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From the UCANZ Office:

Winter has certainly come – the rain in particular – and the heaters and lights are on in the office. Peter MacKenzie (Executive Officer) has trips away from Wellington over the next two months with visits in Invercargill, Auckland, Taranaki and Manawatu. Robyn Daniels (Administrative Assistant) is preparing for the end of the financial year and then anticipating the statistics returns.

With changes in GST in October there will be a small increase in the Removal Fund for those parishes that are members of the scheme. There will also be a need for some parishes to change their automatic payments for the Partner Support Fund as the new financial year ticks over.

Standing Committee

The Committee gathered in Johnsonville on the 9th and 10th of June, with one day being spent with partner church leaders. The leaders all affirmed their commitment to the UCANZ parishes and to working together. There was good discussion and Standing Committee finalised wording for a document on parish oversight that will go to church meetings later in the year. It is hoped that the Guideline Paper will be the foundation for a review of the Guide to Procedures.

The annual UCANZ report was also considered – this goes to our partner churches and this year includes the Guideline Paper on parish oversight, an invitation to share in a Study on partnership, and a proposal about property administration – the latter might generate some discussion. Parishes are encouraged to make their voices

heard at their national and regional church meetings.

David Ross concluded his term as the Presbyterian appointee to Standing Committee and we thanked him for his work in this role – but we didn't fully discharge him (he will continue on the finance committee).

Forum 2011 – “Beyond the Walls”

1-4 September 2011, Motueka. It was decided to hold Forum before the Rugby World Cup and Motueka have a keen team of people willing to host folk. Transport from Nelson will be made available and a mix of exciting speakers will help our important discussion on a revised Guide to Procedures. Put this in your diary now. It may also be good to start thinking about who could be elected to Standing Committee at that time.

Statistics

With June well underway there should be a bit of counting at worship, a review of parish rolls, and the final cheques being written for the year. Please, please, please, get the statistics back to the UCANZ office by mid-August. We don't need audited accounts, but we would like reasonably accurate figures sent in on time. Thanks for those who make the effort every year – you are appreciated.

Parish Council

A small leaflet on Parish Council (suitable to give to possible new members) is now available on the UCANZ website. There are also other documents that will be made available over time – keep checking in.

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