

18 May 2022



CENTRAL ROUNDUP

Room to Grow

The leaves are falling— one strong wind and most of the branches around our house will be laid bare for winter. A looming task is to gather the leaves for compost and clear the grass below. Those leaves have been the visible face of the tree for 9 months but their task is done and the branches take centre stage. Next month pruning begins—for the health, strength and shape of the tree and to provide a base for new growth.



Any natural metaphor for the church inherently includes both life and death. Church planning often seeks new buds of mission and shares in the hope of spring. The challenge is to also consider what we do with the old leaves and prunings. How do we make changes to the structure of the church that can help build strength, health and new life?

The recent PCANZ Assembly challenged the wider church to consider if our church buildings were fit for purpose. It is an invitation to consider how we shape the branches, remove dead-wood and provide space for new growth. It is also a time when we recognise the service of those who have gone before us and celebrate their faith and service.

Pray this week for the people who clean our churches inside and out. Pray for the volunteers and the employed—and if we have time to pray also make some time to verbally give them a sense of our appreciation.



Peter MacKenzie Executive Secretary

Manawatu Consultation

New Church Name

28 May 2022 10am to 2pm

We will be looking at the shape of the church in the Manawatu region and asking how we might encourage new buds of life. Soup and a bun will be provided for lunch—can you please let Peter know how many people might attend from your congregation.

Knox Church, Kimbolton Road, Feilding

Convenor: Peter MacKenzie

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A new name has been approved for **Pathways Presbyterian Church** in Palmerston North – formerly Presbyterian New Church and prior to that individually known as St Andrew's, St David's and St Mark's. As work continues on renovating the church building there will also be plenty to do on the formal change process and developing a logo.



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**Passionate about Quality Christian Education?
The EfM (Education for Ministry) NZ Trust Board is
seeking to broaden its membership.**

Education for Ministry is an ecumenical adult learning programme designed to link Christian faith with daily life, and to deepen Christian discipleship. It combines scholarly and systematic Bible study and education in theology and church history, with small group worship, prayer and fellowship. An international programme, we have been active for 40+ years in Aotearoa New Zealand, with a major revision of material in 2014 including a local church history module.

EfM NZ is established as a Charitable Trust, and the board is seeking new members to provide governance and to support our Executive Officer and our network of trainers and mentors. The current board members are all experienced clergy and we would love to be joined by volunteer ecumenical partners with skills in governance, HR, fundraising or marketing. We meet quarterly, mainly by Zoom.

More information about EfM can be found at <http://www.efm.org.nz/>, or to express interest in board membership, please contact our chair the Rev'd Leanne Munro at leannemunro55@gmail.com

Wednesday 25 May, 9-12noon

Wednesday 22 June, 1-4pm

Ministers need to participate in an Ethics Workshop on a three-yearly cycle to keep their Good Standing. Please register (include your name, parish and presbytery) with Kate Wilson kate@presbyterian.org.nz

Budget 2022-23

Documentation and information have been sent out to Presbytery Members around an upcoming meeting and vote on the budget. If you're a member and missed out on this email, get in touch with the office.

Youth Leaders Retreat

A time to connect, rejuvenate and dream

There will be plenty of time to spend with your groups as well as time to spend with others

Guest Speaker

Stuart Simpson



Friday 10th - Sunday 12th June
Magnificat Retreat Centre Featherston,
Wairarapa
Cost:\$50

Registrations open Friday 4:30pm
Rolling dinner from 5:30pm - 6:30PM, first main session 7:00pm
Finishes 12:00pm Sunday

If you have any questions contact

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[Register and get more info here](#)

25th Anniversary Celebrations

In June 1997, the St Lukes Presbyterian Church in Lower Hutt merged with the Waiwhetu Methodist Church to form the Waiwhetu Uniting Church.

We are planning a Celebration of the last 25 years on Sunday, 19 June 2022, to which we invite former members and pastors.

For further information, or to register your interest, please contact Brenda Baker, Phone 04 569 5308 or brendabaker@extra.co.nz

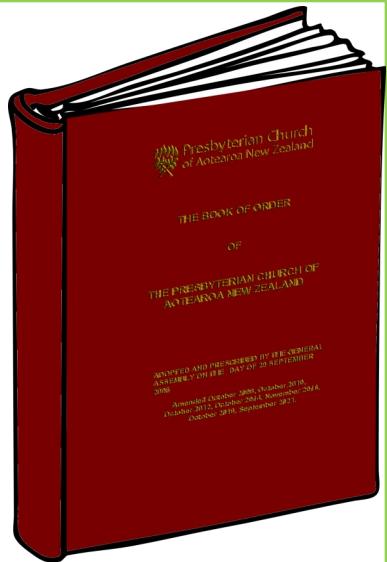
We look forward to hearing from our many friends from the past, Brenda Baker, Secretary



Exploring the Book of Order Peter MacKenzie

The Book of Order (BoO) is the “rule book” for the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand. An electronic copy can be found on the PCANZ website. There are several other documents that also help the governance of the church including the Supplementary Provisions, Conditions of Service Manual, Church Management Support Guide and the Handbook for Congregations.

Chapter 1 gives some background to the PCANZ. It begins by acknowledging the Standards of the church – a number of documents that declare our faith and action. The supreme standard is the Word of God contained in the Scriptures and there is a list of sub-ordinate standards. It affirms that the Presbyterian Church is part of the wider church of Jesus Christ, that it arose from the Reformation and from Scotland, that the church is cross-cultural and multicultural with a bicultural commitment. There is also an affirmation of the ecumenical journey (that recognises Uniting Congregations). The last section gives The Formula that ministers and elders subscribe to at ordination.



“I believe in the Word of God in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments and the fundamental doctrines of Christian Faith contained in the Kupu Whakapono and Commentary, the Westminster Confession of Faith, and other subordinate standards of this Church. I accept that liberty of conviction is recognised in this Church but only on such points as do not enter into the fundamental doctrines of Christian faith contained in the Scriptures and subordinate standards. I acknowledge the Presbyterian government of this Church to be agreeable to the Word of God and promise to submit to it. I promise to observe the order and administration of public worship as allowed in this Church.”

Chapter 2 sets out the legal framework of the BoO and how amendments can be made.

Chapter 3 talks about supplementary provisions and notes that they are rules that need to be followed but must be consistent with the BoO.

These first three chapters of the Book of Order affirm that the members of the church are guided by our understanding of being Presbyterian – the following chapters explore how that is understood in our policies and practice.



Easter Competition + Winners Congratulations!

We are excited to announce our first ever entries to our new annual Easter Art Competition.

We are so grateful for all of you who entered, we received so many beautiful entries that have inspired us.

First place in the under 12's category
Zebrina Cowley!



First place in the over 12's category
Andrew Tims!

To see the full size artworks, [CLICK HERE](#)

