

Methodist Church Insurance Fund

Earthquake Update

10th December 2010



Richmond Church Sunday 5th December 2010

- Richmond Church was reopened for services on Sundays from the end of November. This is a photo from the service at Richmond Methodist on last Sunday the 5th of December. The service included an infant baptism – a new beginning for Isileli. This was the Parish's second Sunday back in the 1879 Church building after the Earthquake. *Thank you to Bruce McCallum who sent in this photo of Sunday's Baptism.*
- Woodend – the container used by the local Playgroup was stored behind the Woodend church and since the earthquake has not been accessible within the fencing around the Church. The container is being moved to the Rangiora Church so the Playgroup can continue and have access to the children's toys and other items stored in the container.

- Condition Surveys by Ignite have been completed. The written reports will be distributed next week. The reports provide detailed schedules of damage and the scope of work required to repair the damage along with a sketch plan and photos of the buildings damaged. Repairs of damage highlighted in these reports are programmed in for the first quarter of 2011. It is important for each Parish to review their report and confirm they are in agreement with the damage highlighted.
- The removal of the Grand Piano, Sheet Music and Hymn Books from the Durham Street Church and other items was completed this week.
- The pallets of stonework removed from Durham St Church have been repositioned into the Chester St Driveway to free up Aldersgate car parking space.
- The removal of the stained glass windows from the front of the Durham Street church is well underway and will be completed next week. When completed the windows will be boxed up and stored in space provided by the Christchurch Art Gallery.
- Aldersgate – the scaffolding protection wall, clad with reinforcing mesh, has been erected in the narrow space between the Church and Aldersgate. This was designed to provide protection for the Aldersgate atrium from any damage in the event of any masonry falling from the Church.
- Started compiling a list of all other buildings and Churches that haven't yet been assessed. As with the residential properties we will be appointing a suitably qualified person/persons to complete condition surveys of all these buildings. In preparation for this survey, it would be helpful if Property Secretaries of any buildings that haven't notified us of any damage yet check their buildings and notify us of any damage. This will help us prioritise and programme in the visits to survey properties.
- More severely damaged buildings, work is continuing on detailed estimates for the scope and cost of repairs for Woodend, Bryndwr, Ashburton, Richmond Hall, Opawa Hall and Beckenham Hall. These will be available in the New Year.

Please direct all enquiries regarding Earthquake claims through the Connexional Office to reduce possible confusion. All consultants working on the project have been instructed to only communicate through this office.