

# Methodist Church Insurance Fund

## Earthquake Recovery Update

14<sup>th</sup> October 2011



Morley House – Latimer Square

### ***This week's update***

- Aldersgate - Access is now available to remove items from Aldersgate as long as it is within the parameters of the safety plan supplied by Structex and those going in are accompanied by a representative from Arrow. Structex requested a geotech report be obtained for this site and once this is completed a full structural assessment will be carried out for Aldersgate.
- Opawa Church & Hall – Geotechnical testing has been completed on site and the report is due any day, we will contact the Parish as soon as this is available.
- Richmond Church & Hall –We are still waiting for the Geotechnical testing to be done on this site and will advise the Parish when the drilling is due start on the site.
- Ashburton & Bryndwr - The Quantity Surveyors have completed their draft estimates for the repairs on both properties. The Insurance Fund is meeting with both Parishes to present and discuss these.
- Christchurch North – Unfortunately there has been a delay in receiving the final report from the Structural Engineers. Structex were waiting to use a reinforcing bar scanner to check the walls for the location of the reinforcing so they could complete their structural report covering all ancillary buildings on the site. It was necessary to identify the reinforcing so that the structural strength of the building could be assessed to establish what repairs would be required. There are only a couple of these scanners in New Zealand and they have been heavily booked during earthquake inspections. This has now been completed as soon as we have the report we will forward the Parish a copy. The next step is for the Engineer to visit the site along with the QS and the Architect to provide their input to enable an estimate for the repairs to be completed.

- Beckenham – Demolition of the Hall has been delayed by CERA but is expected to happen next week, as soon as we are notified we will let the Parish know the new date. A temporary water supply has been installed , and whilst the demolition is undertaken Arrow will arrange for portaloos to be delivered to the site for Church users. The diesel tank also requires protection, once the demolition is complete this will be undertaken.
- Morley House – We were able to access Morley House again to remove some essential files and also tidied some of the many cabinets and files on the first floor and in the archives area.
- Minor and Moderately damaged properties - The initial tenders are in for the repairs to the Minor and Moderately damaged properties. For some of the properties there has been more significant damage than originally scoped. We are seeking approval from the Insurers to start some of the more straight forward repairs as soon as possible. We will be contacting individual Parishes to give some idea of the time frame involved for repairs. Some Parishes will have to make alternative arrangements for the users of some buildings while the repairs are undertaken.
- Residential properties – EQC have been assessing more of the Methodist properties in the past few weeks, they do not give much notice for gaining access to do the assessments, so thank you to all the Parishes I have contacted for your help with this.

*\*\* If any parish with residential properties hasn't received an application for Earthquake damage rates relief and would like one, please let Jeaninne know, details as below.\*\**

If any Parish Council would like to meet with the Insurance Fund over quake matters please email or phone Jeaninne Stevenson and let us know when and where your meeting is. 03 366 6049 or [jeanine.stevenson@methodist.org.nz](mailto:jeanine.stevenson@methodist.org.nz)