



# Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand

## FINANCE NEWSLETTER 201

**TO:** Parish Treasurers, Presbytery and Parish clerks  
**FROM:** Brendan Sweeney, Manager, Financial Services  
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### 1. Posting of church annual returns on the Charities Register

The good news is that 99% of Presbyterian Churches have registered with Charities Services and 90% have posted 2016 annual accounts on the register. The bad news is that for churches with a June 30 balance date, the deadline for posting the 2017 annual report is 31 December – six months after balance date. If annual accounts have not been posted please give this your urgent attention. There is a brief guide to posting of the report on page 25 of the Church Management guide, or you may refer to the Charities Services website:

<https://www.charities.govt.nz/im-a-registered-charity/annual-returns/>

If you are unable to file the return by 31 December, you may apply to charities services for an extension to the deadline. Email [info@charities.govt.nz](mailto:info@charities.govt.nz) or call 0508 CHARITIES (0508 242 748). As always Charities Services are good to deal with and in my experience are collaborative in their engagement with churches.

## **2. CSC Buying Group app for Presbyterian churches and congregations**

Together with our friends at Christian Supply Chain (CSC Group) we have modified their app with Presbyterian Church branding, and it is available to all Presbyterian (and co-operating) churches, staff, volunteers and congregations. The app is available to install on Apple and Android devices by going to the App store, searching "Presbyterian NZ" , and following the prompts.

This app is not immediately going to replace the CSC discount cards already in circulation but it should be noted that the cards only offer discounts on the nine suppliers listed on the back of the card, and the card has to be replaced annually as listed suppliers change. The app offers access to all 30+ suppliers that have entered into agreements with CSC group and discounts and product offers are updated in real time. For a list of suppliers and discounts on offer on products and services go to <http://www.csc.org.nz/catalogue/>

Note this is not a Presbyterian Church app, but a CSC app that has been modified for use by Presbyterian users.

### **Merry Christmas and farewell**

On a personal note this is the 127<sup>th</sup> and last newsletter you will be receiving from me. It is time for me to move on to more rewarding challenges and I will be leaving PCANZ at the end of January. Thank you to all that have supported and engaged with me over the past 12 years. I wish you all the very best in the challenging role of church finance and administration you do so well.

Have a great Christmas and New Year break. I wish you all the very best for 2018 and onwards.

Kind regards

Brendan, Katrina, Margaret

