

# Methodist Church Insurance Fund

## Earthquake Recovery Update

15th July 2011



*Opawa Hall*

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

- Ashburton – an Engineer's inspection has been carried out following the June aftershocks. The initial report from Structex has advised there is no reason why the Hall cannot continue to be used but some of the damage in the Church will require further investigation. Once this final investigation is complete Structex will prepare a report detailing the cosmetic and structural details of the repair work required and any strengthening that may be required to meet current codes of compliance.
- Christchurch North and Bryndwr. Engineers inspections for these buildings have now taken place to assess the further damage after June. Structex is now preparing structural reports advising the strengthening work required.
- New Brighton - The engineers report has confirmed the Church is now damaged beyond economic repair and strengthening since June. Structex have recommended demolition of the Church. The Church's insurer has approved demolition and the process of tendering for this is underway.

- Opawa Hall, Richmond Hall & Durham St – applications for demolition have been lodged for these buildings and we are still waiting for CERA's approval.  
Access to Aldersgate is waiting on the demolition of the remains of Durham St. Aldersgate suffered further damage when the remainder of the Church collapsed against the building and once the site is clear, the engineers can assess Aldersgate and take the necessary steps to make the building safe for access.  
Richmond Church will need further assessment to check whether the condition of the Church has deteriorated due to the further liquefaction, a geo-technical inspection may also be required.
- Beckenham - the new power supply has now been connected, this reduces the risk of losing the power supply altogether if the Hall sustains further damage.
- Minor and Moderately damaged properties - all the signed reports have now been received. Tender documents are being updated and will be distributed to contractors for the tender process. Upper Riccarton Church and the Opawa Community Ministry Centre have now also been added to this list.
- Residential properties – we are starting to hear from EQC wanting to make appointments to assess properties, as we hear from them we will contact each Parish to arrange access and will keep each Parish updated. Our insurance assessors have also been advised of any non EQC damage and these properties will be assessed, again each Parish will be contacted to arrange access.