



Presbyterian Church  
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## Welcome

Welcome to our April newsletter! I hope everybody had a restful Easter period and enjoyed time with friends and family. We have a wide variety of updates for you this month from defibrillators to Charities Act Submissions and Consolidation. We hope you find this helpful! Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or comments.

## Extension: Charity Act Submissions

**The deadline for submissions on the Charities Act review has been extended to 31 May 2019.**

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, the Charities Act is currently undergoing a review and inviting submissions from interested parties. A [discussion document](#) and a [quick read](#) to support public consultation were released and are worth reading. The review is technical but its impacts could be far reaching. An independent group have been working on behalf of the community sector to investigate the possible impacts and a copy of their document is available [here](#). This is a must read prior to making a submission. The Assembly Office will be making a submission on this review and encourage all parishes to do likewise.

## Consolidation of General Assembly's Annual Financial Statements – an update

You should recently have received an email advising of National Office's requirement to prepare consolidated Financial Statements. This consolidation is not optional and is required to comply with Financial Reporting Standards. This means that all parishes and presbyteries year-end financial statements need to be included within the National Office's statutory financial statements. We have obtained an exemption from this requirement from Charities Services for the current financial year to give us some



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time to put the processes into place. We will however, be completing a “practice” partial consolidation for the 2019 financial year.

I want to take this opportunity to reassure all treasurers that while this may require some new information gathering, it is not a responsibility which will fall solely on your shoulders. Nor does it in any way affect the stewardship of parish resources and funding. National Office and presbyteries will be working closely with all parishes providing hands on support and assistance.

For the 2019 year, we will be trialing the consolidation process with both Kaimai and Te Aka Puaho Presbyteries and taking what we learn to the other presbytery regions the following year. We have organised meetings for parishes within the Kaimai region for the 16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> of May and look forward to meeting local treasurers and session clerks then.

There will be many benefits to parishes provided by consolidation, and we look forward to explaining these to you at the road shows. Please try to attend if possible as it is a great opportunity to talk through the requirements and for us to hear your thoughts and ideas.

## St John defibrillator discount offer to churches

The St John organisation is offering 25% off their defibrillators to all churches, denominations and places of worship. Please [click here](#) for information on the use and advantages of having a defibrillator and [click here](#) for pricing and discount details.

### Funding Options

It is always good to have funding assistance when purchasing an item like an AED, here is a link to the Methodist [website](#), which has more information on both the defibrillator offer and the funding options available to assist in its purchase

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## Contact details

A final reminder to please check your parish contact details on the Presbyterian Church website <https://www.presbyterian.org.nz> and let Lynne O'Brian know if any changes are required, email [lynne@presbyterian.org.nz](mailto:lynne@presbyterian.org.nz) .

