

Decisions of Northern Presbytery Council 10 April 2021

- i) Presbytery Council write to the Acting Convenor of the BOO Advisory Workgroup and to the AES and Convenor of the Council of Assembly expressing our concern and emphasising the importance of consultation (about BOO changes, particularly chapter 15)
- ii) EO to contact the Acting Convenor of the BOO Advisory Workgroup by phone and if necessary, to prepare a Northern Presbytery submission to GA 2021 on the matter.
- iii) Up to \$15,000 is approved to meet the cost of a consultant to investigate: why there are so few people entering National Assessment; why only half from the Northern Presbytery complete the National Assessment; what can the Northern Presbytery do to increase the number of people entering and completing national assessment.
- iv) If a church building is transferred to Presbytery as a result of the dissolution of a church, and is surplus to Northern Presbytery requirements, the Property and Finance Workgroup offers to negotiate with the Pacific Presbytery with the aim of reaching agreement to sell the property, which could include agreeing to a price lower than estimated market value.
- v) Not to pursue cost recovery to the Employment Relations Authority for costs incurred in relation to Mrs Pauline Stewart's application.
- vi) Trial an advertising campaign in the Synods of Southern California and Hawaii, the South Atlantic, and the Covenant aimed at attracting expressions of interest from PCUSA ministers.
- vii) Not to proceed with an overture to GA2021 in an attempt to get CPTs to change its Policy on Earthquake Prone Buildings.
- viii) Provide up to \$5,000 to allow a person to be employed to make contact with those churches which have not provided the Presbytery with an Engineering Assessment and to establish whether or not an Assessment has been done. If so, to get a copy and if not, to establish why not and, if it is due to lack of funding, to find out the degree of assistance required.
- ix) Request that this work be undertaken as a priority with the aim of completing it by mid-June and a report back to Council with recommendations at the July meeting.
- x) The proposed Commissioners from the designated groups is approved: with the addition of Revs Lorraine Francis and Richard Ward as Commissioners, as long as they can arrange to cover their costs; and that the Presbytery Office encourage additional elders be nominated and then approve up to five additional elders as Commissioners, including Aaron Geddis from Massey Riverhead.
- xi) Responsibilities for the St Martin's Trust be transferred from the appointed Trust Mangers to the Presbytery's Mission Fund Committee followed by thanking and discharging the Trust Managers.
- xii) The Property and Finance Workgroup to proceed with the tender, via Bayleys, but not to agree on any proposal at this stage.
- xiii) The Property and Finance Workgroup provide a report to the next Presbytery Council meeting about the tenders received and to include recommendations to proceed.
- xiv) Received the report from the Visionary Leaders Group and agreed to the Terms of Reference for the new Upper City initiative
- xv) Approved up to three years funding for the initiative, at this stage, indicating that approval would be given for a further two years if a review demonstrated the required progress was being made.
- xvi) To thank and discharge the Visionary Leaders Group after they have successfully appointed to the new role(s).
- xvii) Confirmed the Mission Fund Grant of \$120k over three years to Massey Riverhead Presbyterian Church for meeting the ministry costs of establishing a viable worshiping community in Waimauku.
- xviii) That this funding of \$120k can be delivered, pro-rata over a period of five years, should this be necessary
- xix) That Massey Riverhead explore, in conjunction with the Presbytery, the feasibility and cost of placing on-site a newer, family friendly relocated multi-use church building, such as a modified school prefab, and to determine the future use of the old timber church.
- xx) Subject to being satisfied by a feasibility report, provide funding for a relocated multi-use church building up to \$100k.
- xxi) Agree to flexibility of the start date (for the Massey Riverhead Waimauku initiative).