

To: Session Clerks and Presbytery Clerks

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### **We would like your parish to take part in the Church Life Survey**

The Council of Assembly would like all parishes to take part in this year's Church Life Survey in November. This is an interdenominational survey that looks at the views of individual church members. The Council of Assembly has agreed to pay the cost for each parish to participate.

Each parish automatically receives a series of written reports of their results. These will provide valuable information about what your members think about your current programme and where your parish may be able to help them further. This could help you plan your activities, as well as helping Presbyteries and the national church to understand what is happening on the ground.

If your parish enters the survey answers through a very easy to use website, the survey will be free. If you would rather the data was collated by the survey organisers then your parish will need to pay 60 cents per completed survey form.

### **To take part we need you to enrol your parish now**

To take part parishes have to register through the Church Life Survey website [www.clsnz.com](http://www.clsnz.com) . We would like you to register as soon as possible

Use the "register your church online" link at the top of the clsnz website. You are asked for your church group code, and we give these for each Presbytery below (They need to be all upper case). The number you put in the average weekly attendance question will determine the number of survey forms you receive in late October.

| <b>Presbytery/UDC</b> | <b>Code</b> | <b>Presbytery/UDC</b> | <b>Code</b> |
|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| Northern              | WGTETIP     | Wellington            | KAWQFQU     |
| Kaimai                | JPBUYMK     | Nelson - Marlborough  | EMAYTZH     |
| Te Aka Puaho          | IIQNPZW     | West Coast            | UKMVRID     |
| Gisborne-Hawkes Bay   | HZWINU      | Christchurch          | TKFISOG     |
| Taranaki              | QMWRXDO     | Ashburton             | PXAKUZL     |
| Manawatu Wanganui     | ZTWEHHS     | South Canterbury      | PXKZHRQ     |
| Wairarapa             | EQUEEOM     | Southern Presbytery   | UZWRQRO     |

### **What is involved?**

The survey consists of a form which every adult fills in at church on a Sunday of your choice in November. (Parishes can also survey children if they want.) The form is designed take about five minutes and can be done either during the service (such as during the collection) or immediately after before people leave. The survey is anonymous and the organisers have ensured that privacy is protected.

## **About the Church Life Survey**

The Church Life Survey is undertaken every five years by an inter-denominational committee. Our representative on the committee is Margaret Galt, a member of the Church Property Trustees. The Presbyterian Church has participated in this survey before, but the last time most parishes took part was 10 years ago. This years' survey will cover all major denominations and many non-denominational churches.

If you want to know more about the survey visit their website [www.clsnz.com](http://www.clsnz.com) or email Margaret Galt at [mgalt@paradise.net.nz](mailto:mgalt@paradise.net.nz)