

Methodist Church Insurance Fund

Earthquake Recovery Update

8th April 2011



Beckenham Hall

Progress this week:

- New Brighton – The provision of a new underground power supply has now been approved by our Insurers and work will commence on site early next week. This is a permanent solution as opposed to putting in an overhead connection and should take about two weeks to complete.
- Aldersgate - The safety work required by the engineers, Structex, to allow further short term access into Aldersgate is underway. Approval has been obtained from the Department of Labour and Police to pull dangerous debris from the Durham St Church and Hall away from Aldersgate. Civil Defence approval is also being sought and this will be completed when this has been approved.
- Christchurch North – A builder is in the process of weatherproofing and installing temporary support to the north wall of the Church.
- Beckenham, Opawa and Richmond – At present the further significant damage from the February quake to these Halls is being assessed to confirm whether they will have to be demolished.
- Woodend – The Waimakariri District Council have confirmed their requirements for the repair and strengthening of the Church. Arrow International will now proceed in preparing a resource consent application in conjunction with the Heritage Architect.

- Properties with Minor and Moderate damage – a programme is currently being prepared for visiting properties and updating the schedules previously prepared by Ignite Building Surveyors to include new damage from the February earthquake. Once the schedules are updated and signed off by the Parishes, repairs can proceed to tender.

A reminder - Residential Properties – we have already been notified about a small number of residential properties which sustained moderate/significant damage from the February earthquake. Thank you to those who have contacted me this week. Claims have been lodged with the Earthquake Commission for these.

- Please can you notify the Connexional office as soon as possible if there are any residential properties owned by your Parish which have sustained more damage, or previously were undamaged but are now damaged.
- The EQC are only responsible for the land and house, **if there is damage to any fences, pathways or driveways please specify this when you contact us**, we need to lodge a claim with the Church's Insurers for this. You can phone Jeaninne Stevenson on 03 366 6049 or email jeaninnes@methodist.org.nz If we haven't mentioned your property and there is damage to commercial or residential buildings please let Jeaninne know.