



Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand

FINANCE NEWSLETTER 124

TO: Parish and Presbytery Treasurers
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1. Correction to July Newsletter

Thank you to those who pointed out my error in the July newsletter regarding the revised GST calculation from 1 October, proving to me that I should check my work more carefully and that this communication is read.

The calculation when converting a GST inclusive amount to a net amount should be made by dividing the gross amount by 7.666 (not 6.666 as I stated). Using the example from the July Newsletter:

Gross	575.00
GST	75.00 (Gross / 7.666)
Net	500.00

My apologies for the error.

2. Seniority Allowance Calculation

I have recently had some correspondence regarding the commencement of entitlement of ministers seniority allowance. There is a calculation table posted on the PCANZ website under Ministers Stipend. It sets out seniority allowance entitlement at each band of years of service. For clarity, the heading of column A should read "Ministers Years of Completed Service". This means for example that a minister is not entitled to seniority allowance until s/he has served two years of completed service, and so on up through the bands:

2 - 5 years completed service:	6% of basic stipend
6 - 10 years completed service:	12% of basic stipend
11 or more years completed service:	18% of basic stipend

3. PIF Interest Rate Increase

The Church Property Trustees advise that Presbyterian Investment Fund interest rate is due to rise to 5.25% from 1 September

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