



# Annual Report to Members

For the 12 months ended 30 June 2024

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# A message from the Chairperson

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Welcome to the Beneficiary Fund Annual Report to members for the year to 30 June 2024.

It has been another good year for investment returns, largely driven by a strong performance from global shares. This performance was spearheaded by a small number of very large technology companies, known as the Magnificent Seven: Amazon, Apple, Facebook, Google, Microsoft, Nvidia, and Tesla. The share prices of these companies have soared on expectations that they will benefit from their investment in artificial intelligence and the use of 'big data'.

The Cash Fund returned 5.5% for the year (after all fees and costs) (4.0% last year), the Conservative Fund 6.2% (3.2%), the Balanced Fund 8.9% (6.7%), and the Growth Fund 10.5% (9.1%). During the year we introduced a new Moderate Fund to the choice of investment options. We look forward to reporting on this next year.

The good returns are also helped by the new fee subsidy from the Presbyterian Benevolent Fund, which keeps the cost of administering the Fund below 0.2% p.a. and, of course, the Fund also enjoys special tax status due to the charitable nature of your ministry.

In addition to focussing on returns, the Board continues to engage with our fund manager, Mercer, on its progress towards reducing emissions from our investments.

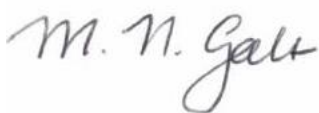
Here are some facts and figures you might not know about the Beneficiary Fund for this year:

- There are 467 members in the Fund, with total assets of nearly \$49 million (compared with 478 members and assets of \$47.5 million this time last year).
- We received just over \$1 million in contributions in the year from members, the Church (and kindred employers) and the government (similar to last year).
- The Fund earned over \$4 million from its investments (\$1 million more than last year).
- Eight new members joined the Fund (similar to last year), although this is not sufficient to maintain our membership numbers. We had 529 members on 1 July 2018.
- We paid out \$3.8 million in benefits to members during the year, through a mix of regular payments and one-off lump sum withdrawals (just over \$4 million was paid out last year).

Of course, running a fund like ours takes a lot of work from many people. I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow directors (particularly Warren Potter, who has extra duties as our Licensed Independent Trustee), all our advisers and service providers, and the Fund's Secretariat for the continued, very considerable work that has allowed us to successfully complete another year.

Early in the year we farewelled Rose Luxford, who resigned as a director of the trustee company to devote herself to the role of Moderator. We hope to entice Rose to re-join the Board once her term is over. On the plus side, we welcomed Graeme Thomlinson as a new director. Graeme brings a wealth of investment and superannuation knowledge to the Board.

Finally, thank you to you, our members, for your support of the Fund.



Margaret Galt  
October 2024



# Statutory information

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## SECTION ONE:

### Details of Fund

**Name of the Fund:** The Fund is called The Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand Beneficiary Fund (**Fund**).

**Type of Fund:** The Fund is registered under the Financial Markets Conduct Act 2013 (**FMCA**) as a restricted workplace savings scheme.

**Trustee and Manger:** Presbyterian Beneficiary Fund Trustee Limited (**PBFTL** or **Trustee**) is the trustee and manager of the Fund. The Fund does not have its own independent supervisor, as the Financial Markets Authority (**FMA**) oversees all restricted workplace savings schemes.

**Fund status:** As at 30 June 2024 (**Balance Date**) the Fund had a product disclosure statement (**PDS**) dated 27 September 2023 and continues to be open for applications.

**Fund Updates:** A fund update for each of the five investment options for the year ended 30 June 2024 was made available on 30 September 2024.

**Financial Statements and auditor's report:** The latest financial statements for the Fund and the auditor's report on those financial statements, were lodged with the Registrar of Financial Service Providers on 22 October 2024 and are available electronically by visiting <https://disclose-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz>, selecting 'Search schemes' and entering the Fund name.

The auditor's report on those financial statements, dated 21 October 2024, did not refer to any fundamental uncertainty, nor was it qualified or modified in any respect.



## SECTION TWO:

### Information on Contributions and Members

#### Membership

Changes to membership for the year to 30 June 2024 are shown below.

	Contributing members	Non-Contributing members	Total
<b>Membership at 1 July 2023</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>478</b>
<b>Plus</b>			
New members *	8	0	8
<b>Switch</b>			
Ceased Contributing	(8)	8	0
Retired (>65)	(4)	4	0
Recommended Contributing	10	(10)	0
<b>Less</b>			
Full Withdrawals	0	(13)	(13)
Deaths	(1)	(5)	(6)
<b>Membership at 1 July 2024</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>467</b>

\* There were no transfers from other schemes.

#### Members' Accumulations

Members' accumulations at the start and end of the year ending 30 June 2024 were as follows:

Members' accumulations	1 July 2023	30 June 2024
Total account balances	\$47,591,849	\$48,812,062
New Benefits section	\$42,699,865	\$43,093,156
Number of members with accounts	453	433
Complying Fund section	\$4,891,984	\$5,718,906
Number of members with accounts	167	168

#### Contributions

During the year ended 30 June 2024, contributions were received from and on behalf of 196 members as shown below:

Contributions	
Members	\$590,666
Parishes and Kindred Employers	\$411,301
Government	\$33,200
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,035,167</b>

No voluntary additional contributions were received by the Fund during the year ended 30 June 2024. Such contributions are not permitted.

## SECTION THREE:

### Changes relating to the Fund

#### Trust Deed

There have been no changes to the Trust Deed in the year ended 30 June 2024.

#### Statement of Investment Policies and Objectives (SIPO)

The SIPO was updated on 27 September 2023. The main updates were to:

- Add the new Moderate Fund
- Remove reference to the wind up surplus (which has been extinguished following the completion of the wind up of the Fund's Defined Benefit Section).
- Recognise inflation and interest rate risks.
- Note the Trustee's expectation that the Fund achieves net-zero carbon emissions from investments by 2050, with a reduction of 45% by 2030 (from 2020 baseline levels).

#### Related party transactions

No related party transactions were entered into during the year that were not on arm's-length terms.

## SECTION FOUR:

### Other information for particular types of managed funds

#### Contributions

Subject to the exception outlined below, all the contributions required to be made to the Fund in accordance with the terms of the Trust Deed have been made.

As noted in the previous Annual Reports, the Trustee continues to work with the Church to identify any ministers who return to active ministry so that they can ensure those ministers commence contributing to the Fund in a timely manner. The process this year has identified one minister who returned to active ministry but who had not started contributing to the Fund. The Trustee continues to work with the Church to ensure that the Trustee is promptly notified when a non-contributing member returns to active Ministry.

#### Permitted withdrawals

During the year ended 30 June 2024, there were 19 full withdrawals or death benefits paid and 56 partial withdrawals permitted under the FMCA and Trust Deed. Each full withdrawal or death benefit was paid as a lump sum.

#### Complying Section

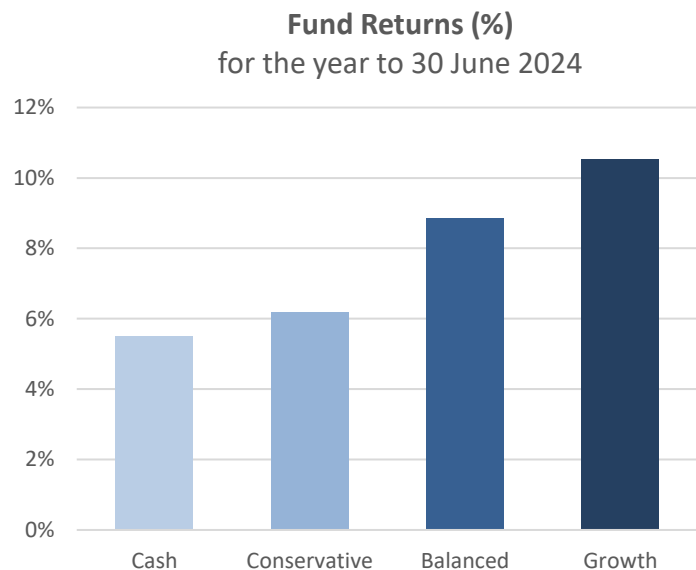
As at 30 June 2024, the market value of the assets of the Fund subject to the Complying Fund rules was \$5,718,906 for 168 members. There were 4 withdrawals made in the year to 30 June 2024 for First home withdrawal, partial withdrawal, death benefit and transfer to a Kiwisaver scheme. These payments totalled \$112,702 and were subject to the Complying Fund rules.



## Investment Returns

The investment returns for each investment option provided by the Fund are shown after all investment fees and administration costs have been deducted.

Contributions to the Fund are used to purchase what are known as 'units' in your chosen investment option(s). The number of units that your money purchases depends on the unit price at the time of purchase. For example, if \$200 is contributed and the unit price is \$1.00 at that time, then 200 units would be purchased on your behalf. Unit prices are calculated daily and fluctuate according to the investment performance of each investment option. The value of your investment at any time is simply the number of units you own multiplied by their price at that time.



Your latest member annual statement shows how many units you have, their price and your savings balance.

Unit Prices	Cash	Conservative	Moderate	Balanced	Growth
<b>1 July 2023</b>	1.6441	1.1212	0.9855	1.3215	1.3386
<b>30 June 2024</b>	1.7358	1.189	1.0557	1.4363	1.4769



## Trustee's statements

The Trustee confirms that:

- all the benefits required to be paid from the Fund in accordance with the terms of the Trust Deed have been paid; and
- the market value of the property of the Fund as at 30 June 2024 equalled or exceeded the total value of benefits that would have been payable had all members of the Fund ceased to be members at that date and had provision been made for the continued payment of all benefits being paid to members and other beneficiaries as at 30 June 2024.

## SECTION FIVE:

### Changes to persons involved in the Fund

#### Trustee and Manager

Presbyterian Beneficiary Fund Trustee Limited (PBFTL) is the Trustee and Manager of the Fund. The directors of PBFTL for the year to 30 June 2024 (and any changes) were:

- Margaret Galt (Chair)
- Warren Potter (Licensed Independent Trustee)
- Russell Garrett
- Roger Gyles
- Alan Jamieson
- Rose Luxford (resigned 31 July 2023)
- Sharon Ross Ensor
- Graeme Thomlinson (appointed 1 February 2024)



#### Service Providers

There were no changes to the service providers to the Fund in the year to 30 June 2024.

The service providers are:

- **Administration Manager** – Melville Jessup Weaver Limited
- **Auditor** – Ernst & Young
- **Implemented Consultant** – Mercer (N.Z.) Limited. The Fund invests in Mercer Socially Responsible Investment Funds, which are managed by Mercer.
- **Solicitor** – DLA Piper



## SECTION SIX:

### How to find further information

The following information is available electronically (and free of charge) on the Disclose Register at [www.companiesoffice.govt.nz/disclose](http://www.companiesoffice.govt.nz/disclose):

- copies of the Trust Deed, the Fund's latest audited financial statements, the SIPO and the Annual Report (select *search schemes* and enter the Fund name); and
- copies of the Product Disclosure Statement, the annual Fund Updates and Other Material Information relating to the Fund (select *search offers* and enter the Fund name).

You can obtain a copy of any of those documents (or an estimate of your benefits) from the Trustee free of charge by writing to the Administration Manager at the following address:

Presbyterian Church Beneficiary Fund  
Melville Jessup Weaver  
Level 7, 20 Ballance Street  
P O Box 1096, Wellington 6140

Or by emailing [presbyterian@mjw.co.nz](mailto:presbyterian@mjw.co.nz)



Information about the Fund is also available on the Fund's website:

[www.presbyterian.org.nz/for-parishes/church-property-trustees/the-beneficiary-fund](http://www.presbyterian.org.nz/for-parishes/church-property-trustees/the-beneficiary-fund)



## SECTION SEVEN:

### Contact details and complaints

Enquiries about the Fund should be directed in the first instance to the Administration Manager:

Administration Manager  
Melville Jessup Weaver  
Level 7, 20 Balance Street  
P O Box 1096, Wellington 6140  
  
Phone 0800 266 787  
  
Email [presbyterian@mjw.co.nz](mailto:presbyterian@mjw.co.nz)

The Administration Manager also acts as the Securities Registrar for the Fund and can be contacted (in that capacity) at the above address.

Enquiries to the Trustee (and all other correspondence from members direct to the Trustee) should be addressed to:

The Executive Officer  
Presbyterian Beneficiary Fund Trustee Ltd  
P O Box 9049, Wellington 6141  
  
Phone [04] 381 8296  
  
Email [trustees@presbyterian.org.nz](mailto:trustees@presbyterian.org.nz)

Any complaints about your investment can be made to the Trustee using the above contact details. If the Trustee is not able to resolve the matter, you can appeal to the General Assembly.

The Trustee is a member of Financial Services Complaints Limited (**FSCL**) - A Financial Ombudsman Service, a dispute resolution scheme approved under the Financial Service Providers (Registration and Dispute Resolution) Act 2008.

You can also refer your complaint to:

Financial Services Complaints Ltd  
Level 4  
101 Lambton Quay  
Wellington 6011  
P O Box 5967, Wellington 6140.  
  
Phone 0800 347 257  
Email [info@fscl.org.nz](mailto:info@fscl.org.nz)  
[complaints@fscl.org.nz](mailto:complaints@fscl.org.nz)

Neither the Trustee nor FSCL will charge a fee to any complainant to investigate or resolve a complaint.