

Methodist Church Insurance Fund

Earthquake Recovery Update

1st April 2011



File storage room at Morley House

Prior to the 22nd February there were seven buildings with significant damage. Engineering assessments and cost estimates for repair and strengthening indicated that all could be economically repaired. Following the February earthquake, of the seven original buildings with significant damage, 5 have suffered further damage and four buildings that had previously only minor/moderate damage now have significant damage.

- Morley House has suffered significantly more damage in this quake, whilst the building has been green stickered, it is still in the red zone. The Connexional Office is currently operating from the Upper Riccarton Parish, contact numbers and P O Box number remain the same. We are operating as best we can with what we have managed to retrieve with short supervised visits to Morley House, but have not been given access to the above file storage room!
- Aldersgate - an engineer from Structex has carried out an initial assessment, once the safety work specified in the assessment from Structex are completed, further short term access to the building will be allowed to recover essential contents. Our Project Managers are in the process of completing the safety work required.
- Durham St – As you will all be aware Durham St Church & Hall collapsed in the February earthquake with the tragic loss of three lives. The buildings are completely lost and the Connexion and the Church will need to carefully consider the future for this site.

- Bryndwr – An initial assessment has been done by an engineer of the further damage and appears to be mostly above the windows and in the base of the tower. There is no further propping required, the next step is to update the previous design and options for strengthening.
- Beckenham Hall , Opawa Hall and Richmond Hall have all suffered further significant damage. It is probable that all three of the Halls will have to be demolished and we are in the process of obtaining the engineers confirmation of this. The Opawa Church and Richmond Church have also sustained damage, and will be assessed along with the Halls.
- New Brighton – The gable end, porch and spire of the Church were severely damaged. The engineer is currently completing a design for temporary propping of the remaining portion of the gable end. Quoting for the provision of a new power supply is also underway. Engineers have now also given approval for the continuing use of the Hall and Opportunity Shop once the power is reconnected.
- Christchurch North – The spire and north wall of the Church were damaged further, the spire has since been removed and is sitting in the grounds. Currently the engineer is designing propping for the north wall.
- Woodend – The Woodend Church suffered no further damage, the estimates for the repair presented to the Parish and the Trust prior to the February earthquake are still relevant. Upon approval our project managers can proceed with lodging resource and building consents for the work to be undertaken.
- Good news for Ashburton, the Church in Baring Square suffered no further damage from the February quake. The full report with the design for the repair and costings was due to be completed by the end of February. Unfortunately though, Structex have been engaged heavily in school inspections which has delayed this. We are expecting however to have the full design for the repair work and the quantity surveyors reports in about 6 weeks time, and will present these to the Parish as soon as we receive them.

Properties with minor and moderate damage included in tenders being sought prior to the 22nd February will now need to be reassessed and additional repairs added to the schedules for sign off by the Parishes. Tim Fahy of Arrow International will be updating these schedules.

- Properties included in the tender process that require updating are: St Marks, Whareora House of Life, Kaiapoi Church and Office, Aratupu Pre-School, St Stephens, Malvern, Beckenham Church, Wainoni, Aldred and Linwood. St Luke's Halswell, the damage sustained may require consent and so will be treated separately from the tender.
- Properties that were previously undamaged but will now be included in this process are Christchurch South, St Paul's Sumner, Rangiora, St John's Hall, Addington and Redcliffs.
- Properties in this process that have no further damage are Lyttelton Chapel and Beckenham Church.

- There has also been minor damage to Horreville, Leeston, and Taumutu, these properties will be assessed and repaired separately from the main tender because of the location of the properties.

Residential Properties – we have already been notified about a small number of residential properties which sustained moderate/significant damage from the February earthquake. Claims have been lodged with the Earthquake Commission for these.

- Please can you notify the Connexional office as soon as possible if there are any residential properties owned by your Parish which have sustained more damage, or previously were undamaged but are now damaged.
- The EQC are only responsible for the land and house, if there is damage to any fences, pathways or driveways please specify this when you contact us, we need to lodge a claim with the Church's Insurers for this. You can phone Jeaninne Stevenson on 03 366 6049 or email jeaninnes@methodist.org.nz or if we haven't mentioned your property and there is damage to commercial or residential buildings please let Jeaninne know.