

# Methodist Church Insurance Fund

## Earthquake Recovery Update

17th June 2011



**Pentecost Sunday, Service outside Durham St Church, 12 June 2011**

A service was held on Pentecost Sunday to worship, remember, and give thanks for the heritage and life of the Durham St Methodist Church and its place in the city.

### ***An introduction this week from President Desmond Cooper***

Good afternoon Christchurch. You who are forever in our hearts and minds because one of us, the Vice president lives with you, struggles with you and like you holds tenderly to the faith. Whilst I as president look on despairingly from a helpless distance, at least that's how it often feels. I still have that uncomfortable lump in my throat after hearing of yet more strong shakes all too recently. I'm pleased to have been able to have contacted some of you personally but unfortunately not nearly enough of you.

However I hope that my impromptu prayers have had a beneficial effect even if an invisible one. Sue and I talk a lot about you and always with admiration as well as concern. Just yesterday Sue told me of the wonderful service for Durham St and all who loved that Church. It was gratifying for me to hear the words of Norman and Mary, they provided me with some comfort and I hope others of you felt the same. So you are, all of you both Lay and Ordained, all who are offering ministry and service to the folk in the various congregations as well as those of you in need in our prayers. I just hope these humble words of prayer are accepted as our high regard of you all.

***Also attached today is a copy of the hymn "WHEN THE EARTH WAKES FROM OUT OF SLEEP" By William Wallace.***

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

- Following the series of earthquakes on Monday we have initiated a further series of reviews. This will take time, our Project Managers, Arrow International will be checking properties again in some cases for the fourth time. Thank you to those of you who have already notified us of any further damage this week and thank you for your continuing patience as we work through this. If we haven't mentioned your property, please be assured that you have not been forgotten. We have also requested an engineer review some properties including Ashburton, Christchurch North, and St John's Bryndwr, the availability of an engineer is a major issue at this time but as soon as we have this resource available these reviews will be undertaken.
- Minor and Moderately damaged properties that have recently received updated Ignite reports – please still proceed and check these reports and return to us by June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011. If any damage that has been listed on the report has worsened, just note this on the report and this will be picked up and included in the tender process.
- Residential properties – thank you to those Parishes that have already notified us of further damage, we will register a claim with EQC. As with previous events we will put in claim for all the residential properties regardless of any reported damage or not, just in case anything is missed.
- From Monday - Richmond Hall has collapsed and Opawa Hall is in a dangerous state and the demolition will be fast tracked to make the site safe. Richmond Hall will also be demolished as soon as the tender process is complete for the demolition. New Brighton Church has also suffered further damage to the wall already compromised.



Richmond Hall



New Brighton Church



Opawa Hall



Durham St Church