

Methodist Church Insurance Fund

Earthquake update

24th September 2010



Damage Durham Street Methodist Church Tower

An update this week on the progress of the earthquake recovery work since last Friday.

Durham Street Methodist Church

-Structural engineer is finalising details for the removal of the loose parapet blocks, and installing strapping around the towers, this will be actioned once details are confirmed, hopefully before the end of next week.

-Steps are under way to remove or protect the organ, the South Island Organ Company is preparing a report and price to dismantle and remove the organ into storage.

For safety reasons a fence is being erected to fence off the ROW to the carpark at the back of Durham St.

Richmond (Christchurch) Methodist Church

-The Hall has now been fully fenced for safety reasons and the loose material has been removed and the gable end made watertight.

-A design is being prepared by a structural engineer to brace the gable end so the Annex will be safe to access.

Beckenham Methodist Church Hall

-The rear of the hall where the gable end is unstable has now been fenced off, and the structural support to the gable end above the kitchen and toilets is now complete.

This should be signed off by today or early next week so kitchen and toilets will be able to be accessed safely.

Papanui Methodist

-The corner by the spire has now been fenced off, and the structural engineer is preparing a design for the temporary support of the spire and church wall.

Woodend Church

-The church has been fenced off and the loose material will be removed Friday and the work to make the roof and gable end watertight will be commenced when this is completed.

-The structural engineer is preparing details for temporarily propping the gable ends.

St John's Methodist Church Bryndwr

-The church has now been fenced off and in the process of arranging flashing to fill the gap where the gable end has shifted away from the roof.

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New Brighton Church & Opawa Community Church

-Waiting for the report from the structural engineer for temporarily propping, this will be actioned once this has been received.

Ashburton Baring Square Methodist Square

-An engineers report on necessary repair work is being provided.

The Connexional office welcomes Jeaninne Stevenson who commenced work in the Property and Insurance section on Tuesday 21 September. Jeaninne will be assisting in the compilation and management of the insurance claims. Her contact details are, 03 364 9420 or email: jeaninnes@methodist.org.nz

The assessors are starting to put in very preliminary values against the damaged buildings. It is clear that in some cases repair costs will exceed replacement costs by a significant margin. Several Churches and other groups are also finding that their decision not to take Business Interruption insurance cover is impacting on their re establishment.

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

We will send another update next Friday to keep all Canterbury Parishes informed of the claim progress and thank you all for your patience as we work through all these issues.