



# Message from the Moderator

 Presbyterian Church  
of Aotearoa New Zealand

## **MODERATOR'S CYCLONE HAROLD VANUATU APPEAL**

Greetings

Thank you for opening your hearts to the people of Vanuatu in their time of great need. The generous response to the Moderator's appeal has raised over \$60,000.

The depth of our partnership with the Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu (PCV) is clear. Individuals and congregations the length and breadth of the country have given sacrificially at a time when our own economic circumstances have been under a dark cloud. Heart-warming letters have accompanied some donations, sharing fond memories of Presbyterian mission in Vanuatu dating back many years.

Our Global Mission Coordinator, Phil King, has been in discussion with PCV leadership about how the funds will be used, and \$8,000 has already been sent to assist the recovery of communities supported by the bush mission outreach on Santo Island.

The majority of the remaining appeal funds will most likely be shared among four presbyteries that sustained building damage, including Laurua, Santo, North Malekula and Ambrym (where my wife Ruth and I attended last year's PCV General Assembly).

These appeal funds are a timely boost as PCV members' ability to contribute to the cyclone recovery effort has been severely hampered by Covid-19. Vanuatu's economy relies heavily on tourism, and with the borders closed many businesses have been affected and jobs lost.

Although many in our Church would love to be there in person, the current situation makes it impossible for anyone to visit Vanuatu and lend hands-on support to the recovery effort.

However, the generous response to the appeal is a reassuring sign to our brothers and sisters in Vanuatu that we are alongside them both prayerfully and financially. I am sure this is great encouragement to them as they serve their communities and work towards recovery from the dual effects of Cyclone Harold and Covid-19.

Please remember the nation, the people, and the Presbyterian Church of Vanuatu in your prayers.

Blessings

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