Presbyterian
Beneficiary Fund

Annual Report to Members

For the 12 months ended 30 June 2026

A message from the Chairperson

Welcome to the Beneficiary Fund Annual Report to members for the year to 30 June 2026.

It has been another good year for investment returns. The strongest contribution again came from growth assets, particularly global shares, where resilient company earnings and ongoing investor enthusiasm for artificial intelligence supported markets. Returns were not without volatility, as investors weighed the effects of US trade tariffs, geopolitical tensions, inflation pressures and changing expectations for interest rates. Bond markets also contributed positively overall, although returns were more muted as yields moved around during the year. The Fund's diversified approach helped members benefit from rising share markets while limiting some of the impact of these market swings.

I am pleased to report the following investment returns for the year (after all fees and costs): the Cash Fund 2.7% (4.6% last year); the Conservative Fund 5.8% (5.9%); the Moderate Fund 8.5% (7.0%); the Balanced Fund 11.6% (8.2%); and the Growth Fund 14.5% (8.9%). The nominal returns are not the highest in their peer groups, but when we account for the risk taken by each Fund, our returns compare quite favourably. The Board likes the fact that the Beneficiary Fund's returns are less volatile than many others as we think our members value this relative stability.

The good returns are also helped by the Presbyterian Benevolent Fund fee subsidy, which keeps the cost of administering the Fund below 0.2% p.a. (costs were lower than last year). Of course, the Fund also enjoys special tax status due to the charitable nature of your ministry.

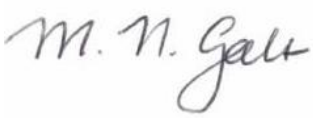
Here are some facts and figures you might not know about the Beneficiary Fund for this year:

- There are 434 members in the Fund, with net assets available for benefits of nearly $53 million (compared with 442 members and assets of nearly $50 million this time last year).
- We received close to $1.1 million in contributions in the year from members, the Church (and kindred employers) and the government (similar to last year).
- The Fund earned $5.7 million from its investments (up from $4 million last year).
- Five new members joined the Fund (the same number as last year), although this is not sufficient to maintain our membership numbers. We had 529 members on 1 July 2018.
- We paid out $3.55 million in benefits to members during the year (via 1,564 payments), through a mix of regular payments and one-off lump sum withdrawals (down from $3.7 million last year).

Of course, running a fund like ours takes a lot of work from many people. First, thank you to my fellow directors. As indicated last year, Roger Gyles and Alan Jamieson retired from the Board at the end of 2025. We also farewelled Gregg Dell at the end of the Fund year following some 10 years as a special adviser to the Board. Gregg's advice has been invaluable. However, we were delighted to welcome Rose Luxford back to the Board after her time as Moderator.

Thanks also to all our advisers, service providers, and the Fund's Secretariat for the considerable work that has allowed us to complete another good year. But we never sit still. We are currently working on a plan to develop members' financial capability and provide financial advice, so watch this space.

Finally, thank you to you, our members, for your support of the Fund.



Margaret Galt
October 2026



Statutory information

SECTION ONE:

Details of Fund

Name of the Fund: The Fund is called The Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand Beneficiary Fund (**Fund**).

Type of Fund: The Fund is registered under the Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013 (**FMCA**) as a restricted workplace savings scheme.

Trustee and Manager: Presbyterian Beneficiary Fund Trustee Limited (**PBFTL** or **Trustee**) is the trustee and manager of the Fund. The Fund does not have its own independent supervisor, as the Financial Markets Authority (**FMA**) oversees all restricted workplace savings schemes.

Fund status: As at 30 June 2026 (**Balance Date**) the Fund had a product disclosure statement (**PDS**) dated 11 May 2026 and continues to be open for applications.

Fund Updates: A fund update for each of the five investment options for the year ended 30 June 2026 was made available on 29 September 2026.

Financial Statements and auditor's report: The latest financial statements for the Fund and the auditor's report on those financial statements, were lodged with the Registrar of Financial Service Providers on 22 October 2026 and are available electronically by visiting **https://disclose-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz**, selecting 'Search schemes' and entering the Fund name.

The auditor's report on those financial statements, dated 21 October 2026, did not refer to any fundamental uncertainty, nor was it qualified or modified in any respect.



SECTION TWO:

Information on Contributions and Members

Membership

Changes to membership for the year to 30 June 2026 are shown below.

	Contributing members	Non-Contributing members	Total
Membership as at 1 July 2025	**184**	**258**	**442**
Plus			
New members *	5		5
Switch			
Ceased Contributing	(9)	9	
Retired (>65)	(7)	7	
Recommenced Contributing	4	(4)	
Less			
Full Withdrawals		(11)	(11)
Deaths		(2)	(2)
Membership as at 30 June 2026	**177**	**257**	**434**

* There were no transfers from other schemes.

Members' Accumulations

Members' accumulations at the start and end of the year ending 30 June 2026 were as follows:

Members' accumulations	**1 July 2025**	**30 June 2026**
Total account balances	$49,919,930	$52,817,974
New Benefits section	$43,359,377	$45,239,309
Number of members with accounts	417	398
Complying Fund section	$6,560,553	$7,578,664
Number of members with accounts	167	164

Contributions

During the year ended 30 June 2026, contributions were received from and on behalf of 189 members as shown below:

Contributions	
Members	$630,523
Parishes and Kindred Employers	$437,420
Government	$27,943
Total	**$1,095,886**

No voluntary additional contributions were received by the Fund during the year ended 30 June 2026. Such contributions are not permitted.

SECTION THREE:



Changes relating to the Fund

Trust Deed

There have been no changes to the Trust Deed in the year ended 30 June 2026.

Statement of Investment Policies and Objectives (SIPO)

The SIPO was updated on 4 December 2025. The main updates were to:

- Acknowledge that on death, a member's balance remains invested in their chosen investment option (pending an instruction from an eligible spouse or the executor of the estate).
- The names, investment objectives, target asset allocation positions (including allocations to private debt), and benchmark indices for the Mercer Responsible Diversified portfolios, into which the Fund invests (reflecting evolutionary changes made by Mercer).

Related party transactions

No related party transactions were entered into during the year that were not on arm's-length terms.

SECTION FOUR:

Other information for particular types of managed funds

Contributions

Subject to the exception outlined below, all the contributions required to be made to the Fund in accordance with the terms of the Trust Deed have been made.

As noted in previous Annual Reports, the Trustee continues to work with the Church to identify any ministers who return to active ministry so that they can ensure those ministers commence contributing to the Fund in a timely manner. The process this year has not identified any minister who returned to active ministry, but who had not started contributing to the Fund. The Trustee continues to work with the Church to ensure that congregations are making the correct contributions on behalf of both the member and the congregation.

Permitted withdrawals

During the year ended 30 June 2026, there were 11 full withdrawals, 2 death benefits and 53 partial withdrawals paid. In addition, 124 members made at least one regular withdrawal during the year (for a total of 1,498 payments). The full withdrawals, death benefits, partial withdrawals and regular withdrawals were permitted under the FMCA and Trust Deed. Each full withdrawal or death benefit was paid as a lump sum.

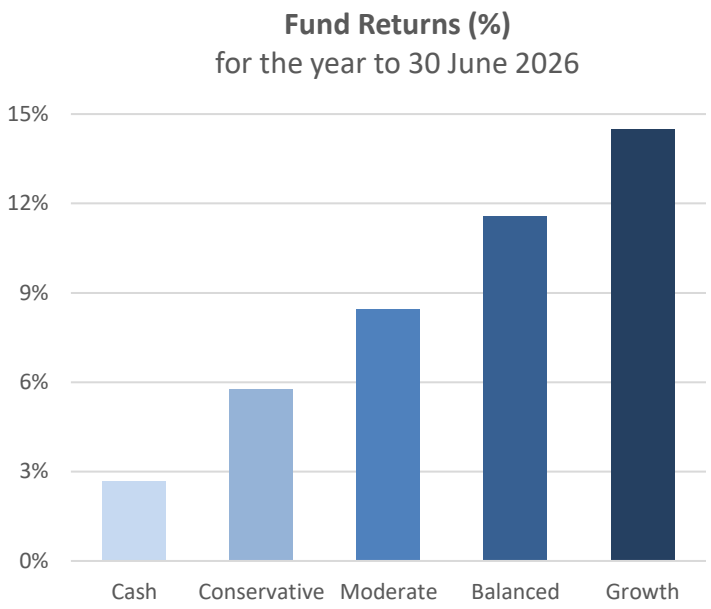
Complying Section

As at 30 June 2026, the market value of the assets of the Fund subject to the Complying Fund rules was $7,578,664 for 164 members. There were 19 withdrawals made in the year to 30 June 2026 for first home withdrawal, partial withdrawal, death benefit, permanent emigration and transfer to a KiwiSaver scheme. These payments totalled $305,852 and were subject to the Complying Fund rules.

Investment Returns

The investment returns for each investment option provided by the Fund are shown after all investment fees and administration costs have been deducted.

Contributions to the Fund are used to purchase what are known as 'units' in your chosen investment option(s). The number of units that your money purchases depends on the unit price at the time of purchase. For example, if $200 is contributed and the unit price is $1.00 at that time, then 200 units would be purchased on your behalf. Unit prices are calculated daily and fluctuate according to the investment performance of each investment option. The value of your investment at any time is simply the number of units you own multiplied by their price at that time.



Your latest member annual statement shows how many units you have, their price and your savings balance.

Unit Prices	Cash	Conservative	Moderate	Balanced	Growth
30 June 2025	1.8161	1.2571	1.1279	1.5511	1.6051
30 June 2026	1.8659	1.3277	1.2215	1.7279	1.8342



Trustee's statements

The Trustee confirms that:

- all the benefits required to be paid from the Fund in accordance with the terms of the Trust Deed have been paid; and
- the market value of the property of the Fund as at 30 June 2026 equalled or exceeded the total value of benefits that would have been payable had all members of the Fund ceased to be members at that date and had provision been made for the continued payment of all benefits being paid to members and other beneficiaries as at 30 June 2026.

SECTION FIVE:

Changes to persons involved in the Fund



Trustee and Manager

Presbyterian Beneficiary Fund Trustee Limited (PBFTL) is the Trustee and Manager of the Fund.

The directors of PBFTL for the year to 30 June 2026 (and any changes) were:

- Margaret Galt (Chair)
- Warren Potter (Licensed Independent Trustee)
- Russell Garrett
- Roger Gyles (ceased 20 December 2025)
- Alan Jamieson (ceased 20 December 2025)
- Sharon Ross Ensor
- Graeme Thomlinson
- Rose Luxford (appointed 4 December 2025)

Service Providers

There were no changes to the service providers to the Fund in the year to 30 June 2026.

The service providers were:

- **Administration Manager**
  Melville Jessup Weaver Limited
- **Implemented Investment Consultant**
  Mercer (N.Z.) Limited. The Fund invests in Mercer Responsible Investment Funds, which are managed by Mercer.
- **Auditor**
  Ernst & Young
- **Solicitor**
  DLA Piper

SECTION SIX:

How to find further information

The following information is available electronically (and free of charge) on the Disclose Register at www.companiesoffice.govt.nz/disclose:

- copies of the Trust Deed, the Fund's latest audited financial statements, the SIPO and the Annual Report (select *search schemes* and enter the Fund name); and

- copies of the Product Disclosure Statement, the annual Fund Updates and Other Material Information relating to the Fund (select *search offers* and enter the Fund name).

You can obtain a copy of any of those documents (or an estimate of your benefits) from the Trustee free of charge by writing to the Administration Manager at the following address:

The Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand Beneficiary Fund
Melville Jessup Weaver
Level 7, 20 Ballance Street
P O Box 1096, Wellington 6140

Or by emailing presbyterian@mjw.co.nz

Information about the Fund is also available on the Fund's website:
www.presbyterian.org.nz/for-parishes/church-property-trustees/the-beneficiary-fund



SECTION SEVEN:

Contact details and complaints

Enquiries about the Fund should be directed in the first instance to the Administration Manager:

Administration Manager
Melville Jessup Weaver
Level 7, 20 Ballance Street
P O Box 1096, Wellington 6140

Phone 0800 266 787

Email presbyterian@mjw.co.nz

The Administration Manager also acts as the Securities Registrar for the Fund and can be contacted (in that capacity) at the above address.

Enquiries to the Trustee (and all other correspondence from members direct to the Trustee) should be addressed to:

The Executive Officer
Presbyterian Beneficiary Fund Trustee Limited
P O Box 9049, Wellington 6141

Phone [04] 381 8296

Email trustees@presbyterian.org.nz

Any complaints about your investment can be made to the Trustee using the above contact details. If the Trustee is not able to resolve the matter, you can appeal to the General Assembly.

The Trustee is a member of Financial Services Complaints Limited (**FSCL**) - A Financial Ombudsman Service, a dispute resolution scheme approved under the Financial Service Providers (Registration and Dispute Resolution) Act 2008.

You can also refer your complaint to:

Financial Services Complaints Ltd
Level 4
101 Lambton Quay
Wellington 6011
P O Box 5967, Wellington 6140.

Phone 0800 347 257
Email info@fscl.org.nz
complaints@fscl.org.nz

Neither the Trustee nor FSCL will charge a fee to any complainant to investigate or resolve a complaint.