

# Methodist Church Insurance Fund

## Earthquake Recovery Update

4th February 2011



*Removing stained glass windows from the Durham St Church*

- Condition Surveys by Ignite Building Consultants prepared for those buildings with minor or moderate damage have nearly all been signed off. It is expected the tendering process will take approximately two weeks and will begin once all the Ignite Building Survey Reports are signed off. Groups of professional contractors will visit each site to assess and then tender for the work required to complete repairs. Parishes will be contacted prior to a visit to arrange a time.
- Work is continuing on the programme for the removal of the organ from Durham Street. The South Island Organ Company has been contracted to dismantle and remove the organ to storage. The engineers are working on an alternative route to remove this from the Church to reduce disruption to the access to Aldersgate. The removal process is expected to commence in the second week of February and should be completed by the end of February.

- The Durham St Church has suffered further structural damage since the Earthquake on the 26<sup>th</sup> of December and subsequent aftershocks. Engineers have advised that at present our Project Managers are still able to access the Church to remove items but further damage may prevent this. In light of this a meeting has been organised on 10<sup>th</sup> February for representatives of the Parish, Mission, Insurance Fund and the City Council and Historic Places Trust to discuss the removal of other significant items from the Church, for safe storage.
- A reminder to please let us know if you believe buildings in your Parish have sustained more damage, including any residential properties not previously damaged. The EQC deadline to claim for damage from the Earthquake on 26<sup>th</sup> December is 28<sup>th</sup> March 2011.
- The builder Andrew Grbic appointed to survey damaged residential properties will be contacting some of these residential properties along with a painting contractor to quote for the work required to repair the damage. This is just for properties with relatively minor damage, the rest of the properties will need to be assessed by EQC, all claims have been registered.