

## **Decisions of Presbytery Council at its 8 November 2025 meeting**

- i) Agreed to require ministers being appointed as Commissioners to General Assemblies be in good standing and so propose this as a policy at the February full presbytery meeting.
- ii) Agreed for the process seeking proposed GA Commissioners to be changed from small clusters of churches to be region based, including a designated number of chaplains that the Presbytery may need to financially Sponsor.
- iii) Agreed to relocate the Presbytery Office to St David's Hillsborough, on the basis of a three-year lease with two 3 year extensions.
- iv) Agreed that Rev Stuart Vogel be appointed to an honorarium role of Asian Minister and Ministries Liaison, with the goal of providing a report to the Presbytery Council in May 2026, that will include recommendation(s) as to how to best provide ongoing engagement of Asian Ministers and/or Asian Ministries throughout PCANZ, including support where required.
- v) Expressed its appreciation to Neil Raines for managing the capital payments for just over a year for AUP's redevelopment project and to thank Ros Iefata-Alipia, from Mt Albert Presbyterian, for her continuing as a member of the AUP Parish Council for a further twelve months.
- vi) Agreed for the Presbytery to become a member of Presbyterian Development Society and for the Property & Finance Workgroup to appoint a representative.
- vii) Agreed to award a grant of \$7,000 for the conducting of a one-off, three-day event in July 2026 to explore questions of what it means to be the church in Aotearoa today — in relation to worship, our life together, and mission.
- viii) Agreed to a revised Minister Enabler role, for an average of 8 hours / week over a three-year period (to keep momentum of developments created by Rev Dr Tokerau Joseph).
- ix) Agreed to the revised format of the congregational reviews and for them to commence before Christmas.
- x) Agreed to meet the costs of Mahurangi Hope (Warkworth) appointing a full-time outreach minister, for an initial three-year period, plus costs to lease a suitable building to begin to establish a viable worshipping community in Wellsford.
- xi) Agreed to the proposal to support Waiau Pa become a PCANZ congregation over the next two years.
- xii) Agreed for Rev Jim Pearson, as a Local Ordained Minister, to become a member of Presbytery.
- xiii) Agreed to the reduction of hours of employment of the Executive Officer from 30 hrs/week to 20 hrs/week, effective 1 April 2026.