

# **Methodist Church Insurance Fund**

## **Earthquake update**

**22nd October 2010**



**Kaiapoi – a survivor with relatively minor damage**

## **Progress this week:**

- Completed temporary propping to Beckenham Hall.
- Opawa – 90% of temporary propping completed, the bricklayer will be back Tuesday next week to complete.
- Scaffolding erected at New Brighton Church today, the temporary propping here will be completed next week. Once this is complete we will require Council and an Engineer to sign off approval for the building to be used again.
- Durham St, Bryndwr, Richmond Hall, and Woodend, costings have been signed off for the temporary propping, steel for the propping is being fabricated next week and work will begin after November 3<sup>rd</sup> to erect the temporary propping. Arrow has started the process to obtain cost estimates and engaged a heritage architect, quantity surveyor and structural engineer.
- We have managed to secure the services of Ignite Building Consultants to complete condition assessments and these will commence on 27<sup>th</sup> October. Ignite are Chartered Building Surveyors with over 20 years experience and are sending down a team of Chartered Building Surveyors from Auckland to complete the survey. They will inspect each property and prepare a Condition Assessment report which will identify earthquake damage and

summarise the issues that need to be addressed, this will also include whether any damage repair work will be subject to a building consent.

***Ignite will contact each parish to confirm when the Building Surveyor will be on site, we encourage a representative from the parish to accompany the Building Surveyor while they undertake the inspection.***

Ignite have indicated the programme will be as below:

Day 1: Beckenham & St Lukes

Day2: Malvern & Ashburton

Day3: Papanui, Aratupu Pre-School & Kaiapoi

Day4: Opawa & Linwood

Day5: Wainoni and New Brighton

This timeframe is an indication only, depending on each site and the extent of damage. The timing for repairs once the survey is complete will be dependent on the continuing severity and frequency of the aftershocks.

- Completed list of residential properties and started process to appoint someone to complete condition surveys and lodge any Earthquake Commission Claims not already filed. The timeframe for repairs on any residential properties will also be dependent on the continuing aftershocks.

Thank you this week for your patience, as we work through this. If we haven't mentioned your property, please be assured that you have not been forgotten. We are aware there are other properties that need to be inspected and we will be contacting you or organising a condition survey as soon as we can. Getting all our buildings back in operation and repairs completed will be a lengthy process but we are working hard to make this happen.

Please direct all enquiries regarding Earthquake claims through the Connexional Office to reduce possible confusion. All consultants working on the project have been instructed to only communicate through this office.