

# Methodist Church Insurance Fund

## Earthquake Recovery Update

20<sup>th</sup> December 2011



Work in progress foyer, Sumner Church

### *This week's update*

**Minor and Moderate Repairs** - works have started on the minor and moderate repairs in mid November and are progressing as planned.

- Whareora House of Life, Christchurch South Parish, repairs are now complete.
- Sumner Church the repairs are complete and work on the hall started last week and it is hoped will be complete prior to Christmas or very early in the New Year.
- St Mark's Somerfield – the pipe organ has been removed and the repair works have commenced in the Church.
- Linwood Avenue Union Parish – repairs have been started and will be completed prior to Christmas.
- The repairs for Kaiapoi Co-operating Parish and the Aratupu Preschool, Christchurch Central Mission, will be commencing in early January.

A **BIG THANK YOU** to the Parishes for your cooperation for the duration of the works and all the hard work undertaken prior to work starting to ensure the areas were ready for the contractors to begin. This has been very much appreciated and contributed to the programme progressing so well.

- Opawa – Structex have completed a full structural assessment of the Opawa Church and a full detailed report is expected in January. For the Ministries House, the final scope report is due later this week and this will be forwarded to the Parish. The repairs for the house will be slotted into the programme for Minor and Moderate repairs as early as possible in the New Year.
- Christchurch North - Once the Quantity Surveyor has completed the estimates for the repairs we will arrange another meeting with the Parish to discuss these.
- Leeston & Taumutu – Both properties have now been visited by the contractor appointed to do the minor and moderate repairs and will be added into the programme of works in 2012. When dates are confirmed we will contact the Parishes.
- Morley House – CERA have requested a Structural Assessment be completed as soon as possible, this is underway and a detailed report is due in January.
- Lyttelton – the options for repair are currently being reviewed by a structural engineer and once complete may also be slotted into the programme for minor and moderate repairs in 2012.

As you are all by now aware Ansvar are pulling out of New Zealand. Arrangements are in hand for new insurance cover from the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2012 although it will be at significantly increased premiums, more details will be provided in the New Year.

Just a timely reminder, over the Christmas period there seems to be a higher incidence of fires reported from Advent candles. Please remember to put these out after the service.

Please take care and have a safe and blessed Christmas

