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Aotearoa New Zealand

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To unite in prayer, study, fellowship and service
To make a Christian witness in home, church and community
To support the work of partner churches in worldwide mission and evangelism

Mission Statement "Serving God locally and globally with love."

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Membership Statistics

PWANZ's focus on local, national and international mission is supported by more than six hundred and forty members (including over 30 individual members) whose commitment is strong with affiliation fees including "freewill" donations contributing over \$6,900.

Like many other organizations such as National Council of Women, Presbyterian Women have reflected on how best to serve our individual members, and those members who gather in over 30 groups, plus our two Presbyterials.

The role of Presbyterials has recently diminished as changing church structures occur. More inclusive regional gatherings and groups for interested women are now held in many areas.

National Reports 2017

National President

Greetings to you all as Sisters in Christ,

In his book, Life Together – Dietrich Bonhoeffer says... *“We pray for the big things and forget to give thanks for the ordinary, small (and yet really not small) gifts.”*

At the AGM of Presbyterian Women Aotearoa NZ, 2016 I was asked, “so, when will we have a plan for going forward”. From memory, I replied that during this next year I felt we were still in a time of transition, that the first stage of transition was listening, and so at this stage we had no plan.

We started the listening process with the ‘Sowing the Seed’ forms which groups filled out last year. Since that time, we have been processing the comments that were made. In recording the responses, we have been thankful for the honesty of the participants and all that was written down for our reflection.

During the course of the past twelve months I have had the privilege of meeting several groups around the regions. I am thankful for the many faithful women who gather on a regular basis often with a guest speaker, who fellowship, and focus upon the mission of the Church. I am thankful for the number of younger women within our congregations, all those I met who are on their own journeys. It is a privilege to listen to what they are wanting to achieve regarding the gathering women of their generation. It is interesting to listen to their understanding of mission as they are confronted by the many needs in their communities; as they watch neighbours living in poverty, or suffering abuse or discrimination.

As an Executive, we have met together on four occasions since our last AGM. It was a pleasure to welcome Tausala Iosefa onto the Executive after she was endorsed by the votes of the membership. I have greatly appreciated her considered contributions to our meetings. My thankfulness extends to Sandra, Sally and Carol, we have each worked hard to honour the trust the membership has extended to us as an Executive.

Much of our time has been spent planning for the Women’s Assembly (beginning after this AGM). In doing so, we have sought speakers and arranged a program, all the while remaining mindful of ‘the brief’ we submitted to the Council of World Mission to receive funding. A brief which asked some relevant questions, such as... Who would both encourage and challenge us? What things would build us up, by catering to both the current generations? And what would also be of benefit to the generations coming behind us? I am thankful to all those who said yes to our request to speak, or lead, or contribute in some way. I trust that we will all be encouraged by the wonderful variety of the weekend.

Over the course of the year I and the rest of the Executive have had opportunities to work with PCANZ’s AES (Assembly Executive Secretary), the publicity department and

Presbytery Clerks around the country. I am thankful for the guidance we've received and their openness to the work of PWANZ within the wider church. However, there are times when the efforts of PWANZ aren't always understood, this occurs particularly as inroads are made by the UN and Mission Convenors active outside our local contexts. But there are still many positive associations which continue to grow, and I hope in the future we will continue to build on the strong working relationships that already exist.

So, this has been a year of listening and growing in my understanding of PWANZ history and its structure as a National Organisation. Over the coming months I look forward to working with the Executive as we focus on our next step before its presentation to you, the membership.

Isaiah 30:21 says Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it." As Presbyterian Women let us hear His voice and walk the path His choses for us.

Serving in Christ
Rev Erin Pendreigh

Administrator

Presbyterian Women Aotearoa New Zealand (PWANZ) is initiating new opportunities focusing on building capacity for women and girls in the Church. Our Women's Assembly will be held in Mosgiel from 3 to 5 November 2017 and continues our theme "Look Who's At The Well". This gathering of women of all ages, diversity and roles in our community is supported by funding from Christian World Mission.

The Executive of PWANZ ensures that particular emphasis is placed upon the roles of women to promote their voice and leadership within the church and the wider community. At the General Assembly held in Dunedin in November 2016, our four recommendations were passed:

1. That General Assembly support and actively encourage the Presbyterian Women Aotearoa New Zealand national and international projects and outreach within congregations and Presbyteries.
2. That a PWANZ Special Collection be taken on the Sunday nearest to International Women's Day each March to support the ongoing advocacy role of Presbyterian Women Aotearoa New Zealand locally, regionally, internationally, as well as at the United Nations.
3. That General Assembly re-affirm the principle that membership of church courts, committees and other formal groups reflect the gender balance within the Church.
4. That the Council of the Assembly be asked to review all current policies, regulations and decisions through a gender equality lens to ensure that the needs, aspirations and welfare of women and girls are taken into account, and to ensure the voices of women are encouraged and heard in all the courts of the church and other decision-making bodies.

Our members voted to add Tausala Iosefa to our Executive in the new Human Rights Convenor position. Tausala is a qualified lawyer and an active member of St David's Church, and the Tuvalu and Tokelau Community groups in Palmerston North. Plus, we appointed Rae Simpson as Northern Ambassador and Faaolataga Leasi as Central Ambassador. We are focused on reflecting the membership diversity of Presbyterian Women within our Executive and officers of our organization.


Through ecumenical co-operation, an annual mission project is supported by Presbyterian Women and Methodist Women's Fellowship (MWF) groups. We contributed to both an international appeal for Nicaragua and the Alcohol Fetal Spectrum Disorder support group in New Zealand. Over the past year, our members have donated more than **\$38,000** to distribute to this mission.

Our commitment is to uphold the aim of Presbyterian Women – serving God locally and globally in love. At the table of Jesus Christ, women have a place where our voice is valued. Our hope, our “back to the future” vision is that our daughters and granddaughters are the tohunga and totara at the top tables in the Church. Presbyterian women will continue to have a voice in the church.

Sandra Waldrom

Communications

Thank you for all the positive comments about the Bush Fire email newsletter. This is a monthly publication and is an effective way of getting our news to our members and to all people of PCANZ.




Bush Fire
Presbyterian Women Aotearoa NZ

June 2017

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World Refugee Day

The United Nations' (UN) World Refugee Day is observed on June 20 each year. This event honours the courage, strength and determination of women, men and children who are forced to flee their homeland under threat of persecution, conflict and violence.


Look Who's At The Well
 Women's Assembly
 Supported by CWM with a "building capacity" grant
 3 – 5 November 2017 at Mosgiel

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Joy Cowley
 Story Telling
 Deborah Bowen
 Metiria Turei
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Bush Fire
Presbyterian Women Aotearoa NZ

September 2017

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"Presbyterian Women! Aren't they the ladies in the kitchen after church?"



The Presbyterian Women have been known to offer hospitality in their congregations. They also kindly work to assist and encourage young people in the spiritual and social life of the congregation.

Think you know Presbyterian Women? Think again and prepare to be amazed!

This poster is from Presbyterian Women USA – what else do we do? Come to the Gathering and share our stories.

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PWANZ has a monthly contribution to the PCANZ e-mail newsletter Bush Telegraph. The PCANZ has a section available for PWANZ and currently we have the following pages: □

Publications

- [News and upcoming events](#)
- [Special Project](#)
- [Transition Team and Advisory Group](#)
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The statistics from the web show that the page is used.

Page	PWANZ Home Page	Current Bush Fire	Executive contact info	Current Special Project	Archived Special Project
Page views**	771	445	158	403	60
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Unique page views	647	264	127	178	43
Average time on page	1:03	2:41	1:39	1:57	2:16

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Published	Post	Reach	Engagement
2-Oct-17	Does your age start with a 2...no not 2 years of age but "twenty	159	29 Clicks on the Post Reactions, Comments & Shares
9-Apr-17	Tausala writes...like any other organisation there is a need for new	33	3 1
14-Aug-17	Erin looks forward..."leadership pathways in church, PWANZ	41	6 1
8-Sep-17	It was great to have Mira as a member of our PWANZ delegation	313	119 92
24-Jul-17		146	20

	Carol Grant writes "One of the delights I have discovered after		7
19-Jun-17	CWS have worship resources for	63	2
	World Refugee Day		3
12-Jun-17	Girls' Night Out PWANZ 36		36
	Manawatu 9th June	4	

Human Rights Convenor Report

The Human Rights Convenor is a newly created position and as a new appointee to the post, I am still in the process of adjusting to the tasks and to the requirements of the position. The issues involving human rights covers a fairly broad area from the immediate surrounding of our homes to our communities at large and even at the workplace. New Zealand has legislations that recognise and uphold human rights and is a signatory to various international conventions on human rights.

Although we have set rules and laws which promote equal opportunity and integrity regardless of race, colour and gender there is still a lot more that can be done. Some of the topical issues that are commonly faced by women here in New Zealand are pay equity, family violence and elder abuse.

I believe that these issues can be appropriately addressed to help women in general and would like to work together with other sister organisations that advocate and promote these issues including gender inequalities. One such approach, is by bringing awareness to the public through our education system and various media outlets. In addition, by actively influencing Government to advance the course of rights of women through their policy structures and formulation.

It is important that whatever advocacy that is being promoted must realistically address the problems that women are facing today. Anything short could only prolong the agony and the inequality that is being experienced and tolerated whether through violence in the home or other forms of human rights abuse.

Lastly the voice of women can be further advanced by encouraging the active participation of young women of today to become leaders of tomorrow.

Tausala Iosefa

Missions Report



Presbyterian Women
Don't they raise money for mission?

"We Do" raise money for mission! Thank you, all our members and supporters who work hard to raise this money.

I try and report in the Bushfire as I receive reports and information.

The focus of our fund raising each year is the Special Project which is a joint initiative with the Methodist Women's Fellowship. Traditionally an overseas and a NZ projects have been selected with an alternating 70/30 split of funds.

Dianne Cloughton, President Methodist Women's Federation and her team are based in Christchurch. We meet with CWS and exchanged many emails later working on this year's project.



The New Zealand project works with PILLARS, Ka Pou Whakahou, which exists to create positive futures for the children of prisoners in Aotearoa, supporting them to cope with parental imprisonment therefore breaking the cycle of intergenerational crime.

The international project working with CWS and their partner the Centre for Community Solidarity in Uganda working with people caring for orphans and vulnerable children affected by HIV and AIDS.

2016/17 Special Project:

Amount raised: \$20,630

- CWS and their partner Council of Protestant Churches (CEPAD) in Nicaragua, will fund more training programmes so young people and families can tackle the violence that is damaging their lives. \$14,441

Pauline McKay, Director CWS visited Nicaragua 28 – 30 August 2017 and reports: During my time I had a meeting with CEPAD staff and visited two projects. The focus of their programme is food security. CEPAD's horticulturalists have adapted their growing techniques to cope with the changing climate. Multi-cropping, careful water management and organic inputs are central to their conservation farming approach. Last year they built 57 micro dams in the 40 communities where they are currently working. CEPAD has a special focus on women. It has sent some up in small businesses selling handmade crafts

like hair decorations, cards, and snacks. CEPAD trains young people to provide community counselling. Young women are particularly at risk. Abortion is illegal in Nicaragua, which also has a high rate of domestic and sexual violence and unwanted pregnancies. CEPAD staff told me there is a high rate of suicide among young women who find themselves pregnant.

- FASD-CAN works with families affected by Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD), a term that describes adverse development that can occur when a person is exposed to alcohol whilst in the womb. \$6,189

As we have recently paid over the monies the reporting back from CWS and FASD-CAN will occur during this year.

2015/16 Special Project: Total raised \$19,174

- Young New Zealanders Foundation – resources for teachers, youth workers etc. on self-worth, suicide prevention \$13,422



W. J. (Bill) Davey, Secretary to the Board of Trustees, Young New Zealanders Foundation wrote on 14 October 2017

Thank you once again for your contribution, a most significant cash donation, to the Foundation. You will have noted that our Government has recently become concerned about the rate of suicide in New Zealand, especially that involving young people aged under 25 years. (Over 600 young people took their own lives in a recent one-year period.)

YNZF has chosen to hold your donation for the publication and distribution of our resource Gemstones 2 until there is clarity as to how Government consultants, currently reviewing 'best practice', recommend that agencies respond to this most serious youth crisis: We may need to modify our material.

Our education consultant is currently reviewing and amending our original Gemstones 1 material to meet the new standards, and could therefore provide greater flexibility to teachers, counsellors and parents of the young people they are dealing with.

- CWS Philippines - Rebuilding Homes and Livelihoods after Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines \$5,753



CWS report: Local people built a brand new market run by the farmers themselves. More is on offer and money is staying in the community. The market is part of a plan to improve the local economy and family livelihoods. 94.98% of homes were damaged or destroyed in the 2013 super typhoon along with many livelihoods. Part of the community, Developers runs workshops and training programmes, so people know about climate change and are better prepared for rising sea levels

As the receipts add up for the year we see Mission Birthday is still very much used as a tool for raising money for mission. Thank you to Bev Quigley in Timaru who continues to send out the envelopes.

Thank you for collecting used stamps in your area. The sales add to the ways Presbyterian Women raise money for our mission activities.

This is money raised from 'Mission Birthday Gifts' and the sale of used stamps.

The current priorities of PCC are:

- PCC with its 27-member churches in 17 island states has offered strong leadership in 2016. In April, General Secretary François Pihaatae ran a formation workshop with the Cook Islands Church Leaders that led to Synod statements on: gender based violence, same sex marriage, climate change, burying their dead at sea and new emerging churches disturbing the observance of Good Friday and Easter Sunday. For the first time a PCC youth worker introduced regional and ecumenical perspective in the CCIC Youth event.

With Sirino Rakabi and Neanette Pene, François organised the Fiji Wansolwara Rebirth production involving 54 young people of various ethnicities, ages, genders and religious groups in drama and choir in September following on from an earlier event in the Solomon Islands. The production highlighted people's responsibility as custodians and protectors of the land and stories. Its central focus was on self-determination for West Papua and the urgency of climate justice for the Pacific. PCC along with PIANGO (Pacific Island Association of NGOs) and PANG (Pacific Network on Globalisation) held a weeklong campaign on West Papua, culminating in a vigil where the Morning Star flag of West Papua was raised before being confiscated from PCC land by the Central Police Station in Suva. In October, PCC participated in an interfaith conference in Papua New Guinea involving 32 church leaders and 6 West Papuans, which developed the Goroka Statement on West Papua. Churches are advocating for West Papua with their governments.

PCC has continued its research and discussions on human rights in relation to climate change forced relocation. Workshops on climate change, disaster risk reduction and resilience were run in the Solomon Islands and Maohi Nui, Tahiti. In Fiji regional workshops were held for young people, and a second for church leaders resulted in the Tokatoka Declaration. A staff member attended the WCC Climate Change Working Group meeting in Palestine in May and the COP22-UNFCCC in Turkey in November as well as the World Humanitarian Summit in Turkey in May and a follow-up event in Geneva in June.

With the Fiji Women's Crisis Centre, PCC ran the first male advocacy training for members of the Fiji Council of Churches to address gender based violence in August. The plan is to run similar training events in the Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Samoa and Kiribati.

Gillian Southey, CWS 25 August 2017

✖ Hamlin Fistula NZ

\$5,000

Hamlin Charitable Fistula Hospitals Trust is a Kiwi charity, with the support of Dr Catherine Hamlin, to raise funds for the Hamlin work in Ethiopia. Initially this was for fistula surgery and establishing five outlying regional hospitals. With the introduction of midwifery training in 2007, HFNZ has moved to primarily supporting midwifery centres.

Ethiopia is the tenth largest country in Africa. The population is fast-approaching 100 million with half under 15 years of age. There are many different tribes and groups with over 70 languages and 400 dialects. Ethiopia is one of the world's poorest nations. The average life expectancy is only 42 years. Currently, one out of every 27 Ethiopian women end up dying during child birth.

More than 70% of all maternal deaths are due to five major complications: haemorrhage, infection, unsafe abortion, hypertensive disorders of pregnancy, and obstructed labour. There are many factors that affect the outcome of pregnancy from the onset of any obstetric complication. The outcome is most adversely affected by delayed treatment. Delay in treatment is the result of many factors.

The tragedy is that these women die not from disease but during the normal, life-enhancing process of procreation. Most of these deaths could be avoided if preventive measures were taken and adequate care was available. Maternal death is an indicator of disparity and inequity between men and women and its extent a sign of women's place in society and their access to social, health, and nutrition services and to economic opportunities.



✗ SAMOA VICTIM SUPPORT GROUP TOOMAGA MO E PUAPUAGATIA \$5,000

Samoa Victim Support Group (SVSG) was established in 2005 whose mission is to provide integrated, personalised, professional service to all survivors of crime.

Initially set up to care, support, and help victims of sexual crimes, SVSG saw after the first few cases it handled, that victims of other areas also sought to get help. As such, SVSG has now extended its arms to embrace victims in any area of need, whether it be domestic violence, harassment in the work place, victims of poverty, etc.

SVSG now supports a diverse range of services to provide the best possible assistance to victims of crimes and those in need.

- Case Work - referrals from other agencies
- Counselling
- Shelter - provides housing for those who have been victimized.
- Home School - "An alternative education to help ease the transition for illiterate children into formal education."
- Medical Evacuation
- Advocacy and Public Awareness - eg project titled 'Economic Empowerment of 'Nofotane' Women in Rural Samoa addressing gender equality issues faced by women, with specific focus on nofotane women.

A nofotane woman will always be a nofotane; the project is not attempting to change this cultural aspect of the FaaSamoa. The project merely aims to improve the economic empowerment of women and to increase their participation in domestic and community matters, as these are some of the most important contributing factors to achieving gender equality." Siliniu Lina Chang, SVSG President.



**Public transport driving home
the NO to Violence messages**



**Women taking part in a 3 day
training workshop**

Thank you for your support and feedback. **Sally Russell Missions Convenor**

United Nations Report

The full report from the PWANZ delegation to CSW61 at the United Nations is available in a separate booklet.

It has been an amazing privilege to serve PWANZ as your United Nations Convenor for the past four years. The work has been ongoing all year and every year, steadily growing but very rewarding. It has been exciting, challenging, at times demanding, often frustrating but overall a wonderfully life changing experience.

I have discovered many things about our ministry as Presbyterian women here in New Zealand as well as our influence as a faith based organization internationally. I have also learned a great deal about working in national and international forums and how to make our PW's voices more effective and have discovered many different ways to network in familiar and unfamiliar places, to debate issues with confidence, and find new ways to ensure women and girls are empowered to realize their full potential wherever they are.

To be deeply involved in this UN cycle as the UN Millennium Goals were reviewed and revised and the new UN Sustainable Development Goals were negotiated and agreed at CSW61 was fascinating. The needs of the women of the world are now be threaded through every SD Goal. These will hopefully be realized by 2030 with 'no one left behind.'

I have greatly appreciated . . .

The ongoing and growing interest from the women of the church
Encouragement from past UN Convenors, APW leaders and our older wise women.
The contact with and interest of younger women and girls through our churches.
The responsiveness from national and local women's community networks.
The interest and support from so many varied groups in the wider community.
The regular liaison with national and international NGO's and the Ministry for Women.
The ecumenical friendships and networks here and internationally.
The small UN teams who have given me their ongoing support during the year.
Initiating the inaugural PW Women's Assembly and our report to the GA16 highlighting the work of PWANZ and the many current issues facing women in the PCANZ.
The ongoing friendship received from our PWANZ delegation members.
Seeing the UN portfolio ripples reach far beyond the margins of the PCANZ.
The opportunities I have been given to highlight our involvement at the Commission.
The support of the Advisory Board, Transition Team and newer members of the Executive.
And above all having the ability to give women and girls the opportunity to attend the UN Commissions on the Status of Women in New York. CSW 58, 59, 60, and 61.

I am delighted that two former members of our PWANZ delegations to the UN Commissions follow on from me after the annual meeting. Both Dr AnneMarie Tangney and Dr Mavis Duncanson will not only carry on the national and international work which has grown

substantially in the last four years but both will willingly offer their own expertise and work together to bring their diverse skill base to the United Nations role. They are talented and extraordinary women of faith who actively serve in their respective congregations and in their own wider community networks nationally and internationally.

I wish them every blessing and my full support as they begin a new chapter at the UN.

The Rev Carol L. Grant, PWANZ United Nations Convenor

Northern Ambassador

The position of PWANZ ambassador to the Northern Presbytery area sounds a little grand, but is rather difficult in an area where PWANZ is little known, and the change from APW has been resisted by older members.

I send the e version of Bushfire to Presbytery and it is sent out with other Presbytery communications, and occasionally I get positive feedback. I also forward Bushfire to younger women who I think may be interested. I find the United Nations initiative, which sometimes fails to capture the interest of our older members, is the easiest part of the publication to highlight. I attend Presbytery meetings as well as meetings of the Northern region of Northern Presbytery and wish that there were representatives in the other regions.

As I think back to the beginnings of APW and remember the resistance to change on the part of older PWMU members, I recognise similar resistance today on the part of our faithful older members who are struggling to grasp PWANZ, but personally, I am excited about the initiatives which our movement now has to offer.

My prayer is that younger women will be enthused and excited by the friendship, service and mission initiatives of our movement and carry it forward in God's service.

Rae Simpson, Northern Ambassador

Central Ambassador

Meetings/gatherings I have attended:

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| <p>1) Central Presbytery Gathering 25th -26th March at St Albans, PN. I attended as a representative of PWANZ. Though our group was not fully known or acknowledged, we managed to fellowship with our PWANZ members from Hawkes Bay and PN. The topic was "Reforming Then and Now" for the 2 days gatherings. I gained an insight view and Biblical understanding of the following papers I attended.</p> <p>1) "Uncovering the treasure" <i>Finding</i> the good news in the Bible. Luther's LawGospel Distinction by Dr Pauline Sumonsen. 2) "<i>Climate Change</i>" Our failure to care for the earth by Dr Kevin Tate and 3) "An introduction to Christian Mindfulness" Dr Rebekah Jourdain.</p> |
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2) **Central Presbytery 2nd Gathering** August 19th – 20th at St John's in the City. The same day, I got invited to the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of Niue Presbyterian Church; Kilbirnie (*Rev. F & Mrs L Liuvaie*). The official opening and the blessing was led by Niuean ministers, which was a memorable day full festivity and cultural performances. In the afternoon, I took off to St Johns to support my husband's (*Perema Leasi*) presentation/paper on the "The diversity of growth and nourishment in our PIPC Porirua parish, through "pastoral care", practical ministry and the connectivity of our diversity and ethnic groups. Pastoral care activities are spiritual, social and cultural. One God, one Faith, one Love, one Family, and one Community that connects our cultures in all its diversity.

3) **National Council of Women of New Zealand** Saturday 20th May; Members meeting in Wellington on "Building a shared understanding of gender equality". The overview of governance motions by the Board was with no amendments but just to clarify and to create some cultural changes via management body to operate ourselves through an operational model to strengthen its membership strategies. This way will attract funding to provide resources; according to Vanisa Dhiru (president NCWNZ).

4) **AGM of UN Women National Committee**

Saturday 30th September at St Andrews in the Terrace led by Barbara Williams (president). Two Presentations; by 1) Eleanor Butterworth, NZ Rugby Project Manager (respect and responsibility) emphasising the love and hope options when making visible of people's and women's right, especially minority group. 2nd presenter was Lauren Jack (a Wellington High School student) who petitioned Parliament on the importance of consent education on 9th August. The purpose of this UN committee is to "*support the women in developing countries through the work of UN Women through the innovative projects empowering women in the Pacific region in line with national and regional priorities*" (B William's report, 2017). I then voiced a notion (on behalf of Pacific women who were there) to consider taking us on board as an initiative to represent Pacific women (NZ and the Pacific) in this committee. This was well supported and agreed by all. Another task for me to work on from now on until the next meeting/gatherings.

Soifua

Faaolataga (Ola) Leasi

Regional and Group Reports 2017 - highlights

Kapiti Uniting Parish (abridged)

A variety of speakers over the last year including a presentation from "Loved 4 Life", National Council of Women Convenor, and Soroptimists. Financial support was made to Guide Dog puppies and the Least Coin plus gifts at Christmas to Women's Refuge.

Cambridge Union Parish Women's Fellowship (abridged)

".. the Fellowship is closed as of today [28 June 2017] the members have agreed", following this decision funds were distributed to Solomon Island water scheme, Chaplaincy, Westpac Helicopter, Leprosy Mission, Least Coin and Special Project.

Greymouth Uniting Church Women's Fellowship (abridged)

"...need to reaffirm each year that Women's Fellowship meetings continue to bring joyful sharing to our members" with monthly activities including Community & Public Health Promoter on Aging Well, immigrating from Czechoslovakia, craft and exercise.

Te Aroha Combined Women's Fellowship, Te Aroha (abridged)

The monthly programme is arranged by a different person and has been varied with handcrafts, speaker on "Stricken with Stroke", and lots of reminiscing while "spring cleaning" a Church cupboard.

Eastport Road Fellowship, Te Aroha (abridged)

Meet monthly over a cup of tea, reflecting on social issues ranging over the gender pay gap, and the Special Project. Have met for meal and concert, with other women's groups and catered for regional forums.

St John's in the City Fellowship Group, Wellington (abridged)

Have followed the theme of the Women's Assembly with devotions about scripture reference to water. Fundraising totalled \$800 over the year, with a variety of programmes that included tales from Indonesian trip, personal tales from Wahine shipwreck survivors, and shared meals.

Hawkes Bay Presbyterial (abridged)

Held four meetings through the year representing four churches, with gatherings highlighting the Special Project and the opening of the Heretaunga Women's Centre. Numbers are growing fewer but volunteers step forward to keep functioning.

St Columba's Taradale Women's Fellowship (abridged)

A varied programme with presentations on Bahrain, from a Health Manager with the Hawkes Bay District Health Board, from St John's Association. Donations were made to Least Coin, Leg Up Trust, Parkinson Hawkes Bay, Presbyterian Support East Coast – Enliven, and Women's Refuge.

St David's Khyber Pass Auckland (abridged)

Monthly meeting for members, with Chinese speaking congregation joining in. Music focus with pianist, bagpiper, and harmonica, and games competition of petanque and rummikub. Planted white ribbons beside the Church to show opposition to family violence, and had a tour of the Foodbank operation at St David's, plus a presentation from the facilitator on an Anger Management programme.

Knox Women's Fellowship, Whakatane (abridged)

Formality decreases, but the Group provides opportunities for fellowship and service within the church and community e.g. toiletries to the Whakatane Hospital wards, knitted woollen blankets to those in need in the community, Bernina sewing machine to Onesua Presbyterian College in Vanuatu, funds to Edgecumbe flood victims, and girls' home in North India.

"As a group, we VALUE fellowship- women arrive early to chat and dawdle over afternoon tea at the end of meetings.

We gain our STRENGTH & SUSTENANCE from our Christian faith and the support and encouragement we share with each other.

Our STRUGGLE is to attract younger members. But we have made our afternoon meetings less formal and numbers attending have increased. We have a wide range of speakers.

For our annual SPECIAL PROJECT, we invite women from other churches and are delighted that some join us for the programme."

Eveline - Eveline Presbyterian Church (Waitaki Parish) (abridged)

Entertainment provided to each of the Groups has been a mix of presentations on collecting, trip to Tonga, the first women missionaries, Victorian dress, Civil Defence, and Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Fund-raising has gifted money to the Tear Fund, Least Coin, and the Special Project.

St John's PWA Group, Rotorua

1. Fellowship, wisdom of older members, stimulation from each other and from the Speakers we have.
2. Laughter, leadership, food, sharing in all ways.
3. Attracting new/younger members, leadership.
4. Knitting "Teddies for Tragedies" an idea that was introduced to PWA many years ago. We have one member who has knitted dozens and dozens of teddies over the years. The involvement of members in different community activities.

St John's Church was burnt down in Feb 2017 and the Group has managed a full programme of speakers without a Church home and now meet on Fenton Street in the Creche.

Palmerston Presbyterian Women (abridged)

Have small, friendly lunch meetings regularly with presentations that have included topics on coal mining at Shag Point, travel to Canada, the Tawhiti Museum in Taranaki and made distribution of spring flowers, and gifts.

St Andrews Coffee Group, Gore (abridged)

An average of 20 people has attended a programme of speakers and activities, including St John's Ambulance, a sing-a-long with history of the origins of the song, teaching in the Australian outback, travel in Uganda, Scouting jamboree, and the local pharmacist.

Knox Women's Morning Group, Dannevirke (abridged)

We are a small group but we value each other and we are getting new members each month which is great. Our guest speakers included a local SPCA member and we support Leprosy Mission.

Avondale Union Parish English Speaking Women's Fellowship:

- 1) We value fellowship and a chance to talk.
- 2) Food - physical and spiritual gives us strength. We enjoy sharing devotions.
- 3) Membership numbers are always a challenge.

Pacific Island Congregation, Porirua

Fellowship – worship service – coming together and sharing ideas, sharing of good and bad times. Having fun

- * Range of fellowship - activities, casual conversation, informal sharing of ideas, cultural values and beliefs being practiced and being actioned which strengthen the 'coming together' nature of our group
- * We pray, we sing, we preach, we meditate, we cry, we laugh, we play card games, we gossip, we giggle, we share tears and joy, we debate then we mended again.
- * Elderly mothers are the ones who had the final say to our decision making as a sign of respect and the cultural appropriate approach.
- * The young mothers pay attention to their words of wisdom and advice.
- * The variety of workshops and activities enhance the values of being together and inspire them to attend weekly activities regardless of the weather (we meet weekly on every Monday nights)
- * Social/fundraiser activities like card games, dominoes, and pop-corn nights are the 'fun' ones where we share silly old jokes and have a hard-out-laughing night at the hall! * We have booked 2 dinners per year and the mothers really looking forward to those dinners and we play our island music at restaurants where palagi people wouldn't mind but enjoyed watching us dancing, singing and eating at the same-time.

What gives our group strength and sustenance is understanding each other's culture, our difference, support from each other, caring for each other

- * The 'open-mind' opportunity been given to the mothers to practice 'freedom of expressions' and teaching them they are entitle to their views and voices to be heard in the group. * The diversity of cultural values and the 3 languages is used in worship services, Bible studies, meetings, workshops and so forth, in line with English.
- * The great support of our Youth Ministry to our activities such as fundraiser and games night.
- * Leadership skills that are flexible, humble, manageable and approachable where I have to 'balance' all what is required, age-diff, cultural diffs, personality diffs, attitude diffs and ability diffs so we can all arrive to a fair decision, fair play, fair sharing, for all one heart, one faith, one spirit and one God!

• What does your group struggle with? * Decreasing in numbers

- * Acceptance of a different culture, (our younger women) view of doing something different from the usual
- * Making and implementing 'changes' is a bit challenge where the oldies prefer no changes, however we implement suitable strategies that are culturally appropriate for the changes to be happen. Once they see the 'new' arena in place they appreciate it, so it's a trial and error approach.
- * When approaching the group, there's a protocol to take in order to set the scene step by step before we propose a new idea or changes to be in place, once the mothers are fully informed (culturally, socially and educationally) they will accept and agree to the new ideas, proposal or changes for the betterment of the group's mission.

Halfway Bush Women's Fellowship, Dunedin (abridged)

Have held 3 evening and 5 lunchtime meetings contributing to mission projects that include knitting for Mongolian prisoners, food bank, making and distributing marmalade at Christmas. Talks to the group from stone sculptor, favourites books, WW1 memories.

Riverton Women's Fellowship (abridged)

Twenty members have participated in a range of activities from card-making, knitting and sewing for Plunket, Christmas decorations. Plus presentations on personal experiences "under the Arabian skies", supporting families of those with mental illness, and competing in the Master Games.

St Andrews Women's Fellowship, Balclutha (abridged)

Have changed meetings to the afternoon with an increase in attendance. Talks have included the history of the Church bell, building a girls' school in Thailand, competing in the London marathon, women in accountancy, and travels in Israel.

Upper Clutha Presbyterian

What do we value in the group? Fellowship; friendship; service in old age; Helps to maintain an interest in mission; Remember we are part of a longstanding woman's group in the PANZ some remember PWMU and being in Busy Bees!

Strength and sustenance? Friendship again; joining in and not just being a pew warmer; enjoy the monthly meetings; gives a special link with the congregation when we cater for funerals etc, and call on others apart from PW group to help. At the moment there is much energy as we are planning to hold a Dessert and Coffee evening as a fund raiser for mission local and overseas

What do we struggle with? Recruiting younger women to join. There is a Mission Abroad team started up in the church about a year ago and some younger women go to that but the young mothers always say they are too busy for anything like that. Many do help in Mainly Music. Our numbers are growing as there are new folk who are coming to the Retirement village who are joining with the PW Group.

Performance Report

The Charities Commission has introduced an updated performance reporting requirement which not only gives the financial report but also non-financial information, such as purpose and activities and gives a more balanced view of our performance. PWANZ reports using the Tier 4 format and this is the second year that we have reported in this way.

Presbyterian Women Aotearoa New Zealand

Statement of Receipts and Payments

"Who are we?" "Why do we exist?"

For the year ended: 30 June 2017

Legal Name of Entity:*	Presbyterian Women Aotearoa New Zealand
Other Name of Entity (if any):	PWANZ
Type of Entity and Legal Basis (if any):*	Registered Charity
Registration Number:	CC52474

Entity's Purpose or Mission: *

Presbyterian Women Aotearoa New Zealand is an autonomous body alongside the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand, and advocates for and supports women both within the church and in the local, New Zealand and international community.

Entity Structure: *

Presbyterian Women Aotearoa New Zealand is an autonomous body alongside the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand (PCANZ) and membership is open to all women and girls of the Presbyterian church including those from Uniting and Co-operating parishes. Membership is either through parishes or directly as an individual member. PWANZ has 640 individual members, 30 groups and 2 regional Presbyteries.

An Executive of at least four elected financial members and a maximum of seven is elected by members at the annual general meeting. In the 2016/17 year four executive positions were filled at the AGM and one co-opted during the year.

Main Sources of the Entity's Cash and Resources:*

Revenue from member donations and interest income from bank accounts

Main Methods Used by the Entity to Raise Funds:*

Member donations

Entity's Reliance on Volunteers and Donated Goods or Services: *

Executive members are volunteers apart from Administrator who is paid contractor and at the local group level all organisers are volunteers.

Presbyterian Women Aotearoa New Zealand

Statement of Receipts and Payments

"What did we do?" For the year ended: 30 June 2017

Description of the Entity's Outcomes:

PWANZ seeks to unite in prayer, study, fellowship and service in making a Christian witness in home, church and community, to support the work of partner churches in worldwide and evangelism. A special project with one overseas partner through CWS, the development, justice and aid agency of several protestant churches including PCANZ and one New Zealand project is the major focus each year.

	Actual*	Actual*
Description and Quantification (to the extent practicable) of the Entity's Outputs:*	This Year	Last Year
Emergency Aid	\$ 500	
Special Projects	\$ 19,175	
Mission Birthday Gifts distributed to various organisations both overseas and in NZ	\$ 16,200	
Education Grants	\$ 1,562	
Communication Monthly Bushfire newsletter - 11 copies per year Facebook PCANZ website PCANZ e-letter Bush Telegraph	sent to 271 65 likes 771 visits sent to 1100	30 likes



The 2017 PWANZ UN Delegation at the NZ Mission Breakfast in New York

**Presbyterian Women Aotearoa New Zealand
Statement of Receipts and Payments**

"How was it funded?" and "What did it cost?"

For the year ended: 30 June 2017

Operating Receipts	2017	
Donations, fundraising etc.	\$ 31,344	\$ 39,495
Fees, subscriptions and other	\$ 9,797	\$ 10,007
Interest, Dividends and other	\$ 6,095	\$ 9,292
Other operating receipts	\$ 130	\$ -
Grants	\$ -	\$ 10,000
Total Operating Receipts	\$ 47,366	\$ 68,794
Operating Payments		
Volunteer and employee	\$ 28,724	\$ 32,073
Payments related to G & S	\$ 1,209	\$ 451
Grants and donations paid	\$ 38,640	\$ 31,353
Other operating payments	\$ 1,265	\$ 1,359
Total Operating Payments	\$ 69,838	\$ 65,236
Operating Surplus / Deficit)	\$(22,472)	\$ 3,558
Increase / (Decrease) in Bank	\$(22,472)	\$ 3,558
Bank at beg of Financial Year	\$286,080	\$ 282,522
Bank at end of Financial Year	\$263,608	\$ 286,080
Represented by:		
Cheque accounts	\$ 5,363	\$ 5,805
Savings accounts	\$ 75,565	\$ 97,595
Term Deposits	\$182,680	\$ 182,680
Total Bank End of Financial Year	\$ 263,608	\$ 286,080

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Notes to the Performance Report

For the year ended: 30 June 2017

Note 2: Analysis of Receipts "How was it funded?"

	2017	2016
Fundraising receipts		
Emergency Aid	\$ 545	\$ 563
Mission Birthday Gifts	\$ 8,825	\$ 17,002
Stamp sales	\$ 758	\$ 1,971
Turakina	\$ 0	\$ 345
Special Project	\$ 20,630	\$ 19,174
Braided River	\$ 24	\$ 0
Jagadhri Nursing Scholarship	\$ 562	\$ 439
Total	\$ 31,344	\$39,494
Grants and donations		
Council for World Mission	\$ -	\$ 10,000
Total	\$ -	\$ 10,000
Fees, subscriptions & other receipts from members		
Fees and subscriptions members	\$ 5,739	\$ 8,417
Annual Reports	\$ -	\$ 10
Donations, koha	\$ 1,189	\$ 700
Newsletter (Gleanings)	\$ -	\$ 35
UN Mission	\$ 440	\$ 845
Women's Assembly 2017	\$ 1,700	\$ 0
Annual General Meeting	\$ 730	\$ 0
Total	\$ 9,797	\$ 10,007
Interest, dividends and other investment income receipts		
Interest: Bequests	\$ 3,771	\$ 4,969
Interest: Savings	\$ 2,324	\$ 4,324
Total	\$ 6,093	\$ 9,293

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Notes to the Performance Report

For the year ended: 30 June 2017

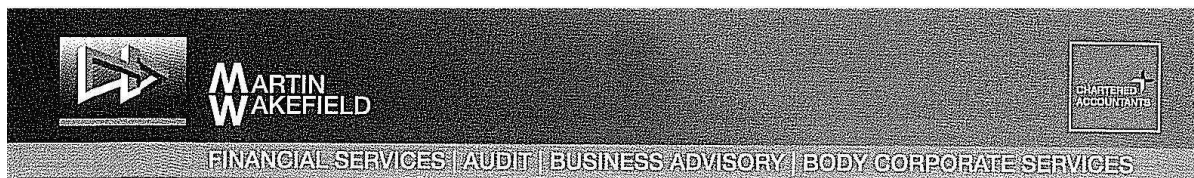
Note 3: Analysis of Payments "What did it cost?"

	2017	2016
Volunteer and employee related payments		
Administration Services	\$ 9,860	\$15,300
UN – travel & expenses	\$ 10,733	\$10,277
Travel	\$ 2,053	\$ 5,884
Allowances	\$ -	\$ 112
Conferences	\$ 426	\$ 500
GA16	\$994	
WA17 Retreat	\$3,176	
PWANZ AGM	\$1,482	
Total	\$ 28,724	\$ 32,073
Payments relating to providing goods or services		
Office Expenses	\$ 527	\$ 291
Postage – PO Box	\$ 288	\$ 160
Insurance	\$ 343	\$ -
Charities Services Registration	\$ 51	
Total	\$1,209	\$ 451
Grants and donations paid		
Emergency Aid	\$ 500	\$ -
Jagadhri	\$ 562	\$ 439
Mission Birthday	\$ 16,200	\$ 5,000
Study Grant	\$ -	\$ -
Turakina	\$1,000	\$ -
Special Project 2015/2016	\$ 5,753	\$
Special Project 2014/2015	\$13,422	\$ 25,914
Special Project Costs	\$ 1,203	\$ -
Total	\$ 38,640	\$ 31,353
Other operating payments		
Bank Fees	\$ 40	\$ 40
Subscriptions	\$ 147	\$ 244
Audit Fees	\$ 1,058	\$ 1,075
Total	\$ 1,263	\$ 1,359

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	2017	2016
Trust Funds		
Auckland Manse Account	\$ 60,275	\$ 60,275
Cowan and Johnson Bequest	\$ 1,719	\$ 1,719
M I Glendinning Bequest	\$ 4,499	\$ 4,499
Margaret Hewitson Memorial Fund	\$ 15,634	\$ 15,634
R Strang Bequest	\$ 389	\$ 389
A C Cunningham Bequest	\$ 11,977	\$ 11,977
Annie Permin Post Grad Bequest	\$ 10,209	\$ 10,209
J E Price Bequest	\$ 5,298	\$ 5,298
Total Trust Funds	\$ 110,000	\$ 110,000

Independent Assurance Practitioner's Review Report



INDEPENDENT ASSURANCE PRACTITIONER'S REVIEW REPORT

To the Members of Presbyterian Women Aotearoa New Zealand

Report on the Financial Statements

We have reviewed the accompanying performance report of Presbyterian Women Aotearoa New Zealand, which comprises the entity information, statement of service performance statement of receipts and payments, for the year ended 30 June 2017, the statement of resources and commitments as at 30 June 2017, and the statement of accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Committee Responsibility for the Financial Statements

- a) Identifying outcomes and outputs, and quantifying the outputs to the extent practicable, that are relevant, reliable, comparable and understandable, to report in the statement of service performance;
- b) the preparation and fair presentation of the performance report which comprises:
 - the entity information; and
 - the statement of receipts and payments statement of resources and commitments, statement of accounting policies and notes to the performance report in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting – Cash (Not-For-Profit) issued in New Zealand by the New Zealand External Reporting Board, and
- c) for such internal control as the Committee determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the performance report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Assurance Practitioner's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the performance report. We conducted our review of the performance report in accordance with International Standard on Review Engagements (New Zealand) (ISRE (NZ)) 2400 (Revised), Review of Historical Financial Statements Performed by an Assurance Practitioner who is not the Auditor of the Entity, and the review of the entity information.

Those standards require us to conclude whether anything has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the performance report, taken as a whole, is not prepared in all material respects in accordance with the Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting – Cash (Not-For-Profit). Those standards also require that we comply with ethical requirements.

A review of the performance report in accordance with ISRE (NZ) 2400(Revised) is a limited assurance engagement. We will perform procedures, primarily consisting of making enquiries of management and others within the entity, as appropriate, and applying analytical procedures, and evaluate the evidence obtained. The procedures selected depend on our judgement, including the areas identified where a material misstatement is likely to arise and includes performing procedures to obtain evidence and evaluating whether the reported outcomes and outputs, and quantification of the outputs to the extent practicable, are relevant, reliable, comparable and understandable. The procedures performed in a review are substantially less than those performed in an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand). Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion on the performance report.

Other than in our capacity as assurance practitioner we have no relationship with, or interests in, Presbyterian Women Aotearoa New Zealand.

Conclusion

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that:

The performance report is not prepared, in all material respects in accordance with Tier 4 PBE:

- the statement of resources and commitments of Presbyterian Women Aotearoa New Zealand as at 30 June 2017, and its , statement of receipts and payments for the year then ended; and
- the entity information for the year then ended in accordance with Public Benefit Entity Simple Format Reporting – Cash (Not-For-Profit)

Restriction on Distribution or Use

Our Review work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Members and Committee those matters which we are required to state to them in a Reviewer's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Members and Committee for our Review work, for this report or for the opinions we have formed.

Signature: Martin Wakekelelo

Address: Canon Street, Timaru

Date: 25 July 2017

