leaves behind a legacy of faithful service, an example of living ministry in both word and action, and the lasting impact of his teaching and pastoral care.

The Reverent Fletcher Roy Christian

[1943 – 2024]

Roy Christian was born on 10 October 1943 in Auckland. His father was from Norfolk Island and mother was born in Vanuatu.

Roy had a strong faith in God and believed in the power of the Holy Spirit to bring healing and restoration. He had known God since he was a little boy when his mother sent him to the Salvation Army Sunday School and Boys Brigade.

Roy grew up in Otahuhu and became a skilled rugby league player, eventually captaining the Kiwis Rugby League team. He was honoured for his service to rugby league by being made a member of the British Empire and he was inducted Legends of League, New Zealand Rugby League in 2007.

Roy married Robyn Cheryl Plant in 1966. He was very involved in church activities, being an elder and youth group leader at St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Otahuhu, Auckland when he accepted a call into ministry.

Roy began his studies in 1980 with one year at Auckland University and then studied for three years at Knox Theological College in Dunedin from 1981 to 1983.

He was ordained and inducted into Mangere Presbyterian Church in February 1984, where he remained as minister for over 40 years.

Roy served as Moderator of Auckland Presbytery in 2003 and 2004. Within Northern Presbytery, Roy was convenor or member of a variety of different committees and ministry groups, including the Northern Presbytery Healing Group. He was involved in healing services held at different churches each month and was always willing to assist in other churches at

the invitation of their ministers. He went on healing tours of New Zealand with Bill and Delores Winder and he also ministered in the USA with the Winders for two periods in 1990 and 1993.

Roy was on the Board of the Paraclete Trust and Presbyterian Renewal Ministries, he was a chaplain and trustee of Mangere Community Law Centre, and he was chairperson of the Mangere Women's Refuge Trust (1993 to 2005). Roy's wider community involvement was recognised through his appointment as a Justice of the Peace.

Fletcher Roy Christian JP, MBE, passed away suddenly at home on 19th November 2024, aged 81 years old. He was still serving as the minister at Mangere Presbyterian Church when he passed away, having given his notice to the Session a week before, looking to retire at the end of the year.

Roy was faithful and committed to serving God, wherever God send him. He was loved by his family, church and friends. We give thanks to Almighty God for the life, example, fellowship and ministry of Roy.

The Reverend George Martin Cleland

[1932 – 2023]

Martin Cleland was born in Wellington on 28 November 1932. Martin was a proud old boy of Wellington College who went on to complete a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and English from Otago University. Later, Martin completed an MA in Social Psychology from Massey University. Martin married Gwendoline Sinclair in December 1955 and studied at Knox Theological Hall from 1956 to 1958.

Martin was ordained as Assistant Minister in the Knox Presbyterian Congregation, Masterton, in February 1959. His main responsibility was to establish a ministry in the south end of Masterton where there was a rapidly growing new housing development at Solway. He also had responsibility for the outlying country districts of Te Whiti, Te Wharau and Flat Point. For a young and newly ordained minister, this was a demanding task.

In 1965 after 6 years in Masterton, he and his wife Gwendoline moved to Otorohanga, in Waikato with their young family. This widespread country congregation, with a large number of preaching places, called for long hours on the road. He would travel to outlying areas, visit parishioners throughout the day and conduct a 'house church' in the evening, concluding with a drive home often over winding country roads.

In February 1970, Martin and his family moved to St David's Parish in Palmerston North where he combined parish work with chaplaincy at the Palmerston North Hospital.

Martin moved to Cashmere Hills Parish, Christchurch, in January 1979, ministering there until his retirement in 1995. He was a loyal and regular attender at Christchurch Presbytery, and was an active member of the national Church Architecture Committee for some years. He also chaired the regional Presbyterian Support Services Board. Martin was regarded by many as the grandfather of the Presbytery. He was always there, he was always interested in people and he was supportive of all.

In his retirement, and until his death, Martin was a loyal and highly respected member of the St Martin's Parish in Christchurch where he was known as being consistently and totally supportive of the ministry offered by the parish ministers.

Martin had a wide range of interests. His skills with wood sculpturing are well known and two of his outstanding pieces are to be found in the Cashmere Hills and St Martin's Parish churches. He had the gift of being able to 'see' in a piece of untamed timber, the life within, which he then brought to life; his sculptures were always about the people inside the timber

whom he called into being. His wood sculpturing abilities were a metaphor for his real time ministry as a pastor.

In his retirement, Martin became an accomplished cook, delighting especially in creating wonderful Asian dishes in his beloved wok. For a number of years, he and Gwendoline enjoyed four-wheel driving in the Canterbury hill country, evenings at the Symphony Orchestra, and crafting wine from grapes grown at his residence.

Martin died on 08 November 2023. He will be remembered as an enthusiastic participant in the community of the faithful. His work and his skills in pastoral ministry were a gift to the church, given wholeheartedly and without reserve. Martin had no pretensions and was a genuinely likeable and generous person.

Rev. Bruce John (Teveli) Deverell

[1930 – 2024]

Bruce Deverell was born on 23 July 1930 at Mairangi Bay, Auckland, educated at Takapuna Grammar School and later at Auckland University, where he completed a Bachelor of Arts. He held a Teacher's 'C' Certificate and in 1958 received his Congregational College Certificate. Further study led him to complete the Doctor of Ministry degree at the Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, California, in 1986.

In 1952, Bruce was accepted as a provisional candidate for service with the London Missionary Society, and on 19 March 1958 he was ordained as an overseas missionary at Mt Eden Congregational Church. That same year he and his wife Gweneth (Gwen, née Cryer) were commissioned for service in Samoa, where they began a lifelong partnership in mission and education.

Bruce's early ministry included teaching at Leulumoega Fou High School, service as District Missionary at Avao, Savai'i, and later as Director of the Christian Education Programme of the Congregational Christian Church of Samoa. He also represented the church at the first Assembly of the Pacific Conference of Churches (PCC) in Lifou, New Caledonia, in 1966, and was a member of the Continuation Committee for many years.

From 1972, Bruce served with the Pacific Conference of Churches, first as Coordinator of the Christian Education and Communications Programme, and later as Acting General Secretary. In 1979 he was ordained Lecturer at the Pacific Theological College, Fiji, where he served until 1987, shaping future generations of Pacific church leaders.

In 1987, Bruce became Minister of St Andrew's, Suva, where he and Gwen continued their service until their return to New Zealand in 1995. He was deeply engaged in ecumenical and interfaith work, contributing to the Fiji Council of Churches and coordinating Interfaith Search (Fiji). Upon retirement he was granted the title of Minister Emeritus on 31 July 1995.

Back in New Zealand, Bruce and Gwen made their home in Auckland, worshipping and serving for many years at St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Henderson.

Bruce is remembered as a teacher, missionary, pastor, and ecumenical leader whose ministry spanned Samoa, Fiji, and the wider Pacific. His life bore witness to the gospel in service, education, and faithful discipleship.

Bruce died on 22 January 2024, aged 93 years.

The Reverend Sheena Elizabeth Dickson

[1955 – 2025]

Sheena Dickson was born on 19 February 1955 in Dundee, Scotland, to Elizabeth and James Dickson; the youngest of three children. She attended church from a young age with her Granny. Sheena was involved in leadership positions there from a young adult.

Sheena began her first university degree at age 16, before moving to London at 19 to train as a nurse. Alongside her nursing, she pursued further studies in the field of clinical psychology and served on Ethics committees in the hospital. Over the years, Sheena worked in a variety of roles before answering a deeper call to ministry after being involved in lay leadership at her local United Reformed Church (URC) in Holloway in London.

She commenced study at Oxford University in 2000, completing a Bachelor of Theology with Honours in 2005 and was ordained into the URC in Britain. While training, Sheena was part of the ministry team in Summertown Oxford, and it was during this time that she also undertook a variety of chaplaincy roles: firstly, with the Ghanaian Chaplaincy Team (under the auspices of the Ghanaian Army/Methodist Church), which included working in secure environments and being involved in parish work under the direction of the World Health Organisation (the team conducted courses to educate and raise awareness of HIV/AIDS); secondly, in the Bangalore Diocese, Anglican Church in India, as part of the team training clergy who were interested in becoming secure-environment chaplains; thirdly, in the Campsfield Detention Centre near Oxford, and fourthly, as Associate Chaplain at Mansfield College Oxford University. Some of these roles continued after her ordination, alongside parish work at Bushey. The chaplaincy especially involved working ecumenically with many different denominations and this enriched Sheena's ministry and understanding of many different peoples.

Sheena had visited NZ twice. Her cousin Kathleen lived in Christchurch and was terminally ill, so Sheena was keen to come to here to be with Kathleen and felt a calling to minister in New Zealand.

In 2006, the opportunity arose to serve in St George's/Iona Parish in Linwood/ Aranui, Christchurch. Sheena arrived in February 2007, initially for a 6-month appointment which was extended several times until she gained residency, and the appointment became open-ended. Her ministry with the parish continued until June 2022, a period of 15 wonderful years. Sheena ministered to the parish and the community through the trauma of the Canterbury earthquakes and enabled all manner of support to people.

During her time with this parish, Sheena worked collaboratively and ecumenically with many of the eastern Christchurch ministers/ parishes, encouraging co-operation and sharing of resources. The parish buildings were both unusable by late 2011; this was an unsettling time which Sheena led the parish through creatively, adapting to other spaces. Through all this the parish community engagement continued and expanded to providing food, clothing, blankets and household goods to many in the Aranui and eastern areas of Christchurch.

In an interview published a few years after the initial earthquakes, Sheena said: "I came because a family member was dying and the earthquakes gave a greater reason to stay here. You can't walk away. People who'd never set foot in the church before, ... have adopted the parish rather than the parish adopting them. It's their parish. I'm their minister. That in itself has become a privilege. It's a different ministry altogether. One never knows what one's ministry is going to be, but never in my wildest dreams would I have thought that it would be crisis management and community engagement."

Sheena convened the Church and Society group within the local presbytery for several years and was involved in social justice issues with various organisations, including an

invaluable contribution to Ecu-Action, a Canterbury based interfaith advocacy group. Both before and after the earthquakes many groups around Christchurch asked Sheena to talk to them about her interesting work, both locally and around the world.

After the closure of St George's/ Iona Parish, Sheena regularly provided supply ministry. Sheena has blessed so many people through her practical compassionate, non-judgemental Christianity. She was highly intelligent and well-read and easily able to relate to and get alongside people in any situation, relating appropriately to the specific time and place. Sheena had many talents and passions including keeping up to date with new/emerging theologies, global politics, social justice and equality. She brought her quick wit and sense of humour to every situation along with a love of debate and a gift for exploring life's big questions. From singing to dried flower arranging plus painting in oils and mixed media, she brought creativity and care to everything she did. Sheena was a woman of deep spirit and wide-ranging curiosity - a seeker, a carer, and someone who wasn't afraid to re-imagine her life when new callings emerged.

Sheena died in Christchurch on 7 May 2025. We give thanks to God for Sheena's wide-ranging pastoral ministry and extend our sympathy to her daughter Kelly.

The Reverend David James Douglas

[1950 – 2025]

David Douglas was born 8 March 1950 in Picton. He undertook MA studies in Social Work in Wellington. He was keenly active in his life and enjoyed cycling. David married Margaret in 1976 and felt a call to ministry as a way to serve in the community.

David attended the Theological Hall in Dunedin from 1982-1984 and was ordained as Assistant Minister at St Andrew's Parish, Gisborne, in January 1985. In 1987, he moved to Bulls-Turakina-Fordell Congregation before accepting a counselling role with Catholic Social Services, Palmerston North. David worked part-time at St James' Union Church in Woodville and in other congregations. His other major ministry was through counselling, therapy and social services in various communities including Lower Hutt. He continued to have close links and involvement with congregations and presbytery, reflecting his commitment to his theology and the Church. David was closely involved with the World Christian Community of Meditation and was an Associate of the Kopua Monastery.

David was noted for his compassion for the clients and duty of care – he was driven by an awareness of the mystery of life grounded in God. In his gentle approach he had an expansive view of human life and worked for others, often going the extra mile.

David died peacefully at his home on 10 April 2025. We give thanks for his broad ministry and the impact it had on the wider community.

The Reverend Douglas William Earp

[1928 - 2025]

After a life-time of serving the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand, the Rev Doug Earp died in August 2025 at the wonderful age of 96.

Those who knew Doug in life remember him as a man who was diligent in all that he did. He had a quality of life, filled with meaning and integrity, that impacted many people both in New Zealand and on the mission field in Indonesia. Younger people have described him as a spiritual giant and a pillar of the faith, even though Doug was far too humble a man to ever accept those sentiments for himself.

He was a caring minister, generous, loyal, thoughtful, encouraging, and gentle. He was passionate about the Christian faith and the Kingdom of God. While an introvert by nature, he always had time for people and enjoyed being with them. He was always looking to bring out the best in others.

Doug was born on 29 December 1928. In early life, his family attended St Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Te Puke, where his mother was church organist.

Doug attended Auckland University and graduated LLB and B.Com. He started his legal career as a lawyer in Te Puke in the firm of Hookey and Fenton where he worked for nine years, becoming a partner. Living back in Te Puke, he once again attended the Presbyterian Church and became an elder and led the Youth Group.

He resigned from his legal practice in 1964 to work for the Bible Society. While waiting for his visa to work in Indonesia, Doug undertook missionary training at the All-Saints' Missionary Training College in Sydney. As part of this training, Doug visited the Bible Societies in America, England, Holland and Singapore detouring to France and Israel on his way.

It was at the Missionary Training College that he met Janet Forrester Peak, who was training for mission work in Vanuatu. Doug and Jan were married in All Saints Chapel on 5 March 1966.

Doug worked in Indonesia for three years, based for the first year in Bogor and then in Djakarta. He was head of the Distribution Department so travelled widely throughout the islands.

He returned to New Zealand from Indonesia, for family health-related matters, and began orchard work on a combined apple, kiwifruit, nursery orchard in Te Puna, Tauranga between 1968 and 1974.

The call to mission was never far from Doug's heart. For some of this time he worked as lay-assistant to Jim Milne, at St Columba Church in Tauranga, believing this would be a step back to the mission field.

However, God called him to the ordained ministry and in 1974 he entered Knox Theological Hall, graduating in 1976 with a Bachelor of Theology. He was ordained in Wairoa in 1977, serving there until 1985. While in Wairoa, he held many of the offices in the Gisborne Presbytery. He also attended the co-operating churches meetings in Napier.

He was inducted into Eltham- Kaponga 1985, serving there until 1990.

Doug returned to orchard work in Te Puke, but was soon invited to be the first minister at St Paul's Co-operating Parish in Papamoa. He finished at St Pauls in 1997.

From 1999 until 2004 he served as an assistant to Ray Coster in St Andrews, Mount Maunganui. Ray and Doug were classmates in the Hall. Doug was an ordained minister of the PCANZ for 48 years, retiring aged 76. As an ecumenist, all his ministries were in co-operating or union churches, other than Mount Maunganui.

Doug is survived by his wife Jan, and their children Roger, Warwick and Jenny.

The Reverend Tamatoa (Tom) Etuata Q.S.M.

[1945 – 2023]

Tom Etuata was born in Niue on 14 October 1945, the son of the Rev Etuatatama and Moale Etuata of the Ekalesia Niue. In April 1964, Tom married Akeletama Mokalei and they began their family. It was in 1967 that Tom accepted an Inland Revenue scholarship in Wellington and he and Akele, with two small children, came to Ueligitoni, Niu Silani.

Tom, Akele and the family worshipped with the Niuean congregation at Newtown and then at St James on Adelaide Road. Tom was an advocate for the Niuean community and helped establish Wellington Access Radio in 1986. It was around this time that Tom felt a call to ministry and moved to Dunedin from 1987-1989 for his training at the Theological Hall. At the conclusion of his studies, he was licensed within the Niuean community at St James.

Wellington Presbytery ordained Tom at Tawa Union Congregation in January 1990 and in 1999 he was inducted at St Timothy's, Titahi Bay. In both churches, he connected with the local community while also providing support to the wider Niuean community across the Wellington region. In 2004, Tom was moderator of the Niue Fono Motu and the meeting was held in Titahi Bay. He established Niue Kaufakalataha in 2005 to support smaller Niue community groups and became a member of the Pacific Island Affairs Advisory Group in 2010.

Tom was granted minister emeritus status by Wellington Presbytery in 2013 but continued his wider minister through leading worship and encouraging congregations. Tom continued to be an advocate for the Niue language (Vagahau Niue Trust) and culture, especially supporting young people and women. He received a Queen's Service Medal in the 2015 New Year's Honours List for services to the Pacific community.

After a short illness, Tom died at home on 10 December 2023. We give thanks for the gifts of ministry that Tom has shared with the Niue church, the Presbyterian Church and wider community in Wellington. Fakaaue ma fekafekau ko Tom Etuata ke he haau a tau gahua mitaki ma e Iki.

The Reverend Ionatana Mika (Mika) Fa'amausili

[1955 – 2025]

Mika Fa'amausili was born on 5 July 1955 in Western Samoa. He worked as a clerk in Western Samoa's Statistics Department before graduating in Biblical Studies at Malua Theological College in 1980.

Mika then moved to New Zealand to further his studies. He graduated from Otago University with a Bachelor of Arts and Theology. He attended the Theological Hall from 1985-1988. In 1991, he was awarded a Master of Arts (Hons) by the University of Auckland. That same year, he became an Honorary Assistant Minister at Newton Pacific Island Presbyterian Church.

Coupled with his experience as a social worker, Mika utilised this within the various parishes he served in, especially during his time as the Pacific Island Ecumenical Chaplain at Middlemore Hospital. The Auckland parishes which Mika served included St Paul's Presbyterian Church, Manurewa, Mountain View Congregation, Mangere Bridge, Samoa Presbyterian Church, Onehunga, Interim Minister of Avondale Pacific Islands Presbyterian Church, St Mark's Presbyterian Church, Mangere East, and Avondale Cooperating Congregation. Mika's final calling was to the Ekalesia Perepereane Samoa St Luke, from which he officially retired a day after his 70th birthday, in April 2025. His ministry spanned

over 40 years within the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa, as well as his links to the Congregational Church of Samoa

Mika served with his shole being, not letting his physical ailments hold back his God-ordained calling to serve those who were less fortunate, misunderstood or on the margins of society. He stood for the downtrodden, often to his own detriment as this fierceness was often misinterpreted.

Mika died on 16 July 2025. He is survived by his wife Liai, their four children and five grandchildren.

The Reverend Robert Phillip Fendall (Bob)

[1934 – 2023]

Bob Fendall was born on 01 June 1934. He began his working life as an electrician.

He attended the Theological Hall 1961-63, at the end of his first year he married Leita Huston. He was ordained and inducted at Clive-Haumoana Parish, Hawkes Bay Presbytery, in January 1964.

From there, Bob was called to St Georges Linwood, Christchurch Presbytery in April 1970. He then accepted a call to St David's Union Parish, Ashburton Presbytery, in February 1977 and then to St Mark's (Upper Riccarton), again in Christchurch Presbytery, in February 1986. Bob retired and was granted the status of minister emeritus, in July 1998. In retirement, Bob continued to lead services and was a parish visitor for Knox Church in Christchurch for some time.

Bob was an enthusiast for the gospel, for people, and for life. His pastoral ministry was warm, caring. His services were creative, he was a great knitter of community, and a fine jovial sense of humour helped people to see the fun side of doing church. He made church fun. He was a lively presence to be around wherever he was. He was also very supportive of younger colleagues in ministry.

In a note to his family, a younger colleague wrote: "His way of being was beautifully the same whenever, wherever. There is a wonderful simplicity in that, and yet it is something formed as well – choices like: the sanctuary of the unconditional support of loved ones; enough confidence to grow enough confidence, while also remaining sensitive and willing to change what needs to change; a lively and thoughtful faith; and, maybe most important of all, the ability to play - laughing at himself, and inviting others into the sphere of raised spirits. He was a spirited man! Bering in his and your company was always a delight, and we always felt that a blessing of sorts had been bestowed on us."

Bob Fendall died on Friday 5 August, 2023 aged 89 years. Leita died just a few months later.

The Reverend Dr Graeme Robert Ferguson

[1935 – 2025]

Graeme Ferguson was born on 18th August 1935, in Richmond, Nelson, son of Rev Arthur and Winifred Ferguson. He was the last surviving member of his graduating year at Knox Theological Hall, attending from 1958 to 1960, and earning his Bachelor of Divinity from the University of Otago. In 1960, he married Mairi Fraser —his lifelong companion.

As the Begg Travelling Scholar, Graeme went on to complete a Doctor of Philosophy at Westminster and Fitzwilliam Colleges, Cambridge, awarded in 1965. His doctoral studies were

preceded by a formative five months of service assisting refugees with Hilfswerk in West Berlin in 1961.

Ordained in October 1965, Graeme's first ministry placement was at Kent Terrace Presbyterian Church in inner-city Wellington where he was praised for his insightful sermons, meaningful and refreshing worship, and his openness to change. It was here that he helped form the ecumenical Inner City Ministry—a pioneering collaboration between Anglican, Methodist, Presbyterian, and later, Quaker and Church of Christ communities.

Graeme's tenure at Kent Terrace lasted nearly a decade before he was called to Sydney in 1975 to serve as the founding Principal of the newly established United Theological College (UTC). His leadership there was marked by bold vision, collegiality, and a commitment to theological depth. Affectionately known as "Ferg," he became a beloved figure among students and faculty.

Beyond UTC, Graeme was instrumental in the creation of the Sydney College of Divinity, forging ecumenical partnerships among mainstream denominations, including the Roman Catholic Church, to establish a shared academic institution. He also initiated gatherings of theological college leaders across Asia and the Pacific, strengthening the global church's theological voice.

In 1989, Graeme returned to Aotearoa New Zealand to serve as minister at St David's Presbyterian Church, Auckland. This final formal ministry placement was, perhaps, his most personal—where Graeme re-immersed himself in congregational life. His co-minister, Rev. Margaret Anne Low, remembered his faithful pastoral presence: "Patiently listening to the down and outs who came for help... interpreting the life of a parishioner in the light of their discipleship..." Graeme's courage in returning to the pulpit following a debilitating stroke was a testament to his character.

Throughout his ministry, Graeme remained deeply engaged in the theological life of the Church. His leadership of the Doctrine Committee during times of great tension was marked by courage and theological integrity.

In retirement, Graeme and Mairi continued their quiet, faithful presence in local congregations—first at St John's Papatoetoe, and later at St Andrew's Henderson, where Graeme continued to lead worship and administer Communion. Graeme led his final services of worship in January 2025.

At his retirement, a prayer written by Rev. Dorothy McRae-McMahon captured Graeme's complex and deeply human spirit: *"Thank you for a minister whose eyes fill with tears when he preaches because he feels and cares... Thank you for his daring imagination, his courage and sense of adventure, his marvellous laugh, his endearing humanness and his great faithfulness to your Gospel."*

Graeme died at Auckland on 28 April 2025, aged 89. He survived by Mairi, his four children Ian, Harriet, Alastair, Caty, his foster daughter Cassie, 8 grandchildren, 3 foster grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild.

The Reverend Ronald (Ron) Wassell Gilder

[1943 – 2024]

Ron Gilder was born on 09 November 1943 in Gore, Southland, and was brought up in the Salvation Army. He was married to his first wife Beverley June nee Bayne, a nurse, from 07 March 1964 until they separated on 29 June 1993. Ron later married Janette who was a Registered Nurse.

Ron worked as a motor mechanic and vehicle inspector for the Ministry of Transport prior to attending the Theological Hall from 1979 to 1981. He was ordained and inducted at Hinds Ashburton Presbytery on 10 December 1981. From there, he was called to Port Chalmers United, Dunedin Presbytery, on 16 April 1985.

Ron then became the minister at Maheno-Otepopo Parish, North Otago Presbytery, for just a few years from February 1994. He preached at Five Forks, Kauru Hill, Kakanui, Herbert and Hampden. He lived in the manse at Maheno. Ron returned for the closing service at Kakanui in November 2019.

Ron resigned from Maheno-Otepopo and became a Minister within the Bounds, Dunedin Presbytery, from February 1997. He worked as an orderly at Dunedin Hospital, which he considered a continuation of pastoral ministry through care for patients. He was granted the status of Minister Emeritus, Southern Presbytery on 13 August 2011.

Ron died on 26 June 2024 in The Grange Lifecare in Mosgiel. We give thanks for his life and ministry.

The Reverend Errol Alton Hildreth

[1931 – 2024]

Errol Hildreth was born 6 March 1931 and ordained into the Baptist Church in 1957. He married Barbara Cliffe in 1958.

In 1982, Errol was received into the Presbyterian Church and initially undertook stated supply for a year in the Heriot Parish, Mataura Presbytery. In 1983, he was inducted into the Waikouaiti Parish, Dunedin Presbytery.

He served at the Kaiapoi Co-operating Parish in Christchurch Presbytery, from 1989 to 1994 when he was granted Minister Emeritus status.

One of his contemporaries described Errol as “more than a colleague...I was really privileged to know him as a most supportive friend.”

Errol Hildreth died in Christchurch on 24 July 2024, at the age of 93.

Rev Richard (Dick) Dawson Holland

[1944 – 2024]

We give thanks to God for the life and service of Rev Richard (Dick) Dawson Holland, a man of wide learning and deep faith who brought his varied gifts into the ministry of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand.

Born in the United States on 6 February 1944, Dick first pursued a career in finance, banking, economics, and accounting. He completed a Bachelor of Arts at Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Virginia, in 1967. He married Vickie Susan Johns on 3 May 1974, who supported him throughout his life and ministry.

Sensing a call to ministry, Dick entered Theological Hall (1983–1985), and in 1985 he became the first palagi student to study at Malua Theological College, Samoa, earning a Certificate of Completion. In the same year he gained a Diploma of Ministry from Knox Theological Hall, Dunedin, and a Bachelor of Theology from the University of Otago.

Dick was ordained to Te Puke Parish, Bay of Plenty Presbytery, on 13 February 1986. Further study followed, including a Certificate of Whānau Development, Waiariki Institute of Technology, 1991. He later served at St Stephen's, Ponsonby (Auckland Presbytery) from 18 March 1993, and was recognised as Minister Emeritus on 13 February 2001.

Even in retirement, Dick continued to serve, acting as Supply Minister at St Paul's Waiheke Island from 31 October 2001. His thirst for learning never diminished: he gained a Master of International Communication (UNITEC, 2002), a Certificate of Adult Teaching (Bay of Plenty Institute, 2002), a Graduate Diploma in Secondary Teaching (AUT, 2002), and later a Diploma for Graduates in Anthropology (Archaeology) from the University of Otago (2012). Rev Dick Holland will be remembered as a man of energy, intellect, and vision. He brought dedication to his ministry, compassion to his pastoral work, and a lifelong passion for study and teaching to every context in which he served.

Dick died in Te Puke on 1 December 2024, aged 80 years.

The Reverend John Burton Hunt

[1945 – 2024]

John Hunt was born in Timaru on 2 September 1945. He was an only child and attended the Chalmers Presbyterian Church with his parents. There, under the ministries of the Revs Walter Hendrie and Ed Farr, John first felt the call to ministry.

John was educated at Timaru Boys High School and Otago University, where he completed his BA degree. He was a student in the Theological Hall from 1969 to 1971.

In May 1969, John married Lesley Herbison, the daughter of the Rev Graham and Mrs Joyce Herbison. After John completed his time at the Theological Hall, he and Lesley spent a year teaching in London. During that year they travelled to Iona and John's interest in Celtic theology was strengthened.

On returning to New Zealand, John accepted a call to Te Kuiti Congregation, Waikato Presbytery, and was ordained and inducted into that position in May, 1973. After a very successful ministry in Te Kuiti, John moved to St Giles Parish in Papanui, Christchurch in 1981. St Giles Parish had been through a difficult time before John arrived, and he committed himself to a ministry of healing and reconciliation. It was at this time that his interest in Celtic theology flourished and became integrated into his practice of ministry.

In the 1990's John took the opportunity to return to Iona as part of his study leave. There he studied under John O'Donohue. This culminated in the writing of his first book "We Spirited People" which was published by Caxton Press in 1998. He later returned to Iona where he wrote his second book "We Well People", published in 2003. Over this time John became increasingly involved in presenting workshops on Celtic spirituality across the country and across denominational boundaries.

John exercised his ministry at St Giles for some 30 years before retiring in 2011. It was a ministry of committed pastoral care and careful attention to the needs of his parishioners. It was not without cost to John's health and his later years were accompanied by the continuing effect of Parkinson's disease. John died on 2 January 2024, at the age of 78.

We give thanks to God for John's ministry of care, pastoral concern and sensitivity. He will be remembered with affection by the people of St Giles and across the wider spectrum of the church both here in New Zealand and beyond. His three books remain as a memory and witness to his spiritual insight and his love of people.

The Reverend Robin Humphrey Lane

[1935 – 2025]

Robin Lane was born in Timaru on 22 September 1935, the eldest of three children. His family moved to Christchurch where Robin attended St Andrew's College and was influenced deeply by Malcolm 'Mac' Wilson. He attained a BA from Canterbury before entering the Theological Hall from 1960-1962 and gaining a BD from Otago University. Having been awarded the Begg Scholarship, Robin continued his theological studies at McCormick Seminary, Chicago, USA, graduating with a MA. In 1976, he also attained a Master of Social Sciences from Waikato University.

Robin was ordained at St Andrew's on the Terrace, Wellington in December 1964 as Assistant Minister. In 1967, he joined the Presbyterian Church's Christian Education Department and moved to Hamilton, becoming a Field Officer covering the Presbyteries of Waikato, South Auckland, Taranaki and Gisborne. Robin then took on a variety of national church roles, convening the Life and Work Committee 1971 – 1978. Then, having been appointed Deputy Director of Parish Development and Mission, Robin moved to Wellington and worked with the 17.5 staff then employed by PD&M and located in various presbyteries throughout New Zealand.

Following the formation of the Assembly Lay Ministry Committee in 1985, Robin was appointed Director of Lay Ministry, focusing on adapting to the changing structures of the Presbyterian Church, but being closely associated with equipping lay people for leadership roles in parishes as the availability of ordained ministers decreased. During John Murray's term as Moderator, Robin again served as Associate Minister at St Andrew's on the Terrace in Wellington and as an Inter-Church Trade and Industrial Mission chaplain to organisations including the Treasury and State Services Commission.

In 1999, Robin commenced his first time in parish ministry, with First Church, Martinborough. He was granted emeritus status in 2001 and moved to Wellington where he continued to offer ministry to local parishes and particularly groups of interested people exploring more relevant ways of expressing and communicating the gospel equipping them to interact with their various local communities.

Robin had an inquiring mind and an infectious joy at sparking other people to re-think old ideas. He had a strong commitment to teaching everyone in the Church and a heart for proclaiming hope to the world. People appreciated his explanations of the context, both of the historical background of the Bible readings and their current relevance, before getting into the full application for our lives today. The extent of his knowledge and clarity of his message were impressive.

He died peacefully in Lower Hutt on 17 September 2025, just 5 days short of his 90th birthday.

The Reverend David Page Jack

[1941 – 2025]

David Jack was born in Pukekohe. He left school in 1957 and worked as a farm worker at Mangatawhiri. He was introduced to Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord under the ministry of Rev Donald Kirkby at St James Pukekohe, where he also married his wife Jacque (Glenice Jacqueline nee Klatt) on 19 February 1966.

David attended the Theological Hall from 1969 to 1971, and was ordained and inducted at Westmere, Wanganui Presbytery, in December 1971. From there, he was called to Titahi

Bay, Wellington Presbytery, in August 1974, and then as an associate minister at St Stephen's Invercargill in February 1979. Alongside this role, David served as hospital chaplain at Kew Hospital in Invercargill from May 1983.

David was granted the status 'minister outside the bounds of presbytery', Southland Presbytery, in March 1998. He served in the United Reformed Church in Derby South from 1998 to 2001, and then as chaplain at Crowhurst Christian Healing Centre, East Sussex, from July 2001 to 30 June 2005.

On returning to New Zealand, David served in a Stated Supply role at Orakei, Auckland Presbytery, 2005 to 2007. He was granted the status Minister Emeritus, Southland Presbytery, on 30 June 2007.

David passed away peacefully at home in Invercargill, on Saturday, March 1, 2025, aged 83 years. He is remembered as a devoted husband to Jacque, loving father (and father-in-law) to Paul and Paula, Maree and Jamie, and Liane; and known as much loved "Day" to all his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. We give thanks for his life and ministry.

Rev Fogatia Lavea Levi

[1949 – 2023]

Born on 10 June 1949 at Saleufi, Samoa, Fogatia Levi began his career serving his community as an Agricultural, Fishing, Forestry, and Environmental Advisor (1967–1972). After migrating to New Zealand, he worked as Officer in Charge of Freight for New Zealand Railways (1973–1987) and later as a Section Officer for the Justice Department (1990–1991).

Sensing God's call to ministry, he studied at St John's Theological College (1987–1989) and at the University of Otago, completing a Licentiate of Theology (1989), Bachelor of Theology (1994), and Graduate Diploma (1995).

Fogatia was licensed at St Mark's Pine Hill, Dunedin Presbytery, on 7 August 1994, and was ordained to Oxford District Union, Christchurch Presbytery, on 15 August 1997. He went on to serve faithfully as a Minister Within the Bounds, Auckland Presbytery, and at St David's Otorohanga, and Te Kuiti Parishes, Waikato Presbytery, from 13 July 2006.

After many years of ministry, Rev Levi became Minister Emeritus in Northern Presbytery on 31 December 2013.

He was supported throughout his ministry by his beloved wife, Ioana Tumaua, whom he married on 17 July 1976.

He will be remembered for his pastoral care, his wisdom, and his dedication to both parish and presbytery life. His journey reflects a life of service — in the wider community, in the Church, and to God's people.

Rev Fogatia Levi died on 29th November, 2023, aged 74 years.

The Reverend Janet McKinlay

[1932 - 2024]

Janet, together with her twin brother John, also destined to become a Presbyterian minister and to serve as a missionary in Southeast Asia, were born in Lawrence, Otago, on 25 September 1932. They were descendants of gold mining families and storekeepers still remembered in the district. The five McKinlay children, including Janet and John, dominated

the award of diplomas at Sunday School prize giving in 1938 and no doubt in other years as well. Janet attended Lawrence District High School and had one year at Otago Girls' High School before becoming a student at Dunedin Kindergarten College in 1952.

After teaching in Balclutha for two years, and travelling overseas with her sister Catherine, Janet returned to Dunedin where she studied for her BA and then attended Deaconess College from 1964 to 1965. In 1966, Janet undertook post-primary teacher training at Christchurch Teacher's College before being appointed as a missionary teacher at Hoh Fuk Tong College in the New Territories, Hong Kong, beginning in 1967.

Janet returned to Dunedin in 1977 to support her mother while working part-time with the Chinese Church and teaching at Columba College. Her mother died in 1979 and in February 1981 Janet was reappointed to the overseas staff, teaching at the Kuo Chuang Presbyterian Boys School in Katong Singapore. After returning to Dunedin in 1987, she was appointed to stated supply in St Stephens, Leith Valley where she was ordained in 1992, the first woman minister in the parish's history.

Janet retired in January 1998. In retirement, she remained active in church and community. She worshipped at East Taieri Parish until going into care. Even after dementia developed in her final years, Janet would still lead in prayers before lunch in the rest home. She died in Dunedin Hospital on 27 July 2024.

Janet is well remembered for her quiet, cheerful, and determined spirituality, her sense of humour and welcoming hospitality, pastoral sensitivity and supportive interest in others. The foundations that her ministry laid for others was significant in New Zealand as well as overseas, including through the influence she had on numbers of students for the ministry, which continues to bear fruit.

The Reverend Elizabeth Margaret Mansill (née Livingston) [1941-2025]

Elizabeth was born in Millport, Isle of Cumbrae, Scotland, on 14 January 1941. She was a woman of remarkable intellect and creativity, holding an Associate of the London College of Music (1959), a qualification from the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama (1962), and a Licentiate of Theology (1982) from the Joint Board of Theological Studies. Before entering ministry, she worked as a teacher of Educational Speech and Drama in Gorbals, Glasgow; later as a lecturer in Pennsylvania, USA, and at Hamilton College of Education, Scotland.

For thirteen years, Elizabeth was a devoted member of the Iona Community, where her faith and commitment to justice and reconciliation were deeply nurtured. She was ordained to ministry as Stated Supply in Kihikihi on 16 December 1982, and inducted there on 26 June 1983. She later served as Associate Minister at St James, Auckland, from 13 February 1986 until 19 May 1993. From 1993 she ministered within the bounds of Auckland Presbytery, before being called to St Austell's Co-operating Parish, New Lynn, where she served faithfully as Stated Supply from 22 August 1993 and was inducted on 4 May 1995. She was recognised as Minister Emerita in 2007.

Alongside her husband, Douglas Bruce Mansill, Elizabeth shared a lifelong partnership in ministry, faith, and service. Together they were instrumental in founding Te Oritenga, a restorative justice group established in 1995, reflecting their shared vision for peace, healing, and community reconciliation.

Elizabeth's calling was never simply a profession—it was a vocation grounded in compassion, courage, and unwavering faith. She crossed many worlds and cultures with grace and respect, never seeing difference as a barrier but as a bridge. Wherever she went, she listened first, learned always, and loved unconditionally. She saw every person as worthy of dignity, every story as worth hearing, and every pain as deserving compassion. Elizabeth's life was a testimony to service and love. Her legacy is not written in monuments, but in people—in the lives she changed, the bridges she built, and the light she shared. Many, including Magele Oloataua Fa'amamafa, bear witness to her enduring influence. Over thirty years ago, as a young mother, Magele was blessed by Elizabeth's compassion and guidance—an influence that continues through her own daughter, Elizabeth, named in honour of this remarkable woman.

Elizabeth is survived by her daughter, Rev. Morag (Mo) Morgan, who continues her mother's legacy of ministry and faith.

A woman of strong ecumenical spirit, Elizabeth believed that unity in Christ transcends boundaries, and her ministry reflected that conviction in every encounter. Elizabeth has gone from our sight, but never from our hearts. The seeds she planted will continue to bear fruit in lives and communities for generations to come.

The Reverend Professor Peter Clarkson Matheson

[1938 - 2025]

Peter Matheson was born in Scotland on 6 October 1938 and came to New Zealand as a boy when his father, the Rev J G Matheson, became minister at Knox Church, Dunedin.

Peter attended Otago Boys' High School, and graduated with a Master's degree in History from University of Otago. He began study at the Theological Hall, Knox College, prior to returning to Edinburgh where he completed a BD and a PhD. This was followed with postgraduate study in Germany at the University of Tübingen.

Peter taught Ecclesiastical History at the University of Edinburgh from 1965 to 1982. Back in New Zealand, Peter was Professor of Church History, Theological Hall, Knox College, 1982 to 1996, and an honorary lecturer in the Faculty of Theology at the University of Otago, where he served as sub dean from 1988 to 1990, and dean from 1990 to 1992.

Peter taught in the School for Ministry in Dunedin from 1997 to 1998 before moving to Melbourne where he was Principal of the Uniting Church in Australia Theological Hall at Ormond College, 1998 to 2004.

Peter retired back to Dunedin. He spent many happy years at Waitati with his wife Heinke before moving into the city.

A distinguished academic with an international reputation, Peter specialised in Reformation history and the German Church struggle during the Nazi years.

He published extensively in both English and German, with a special interest in the Radical Reformation, seen in his work on Thomas Muntzer, and women - notably his ground-breaking work on Argula von Grumbach.

Peter was a very accessible historian with a great ability to communicate the passion which stirred reformers. He was very able at capturing the underside of the Reformation and giving it a fresh voice in his writing.

Peter was an imaginative and creative teacher, a great mentor and encourager. The passion he identified in the reformers he expressed in his personal life through his deep commitment to social justice concerns, such as the peace movement and environmental issues. This found active expression through his involvement in the St Martin's Island Community.

There was a strong poetical strain in Peter seen in his robust evocative prayers reflecting an expansive view of the holy.

His contributions in retirement to the 'Otago Daily Times' and 'Tui Motu' were often sharp and incisive social commentaries on local and international affairs.

Peter was married to Heinke Sommer-Matheson for nearly 60 years. We remember Heinke, Catriona and Donald and their family.

Peter died on 14 April 2025 in Dunedin, surrounded by his family.

The Reverend Roger Frank Millichamp

[1937 – 2025]

Roger Millichamp was born in Ashburton on 21 May 1937 and raised there in a well-known tree and plant growing family. He worked in the family business and gained a Diploma of Horticulture from Lincoln University. In 1960 he married Jennifer nee Heslop.

Roger trained initially for ministry in the Baptist Church, gaining a Licentiate of Theology from Melbourne College of Divinity, in 1966. After completing a course at the Baptist College in Auckland, he was ordained as a Baptist minister in Whakatane in January 1967 and served there for 2 years.

In 1969, Roger was received by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church and completed a one-year course at the Theological Hall in 1970.

He served in three ministries in Christchurch Presbytery: firstly, as the minister of St Aidan's Mairehau, from 1971; secondly as a Hospital Chaplain from 1976, and finally, as the minister of St Andrew's at Rangi Ruru from 1986. He was granted the status of minister emeritus in 2001.

Roger died on 28 April 2025. He is survived by Jenny and their family.

The Reverend William Reuben (Bill) Moore

[1934 – 2024]

Bill Moore was born 30 January 1934 to Charles and Evelyn (Earle) Moore in Wellington. He went to school in Lower Hutt (being Dux of his high school) and gained a B.Sc. from Victoria University in 1955. Bill attended the Theological Hall 1957-1959 and gained his B.D. from Otago University.

Bill and Heather (1938-1993) were married 23 January 1960 and Bill was ordained at Ahuriri-Putorino Parish, Hawkes Bay Presbytery on 11 February 1960. The family grew with two children, Sheena and Kensie. They moved to Waipukurau Parish in 1966, staying in Hawkes Bay. In 1974, Bill moved to Dunedin, firstly called to Anderson Bay Parish and he then became a hospital chaplain, primarily at Wakari Hospital. Bill helped train many students from the Hall while in that role. Heather had died in 1993 and Bill remarried, to Grace, in 1997. Bill and Grace they retired to Hawkes Bay in 1999 (when they weren't travelling) and moved to Atawhai Retirement Village in 2020.

Bill knew the Book of Order from cover to cover and served in various roles in the Presbyterian Church, assisting the wider church in legal and business procedures. He was Moderator of the Synod of Otago and Southland at the time of its sesquicentennial (150th). He enjoyed singing and was a member of the Dunedin Male Choir and Napier Civic Choir. He also loved Forest and Bird outings – even when they were on Sundays.

Bill's chosen Bible reading was Colossians 3:12-14. "Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity."

These qualities exemplified his life. Bill celebrated with joy and thankfulness his 90th birthday and died 13 December 2024 in Hawkes Bay.

Sister Catherine Pearl (Cath) Gillanders Morley

[1927 – 2023]

We give thanks to God for the life and faithful service of Catherine Pearl Gillanders, later Mrs Catherine Morley, who served the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand with devotion and distinction.

Born on 8 March 1927 in Reporoa, Cath received her early education at Reporoa, Tauranga, Taupo, and Te Kuiti schools, before completing a commercial correspondence course. She pursued nursing at Auckland Public Hospital and Cornwall Maternity Hospital, gaining full qualifications in general, maternity, and midwifery nursing.

From 1951 to 1953, Cath trained at the Deaconess College while continuing in nursing. She was licensed and ordained as a Congregational Deaconess at Mt Eden Church, Auckland Presbytery, on 4 July 1954.

Answering a call to mission service, Cath went to the New Hebrides (now Vanuatu) as a Deaconess and Nurse, serving at Epi Hospital from 1958. Ill health forced her return to New Zealand in 1959, though she resumed service in 1961 until 1962. She later continued her ministry in New Zealand as District Health Nurse at Hikurangi and then in parish work in Otahuhu (1963) and Whakatane (1969).

On 31 July 1971, Cath married Rev Charles Henry Morley (1907–1989), and together they shared ministry until his death. She was licensed as a minister in 1974 and gave long service to parishes in Massey and Glen Eden, where she remained faithfully active for 30 years.

Her leadership extended beyond parish life: she served on the Dominion Council of the Bible Class Movement, in the Auckland Hospital Nurses' Club, the Deaconess Association, Girl Guides, Girls' Brigade, the Ministers' Wives Association, and the Association of Presbyterian Women.

Sister Cath was remembered as a woman of deep faith, compassion, and service. Her ministry was marked by care for the sick, dedication to young people, and encouragement of women in leadership within the church.

Cath died on 20 November 2023, aged 96 years.

The Reverend Robert Mackintosh Paterson

[1934-2024]

Robert was a child of the manse. He was born in Darfield in 1934, where his father, Rev Theodore Paterson was the Presbyterian minister. When Robert was five, the family moved to Oamaru, but tragedy struck five years later with the sudden death of his father. His mother moved the family to Christchurch, where Robert attended St. Andrew's College, before going on to study at Canterbury University where he received his MA in 1956.

Robert moved to Dunedin to attend the Theological Hall from 1956– 58 and was the Begg Scholar in 1958. This was followed by a period of study in the United States at the Princeton Theological Seminary where he received his Master of Theology degree in 1960.

He returned to New Zealand and was ordained and inducted at Pukerau, Mataura Presbytery in March 1961 and resigned from there to take up the role of Lecturer in Biblical Studies at the Theological Hall in February 1965 and resigned in January 1972.

Robert was overseas from 1972-1973 and returned to take up stated supply role at Cromwell-Arrowtown, Central Otago Presbytery from March 1974 to April 1975.

Robert was appointed to Overseas Missions Staff in May 1975 – serving as Lecturer in Old Testament at Theological College of Eastern Indonesia (STT Intim). He undertook language study in Auckland and Wellington while waiting for a visa and left for Indonesia in February 1976. He concluded his appointment in September 1999. Upon his return to New Zealand, Robert was granted the status of Minister Emeritus by Dunedin Presbytery in December 1999.

Robert wrote a number of books and resources in the Indonesian language, including a series of Biblical commentaries. His photographs from this time show a fascination with the people and cultures of Indonesia and his images of those he knew convey a real sense of joy and affection.

Some of the books titles he wrote in the Indonesian language include Commentaries on Jeremiah, Malachi, Zephaniah, Leviticus and Daniel (with Dr. SM Siahaan), Leviticus, Lamentations, Exodus, 1 and 2 Samuel; “Firman Hidup” (Living Word) 49 and 58 (a collection of sermons); and The Bible as the basis for the sermon.

He also published A history of the Pukerau Presbyterian Church (1962) and Kowhai and Orchard, Life of two Islands (a 2009 self-published autobiography) in English.

In retirement, Robert was a regular visitor to the Presbyterian Archives and in recent years donated a large collection of photographs from his years in Indonesia.

Rev Robert Paterson died at Ross Home, Dunedin on 15 June 2024 aged 90. We give thanks to God for Robert's life and ministry.

Mr Allan Andrew Paulin

[1938-2025]

Allan Paulin was born on 18 February 1938 and died on 7th April 2025. He was married to Celia and they had two children, Rev Rachel Judge and Alastair Paulin. Both Allan and Celia served Presbyterian churches as Bible class leaders and elders over their lifetimes. Celia died on September 30th, 2025.

Allan was educated at Otago Boys High School and Otago University. He had a love for maths and physics and warmly embraced the life of a teacher in these subjects. He taught at Rangitaiki College in Marton, Waimate High School (South Canterbury), Waitaki Boys High School (Oamaru) and John McGlashan College (Dunedin). In his Waitaki years, Allan was coach of the rugby First 15 and over the years was known for his expertise in the details of rugby rules. He was headmaster of John McGlashan College for 17 years from 1977 and contributed to the school more than doubling in size and the renewal of its Christian ethos.

Allan then served for eight years as the Presbyterian Church's Southern Mission Resource Team Co-Director. This role took him all over Otago and Southland, helping many parishes and their presbyteries with their mission planning and also assisting where there were difficulties. As part of the national mission co-directors' network, Allan liaised with colleagues in other areas of New Zealand doing similar work.

In 2001, as Allan was nearing the end of his time as a Mission Resource Team Co-Director, he was elected Moderator Designate of the Synod of Otago and Southland, becoming Synod Moderator in 2002. Allan served the Synod with distinction, holding roles in major Synod committees. His wise and sound counsel, along with his vast experience of church life meant he was a great help to many and to the Synod committees he served on.

When Allan left the Mission Resource Team Co-Director's role, he undertook voluntary work as an onboard commentator for the Taieri Gorge Railway's train excursions. In later retirement, Allan retained a warm connection with John McGlashan College and with the parishes and presbyteries of the south. His final years were spent with his wife Celia as residents of St Andrew's Rest Home in Dunedin.

Allan is remembered for his kindness and calmness in so many settings. He would quietly make insightful observations on the experience of life in church and society. Allan had this wonderful way of getting alongside people in ways that allowed them to flourish and become the best versions of themselves.

The Reverend Dennis Michael Povey

[1940 – 2023]

Dennis Povey was born 27 November 1940 in Auckland, the son of Joseph and Nessie Povey. The family later moved to Christchurch where Dennis completed his schooling and was involved with St John's Ambulance cadets.

Dennis graduated with a BA from Otago University in 1964 and studied at the Theological Hall from 1964-1966. It was in May 1966 that Dennis married Lea Taylor and their own family was formed.

Dennis was ordained at St Andrew's, South Canterbury in June 1967, resigning from that parish in 1971 to attend the Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond, Virginia, USA where he completed a Master of Arts in Christian Education.

On return to New Zealand in 1972, Dennis was inducted to the Alexandra-Clyde Union Church where he experienced the practical uniting of Methodist and Presbyterian congregations. He developed a ministry that was community facing – a focus that would

remain with him. In 1979 Dennis became the secretary of the Joint Commission on Church Union in Wellington where he helped develop the growing number of Cooperative Ventures across the country. He returned to parish minister at St George's, Takapuna in 1988-1995 and at First Church of Otago in Dunedin from 1995 until 2001.

In 2001, Dennis became the Director of Community Mission with Presbyterian Support Services Otago and committed himself to key pieces of research into poverty, housing and older persons. Dennis convened an Assembly Special Committee researching and proposing changes to the training of Presbyterian Ministers. The recommendations in the report were adopted and have made a significant contribution to recent developments for ministry training. He 'retired' in 2006, taking on a part time role of archivist with Presbyterian Support Otago until 2016. His ministry was noted for social justice, innovation (including new computer technology), thoughtful poetry and a sense of humour.

Dennis and Lea moved to Wellington in 2020. Lea died in April 2021 at Huntleigh Home, Wellington. After his health deteriorated in recent years, Dennis died on 26 October 2023. The twinkle in his eye was dulled but it sparkles when we remember him.

We give thanks for Dennis' long and varied ministry and pray for his family as they mourn his loss.

The Reverend Pamela Mary (Pam) Pruden

[1935 – 2024]

Pam Pruden was born 09 September 1935, in Christchurch.

As an adult, Pam became prominent in the Christchurch Presbytery. Her first husband was Graeme Frew but she was later remarried, in 1988, to Charles Naylor who was the minister at St Andrew's Takaka. Pam and Charles lived in the Golden Bay area from the time of their marriage.

Pam trained for ministry under the Community Based Ministry Training scheme and was ordained and inducted to the Takaka Parish in 1992.

In 1995, Pam was called to Mayfield Parish, Ashburton Presbytery. She served there until she retired in 1999, when she and Charles moved back to Pohara, in Golden Bay. They were both involved in the community there and were deeply committed to issues of social justice.

In retirement, Charles and Pam moved to Pam's hometown, Christchurch. Charlie died in 2021.

Pam was a warm friendly person who enjoyed people.

She died on 10 March 2024 aged 88.

The Reverend Laurence Gilbert Richards

[1935 – 2024]

Laurie Richards was born on 29 November 1935.

In 1961, Laurie graduated from Canterbury University with a Bachelor of Arts degree. He undertook training for the ministry at the Theological Hall from 1965 to 1967. In early 1968, he married Jennifer Willis, a nurse and midwife.

Laurie was ordained and inducted at the Kaikoura Church, Nelson-Marlborough Presbytery, in late 1968. A feature of his ministry was connecting with the community, especially those who were struggling.

Laurie was called to Leeston Co-operating Church, Christchurch Presbytery, in September 1982 and served there until December 1988.

Laurie then became an associate of Christchurch Presbytery and served as a workplace support chaplain in Christchurch. These were the early days of what was known as ITIM. He particularly enjoyed his connection with the staff at Christchurch Airport.

After retiring, Laurie and Jennifer maintained their link with St Giles Congregation (now The Village), often hosting young travellers and running a small group in the church.

Laurie was a thoughtful and somewhat unregulated character with a heart of gold and an ability to strike up a conversation with anyone.

Laurie died at Christchurch on 2 May 2024.

Rev Shirley Margaret Simmers (nee Johnston)

[1931 – 2024]

Shirley Johnston was born in Winnipeg, Canada, on 20 July 1931, while her parents, Rev Dr Harry and Jean Johnston were on furlough from missionary service in Manchuria. The family returned to China and Shirley was home schooled until they were forced to leave in 1941. Shirley's father remained behind and was interned for two years before returning to Canada to take on parish ministry.

Shirley attended the University of Manitoba and attained her BSc and moved to Montreal for a job, where she met a United Church of Canada deaconess who aroused a call within her, with a keen interest in Christian education. In 1954, Shirley began training as a deaconess, being ordained in 1956 and taking on a Christian Education role in Montreal. In 1958, she felt called to missionary service and found herself in Northern Rhodesia (now Zambia) working with children.

In 1963, Shirley took furlough and study leave at Princeton – where David Simmers, a Presbyterian minister from New Zealand, was also on study leave. They were married in early 1964 and Shirley returned with David to New Zealand where he ministered at Auckland University, Te Atatu and Silverstream, Upper Hutt. Shirley looked after their four children and supported David in his ministry.

In 1974 Shirley began to work part-time for the Presbyterian Church in Christian Education and then with Department of Parish Development and Mission. When David resigned from Silverstream, Shirley was ordained and called to St Anselm's Union Church in Karori where David became the support person for her ministry. In 1986, Shirley was inducted at Ngaio Union Parish where she served until her retirement in 1991.

Shirley was a trailblazer in women's ministry and a keen supporter for young women to take roles in the church. Her sense of call did not diminish and she was a keen supporter of ministers and children's ministry in the local congregations she attended. Shirley died on 3 March 2024 after a period of ill health

The Reverend John George Sinclair

[1933-2024]

John Sinclair was born in Dunedin on 29 April 1933, to Orcadian parents. His father was a marine engineer, constantly at sea during John's early life; his mother was a master mariner's daughter. Accompanying his mother, he heard good preaching at Roslyn and Knox Churches. Later, at Otago University, he became involved in the Student Christian Movement, and mingled with divinity students from Knox College.

These were strong influences on his early faith, but he once alluded to an experience which set his course towards the ministry. He entered Knox College and attended the Theological Hall from 1956-58. As a student, he provided summer supply in Central Otago and across northern and western Southland. He met his wife, Dorothy Bruce, while working in Roxburgh. They married in 1958, shortly before John was inducted to the Popotunoa Parish, Clinton, Maitaia Presbytery.

He remained there until 1969, when he answered a call to St Andrew's Parish, Ashburton Presbytery. At one time, the communicant roll of St Andrew's approached 500 members. The demands of this large parish and associated duties seemed unrelenting, yet John laboured there for nineteen years, striving also to serve the community beyond the church. He said it took at least five years in a place before real progress was possible. Though most at home in a rural parish, his last charge was St Clair Parish in Dunedin, from 1988-1996. On his retirement, John began an association with First Church which lasted until his death.

John's theology was founded upon the excellent teaching that ministers of his generation were privileged to receive. He preached always with conviction and took nothing lightly in preparing for services and funerals; long nights of toil were routine. Latterly, he was often asked to preach at commemorations of various kinds and he had a fine instinct for what such occasions required. He placed great store on pastoral visiting, and compassion for the elderly and those in hospital were hallmarks of his ministry.

John was far from narrowly religious. He read widely and enjoyed learning from practical people. Few could match his knowledge of southern New Zealand. He might almost also be taken as a native Scot, such was his love for his parents' homeland and its history. His interests were multifarious, though even in retirement he lacked the time to pursue them. He took delight in the natural world, and served on the University of Otago Animal Ethics Committee. The Heritage Centre at First Church absorbed many hours. He loved meeting its visitors but also saw the Centre as serving serious purposes: a church which lost knowledge of its origins was rudderless, and the artefacts from Pacific ministries were reminders of a lost concern with Christianity on the world stage.

It is hard to imagine a person more gentle or kindly in spirit. John went about life with good cheer and optimism, but always with steady purpose. He was unafraid to speak out on subjects he thought important, such as university education, the future of the Presbyterian Church, and the fate of theological training. More often, though, he showed the rightness of a course by subtle influence.

John Sinclair died on 22 May 2024. Dorothy died four months later, on 29 September 2024. He described their work together as a true partnership. They are survived by three children and three grandchildren.

The Reverend James Ernest (Jim) Soper

[1935 – 2025]

Jim was born 14 July 1935 to Ernest and Edith Soper. He described his childhood as challenging and having a life-long impact on him. As a young man, his faith was formed by

the Christadelphians and later by Anglican and Presbyterian congregations. He worked as a clerk with various companies in the lower South Island and was a regular lay preacher around northern Southland before responding to an ongoing call to ministry.

Jim attended Bible College in Auckland in the late 1970s and it was there that he met Alison, his partner in life and ministry. Married in 1980, Jim and Alison moved to Dannevirke where Jim worked as a lay assistant in the Presbyterian and Anglican Churches. They then moved to Dunedin for training at the Theological Hall from 1984 - 85 and it was while there that David and Tanya entered the family.

Jim was ordained at Oxford District Union 9 January 1986 and would later also minister to the local Anglican congregation. The Sopers then moved to Pahiatua in 1992 before Jim retired to Palmerston North in 2001. In retirement, Jim and Alison became members of St Andrew's in Palmerston North and were valued members of the congregation.

Jim's ministry was noted for his commitment to prayer, his sense of humour and his deep pastoral care for everyone he met. He was a person who offered encouragement to others in their tasks and willingly took on what he could to help others.

Jim died in Palmerston North on 23 January 2025. We give thanks for his life and ministry.

Mr Peter Bryan Weir

[1952 – 2024]

Peter' Weir's life was deeply intertwined with service and faith, particularly within the Presbyterian Church. Peter was a highly intelligent and qualified man, Dux of his Grammar school in Takapuna, Auckland, an avid sportsperson, a recipient of various international scholarships, his dedication was later applied in the sphere of Law and Arts. His connection to St George's Presbyterian Church Takapuna spanned generations, with his family having fellowshiped there for well over a century. This intergenerational relationship was foundational in grounding Peter and his significant contributions to his faith community.

Peter served St George's as an elder and Session Clerk with dedication and aplomb, demonstrating his commitment to the leadership and administration of the church. His service extended beyond the local congregation to the regional presbytery and also to the national Presbyterian Church, making a notable contribution to the Book of Order Advisory Committee even in his last days. Moreover, Peter shared his faith by leading services and preaching from time to time. His deep engagement with the Word of God brought him joy and satisfaction which he readily and passionately shared as he prepared for services, revealing a profound appreciation for scripture.

Above all, Peter Weir had a genuine heart for God and his faith community. He was described as a good and faithful servant of the church and the wider community, whose life touched many, and not just in his local community, but all around the world. His devotion to easing the burden on others was evident in his willingness to undertake tasks that others might not, benefiting the communities he served in humility. Peter's profound faith was a guiding principle in his life, and his wholehearted commitment to the tasks before him, whether through word or deed, left a lasting impression on those around him. Peter was a wonderful ambassador of Christ, and he is dearly missed.

The Reverent Brian Phillip Williscroft QSO

[1935 – 2025]

Brian Williscroft was above all a parish minister. In 35 years he ministered in five different parishes – Central Hawkes Bay, St David's Otorohanga, West Dunedin Union, St Andrews

Levin and First Church Invercargill. In his retirement in Dunedin, he was an active member of First Church of Otago. Through 60 years of ordained ministry he conducted around 600 weddings and over 1000 funerals.

Brian was born in Auckland on 14 May 1935 and grew up in the Helensville area. After his father died aged 44, Brian milked cows on the family dairy farm as well as driving the school bus, bringing in extra income for his mother and three sisters. He was involved in the local congregation and was Sunday School superintendent.

In 1958, Brian was accepted for ministry training, and from 1959-61 studied at Auckland University. In 1960, he married Noeleen Wall. Brian then studied at Knox Theological Hall 1962-64, with a summer supply in the Massey Parish.

Brian was ordained on 11 February 1965 in Takapau-Norsewood Parish in Central Hawkes Bay. As well as busy parish ministry, Brian was invited by Michael Jackson-Campbell to join the Communications Committee, and began broadcasting "Faith for Today". He was also Moderator's Chaplain to the Rt Rev Bill Watt in 1968, and began a long term of service on the Assembly Ministry Committee. Noeleen and Brian were always wonderfully hospitable, and frequently hosted church visitors in their home, wherever that home was. During this time in Central Hawkes Bay, Brian was commissioned as a Chaplain in the Territorial NZ Army in 1969, undergoing basic training at Linton camp, and taking part in annual camps at Waiouru. He was discharged from the Army Reserve List in 1985.

Five years in Otorohanga, where a church hall was built, were followed by seven years at Halfway Bush, part of West Dunedin Union Parish. In Dunedin, Brian extended his broadcast ministry, regularly providing a "Window on Otago". He also served on the Dunedin Social Services committee for three years. During this time Te Arai Te Uru marae was established in Kaikorai Valley, and Brian was asked to be the chaplain. At Halfway Bush he began his involvement with Girls Brigade, which continued in Levin, where he wrote a handbook for GB chaplains.

Ministry in Levin began in 1983, and was busy, with new ventures like restaurant church on Sunday nights. Three students for ministry spent formative summers working alongside Brian, and learning much from him. Brian was involved with Presbyterian Support, chair of Reevedon Home, and appointed as Presbytery rep to the Presbyterian Support Central Committee in Wellington. There was also work for Assembly committees – Ministry Committee and later the Administration and Finance Policy Group. That all involved a lot of travel – but travel had always been part of Brian's ministry.

Brian's fifth parish was First Church Invercargill, an inner city gathered congregation. Over nine years Brian encouraged the congregation in new areas, like employing a "church nurse". Throughout his time in Invercargill, Brian was on the Presbyterian Support Southland Board, serving as chairman for three years. The Board was involved in four major rebuilding or refurbishment projects in Invercargill, Gore and Frankton over that time. Brian was elected Moderator of the Synod of Otago and Southland for 1999.

In 1997 Brian was appointed by the Queen as a Chaplain in the Order of St John of Jerusalem. In that same year Brian and Noeleen spent time in the UK on exchange in Dursley Uniting Reformed Church Parish, followed by study leave and holiday. While in the UK, Brian had the opportunity to represent NZ at St John events in London. In 2000, Brian retired from parish ministry, and he and Noeleen moved to Dunedin. Retirement was definitely active, continuing to support ministry in the Dunedin area, particularly at First Church where he was secretary of the Friends of First Church, involved with the Heritage Centre, with Rev John Sinclair, leading tours of the church for cruise ship passengers, for a time conducting 'wedding blessings' for Japanese couples, and

broadcasting Radio Church services on Otago Access Radio. In 2008 he also undertook 4 months' stated supply at Wakatipu Parish.

Retirement also gave more time for his wider range of interests - genealogy, Historic Cemeteries Conservation Trust, Mt Cargill Trust (supporting people with intellectual disabilities), and St Johns. In the 2002 New Years Honours, Brian was made a Companion of the Queen's Service Order for Community Service, recognizing his extensive community involvement at a national level.

Brian died on 12 February 2025 and is survived by his wife of 65 years, Noeleen, and three of their four children, Colin, Sarah and Timothy and grandchildren Hemi and Mara.

Throughout his ministry Brian served the congregations he was called to and the communities in which they were set, seeking to make God's love and compassion known to all in words and in deeds. He was always willing to share his experience and wisdom with colleagues in ministry. The warmth of his welcoming smile and sense of humour will be remembered by those who knew him.

Addendum

Note: Memorial minutes were received for the following ministers at the 2023 General Assembly but the wording of the tributes did not appear in the Minutes of that Assembly.

The Reverend Nolan Reginald Martin

[1926 – 2023]

Nolan Reginald Martin was born in Nelson 1 August 1926, the son of Reginald and Elizabeth (Blincoe) Martin. He learnt piano and singing as a boy and his love of music was evident in his ministry.

Nolan completed a BA from Canterbury in 1947 and entered the Theological Hall in 1948, earning a BD. In 1950 he was ordained by the Youth Department of the Presbyterian Church as a youth worker. He married Flora Boyle (1925-2014) in 1952.

Their first parish ministry was in Orari, South Canterbury from 1953-1957 before moving to St Aidan's in Hastings. It was at this time that he began connections with both the church schools and Presbyterian Support. The family moved to Taupo in 1962 and it was in 1966 that Nolan first took on the role of Presbytery Clerk (for Bay of Plenty Presbytery).

In 1968 another move saw the family head south to St Paul's in Oamaru where Nolan enjoyed the organ and choir. After seven years in Oamaru Nolan was called to St Columba, Tauranga in 1975 where he served for 11 years, along with responsibilities for the presbytery again.

A final parish ministry from 1986-1991 at St Andrew's in Hastings brought Nolan back to the Hawkes Bay where he also took on the task of Presbytery Clerk. After his official retirement Nolan became chaplain for Presbyterian Support East Coast from 1992-2008.

Nolan died 9 September 2023 in Lower Hutt. We give thanks for Nolan's rich ministry – his love of music, care for young people and administrative skills.

The Reverend Fania Talagi

[1963 – 2021]

Fania Talangi was born on the 27th November 1963 in the Village of Hakupu Atua, Niue Island.

He is survived by his wife Fiona, children Sheila, Cornelius, Jonathan, Orlando, Heitony and many grandchildren.

Fania was educated in Niue Island. When he completed his high school education, he enrolled in the Police Academy in Niue. He was sent to the NZ Police Academy for further training. In the completion of his training in NZ, he returned to serve in the Niue Police where he worked his way up to being a Senior Sergeant.

When he migrated to New Zealand, Fania took up employment as a Social Worker for Owairaka Boys Home. He also took up employment with Security by Chubb Security as a Prison Escort.

He then trained as a Mental Health Worker and having achieved his Mental Health certificate, he was employed by Masons Forensic Clinic.

All the while, Fania put his whole heart into church ministry. He was ordained and inducted into Eldership and pretty much got involved in many different parts of the Ministry at Knox Presbyterian Church Parnell, teaching Sunday school and Youth ministry. He was the Assistant Parish Clerk for 6 years.

It was while he was involved in the Church Ministry that he became interested in taking up formal studies at Auckland University graduating with a Batchelor of Theology. He was trained as a Local Ordained Ministry. In the completion of that, he was called as an Associate Minister to Knox Presbyterian Church Parnell. He was very instrumental in growing the Youth Ministry and also begin a New Venture of Village Based Church. To this day, the success of his ministry continues to thrive among the Youth and Young Adults.

Fania was also well respected in the work he was involved in the Community. His many roles in the wider community included his involvement in the Federation of Niue Rugby and Niue Athletics.

He was an Advocate for Education of the Niuean Language and Culture. He composed songs of both Traditional and Contemporary style. He was a man of many talents.

For all of the above, Fania will be remembered for his Love for His Lord and Ministry in the Church and Community.

Rev Fania Talagi passed away, surrounded by his family, on the 21st of October 2021, at 57 years of age.

Appendix 2: Anniversaries of Ordination

1943 (83 years at 2027)

Rev Dr Sir Lloyd Geering

1943 (84 years at 2026)

Rev Dr Sir Lloyd Geering

1957 (70 years at 2027)

Rev Alan Bycroft

1966 (60 years at 2026)

Rev Ra Koia (Snr), Rev David Connor QSM, Rev Lindsay Day, Rev Warren Wilson,
Rev Ernie Trask, Rev Dr James Veitch, Rev Ken Calvert

1967 (60 years at 2027)

Rev Bob Maslin, Rev Winston Baker, Rev Robert Smith,
Rev Andrew Dunn, Rev Barrie Keenan

1970 (55 years at 2025)

Rev Dr John McKean, Rev Douglas Mansill, Rev Rodney Routledge

1971 (55 years at 2026)

Rev Dr Rod Mitchell, Rev Alastair Smales, Rev Neil Cowie

1972 (55 years at 2027)

Rev Don Hall, Rev Don Murray, Rev Neal Brown, Rev Colin English, Rev John Niven,
Rev Len Pierce

1975 (50 years at 2025)

Rev Cherry Scott Thompson, Rev Mark Chapman

1976 (50 years at 2026)

Rev Winston Marshall, Rev Robert Anderson, Rev Marilyn Wanden, Rev Ray Galvin
Rev Robin Shallcrass

1977 (50 years at 2027)

Rev David Coster, Rev Douglas Earp, Very Rev Ray Coster, Rev Dr Fele Nokise,
Rev Alan Shaw, Very Rev Garry Marquand

1985 (40 years at 2025)

Rev Dr Stuart Lange, Rev Robin List, Rev Peter MacKenzie, Rev Ken Harray

1986 (40 years at 2026)

Rev Ola Tofilau, Rev Steve Jourdain, Rev Glenn Barclay, Rev Lorraine Francis, Rev Sandra
Warner

1987 (40 years at 2027)

Rev David Dell, Rev Tala Simanu, Rev Ene Petaia, Rev Bob Te Whaiti, Rev Diana Findlay,
Rev Sandra Wright-Taylor

The following ministers celebrated significant ordination anniversaries just prior to the 2025 Assembly, but due to the later General Assembly this year, were not included on the 2023 list:

1970 (55 years at 2025)

Rev Yong-Hwan Kim

1975 (50 years at 2025)

Rev Howard Smith

Appendix 3: Changes in Ministerial Roll

Reporting period: 01 September 2023 to 30 June 2025.

Note: This is a cumulative register, listed in order of date within each category. There will be more than one entry for a minister if they had multiple changes in status within the reporting period.

Licensing:

Josh Olds, Alpine Presbytery, 3 December 2023

Maugapaia Ropeti-lupeli, Northern Presbytery, 7 December 2023

Jono Lange, Kaimai Presbytery, 8 December 2024

Pauline Hampshire, Kaimai Presbytery, 8 December 2024

Tertius Jacobs, Presbytery Central – Nukuhau Tapu, 8 December 2024

Luke Blackbeard, Alpine Presbytery, 8 December 2024

John Setu, Northern Presbytery, 15 December 2024

Winston Timaloa, Northern Presbytery, 6 January 2025

Receptions to the Roll:

Rev Tony Roberts (Queensland Baptist Union), other recognised minister, Presbytery Central – Nukuhau Tapu, 17 August 2023

Rev Kelly Gilson, (Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, USA), other recognised minister, Kaimai Presbytery, 5 August 2024

Reinstatements to the Roll:

Rev Dr Guy Pilkinton, other recognised minister Presbytery Central – Nukuhau Tapu, 6 December 2023

Ordination and Inductions:

Rev Shirley Spooner, ordained and inducted local ordained minister, Whanganui - St Pauls - St Mark's Presbyterian Church, Presbytery Central – Nukuhau Tapu, 26 November 2023

Rev Josh Olds, ordained and inducted national ordained minister, Christchurch - The Village Presbyterian Church and Leader, Local Shared Ministry Team Prestons New Mission Seedling, Alpine Presbytery, 3 December 2023

Rev Maugapaia Ropeti-lupeli, minister Drury Presbyterian Church, Northern Presbytery, 7 December 2023

Rev Jess Dreadon, ordained and inducted local ordained associate minister, Hope Presbyterian Church, Alpine Presbytery, 3 May 2024

Rev Lyn Heine, ordained and inducted local ordained minister Greymouth District Uniting Parish, Alpine Presbytery, 3 May 2024

Rev Jono Lange, ordained and inducted national ordained minister Tirau Community

Church, Kaimai Presbytery, 15 December 2024

Rev Rachael Masterton, ordained and inducted local ordained minister Coastal Unity Parish, Southern Presbytery, 17 December 2024

Rev Luke Blackbeard, ordained and inducted national ordained minister The Village Presbyterian Church (Christchurch), Alpine Presbytery, 26 January 2025

Rev John Setu, ordained and inducted national ordained minister Otahuhu – St Andrew's Community Presbyterian Church, Northern Presbytery, 27 February 2025

Rev Lynne Hall, ordained and inducted local ordained minister, Knapdale/Waikaka Presbyterian Church, Southern Presbytery, 4 March 2025

Rev Tertius Jacobs, ordained and inducted minister Tuakau Union Parish, Northern Presbytery, 22 May 2025

Rev Pauline Hampshire, ordained and inducted national ordained minister Akaroa Banks Peninsula Community Church, Alpine Presbytery, 29 June 2025

Rev Winston Timaloa, ordained and inducted national ordained minister Auckland Central – Newton Pacific Islanders, Northern Presbytery, 3 July 2025

Changes in Status:

Rev Sue Fenton, chaplain St Oran's College to other recognised minister, Presbytery Central – Nukuhau Tapu, 18 August 2023

Rev Mike Kirkby-Sing, minister Lumsden/Balfour/Kingston Presbyterian Church, Southern Presbytery to minister Bethlehem Community Church, Kaimai Presbytery, 27 August 2023

Rev Mo Morgan, minister Whanganui -St James' Presbyterian Church to other recognised minister, Presbytery Central – Nukuhau Tapu, 17 September 2023

Rev Tony Roberts, other recognised minister to parish minister New Plymouth – St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Presbytery Central – Nukuhau Tapu, 8 October 2023

Rev Solomon Premkumar Rajan, minister South Kaipara Presbyterian Church to Papakura and Districts First Church, Northern Presbytery, 15 October 2023

Rev Boaz Ko, minister Good Neighbour Church to other recognised minister, Northern Presbytery, 6 November 2023

Rev Paul Loveday, minister emeritus, ended as Moderator Presbytery Central – Nukuhau Tapu, 1 December 2023

Rev Leanne Munro, other recognised minister, inducted as Moderator Presbytery Central – Nukuhau Tapu, 1 December 2023

Rev Ron Bennett, minister Te Awamutu Presbyterian Parish, ended as Moderator Kaimai Presbytery, 31 December 2023

Rev Wilson Orange, minister emeritus inducted as Moderator, Kaimai Presbytery, 1 January 2024

Rev Ivan Martinez, from minister Remuera – Somervell Memorial Presbyterian Church, Northern Presbytery, to Dean of Studies Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership and other recognised minister, Southern Presbytery, 8 January 2024

Rev Raymond McKie, from other recognised minister to chaplain Te Whatu Ora - Taranaki, Presbytery Central – Nukuhau Tapu, 24 January 2024

Rev Grant Ridout, from minister Ponsonby - St Stephen's Presbyterian Church, Northern Presbytery to minister New Plymouth - St James Presbyterian Church, Presbytery Central –

Nukuhau Tapu, 29 January 2024

Rev Fieta Ikitoelagi-Faitala, minister Henderson – Pacific Islanders' Church, ended as Moderator Pacific Presbytery, 31 January 2024

Rev Dan Spragg, from minister The Village Presbyterian Church to Ministries Coordinator – Kaihau Whakatipu, Alpine Presbytery, 1 February 2024

Rev Tengarua Paniora, other recognised minister Southern Presbytery to minister Tokoroa – St Luke's Pacific Islanders, Kaimai Presbytery, 18 February 2024

Rev Christine Sorensen, other recognised minister to minister Papatoetoe – St John's Church, Northern Presbytery, 22 February 2024

Rev Dr Guy Pilkinton, from other recognised minister to minister Waitara – Knox Presbyterian Church, Presbytery Central – Nukuhau Tapu, 15 March 2024

Rev Pennie Otto, Local Ordained Minister Niue Takanini Pacific Island Presbyterian Parish ended as Executive Officer, Pacific Island Presbytery, 31 March 2024.

Rev Greta Muller, other recognised minister to minister New Plymouth – Knox Fitzroy Presbyterian Church, Presbytery Central – Nukuhau Tapu, 7 April 2024

Rev Michelle Shin from chaplain Auckland Hospital to minister Albany Presbyterian Church, Northern Presbytery, 11 April 2024

Rev Richard McLean, minister Plimmerton Presbyterian Church, Presbytery Central - Nukuhau Tapu to other recognised minister and Executive Officer Southern Presbytery, 15 April 2024

Rev Dr Andrew Callander, minister emeritus to other recognised minister, Alpine Presbytery, 20 April 2024

Rev Dr Andrew Callander, other recognised minister to minister, Motueka Uniting Parish, 30 April 2024

Rev Arii Taimataora, chaplain PCSANZ Christchurch Men's Prison and Rolleston Prison to other recognised minister, Alpine Presbytery, 1 May 2024

Rev David Smith, chaplain St Kentigern College to other recognised minister, Northern Presbytery, 3 June 2024

Rev Robert Robati-Mani, minister Gore – St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Southern Presbytery to minister Kowai-Cheviot Presbyterian Parish and Waikari Presbyterian Church, Alpine Presbytery, 9 June 2024

Very Rev Dr Graham Redding, other recognised minister to minister Dunedin - Knox Presbyterian Church, Southern Presbytery, 20 June 2024

Rev Arona Tusega, minister Otara – Pacific Islanders Church inducted as Moderator Pacific Presbytery, 21 June 2024

Rev Jon Parkes, minister Nelson-Whakatu Presbyterian Church to other recognised minister Alpine Presbytery, 30 June 2024

Rev Ian Guy, minister Wakatipu Community Presbyterian Church, to other recognised minister, Southern Presbytery, 30 June 2024

Rev Brett Reid, community minister to parish minister Ngaio Union Church, Presbytery Central – Nukuhau Tapu, 7 July 2024

Rev Philip Bettany, minister Hamilton – Fairfield Presbyterian Church to other recognised minister, Kaimai Presbytery, 17 July 2024

Rev Iona Su'a, minister Orakei Presbyterian Church to other recognised minister, Northern Presbytery, 28 July 2024

Rev Reece Frith, minister Katikati – St Paul's Presbyterian Church, Kaimai Presbytery to minister Cromwell and Districts Presbyterian Church, Southern Presbytery, 29 July 2024

Rev Ian Guy, other recognised minister Southern Presbytery to minister Eastern Bay of Plenty Presbyterian Parish, Kaimai Presbytery, 4 August 2024

Rev Nimarota Lale, other recognised minister to parish minister Papakura Pacific Islanders Church, Northern Presbytery, 8 August 2024

Rev Dr Bruce Hamill, minister Island Bay Presbyterian Church to other recognised minister, Presbytery Central Nukuhau Tapu, 2 September 2024

Rev David Sang-Joon Kim, minister Avonhead/Upper Riccarton – St Mark's Church to other recognised minister, Alpine Presbytery, 29 September 2024

Rev Dr Carolyn Kelly, other recognised minister Northern Presbytery to minister Napier – St Paul's Presbyterian Church, Presbytery Central – Nukuhau Tapu, 10 October 2024

Rev Dr Mark Johnston, other recognised minister Northern Presbytery to minister Napier – St Paul's Presbyterian Church, Presbytery Central – Nukuhau Tapu, 10 October 2024

Rev Colin Gordon, chaplain and manager, Interchurch Council for Hospital Chaplaincy Northern region, to other recognised minister, Northern Presbytery, 31 October 2024

Rev Kevin Finlay from other recognised minister to minister Reporoa - St Stephen's Cooperating Church, Kaimai Presbytery, 1 November 2024

Rev Andrew Harrex, minister Lawrence/Waitahuna Presbyterian Church, inducted as Moderator Southern Presbytery, 9 November 2024

Rev Hana Popea, minister Karori St Ninian's Uniting Parish to minister Lower Hutt – Hutt City Uniting Congregations, Presbytery Central – Nukuhau Tapu, 14 November 2024

Rev Kelly Gilson, other recognised minister to minister Hamilton – St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Kaimai Presbytery, 1 December 2024

Rev David Sang-Joon Kim, other recognised minister Alpine Presbytery to minister Glenfield Community Church, Northern Presbytery, 15 December 2024

Rev Craig Allan, other recognised minister to minister Mackenzie Cooperating Parish, Alpine Presbytery, 16 December 2024

Rev Martin Baker, minister Clevedon Presbyterian Church to other recognised minister, Northern Presbytery, 26 January 2025

Rev Dr Timothy T N Lim, other recognised minister to chaplain Hospital Chaplaincy Aotearoa NZ Middlemore Hospital, Northern Presbytery 27 January 2025

Rev Rory Grant, minister Timaru Presbyterian Church, Alpine Presbytery to minister Clevedon Presbyterian Church, 20 February 2025

Rev Dr Marie Ropeti-Apisaloma, minister Owairaka – Pacific Islands Church and Samoan Presbyterian Church Onehunga, ended as Moderator Northern Presbytery 15 February 2025

Rev Dr Colin Marshall, minister Mount Roskill – St John's Presbyterian Church, inducted as Moderator Northern Presbytery, 15 February 2025

Rev Phyllis Harris, minister Lincoln Union Church, ended as Moderator Alpine Presbytery, 9 May 2025

Rev Lynmaree Sopoaga, minister Malvern Cooperating Parish, inducted as Moderator Alpine Presbytery, 9 May 2025

Rev Wilson Orange, minister emeritus, ended as Moderator Kaimai Presbytery, 20 May 2025

Rev Ron Bennett, minister emeritus to other recognised minister, Kaimai Presbytery, 25 May 2025

Rev Ron Bennett, other recognised minister to minister Morrinsville – Knox Presbyterian Church, 22 June 2025

Rev Carlton Johnstone, minister Wakatipu Community Presbyterian Church to minister St John's Arrowtown Presbyterian Church, 1 July 2025

Resignations of Local Ordained Ministers

Rev Sila Tepapauoatua, local ordained minister, resigned from Ekalesia Kelisiano Niutao Tuvalu Presbyterian Church, 30 November 2023

Rev Jim Pearson, local ordained minister, resigned from Belmont – St Margaret's Presbyterian Parish, Northern Presbytery, 1 December 2023

Rev Dr Pennie Togatama, local ordained minister, resigned from Nuie Takanini Pacific Island Presbyterian Church), Pacific Presbytery, 30 June 2024

Transfers:

Rev Judy Bedford, minister emerita Presbytery Central – Nukuhau Tapu to Kaimai Presbytery, 1 December 2023

Rev Rilma Sands, minister emerita Presbytery Central – Nukuhau Tapu to Kaimai Presbytery, 1 December 2023

Rev Ernie Trask, minister emeritus Kaimai Presbytery to Presbytery Central – Nukuhau Tapu, 9 March 2024

Rev Johanna Warren, minister emerita Alpine Presbytery to Northern Presbytery, 20 January 2025

Retirements:

Rev Apa Leali'ifano, minister Glen Eden – Pacific Islanders to minister emeritus, Pacific Presbytery, 10 September 2023

Rev Helen Harray, other recognised minister to minister emerita, Southern Presbytery, 15 September 2023

Rev Tekura Wilding, minister Central Southland Presbyterian Parish to minister emeritus, Southern Presbytery, 27 November 2023

Rev Alan Judge, Presbytery Clerk and Executive Officer to minister emeritus, Southern Presbytery, 20 December 2023

Rev Malutafa Fruean, minister Tokomairiro Cooperating Parish to minister emeritus, Southern Presbytery, 28 February 2024

Rev Perema Alofivae, chaplain Prison Chaplaincy Service Aotearoa New Zealand, Auckland Prison, to minister emeritus, Northern Presbytery, 26 July 2024

Rev Rachel Judge, minister Mosgiel – East Taieri Presbyterian Church to minister emerita, Southern Presbytery, 22 October 2024

Rev Dennis Flett, other recognised minister to minister emeritus, Presbytery Central – Nukuhau-Tapu, 23 October 2024

Rev Andrew Peter Bell, other recognised minister to minister emeritus, Northern Presbytery,

29 October 2024

Rev Lee Kearon, local ordained minister Kurow Presbyterian Parish to minister emerita, Southern Presbytery, 10 February 2025

Rev Luisa Fruean, minister Tokomairiro Cooperating Parish to minister emerita, Southern Presbytery, 28 February 2025

Rev Ron Bennett, minister Te Awamutu Presbyterian Parish to minister emeritus, Kaimai Presbytery, 30 April 2025

Rev Phyllis Harris, minister Lincoln Union Church to minister emerita Alpine Presbytery, 26 May 2025

Rev Vosalevu Fina'i, chaplain Interchurch Council for Hospital Chaplaincy Middlemore Hospital to minister emeritus, Northern Presbytery, 30 June 2025

Rev John Mattock, local ordained minister Stratford – St Andrew's Presbyterian Church to minister emeritus, Presbytery Central Nukuhau Tapu, 7 July 2025

Resignations from Roll of Ministers:

Rev Thomas Kauie, local ordained minister Parnell – Knox Presbyterian Church, Pacific Presbytery, 11 January 2023

Rev Catriona Cairns, other recognised minister, Presbytery Central – Nukuhau Tapu, 18 September 2023

Rev John Wilkie, local ordained minister Hawera Presbyterian Church, Presbytery Central, 26 December 2023

Rev Blair Stirling, other recognised minister, Alpine Presbytery, 29 February 2024

Rev Matt Cave, other recognised minister, Kaimai Presbytery, 17 April 2024

Rev Je Cheol Cook, other recognised minister, Northern Presbytery, 14 May 2024

Rev Helen Harray, minister emerita, Southern Presbytery, 9 June 2025

Removals from Roll of Ministers:

Rev Jae Hyun Kim, Presbytery Central – Nukuhau Tapu, 16 April 2024

Rev Kyle Provan, Kaimai Presbytery, 19 March 2025

Rev Alec Wallis, Kaimai Presbytery, 11 April 2025

Deaths:

Rev Dennis Povey, minister emeritus Presbytery Central – Nukuhau Tapu, 16 October 2023

Rev Martin Cleland, minister emeritus, Alpine Presbytery, 8 November 2023

Sr Catherine Morley, retired deaconess, Northern Presbytery, 20 November 2023

Rev Fogatia Levi, minister emeritus, Northern Presbytery, 28 November 2023

Rev David Balchin, minister Wellsford Cooperating Parish, Northern Presbytery, 9 December 2023

Rev Tom Etuata, minister emeritus, Presbytery Central – Nukuhau Tapu, 10 December 2023

Rev Eric Caton, minister emeritus, Te Aka Puaho, 11 December 2023

Rev John Hunt, minister emeritus, Alpine Presbytery, 2 January 2024
Rev Dr Bruce Deverell, minister emeritus, Northern Presbytery, 22 January 2024
Rev Shirley Simmers, minister emerita, Presbytery Central – Nukuhau Tapu, 3 March 2024
Rev Pamela Pruden, minister emerita, Alpine Presbytery, 10 March 2024
Rev Laurie Richards, minister emeritus, Alpine Presbytery, 2 May 2024
Rev John Sinclair, minister emeritus, Southern Presbytery, 22 May 2024
Rev David Jack, minister emeritus, Southern Presbytery, 26 June 2024
Rev Ron Gilder, minister emeritus, Southern Presbytery, 26 June 2024
Rev David Jack, minister emeritus, Southern Presbytery, 26 June 2024
Rev Errol Hildreth, minister emeritus, Alpine Presbytery, 24 July 2024
Rev Janet McKinlay, minister emerita, Southern Presbytery, 27 July 2024
Rev Opati Kavana-George, Presbytery Central - Nukuhau Tapu, 9 October 2024
Rev Bill Cuthers, minister emeritus, Pacific Presbytery, 25 October 2024
Rev Roy Christian JP MBE, minister emeritus, Northern Presbytery, 19 November 2024
Rev Dick Holland, minister emeritus, Northern Presbytery, 1 December 2024
Rev Bill Moore, minister emeritus, Presbytery Central – Nukuhau Tapu, 13 December 2024
Rev Apa Lealiifano, minister emeritus, Pacific Presbytery, 6 January 2025
Rev Jim Soper, minister emeritus, Presbytery Central – Nukuhau Tapu, 23 January 2025
Rev Brian Williscroft QSO, minister emeritus, Southern Presbytery, 12 February 2025
Rev Doug Anderson, minister emeritus, Presbytery Central – Nukuhau Tapu, 18 March 2025
Rev David Douglas, other recognised minister, Presbytery Central – Nukuhau Tapu, 10 April 2025
Rev Stan Stewart, minister emeritus, Northern Presbytery, 12 April 2025
Rev Dr Peter Matheson, minister emeritus, Southern Presbytery, 14 April 2025
Rev Dr Graeme Ferguson, minister emeritus, Northern Presbytery, 28 April 2025
Rev Roger Millichamp, minister emeritus, Alpine Presbytery, 28 April 2025
Rev Elizabeth Mansill, minister emerita, Northern Presbytery, 15 July 2025
Rev Mika Fa'amausili, other recognised minister, Northern Presbytery, 16 July 2025

Ministers' Change of Status: historic corrections

A review of the changes of status for ministers as recorded in the minutes of General Assemblies has revealed that no cumulative register was included in the Minutes of the 2008 General Assembly, and that some omissions have been noted for subsequent assemblies.

Corrections are recorded here.

Addition to cumulative register for 2014 - 2016:

Deaths

Rev Setu Masina, minister emeritus, Northern Presbytery, 26 December 2012

Addition to cumulative register for 2016 - 2018:

Deaths

Rev Robert Matthews, minister emeritus, Northern Presbytery, 19 July 2016

Transfers

Rev Ola Tofilau, minister emeritus, Presbytery Central – Nukuhau Tapu, to Pacific Presbytery, 12 December 2017

Additions to cumulative register for 2018-2021

Retirements:

Rev Penetekosa Togatama, minister Niue Takanini Pacific Island Presbyterian Church to minister emeritus, Pacific Presbytery, 28 September 2019

Deaths:

Rev Bruce Spence, minister emeritus, Alpine Presbytery, 29 December 2019

Additions to cumulative register for 2021 – 2023:

Rev Jin Sook Kim, minister Gisborne – The Gisborne Presbyterian Parish to other recognised minister, Northern Presbytery, 1 February 2023

Rev Jin Sook Kim, other recognised minister to minister Onewa Christian Community, Northern Presbytery, 4 May 2023

Transfers

Rev Ian Croft, minister emeritus, from Kaimai Presbytery to Presbytery Central – Nukuhau Tapu, 11 November 2022

Rev Ken Harray, minister emeritus, from Southern Presbytery to Kaimai Presbytery, 31 December 2022

Retirements:

Rev Toko Ine, minister Mount Eden Pacific Islanders to minister emeritus, Pacific Presbytery, 31 March 2022

Deaths

Rev Doreen Riddell, minister emerita, Kaimai Presbytery, 2 June 2021

Rev Arthur Palmer, minister emeritus, Northern Presbytery, 23 September 2021

Rev Neville Burns, minister emeritus, Alpine Presbytery, 24 August 2023

Rev Nolan Martin, minister emeritus, Presbytery Central – Nukuhau Tapu, 9 September 2023

Rev Ron Lau'ese, minister Mangere East – St Mark's Presbyterian Church, Northern Presbytery, 19 September 2023

Correction to cumulative register 2021-2023

From: Rev Johanna Warren, minister Hakatere Presbyterian Parish, Alpine Presbytery to minister emerita, *Presbytery Central – Nukuhau Tapu*, 31 January 2023

To: Rev Johanna Warren, minister Hakatere Presbyterian Parish, Alpine Presbytery to minister emerita, *Northern Presbytery*, 31 January 2023

Licensings:

2006

Ms Tekura Wilding, South Auckland Presbytery, 30 November 2006

Mr Dennis Flett, Bay of Plenty Presbytery, 28 November 2006

Mrs Alofa Lale, Wellington Presbytery, 3 December 2006

Mr Nimarota Lale, Wellington Presbytery, 3 December 2006

Ms Stephanie Wells, Auckland Presbytery, 7 December 2006

2007

Mr Christopher Konings, Wellington Presbytery, 25 January 2007

Mr Christopher Purdie, Wellington Presbytery, 25 January 2007

Mr Paora Paatu Hunia, Te Aka Puaho, 24 February 2007

Mr Tumihitai George Raerino, Te Aka Puaho, 24 February 2007

Mr Mitchell Lee Jaram, Te Aka Puaho, 24 February 2007

Ms Messina Roberts, Te Aka Puaho, 24 February 2007

Mr John Te Wharetuku Thrupp, Te Aka Puaho, 24 February 2007

Mr Tukua Tuwairua, Te Aka Puaho, 24 February 2007

Mr Mervyn Hoete, Te Aka Puaho, 24 February 2007

Mr Gene Lawrence, Gisborne Hawkes Bay Presbytery 19 April 2007

Mr Robert Pendreigh, Dunedin and North Otago Presbytery, 18 November 2007

Ms Anne Thomson, Dunedin and North Otago Presbytery, 18 November 2007

Mr Douglas Bradley, Bay of Plenty Presbytery, 29 November 2007

2008

Mr Kevin Finlay, Auckland Presbytery, 24 January 2008

Other 2008 licensings are in the GA10 minutes

Receptions:

2006

Rev Ben Dykman, Church of England in South Africa, to Other Recognised Minister, Auckland Presbytery, 25 October 2006.

Rev Young Jun (John) Yoo, Presbyterian Church of Korea, to Minister, Wellington Korean Church (inaugurated on the same date) on 29 October 2006

Rev Brian Walker, Baptist Churches of New Zealand, Stated Supply Balmoral/St Andrews Presbyterian, Clutha Presbytery, to Minister Balmoral/St Andrews Presbyterian, Clutha Presbytery, 10 December 2006.

2007

Rev Gene Lawrence, Baptist Churches of New Zealand, to Minister Hastings St John's Presbyterian Church, Presbytery of Gisborne Hawke's Bay, 15 February 2007

Rev Jonathan Pouli-Lefale, Congregational Christian Churches of American Samoa, to Other Recognized Minister, South Auckland Presbytery, 17 June 2008

Rev Hyeeun Kim, Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea, to Other Recognized Minister, South Auckland Presbytery, 2 November 2007

Rev Donald Harford, Baptist Union of New Zealand, to Other Recognised Minister, Presbytery of Auckland, 2 November 2007

Rev Mahendran Nair, Lautoka Baptist Church (Federation of the Reformed Christian Churches of the Pacific) to Local Ordained Minister, Auckland Presbytery, 9 April 2008

Rev Kwang Jin (James) Woo, Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea, to Other Recognized Minister, Presbytery of South Auckland, 17 June 2008

Rev Laszlo Mark, Reformed Church of Romania, to PCANZ (from overseas), 18 November 2008.

Mario Weyers, Dutch Reformed Church of South Africa, to PCANZ (from overseas) 10 March 2009.

Entered in Changes to the Ministerial Roll GA10 as additions not previously recorded:

Rev Henry Mbambo was received from the Uniting Presbyterian Church in Southern Africa, 2 November 2007

Ordinations:

2006

Rev Stephanie Wells, Licentiate, Auckland Presbytery, was ordained and inducted as Minister Maniototo Parish, Central Otago Presbytery, 10 December 2006.

Rev Barry Kelk, ordained and inducted Local Ordained Minister to Highgate Parish, Dunedin Presbytery, 10 December 2006.

2007

Rev Fergus Keith, ordained and inducted Local Ordained Minister Omokoroa Community Church, Bay of Plenty Presbytery, 29 January 2007

Rev Chris Purdie, Licentiate, Wellington Presbytery, was ordained and inducted to Chaplain, Linton Army Base, Manawatu-Wanganui Presbytery, 8 February 2007.

Rev Dennis Flett, Licentiate, Bay of Plenty Presbytery, to Minister Knox Church Waitara, Bay of Plenty Presbytery, 8 February 2007

Rev David Balchin, Licentiate, Clutha Presbytery, to Minister St James Waihi, Waikato Presbytery, 14 February 2007.

Rev Nimorata Lale, Licentiate, Wellington Presbytery, ordained and inducted to Minister PIC Dunedin North, Dunedin Presbytery, 18 February 2007.

Rev Paora Paatu Hunia, Licentiate, Te Aka Puaho, ordained and inducted to Amorangi Putauaki Maori Pastorate, Te Aka Puaho, 10 March 2007.

Rev Tumihitai George Raerino, Licentiate, Te Aka Puaho, ordained and inducted to Amorangi Putauaki Maori Pastorate, Te Aka Puaho, 10 March 2007.

Rev Mervyn Hoete, Licentiate, Te Aka Puaho, ordained and inducted to Amorangi Putauaki Maori Pastorate, Te Aka Puaho, 10 March 2007.

Rev Messina Roberts, Licentiate, Te Aka Puaho, to Amorangi, Whakatane Maori Pastorate, Te Aka Puaho, 18 March 2007.

Rev Chris Konings, Licentiate, Wellington Presbytery, ordained and inducted as Stated Supply Mosgiel-North Taieri Presbyterian Parish, Dunedin Presbytery, 29 March 2007.

Rev Mary-Jane Konings, Licentiate, Wellington Presbytery, ordained and inducted as Stated Supply Mosgiel-North Taieri Presbyterian Parish, Dunedin Presbytery, 29 March 2007.

Rev Tamiana Thrupp, Licentiate, Te Aka Puaho, ordained and inducted as Amorangi Whakatane Maori Pastorate, Te Aka Puaho, 31 March 2007.

Rev Mitchell Jaram, Licentiate, Te Aka Puaho, ordained and inducted as Amorangi Whakatane Maori Pastorate, Te Aka Puaho, 31 March 2007.

Rev Gene Lawrence, Licentiate, Gisborne Hawkes Bay Presbytery, to Minister St John's Hastings, Gisborne Hawkes Bay Presbytery, 26 April 2007.

Rev Alofa Lale, Licentiate Wellington Presbytery, ordained and inducted as Minister Otago Peninsula Presbyterian Parish, Dunedin Presbytery, 29 April 2007.

Rev Tukua Tuwairua, Licentiate, Te Aka Puaho, ordained and inducted to Amorangi, Heretaunga Maori Pastorate, 5 May 2007.

Rev Brian Crane, ordained Amorangi, Opotiki Maori Pastorate, Te Aka Puaho, 14 July 2007.

Rev Jung Hun Choi, ordained Local Ordained Minister, Mt Eden – Greyfriars Parish, 11 October 2007.

Rev Darryl Tempero, Licentiate, Christchurch Presbytery, to Minister Hornby Presbyterian Community Church, Christchurch Presbytery, 9 December 2007.

Rev John Wilkie, ordained Local Ordained Minister, Hawera – St John's Parish, Taranaki Presbytery, 11 December 2007.

Entered in Changes to the Ministerial Roll GA10 as additions not previously recorded:

Rev Jonathan Ryan, Licentiate, Wellington Presbytery to Minister (Stated Supply) Highgate Presbyterian Church, Dunedin Presbytery, 28 July 2007

2008

Rev Robert Pendreigh, Licentiate, Dunedin and North Otago Presbytery, ordained and inducted to Kaitia Union Parish, Churches Together in Northland, 15 January 2008.

Rev Vosalevu Finai, Licentiate, Auckland Presbytery, to Chaplain Middlemore Hospital, South Auckland Presbytery, 11 May 2008.

Rev Douglas Bradley, Licentiate Bay of Plenty Presbytery was ordained and inducted as Minister Glendowie Presbyterian Church, Auckland Presbytery, 31 January 2008.

Rev Stuart Simpson, Licentiate, Auckland Presbytery, ordained and inducted as Global Missioner, Assembly Service Team, by Auckland Presbytery, 21 February 2008.

Rev Kevin Finlay, Licentiate, Bay of Plenty Presbytery, was ordained and inducted as Minister, St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Howick, Auckland Presbytery, 28 February 2008.

Rev Meletuione Tavelia, Licentiate, Auckland Presbytery, was ordained and inducted as Chaplain, Women's Health Auckland Hospital, Auckland Presbytery, 17 March 2008.

Rev Vosalevu Finai, Licentiate Auckland Presbytery, to Chaplain, Middlemore Hospital, South Auckland Presbytery, 11 May 2008.

Changes in Status:

2006

Rev Selwyn Yeoman, Other Recognised Minister, Dunedin Presbytery, to Minister Coastal Unity Parish, Dunedin Presbytery, on 14 February 2006 (*Not in GA06*)

Rev Don Ikitoelagi, Minister within the Bounds, Auckland Presbytery, changed to Lodged Certificate on 16 May 2006 (*Not in GA06*)

Rev Viv Coleman, Minister St Andrews Howick, Auckland Presbytery to Minister within the Bounds, Auckland Presbytery, 3 October 2006.

John Turton, Minister Owata – St David's, Bay of Plenty Presbytery to Minister, Hutt City Uniting Congregations, Wellington Presbytery, 5 October 2006.

Rev Guy Pilkinton, Minister Browns Bay/Torbay Parish, North Shore Presbytery, to Minister to Waitara Parish, Taranaki Presbytery, 19 October 2006.

Rev Robert Robati-Mani, Minister Grant Braes Union Parish, Dunedin Presbytery to Minister Otara Pacific Island Church, South Auckland Presbytery, 26 October 2006.

Rev Martin Baker, Minister, First Church Dunedin, Dunedin Presbytery was inducted as Assembly Executive Secretary, 14 November 2006.

Rev Martin Baker, First Church Dunedin, transferred to Wellington Presbytery as Minister within the Bounds, on 14 November 2006.

Rev Martin J Stewart, Minister Highgate Presbyterian, Dunedin Presbytery, to Minister St Stephens Parish, Christchurch Presbytery, 23 November 2006.

Rev Bruce Howat, Lodged Certificate, Auckland Presbytery, changed to Minister within the Bounds on 21 December 2006.

Rev Brian Wade, Minister within the Bounds, Auckland Presbytery, changed to Lodged Certificate on 21 December 2006.

Rev Fred Bradley, Minister within the Bounds, Auckland Presbytery, changed to Lodged Certificate on 21 December 2006.

2007

Rev Paul Fransham, Minister with the Bounds, Auckland Presbytery, changed to Lodged Certificate on 4 January 2007

Rev Roy Pearson, Global Mission Project Officer, Port Vila, to Minister Birkenhead St Andrews and St Phillips, North Shore Presbytery, 25 January 2007.

Rev Owen Rogers, Minister Huntly Co-operating Parish, Waikato Presbytery, to Minister St Margaret's Belmont, North Shore Presbytery, on 31 January 2007.

Rev Russell Thew, Minister Columba Oamaru, North Otago Presbytery, to Other Recognised Minister, Dunedin Presbytery, 31 January 2007.

Rev Donald Hegan, Minister St Aidan's Putaruru, Waikato Presbytery, to Minister St Columba Tauranga, Bay of Plenty Presbytery, 1 February 2007.

Rev Dr Kerry Enright, Minister within the Bounds, Wellington Presbytery, to Lodged Certificate, Wellington Presbytery, 1 February 2007.

Rev Peter MacKenzie, Minister Johnsonville Uniting Church, Wellington Presbytery, to Other Recognised Minister, Wellington Presbytery, 4 February 2007.

Rev Cameron Sinclair, NEV Development Unit, Dunedin Presbytery, to Hospital Chaplain, Dunedin and Wakari Hospitals and Otago Hospice, Dunedin Presbytery, 8 February 2007.

Rev Dr Tony Martin, Interim Minister, Otago Peninsula Parish, Dunedin Presbytery, to Hospital Chaplain, Dunedin and Wakari Hospitals and Otago Hospice, Dunedin Presbytery, 8 February 2007.

Rev Dr Graham Redding, Minister St Johns in the City, Wellington Presbytery, inducted as Director, Centre for Christian Leadership, Dunedin Presbytery, 11 February 2007.

Rev Doug Duncan, Stated Supply, Hanmer Springs Presbyterian, Christchurch Presbytery, to Minister, Hanmer Springs Presbyterian, Christchurch Presbytery, 13 February 2007.

Rev Paul Loveday, Minister Richmond St David's, Nelson-Marlborough Presbytery, to Minister, Calvin Community Church, Maitua Presbytery, 25 February 2007

Rev Carol Grant, Minister Mt Pleasant/Heathcote/Ferrymead Presbyterian, Christchurch Presbytery, to Minister Otaki Waikanae Presbyterian, Wellington Presbytery, 1 March 2007.

Rev Glen Ashton, Minister Emeritus, Auckland Presbytery, to Stated Supply Minister Raglan Parish, Waikato Presbytery, 4 March 2007 for two years

Rev Helen Martin, Minister St John's in the City, Wellington Presbytery, to Minister Trinity Temuka, South Canterbury Presbytery, 26 April 2007.

Rev Young You, Other Recognised Minister, South Auckland Presbytery, to Minister, Hospital Chaplain at Waikato Hospital, Waikato Presbytery, 14 May 2007.

Rev Robert Clow, Other Recognised Minister, Manawatu Wanganui Presbytery, to Minister Wyndham Parish, Maitua Presbytery, 24 May 2007

Rev Christine Elliot, Minister St Paul's Timaru, South Canterbury Presbytery, to Minister St Martin's Presbyterian Church, Christchurch Presbytery, 31 May 2007.

Rev Warwick Hambleton, Other Recognised Minister, Waikato Presbytery, to Minister, Huntly Co-operating, Waikato Presbytery, 12 June 2007.

Rev Wayne Matheson, Minister St Andrew's Uniting Church, Churches Together in Northland, to Minister Knox St Columba Lower Hutt, Wellington Presbytery, 28 June 2007.

Rev Dr Michael Schwass, Minister East Taieri Parish, Dunedin Presbytery, to Minister Hornby Parish, Christchurch Presbytery, 29 June 2007.

Rev Richard Gray, Minister St Stephen's Parish Timaru, South Canterbury Presbytery, to Other Recognised Minister, South Canterbury Presbytery, 1 July 2007.

Rev Keith Hooker, Minister St Peter's Tauranga, Bay of Plenty Presbytery, to Lodged Certificate, Bay of Plenty Presbytery on 15 July 2007.

Rev Hilary Beresford, Other Recognised Minister, Central Otago Presbytery to Minister Burwood United St Kentigern's Parish, Christchurch Presbytery on 2 August 2007.

Rev Reuben Hardie, Other Recognised Minister, Auckland Presbytery, to Minister Sommervell Memorial Presbyterian Church, Auckland Presbytery, 27 September 2007.

Rev Les Solomona, Minister Hoon Hay Presbyterian Parish, Christchurch Presbytery to Other Recognised Minister, Wellington Presbytery, 27 September 2007.

Rev Les Solomona, Other Recognised Minister, Wellington Presbytery, to Minister St Christopher's Seatoun-Strathmore, Wellington Presbytery, 27 September 2007.

Rev Karl Lamb, Local Ordained Minister Te Anau Presbyterian Church, Southland Presbytery, to National Ordained Minister Te Anau Presbyterian Church, Southland Presbytery, 2 October 2007.

Rev Catriona Cairns, Other Recognised Minister, Wellington Presbytery, to Minister St Andrew's on the Terrace, Wellington Presbytery, 4 October 2007

Rev Paul Fransham, Other Recognised Minister, North Shore Presbytery to Member, North Shore Presbytery, on 11 December 2007.

Rev Chris Konings, Stated Supply, Mosgiel/North Taieri Parish, Dunedin Presbytery to Member Dunedin Presbytery, 31 December 2007.

Rev Mary-Jane Konings, Stated Supply, Mosgiel/North Taieri Parish, Dunedin Presbytery to Member Dunedin Presbytery, 31 December 2007.

2008

Rev Neville Jackson, Minister Central Southland Presbyterian Parish, Southland Presbytery, to Other Recognised Minister, Nelson/Marlborough Presbytery, 13 January 2008.

Rev Alan Missen, Minister Cromwell Parish, Central Otago Presbytery, to Minister Rangiora Presbyterian Church, Christchurch Presbytery, 7 February 2008

Rev Jonathan Parkes, Other Recognised Minister, Bay of Plenty Presbytery, to Minister, St David's Presbyterian Church, Richmond, Nelson-Marlborough Presbytery, 12 February 2008.

Rev Ross Scott, Other Recognised Minister, Wellington Presbytery, to Ecumenical Chaplain Wellington and Wakefield Hospitals, Wellington Presbytery, 20 April 2008.

Rev Ma'afala Koko, Minister Owairaka-Pacific Islanders, Auckland Presbytery, to Auckland Central, Newton Pacific Islanders, Auckland Presbytery, 22 January 2008.

Rev John Te Wharetuku Thrupp, Amorangi, Whakatane Maori Pastorate, Te Aka Puaho, to Amorangi, Waimana Maori Pastorate, Te Aka Puaho, 10 March 2008.

Rev Robert Te Whaiti, Minister Emeritus, Bay of Plenty Presbytery, to Stated Supply St David's Owhata, Bay of Plenty Presbytery for two years from 21 March 2008.

Rev Hugh Perry, Minister St Stephen's Hamilton South, Waikato Presbytery, to Minister St Alban's Uniting Parish Christchurch, Christchurch Presbytery, 1 May 2008.

Rev Martin Macaulay, Minister Katikati St Paul's Presbyterian Church, Bay of Plenty Presbytery, to Minister East Taieri Church, Dunedin & North Otago Presbytery, 8 May 2008

Rev Eric Mattock, Other Recognised Minister, Ashburton Presbytery, to Minister Kurow Presbyterian Parish, Dunedin & North Otago Presbytery, 11 May 2008.

Rev Si'itia Si'itia-Asi, Minister Samoan Presbyterian Church, Onehunga, Auckland Presbytery, to Member Auckland Presbytery, 26 June 2008.

Entered in Changes to the Ministerial Roll GA10 as additions not previously recorded:

Rev Nancy Parker, Local Ordained Minister to National Ordained Minister, Waiareka – Weston Parish, Dunedin and North Otago Presbytery, 11 November 2007

Rev Christopher Bedford, Transition Minister, Ellesmere Cooperating Parish, Christchurch Presbytery to Other Recognized Minister, 1 January 2008

Rev Linda Hope, Other Recognized Minister, Auckland Presbytery, to Minister Stated Supply, St James Church and Community, Auckland Presbytery for one year, 8 February 2008

Rev Bryan Gilmour, minister of Uniting Church in Australia, appointed as Transition Minister, Timaru – St Paul's Presbyterian Church, South Canterbury Presbytery for 18 months, 1 June 2008

Transfers:

Martin Dickson, Licentiate, North Shore Presbytery, to Licentiate, Presbytery of Auckland, 3 September 2006.

Retirements:

2006

Rev Mark Stephens, Minister Burwood United St Kentigern's, Christchurch Presbytery, to Minister Emeritus, Christchurch Presbytery, 11 July 2006.

Rev Winston Marshall, Hospital Chaplain to Minister Emeritus, Christchurch Presbytery, 31 July 2006

Rev Brian Wendelborn, Minister within the Bounds, Christchurch Presbytery, to Minister Emeritus, Christchurch Presbytery, 8 August 2006

Rev Lourdino Yuzon, Lodged Certificate, Christchurch Presbytery, to Minister Emeritus, Waikato Presbytery, 30 August 2006

Rev Don Fergus, Other Recognised Minister, Christchurch Presbytery, to Minister Emeritus, Christchurch Presbytery, 12 December 2006.

Rev Bruce Ralph, Other Recognised Minister to Minister Emeritus, Wairarapa Union District Council, 19 December 2006

Rev Mary Lloyd Shallcrass, Minister Waikouaiti Parish, Dunedin Presbytery, to Minister Emerita, Christchurch Presbytery, 17 December 2006.

Rev Winston Baker, Chaplain Burnham Military Camp, Christchurch Presbytery, to Minister Emeritus, Christchurch Presbytery, 31 December 2006. Note he continues as Chaplain at Burwood Hospital.

2007

Rev Fred Bradley, Other Recognised Minister, Auckland Presbytery, to Minister Emeritus, Auckland Presbytery, 28 February 2007.

Rev Mervyn Aitken, Minister St James' Auckland Central, Auckland Presbytery, to Minister Emeritus, Auckland Presbytery, 8 April 2007.

Rev Neville McGee, Other Recognised Minister, Auckland Presbytery, to Minister Emeritus, Auckland Presbytery, 2 May 2007.

Rev Douglas Mansill, Minister St Giles Mt Roskill South, Auckland Presbytery, to Minister Emeritus, Auckland Presbytery, 20 May 2007.

Rev Elizabeth Smith, Minister Kurow Parish, North Otago Presbytery, to Minister Emerita, Central Otago Presbytery, 20 May 2007.

Rev David Connor, Executive Manager Prison Chaplaincy Services, Auckland Presbytery to Minister Emeritus, Auckland Presbytery, 17 August 2007.

Rev Peter Wishart, Minister Timaru – Chalmers Presbyterian Church, South Canterbury Presbytery, to Minister Emeritus, Dunedin and North Otago Presbytery 6 December 2007.

2008

Rev Dr Susan Werstein, Assembly Service Team, to Minister Emerita, Dunedin Presbytery, 1 January 2008.

Rev Elizabeth Clark, Minister Motueka Uniting Parish, Nelson-Marlborough Presbytery, to Minister Emerita, Nelson-Marlborough Presbytery, 7 January 2008.

Rev Helen Wallis, Minister Special Ministry, Timaru – St Stephen's Presbyterian Church, South Canterbury Presbytery, to Minister Emerita, Christchurch Presbytery, 29 January 2008.

Rev John McKean, Principal Rochester/Rutherford Hall, Canterbury University, Christchurch Presbytery, to Minister Emeritus, Christchurch Presbytery, 10 February 2008.

Rev Tom Millar, Minister Brooklands Co-operating Church, Taranaki Presbytery, to Minister Emeritus, Taranaki Presbytery, 8 March 2008.

Rev Rachelle Brown, Minister Halswell Union Parish, Christchurch Presbytery, to Minister Emerita, Christchurch Presbytery, 8 April 2008.

Rev Dr Jim Cunningham, Minister Tawa Union Church, Wellington Presbytery, to Minister Emeritus, Wellington Presbytery, 25 May 2008.

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Rev Dr W. John Roxborough, Lecturer and Dean, Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership, Dunedin and North Otago Presbytery, to Minister Emeritus, Dunedin and North Otago Presbytery, 30 April 2008

Resignations from the roll:

Rev Derrick Hills, Minister, St Andrews Invercargill, resigned from the Presbyterian Church, 1 May 2006.

Rev Barrie MacCuish, Minister Emeritus, resigned from the Presbyterian Church on 25 October 2006.

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Rev Joung Yeol (John) Kim, Minister Palmerston North Korean Parish Development Unit, Manawatu-Wanganui Presbytery, resigned from the ministerial roll, 11 December 2006.

Removals from the roll:

2006

Rev Bruce Graham, Lodged Certificate, Christchurch Presbytery, removed from the Roll under Regulation 212, 8 August 2006.

Rev Laurie Chisholm, Lodged Certificate, Christchurch Presbytery, removed from the Roll under Regulation 212, 8 August 2006.

Rev Mike Flavell, Minister within the Bounds, Christchurch Presbytery, removed from the Roll in under Regulation 212, 8 August 2006.

Rev Bryan Taylor, Minister within the Bounds, Christchurch Presbytery, removed from roll on 8 August 2006.

2007

Mrs Mary Prier, Licentiate, Wellington Presbytery, removed from roll on 20 February 2007.

Sr Marilyn Wilkinson, Deaconess, Wellington Presbytery, removed from roll on 20 February 2007.

Rev Ron Gibb, Other Recognised Minister, Wellington Presbytery, removed from roll on 20 February 2007.

Sr Leung Eileen Kwong, Deaconess, Wellington Presbytery, removed from roll on 20 February 2007.

Rev Ron Gibb, Other Recognised Minister, Wellington Presbytery, removed from Wellington Presbytery roll on 20 February 2007.

Rev Brian Weston, Minister Emeritus, Taranaki Presbytery, was removed from the roll on 1 May 2007.

Rev Alex Toleafoa, Other Recognised Minister, Wellington Presbytery, was removed from the roll on 31 May 2007.

2008

None

Deaths:

2006

Rev Ian McBride, Minister Emeritus, Christchurch Presbytery, 18 August 2006.

Rev Richard Dudley Ives, Minister Emeritus, Bay of Plenty Presbytery, 23 November 2006.

Rev Tiakina Manihera, Ruatahuna, Te Aka Puaho, 24 November 2006.

Rev Prof Ian Dixon, Minister Emeritus, Christchurch Presbytery, 11 December 2006.

Sr Dulcie Bluck, Deaconess, Southland Presbytery, 22 December 2006.

2007

Rev Dr David Steedman, Minister Emeritus, Wellington Presbytery, 2 February 2007.
Rev Tom C Wilson, Minister Emeritus, Auckland Presbytery, 23 February 2007.
Rev Dorothy Wallace, Other Recognised Minister, Taranaki Presbytery, 2 April 2007.
Rev George Lynds, Minister Emeritus, Waikato Presbytery 21 May 2007.
Rev Heitapeka Tautau, formerly Chaplain Turakina Maori Girls College, 23 June 2007.
Rev Sonny Ripia, formerly Amorangi Southern Urewa Maori Pastorate, 21 July 2007.
Rev William S. Stuart, Minister Emeritus, Auckland Presbytery 21 July 2007.
Rev Struan Robertson, Minister Emeritus, Auckland Presbytery, 2 August 2007
Rev Ian Provan, Minister Emeritus, Christchurch Presbytery, 4 August 2007
Rev WRM (Ron) Hay, Minister Emeritus, Gisborne Hawkes Bay Presbytery, August 2007.
Rev David Sage, Minister Emeritus, North Shore Presbytery, 29 October 2007.
Rev Eric Uden, Minister Emeritus, Nelson Marlborough Presbytery, 19 December 2007.

2008

Rev Don Fauchelle, Minister Emeritus, North Shore Presbytery, 11 March 2008.
Rev Lagi Sipeli QSM JP, Minister Emeritus, Wellington Presbytery, 16 March 2008.
Rev Dr Frank Nichol, Minister Emeritus, Dunedin & North Otago Presbytery, 19 April 2008.
Rev Boyd Glassey, Minister Emeritus, Wellington Presbytery, 1 June 2008.
Rev Alister Dunn, Minister Emeritus, Churches Together in Northland, 25 June 2008.
Rev Stuart White, Minister Emeritus, Manawatu Wanganui Presbytery, 25 June 2008
Sr Maisie Queale QSO, Deaconess, Dunedin Presbytery, 22 July 2008

Also:

Sr Anne Rudduck (nee McDonald), Deaconess, Christchurch Presbytery, died 2006-2007
Sr Nissa Pooley (nee Tinkler), Deaconess, Waikato Presbytery, died 2007