

# annual report 2007

CREATING CYCLES OF HOPE:  
COMMUNITY, COMPASSION, CHANGE

The Dunedin Methodist Mission ("Methodist Connect") is by Statistics New Zealand's definition a large social services organisation, employing over 70 people in the last year (equivalent to 40 full-time staff), and spending just on \$2.4 million in our local community.

Our successes have been considerable. We have worked with hundreds of individuals, including adults, youth and children, families, agencies and communities, through more than 20 programmes.

During this last financial year we have focused on improving our robustness and readiness for new challenges while continuing to deliver outstanding social services. This has involved some rationalisation – our Employment Generation Fund and Tramstop Café were both retired – as the Mission's policy is to continue only those services that make a clearly demonstrable and positive social impact.

We completed the incorporation of Aspire Youth Training, took a fresh look at our policy development procedures, and began the work of revitalizing our philosophy and processes. This has led to the creation of our new purpose statement: "Enough support and challenge for you to risk a better future".

We look forward to finding out where this newly defined purpose will take us. Expect 2007-08 to be a year of further development and intelligent redesign of our services, bringing our existing projects and sections closer together to provide richer and more effective services for our people. Expect also to see expansion of delivery of our Wise Up, Out of School Care, Edible Garden, Family Whanau, and Family Literacy programmes.

There is no shortage of new projects we are keen to evaluate; the main challenges lie in avoiding duplication and rivalry within the already highly competitive NGO sector, sustaining a productive relationship with key funders, and, critically, finding and keeping staff who can do the work well at the pay levels that we can afford.

We continue to benefit from the historic investment in the Mission by the local and national Methodist Church – our income generating assets are key source of revenue for activities that otherwise would not attract external funds, or would be suffocated by costly compliance requirements. Rather than thinking of these assets as a safety net, we see this income they generate as the Church's 'social justice programme' grant to the Mission.

We appreciate your support, and look forward to an exciting year.

**Laura Black, General Manager**  
**Colin Glisk, Chairman**

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## FUNDERS & DONORS

- > Ace Shacklock Trust
- > Child Health Services Trust
- > Child Youth & Family (Ministry of Social Development)
- > Community Organisation Grants Scheme
- > Community Trust of Otago
- > Department of Corrections
- > Dunedin City Council
- > Dunedin Economic Development Unit
- > Family & Community Services (Ministry of Social Development)
- > Foodstuffs New Zealand
- > Healthcare Otago Charitable Trust
- > Lion Foundation
- > Methodist Church of New Zealand Te Haahi Weteriana O Aotearoa
- > Ministry of Education
- > New Zealand Lottery Board
- > Otago Farmers' Market Trust
- > Otago Foundation Trust Board
- > Perpetual Trustees
- > Presbyterian Synod
- > Pub Charity
- > Southern Victoria Trust
- > St Kilda Community Trust
- > Tertiary Education Commission
- > The Open Polytechnic of New Zealand
- > Tindall Foundation
- > Trustees Executors
- > Work and Income (Ministry of Social Development).

## SUPPORTERS & COLLEAGUES:

- > Age Concern
- > Ben Rieber
- > Christchurch Methodist Mission
- > Dunedin Parish Council of the Methodist Church
- > Lindsay Penman
- > Methodist Mission Northern
- > Methodist Social Services
- > Neil Thompson
- > New Zealand Qualifications Authority
- > Nigel Pitts
- > Otago-Southland Synod of the Methodist Church
- > Rev Cornelia Grant
- > Rev Donald Phillips (retired)
- > Rev Ken Russell (retired)
- > Rev Stuart Grant
- > South Dunedin Salvation Army Store
- > Strengthening Families
- > Wesley City Action
- > Wesley Community Action
- > WesleyCom
- > Willing Workers.

## STAFF

Adrienne Duncan, Alexandra Fusco, Amelia-Kate Keogh, Ana Tu'i, Angel Gosling, Anne Gabrielsen, Belinda Taylor, Bernadette Aitken, Bobbie Parata, Catriona Brown, Charles Pearce, Christine Thomas, Gareth Jeffreys, David Henry, Dianne Darker, Donna Kennedy, Elaine Mason, Elizabeth Bollwell, Frances Brown, Francesca Bolgar, Gary Anderson, Hamish Smith, Heather Pickering, Heidi Brodie, Ian Miller, Jacqueline King, Jacqueline Middlemass, Jacqueline Sunderland, Janette Bain, Jennifer Haydon, Joanne Bruce, Judith Samson, Julie Savage, Kirsty Coulter, Kirsty Thomson, Kylie Preedy, Laura Black, Leonie Mason, Lyn Nicholson, Michael Bown, Nick Orbell, Nicola Thompson, Patricia Healey, Patricia McLean, Peta Hudson, Pip Hamah, Raylene Redmond, Rebecca Cameron, Rewa Elliot-Sharpin, Rochelle Wief, Russell Sands, Sally Beckett, Sandra Potiki, Sarah Campbell, Shane Carvell, Shona Cassidy, Shona Johnsen, Stuart Porter, Ulrike Mattiati, Wendyrae Waru.

## BOARD

Colin Glisk (Chair), David Polson, John Gallaher, Joy Clark, Julie Pearse, Michael Greer, Natalie Karaitiana, Stuart Grant.

# what we do

Methodist Connect is the trading name of Dunedin Methodist Mission, a member of WesleyCom, the national committee of missions of the Methodist Church Aotearoa.

Methodist Connect promotes a number of community services, programmes and projects, including:

- > Approach
- > Aspire
- > Centre of Innovation
- > Citizens' Nursery
- > Citizens' Pre-school
- > Community Computing
- > Edible Gardens
- > Family Literacy Projects
- > Guidelines
- > Helping Hands
- > Lifeworks
- > OSCAR
- > Prison Education
- > Smart Food
- > SPAN Caversham
- > Story Book Dads
- > WesleyCare
- > Whanau Support
- > Wise Up, Walk Talk.

## CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES

In 2007 we had an addition to our existing projects (such as community edible gardens in schools) of a new family literacy project to help families improve their total literacy through seeing themselves and each other as learners.

Our new Whanau Support worker at our Preschool and Nursery ensures parents and families are welcomed and supported without encroachment on their privacy. Close collaboration between the Whanau Support Worker, the Centre Supervisor and the (adult education) Family Literacy Coordinator is working well and they are establishing links with the schools and early childhood centres in the community which have outlined a need for further education and guidance. There are some very exciting opportunities ahead for day seminars, and network meetings.

There has been support for staff offered through research opportunities, brochures and information, allowing them to actively participate in their pedagogy and reflective practice. This has given the Centre of Innovation Research new initiatives and an added boost. Staff have attended regular dissemination seminars and present their findings to educational institutions both in the Otago region and further afield.

We have begun establishing Wise Up groups in the Balclutha-Milton region, identified by Child Youth and Family as a region in need. There are four programmes operating in the inner Dunedin area and two in the Balclutha region. This year one hundred and two children have attended the sessions.

Benefits to Smart Food, which provides cheap (\$2 and \$3), tasty, healthy lunches in most primary schools in Dunedin, from investment in equipment to improve productivity and enable growth.

## COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES

Membership of SPAN Caversham continues to grow. This year recorded the highest meeting attendance than in previous years, and is starting to provide referrals (either directly or by word of mouth) to WesleyCare.

Helping Hands has generated 50% more activity than forecast, and new work has been picked up through connections with Housing NZ – many Housing NZ customers have huge properties which tend to get neglected because the cost associated in maintaining them is often in excess of what the tenant can afford, especially for an initial tidy up. As a result some tenants

are in jeopardy of having their rental agreement terminated.

After just one year of operation, Guidelines (an Age Concern project supported by Methodist Connect) is growing more popular with larger numbers of people using the information service.

In the past 18 months there have been a number of significant changes; with the closure of Wesley House and the Tramstop café behind us, we are eager to move forward and concentrate our efforts on building the support and advocacy component of WesleyCare.

## APPROACH COMMUNITY LEARNING

The continuation of long-standing programmes supporting people to develop skills for employment, including educational programmes in Dunedin prison, with high recognition and positive results.

The integration of a youth training arm (Aspire), previously independent of the Mission, has continued, with benefits across the board growing from the merger.

The continuation of our strong focus on professional development and strengthening best practice. This includes our staff's participation in the Learning for Living project, a national educational initiative to grow and strengthen teaching of foundation skills (including literacy and numeracy in their broadest sense).

# audit report

**PolsonHiggs**  
BUSINESS ADVISORS

## To the Board of Dunedin Methodist Mission (Methodist Connect)

We have audited the summary financial report of Dunedin Methodist Mission for the year ended 30 June 2007 as set out on these pages.

## Responsibilities of the Board and Auditor

The Board is responsible for the preparation of a summary financial report in accordance with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand. It is our responsibility to express to you an independent opinion on the financial report presented by the Board.

## Basis of Opinion

Our audit was conducted in accordance with New Zealand Auditing Standards and involved carrying out procedures to ensure the summary financial report is consistent with the full financial report on which the summary report is based. We also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the summary financial report against the requirements of FRS-39: Summary Financial Reports.

Other than in our capacity as auditor we have no relationship with or interests in the Mission.

## Unqualified Opinion

In our opinion, the information reported in the summary financial report complies with FRS-39: Summary Financial Reports and is consistent with the full financial report from which it is derived and upon which we expressed an unqualified audit opinion in our report to the Board dated 31 August 2007.

We completed our work for the purposes of this report on 31 August 2007.

Polson Higgs, Chartered Accountants

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## SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT

### Statement of Financial Performance for the year ended 30 June

#### How the dollars were made and spent

	2007	2006
Income from provision of services	1,857,548	1,587,207
Income from interest and investments	395,834	529,232
Income from donations, bequests and grants	196,070	279,979
Total operating revenue	2,449,452	2,396,418
Less cost of providing services	2,338,050	2,218,445
<b>Surplus for the year</b>	<b>111,402</b>	<b>177,973</b>

### Statement of Movements in Equity for the year ended 30 June

#### What we are worth

	2007	2006
Equity at the start of the period	6,294,824	6,130,682
Surplus for the year	111,402	177,973
Change in value of Sir Alfred Reed Fund	-	(13,831)
Prior period adjustment	(2,250)	-
<b>Equity at the end of the period – the dollar value of our organisation</b>	<b>6,403,976</b>	<b>6,294,824</b>

### Statement of Financial Position at 30 June

#### Capital and reserves

	2007	2006
General reserves	6,403,976	6,244,498
Employment Generation Fund	-	50,326
<b>Total equity – the dollar value of our organisation</b>	<b>6,403,976</b>	<b>6,294,824</b>
<b>Represented by:</b>		
Fixed assets – the property that we own	507,203	590,585
Non-current investments	5,617,592	5,495,462
Call deposits	294,302	269,786
Other current assets	259,792	245,625
Total assets – all that we own	6,678,889	6,601,458
Total current liabilities – all that we owe	274,913	306,634
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>6,403,976</b>	<b>6,294,824</b>

### Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 30 June

	2007	2006
Net cash flows from operating activities	5,085	238,454
Net cash flows from investing activities	21,415	(221,115)
Net cash flows from financing activities	-	(13,831)
<b>Net increase in cash</b>	<b>26,500</b>	<b>3,508</b>
Cash at the start of the period	61,330	57,822
<b>Cash at the end of the period – the money we have in the bank</b>	<b>87,830</b>	<b>61,330</b>

### Provision of Services for the year ended 30 June

Where the dollars were made and spent	2007	2006	2007	2006
	Income received		Cost of service	
<b>Adult Learning:</b>				
Approach Adult Learning	748,968	655,966	637,992	618,441
Aspire Training	169,982	64,444	142,023	62,220
<b>Community Support and Development:</b>				
Tramstop Café	57,331	31,642	157,270	107,207
WesleyCare	17,526	8,226	77,952	91,253
Span Caversham	10,957	4,961	13,823	4,475
Smart Food	133,630	124,668	142,652	143,758
Community Development	-	2,169	9,815	60,726
<b>Child &amp; Family Services:</b>				
Child Services Administration	-	-	66,376	-
Citizens' Pre-school & Nursery	666,809	630,532	640,167	669,658
Walk Tall Tamariki	9,953	9,844	34,495	64,190
Broad Bay After School Care	3,764	25,398	9,686	35,066
<b>Other services:</b>				
Repayment of grant funds	-	-	50,326	-
Administration	38,628	29,157	355,473	361,431
<b>Total provision of services</b>	<b>1,857,548</b>	<b>1,587,207</b>	<b>2,338,050</b>	<b>2,218,445</b>

## Changes in Accounting Policies

There have been no changes in accounting policies applied during the period. All policies have been applied on bases consistent with those used in previous periods.

## Summary Financial Report

Specific disclosures included in this Summary Financial Report have been extracted from the full financial report for the year ended 30 June 2007. The full financial report has been audited, and an unqualified audit opinion has been received. This Summary Financial Report has been examined by the Auditor for consistency with the full financial report, and has been found to be consistent. This Summary Financial Report cannot be expected to provide as complete an understanding of the organisation's affairs as the full financial report, a copy of which may be obtained upon request from Methodist Connect, PO Box 2391, South Dunedin 9044.