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Welcome to the July edition

For many of us July is a busy month where the focus turns to the financial year end and all that that brings with it. We appreciate that this is a busy time, and want to remind you that we are here to assist wherever possible.

All presbyteries now have treasurer support roles in place - contact them for help. In addition, Martyn Vincent (martyn@presbyterian.org.nz), Katrina Graham (katrina@presbyterian.org.nz) and myself, at Assembly Office, are happy to assist in any way we can.

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Financial Year End: What you need to know

As you will be aware, June 2020 is the first year we will be attempting to prepare consolidated financial statements for the Presbyterian Church as a group. This is a large task and involves the pulling together of over 500 individual entities into one set of financial statements.

Because this is the first year, we need to acknowledge that it will be a learning year, and will come with some highs and lows. We will not achieve 100 percent, but we will provide a good base to work from going forward.

Over recent months, the consolidation team has received many questions from treasurers asking for confirmation of what the National Office needs for year end. We have summarised this for you below.

For all Parishes - Presbyterian or UCANZ

- For this year (to June 2020) all parishes will need to file their own financial statements with Charities Services in the same way as previous years. As we are unlikely to achieve consolidating 100% of our related entities, Charities Services has requested that we delay setting up group reporting with Charities. This means all parishes will need to file returns individually.
- For this year (to June 2020) all parishes will need to have their accounts audited or reviewed in the same way as previous years. This requirement comes from the Book of Order and requires a decision of General Assembly to change. We will be looking to have this updated at GA 2021 to allow us to centralise the audit / review process.



Xero users

If you use Xero and have given us access, then all we need is for you to have sent your bank confirmation request to your bank. Apart from that - rest easy, and thank you for helping us make the consolidation as easy as possible! If you use Xero and have not yet given us access, we would love you to do so. For details please email martyn@presbyterian.org.nz

UCANZ Parishes

Please send us the same information we have requested from the Presbyterian Churches. We need your trial balances and bank account details by **20 August 2020**.

Non -Xero users

If your parish does not use Xero, or has not yet provided access, please send us:

- Details of your bank account numbers (to assist in matching to the bank confirmation letters we have received)
- A csv or excel copy of your trial balance for BOTH 2019 and 2020.

Please send these to your presbytery treasurer support person. We need your 2019 trial balance NOW and your 2020 trial balance by 20 August 2020.

DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THEY HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY YOUR PARISH COUNCIL. IT DOES NOT MATTER IF FIGURES ARE NOT FINALISED.

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	\$19.25
Plus GST	<u>\$2.88</u>
	\$22.13

Standard Subscription:	\$60.00
Less 30% discount	<u>(\$18.00)</u>
	\$42.00
Plus GST	<u>\$6.30</u>
	\$48.30

Premium Subscription:	\$75.00
Less 30% discount	<u>(\$22.50)</u>
	\$52.50
Plus GST	<u>\$7.87</u>
	\$60.37

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Cashbook GST version:	\$18.00
Plus GST	<u>2.70</u>
	\$20.70

Cashbook non-GST version:	\$12.00
Plus GST	<u>1.80</u>
	\$13.80

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This discounted rate will not apply to parishes on the "cashbook" options.