

# Methodist Church Insurance Fund

## Earthquake Recovery Update

29th July 2011



*Christchurch North*

### ***This week's update***

- Ashburton – an Engineer's inspection has been carried out following the June aftershocks. On further investigation by the engineer the arch in the Church which has been damaged is now believed to be constructed of brick which will significantly alter the repair to be done. Design for the repair is to be started this week. Structex will prepare a report detailing the cosmetic and structural details of the repair work required and any strengthening that may be required to meet current codes of compliance.
- Christchurch North Church and Hall – Structex are now preparing structural reports with the design for the repairs and the strengthening work required. An Architect has been appointed to assist in preparing drawings of the existing buildings and provide architectural detailed input to complete the design for repair and strengthening.

- Bryndwyr , St John’s Church – The church has been further damaged from the June aftershocks. The structural engineer has re-inspected the Church and is currently preparing a report, this will be completed in the next couple of weeks.
- New Brighton - The process of tendering is complete for the demolition of the Church, as soon as approval is given for the price the demolition will proceed. The Parish wish to hold a ceremony prior to the demolition of the Church. The insurers have agreed to the request of the Parish to retain the spire. Our project managers will retrieve some of the items from the Church the Parish would like to retain, but only from the timber end of the Church, items in the brick part of the Church cannot be safely retrieved. The request has been made to the contractor to try and salvage the memorial plaques during demolition.
- Opawa Hall & Richmond Hall – approval was given by CERA today to proceed with the demolition of these buildings to the foundations, work will start at the beginning of August. As soon as we have a definite date the Parishes will be advised.
- Durham St Church and Hall - we are still waiting for CERA’s approval for demolishing and making safe the site.
- Richmond Church – Structex has completed an inspection of the Church to assess whether the condition of the Church has deteriorated due to further liquefaction. The Engineer has recommended a geotech assessment of the site due to the extent of liquefaction.
- Beckenham Hall –our insurers have now confirmed after reviewing the estimated cost of repair and strengthen versus replacement along with the cost to make the building safe enough to carry out any repairs, the Hall will be demolished. Tenders are being sought by Arrow International to demolish.
- Minor and Moderately damaged properties - Two more properties have been added to this group. Upper Riccarton has sustained minor damage and will included in the tender process. The Ministries House at Opawa also has been damaged but this is still in the process of being assessed. The repair work for this property will be a separate project undertaken outside the Minor and Moderate tender to avoid delaying the tender process. St Luke’s has also been excluded from this tender process and will be managed separately, further details are required from Structex as the front porch of the Church may require rebuilding and underpinning may be needed to one corner of the Crèche. Thank you to those who so far have responded to our request for keys and access instructions to the buildings in this group, we await to hear from those who have not yet responded.



Snow Damage – For any Parish that has sustained damage from the snow to any buildings including your parsonages, please can you advise the Connexional Office as soon as possible. Email to [jeaninnes@methodist.org.nz](mailto:jeaninnes@methodist.org.nz) or phone Jeaninne on 366 6049 Extn 811.