

## Earthquake Recovery Update

21st April 2011

Thank you, I know you are all busy getting new valuations done and filling in forms for the Insurance Renewal which the Insurance Fund has requested and this is causing additional work.

Just to clarify some frequently asked questions:

***Can we use a recent Rates Valuation, QV Valuation or a valuation from a Real Estate Agent?***

Sorry the answer is no, our Insurers require an insurance replacement valuation from a Registered Valuer, Architect or Engineer.

***Who will pay for the valuation?***

The Insurance Fund will reimburse 75% of the cost of the valuation.

The Insurance Fund is looking into negotiating a national contract for valuation work for the future as this will be an ongoing requirement from our Insurers to provide up to date replacement valuations on a two yearly basis. In the meantime we advise using your local Valuer or a Valuer the Parish has used previously to value your buildings (other than parsonages).

***What happens if the Parish does not provide building information and Replacement Valuations that will satisfy the Church's Insurers?***

Those buildings may not be covered and the Parish may suffer drastic consequences in the event of a loss. Also there may be even more of an increase in premiums than is necessary. The Fund is expecting to experience an increase in premiums in light of all the recent earthquakes but we would like to keep this to a minimum.

### Progress this week:

- On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Tumuaki Diana Tana and Rev Mary Caygill held a blessing and tapu lifting ceremony at Durham Street Church. This was a private service involving members of the families of the deceased and a small group representing the Church and rescuers. Once the site has been made safe and when access permits an open service will be held.
- New Brighton – The provision of a new underground power supply is completed, once Trustpower install the new meter the Hall, Office and Op Shop will again have power.
- Durham Street - Approval is being sought from Civil Defence to remove dangerous debris from the Durham St site, to make safe the site but also to allow short term access to Aldersgate. A demolition contractor has visited the site and is now in the process of seeking approval from Civil Defence before this work can begin.

- Lyttelton Chapel - The work required to make safe the Chapel is now complete and the building will be green stickered and ready for Easter Service.
- Properties with Minor and Moderate damage – Ignite Building Surveyors have been appointed to schedule additional damage since the February 22<sup>nd</sup> earthquake and to prepare reports for those properties not previously damaged. Ignite will be contacting Parishes and making appointments to visit each property.
- The Connexional Office will be moving to new premises at the corner of Maydell Street and Waimari Road over the weekend and will be operational on Wednesday next week. Our phone numbers and P O Box number remain the same. Thank you to the Upper Riccarton Parish for accommodating us and making us feel so welcome.



***The new Connexional Office***