

Decisions of Presbytery Council's 9 May 2025 zoom meeting

- i) That the minutes of the previous February 2025 Council meeting having been circulated, be taken as read and approved.
- ii) That the minutes of the February 2025 Full Presbytery meeting having been circulated, be taken as read and approved.
- iii) That the EO write to the COA on behalf of the Northern Presbytery Council, expressing the significant concerns for the impact on LOM's and the wider church.
- iv) That the Northern Presbytery sponsor up to three Chaplains to attend General Assemblies, one from Schools, one from Hospitals, one from Prison chaplaincy, if their employer is not meeting the cost.
- v) That the Presbytery Council agree to the proposed two changes in the Trust Deed for Friendship House.
- vi) Agreed to the revised proposal from ACPC which is for \$52,000 for each of three years to contribute to the costs of a part-time ministry lead working at least 25 hours / week to establish a new Mandarin speaking congregation.
- vii) That Council allow Kohimarama time to engage with stakeholders and to come back to Council with a detailed proposal by 20 July 2025. On the basis that Kohimarama withdraws its appeal and forgoes the right to any further appeal.
- viii) In relation to City to City related matters the Council agreed the following:
 - a) Rev Emma Keown to no longer be part of progressing the possibilities of establishing a NZ City to City entity.
 - b) Wait until the outcome of the next global leadership group's decision about the reference to women in ministry in the Ethics and Theological document before deciding how to respond.
 - c) The establishment of 'revitalise.org.nz' as an operations unit within Northern Presbytery, overseen by the Executive Officer.
 - d) The change in role profile for Rev Dr Emma Keown to incorporate half time as a NP "Revitalise Consultant".
 - e) Continue the secondment of Rev Dr Tokerau Joseph from Mairangi Castor Bay Presbyterian Church from January 2026, half time in the role of a NP "Revitalise Consultant".
 - f) The appointment of suitable additional Minister as a third Revitalise Consultant, two days / week (16 hours) for an initial period of two years, commencing early in the 2025/26 financial year.
 - g) To identify a church to replace Te Kauwhata in the current group two as soon as possible.
 - h) To the continuation of the Project Office to administratively support the work of revitalising our churches, managed by Mary Malio.
 - i) To the establishment of another group (group 3) of up to six churches to undertake the revitalisation process, led by NP's Revitalise Consultants.
 - j) That each of the churches in the third group are charged \$3k to participate.
- ix) To offer Hope Whangarei a grant to meet the costs of Rev Howard Carter for an average of 6 hours / week to fulfil a regional role.
- x) The Presbytery Council request representatives of the Property & Finance Workgroup, in conjunction with the EO, work with the Candidate Co-convenors to develop a proposal for Council at its next meeting about how best to ease the financial burden on our candidates.
- xi) The terms of the four long serving members be extended, two until 2026 and two until 2027 to provide continuity.
- xii) For Yvonne Timaloa and Diana Caldwell to become members of the MFC.
- xiii) To the proposed Strategic Plan and submit this to the full presbytery for approval.
- xiv) To the proposed Action Plan 2025/26 and submit this to the full presbytery for approval.
- xv) The Presbytery Council approved the report to GA 2025

- xvi) confirmed its support for the draft agenda and request that the Moderator, with the EO, finalise as required.