



**Every March, Neighbours Aotearoa offers a great opportunity to connect with the people in your neighbourhood and community. The 2025 theme is, 'Let's Celebrate with our Neighbours'.**

### Message from the Moderator

The church is passionate about hospitality; it has a long tradition of gathering to feast and graciously making people welcome. When we share a simple tea or coffee with our neighbours, we are enriched through fellowship. Sharing in small ways can lead to sharing the big, and often joyful events in our communities, as well as the harder times when we are grateful our neighbours are there for us. I encourage you to intentionally offer hospitality to your neighbours during Neighbours Aotearoa month and join other churches throughout the country nurturing local connection.

*"Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of God's household."* Ephesians 2:19

I encourage you to see our Church website for Neighbours Aotearoa resources which include an offer for churches to enter a draw for supermarket gift cards, a poster to download for noticeboards, lots of examples of how churches can celebrate with their communities, and links to Presbyterian Support regions events.

Ngā manaakitanga

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Right Rev Rose Luxford – Moderator Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand

## Enter draw for one of 17x \$50 supermarket gift cards

The PCANZ and Presbyterian Support New Zealand have 17x \$50 supermarket gift cards to help our churches to share hospitality with their local communities. To enter the draw email: name of your PCANZ church, contact person, physical address, and how you will use a \$50 card to: [angela@presbyterian.org.nz](mailto:angela@presbyterian.org.nz) by 5pm, 25 Feb. Gift cards will be allocated to 10 PCANZ parishes located anywhere in NZ, and one per the seven Presbyterian Support regions.

### Ways for your church to participate in Neighbours Aotearoa

Celebrate with neighbours during March in whichever way best suits your community: host a BBQ; picnic; pizza party; potluck; beach day; host or contribute to a foodbank; hold a crop swap; share baking and muffins; host a dinner/lunch/brunch/breakfast/morning tea or afternoon tea; share parish veggies, seedlings; host cooking /preserving / fermenting lessons... there are so many ways to share hospitality, get creative!

Share your events with us during March and they will be added to the Church website and Facebook page!

On 15 March, Presbyterian Support Northern's *Communities Feeding Communities Initiative* and *The Storehouse*, a Northern Presbytery faith community, will host a morning tea and crop swap.

**See the PCANZ website for full details of Neighbours Aotearoa 2025 resources & events**

<https://www.presbyterian.org.nz/for-ministers/prescare/neighbours-aotearoa-formerly-neighbours-day/neighbours-aotearoa-2025>



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