



Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand

FINANCE NEWSLETTER 192

TO: Parish Treasurers, Presbytery and Parish clerks
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1.	Church annual accounts posted on Charities Register
2.	Updating church and officer details on the charities register
3.	2016 Church Statistics posted

1. Church annual accounts posted on Charities Register

I have downloaded a query from charities register that suggests a total of 212 or 82% of churches or church entities had posted reports on the charities register. These numbers are a little inexact as the query may not capture all presbyterian churches on the database. However recorded posted accounts by presbytery (excluding Te Aka Puaho and cooperating churches) are:

	Churches with annual report posted	Total Churches	% Posted
Northern	60	71	85%
Kaimai	24	28	86%
Central	38	50	76%
Alpine	32	36	89%
Southern	51	64	80%
PI Synod	7	10	70%
	212	259	82%

The proportion of compliant churches is pretty good but the report suggests about 47 churches have yet to complete the task. So again, please post accounts as soon as possible or contact me for assistance.

2. Updating church and officer details on the charities register

You may (but probably dont) recall that when we were going through the process of registering churches as charities a couple of years ago, I advised that if church officers change, a officer certification form must be sent to Charities Services to enable them to update the register.

CS have advised that, as well as the updating of entitty details, officer details can now be updated by the certified representative of the church. The update may be done at any time (not neccesarly coinciding with the posting of annual accounts), however you will require the CS user code and password for access.

Refer <https://charities.govt.nz/im-a-registered-charity/update-charity-details/>

3. 2016 Statistics posted

2016 church membership and finance statistics have been posted on the PCANZ website.

Refer <http://www.presbyterian.org.nz/for-parishes/church-statistics/statistics-2016>