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Welcome

Welcome to our March newsletter! It's hard to believe how quickly time is flying by - we are already a quarter of the way through the year!

This month's newsletter has lots of information in it which we hope will be helpful. We have added a question and answer section to the newsletter this month. Here we will publish questions we have received during the month, and our answers to them. Please let us know if this is helpful, or if you have any suggestions of other information you would like to see included. We value your feedback.

Payroll

Payday Filing – a final reminder

All treasurers should now be aware of, and prepared for, the changes the IRD are introducing to payroll filing from 1 April 2019. To avoid penalties, you must switch to payday filing by 1 April 2019. For more detailed information on payroll filing, please refer to last month's newsletter.

To assist with any questions you may have, we have set up an 0800 number. This will put you through to a payroll specialist who will be able to answer any payroll questions you have. The number to call is:

0800 567 957

We are providing this service free of charge to all parishes over April and May. Please make the most of this opportunity. If you find this service helpful, let us know and we will look at extending it beyond these two months.



Statistical Information

All parishes should now have sent in their statistical information as at June 2018. If any parish has not yet sent this in, can you please do so by 31 March? In the first week of April we will be publishing this information on our website. Please check this and ensure it is correct.

If you have any questions or disagree with the information, please contact Katrina Graham at katrina@presbyterian.org.nz.

Charities Act Review

You may be aware that a review of the Charities Act is currently taking place. This is an important opportunity to have your say about how well you feel the current Act is working.

Below are links to two documents that summarise the scope of the review and the impacts this may have. *Modernising the Charities Act 2005 Quick Read* from the Department of Internal Affairs and gives an overview of the review. The second is a document, put together by Sue Barker and Dave Henderson, summarises potential issues with the current regime and how these could be improved.

- [Modernising the Charities Act Quick Read](#)
- [Review of the Charities Act - Why you should get involved](#)

Submissions need to be in by the 30th of April. A link to the submission form is included in the quick read document.

Presbyterian Church Beneficiary Fund – new ESCT rate

All treasurers should have received a letter from Melville Jessup Weaver earlier this month advising that a new ESCT rate may apply from 1 April 2019 for their ministers. [Letter from Melville Jessup Weaver](#)



Questions and Answers

This is a new section in the newsletter where we highlight questions received from parishes during the month and provide answers. If one parish has asked the question many may be wondering the same thing.

Question:

Our current interim moderator uses a motor scooter as his form of transport. We were just wondering if there is a different rate of mileage for this?

Answer:

The mileage rate for reimbursement of expenses does not cover motor scooters. To quote IRD

“The rate applies irrespective of engines size or whether your vehicle is powered by a petrol, diesel or hybrid engine. It does not apply to motorcycles.”

Below is a link to the IRD website which discusses this more fully.

[IRD mileage information](#)

Please note that ministers or employees can be reimbursed for use of their own vehicle for travel of a work nature, but this does not include travelling to and from home.

