



# NEIGHBOURS AOTEAROA

## Churches let's share kai! March 2023

### Message from the Moderator Neighbours Aotearoa March 2023

I love our Church theme for Neighbours month this year, *Let's Share... Kai with our Communities*. This is deeply Christian, this idea of sharing food and around a table.

The Australian theologian and missiologist Mike Frost once commented that Christianity captured the Roman Empire not by sword but by table! What a wonderful thing to be captured by, the hubbub of neighbours sharing food together. This vision for hospitality, of reaching out inviting and including, is even more urgently needed in our communities following the shocking destruction of the recent floods and cyclone.

I encourage you to see our Church [website resources](#) for parishes. These include an offer for our churches to enter a draw for supermarket gift cards, download a poster, get advice on how to set up a pataka kai, and examples of how our churches are sharing food and meals with their communities. I hope you are inspired and encouraged to find your own way to share kai with community this year.

Nga mihi nui  
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### Neighbours Aotearoa

Every March, Neighbours Aotearoa offers a great opportunity to connect the people in your neighbourhood and community with your church. There are so many ways you can take part - it can be as big or small as you want to make it. For 2023, we're encouraging you to embrace our 2023 theme, *Let's Share... Kai with our Communities*.

#### Enter the draw now for a \$50 grocery gift card for your church!

The PCANZ has 10x \$50 grocery gift cards for churches to buy kai/food to share with their communities. To enter, email your: PCANZ church, contact, physical address, how you will use the \$50 card to: [angela@presbyterian.org.nz](mailto:angela@presbyterian.org.nz) by 5pm, 14 March.

#### How can your church participate In Neighbours Aotearoa?

We encourage you to try one of many ways to share kai with your neighbours: start a pataka kai community pantry; host or contribute to a foodbank; crop swap; community BBQ or pizza party; baking and sharing muffins; host a community picnic, potluck, beach day; host a dinner/lunch/brunch/breakfast/morning tea/afternoon tea; drop off parish veggies & preserves etc. Not sure how to begin a pataka kai? Presbyterian Support Northern can offer advice. With Northern Presbytery, they run a pataka kai (free pantry full of dry goods like canned food, pasta and rice etc) that's accessible to all. The idea is that people are welcome to come take what they need and bring what they can. Read more at the Church website link below.

[See the PCANZ website for ideas & resources for churches](#)  
[Neighbours Aotearoa 2023 - Let's Share Kai](#)

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