

# annual report 2008

The Dunedin Methodist Mission (Social Services) ("The Methodist Mission") works in the heart of one of New Zealand's most socially deprived areas as defined by the Ministry of Health. South Dunedin. We work with many people who strive for lives of meaning and value, struggling against the barriers of "poor life outcomes".

Along with our work in Botolph, and greater Dunedin, we constantly meet people who are living the effects of inter-generational losses in education, literacy, family stability, nurturing environments, and economic parity. Like you, we see that some positive steps have been taken over the last decade, yet, at least one in five children still live in poverty; half of all benefit-dependent families live below the poverty line; and too many of our people, young and old, suffer neglect or abuse.

Our successes remain considerable. We have worked with hundreds of individuals, including adults, youth and children, families, agencies and communities, through more than 20 programmes. We have provided work experience for nearly a dozen social work and occupational therapy students and trainee teachers.

Our Smart Food programme is now providing nutritious, tasty school lunches to more than 250 children every day.

Our Early Learning Centre has shifted its enrolment and waiting list policies to ensure that we are reaching more South Dunedin and Brockville families. The Centre has also published its long-awaited Centre of Innovation research into the provision of family support at childcare centres through a Whanau Support Worker. The results were powerful: *all* families regularly need support and reassurance in their choices, their parenting confidence and in being part of a childcare community.

Our Adult Learning Centre has had occupancy of over 100% for much of the year, and we are tailoring provision to meet the needs of the growing number of men aged over 45 who are struggling to enter or re-enter the workforce as a result of changing economic conditions.

Our Wise Up Walk Tall groups have also been running at capacity, and we are seeing growing use of our Community & Home Support Services.

We have chosen to stop accepting money from gambling trusts and casinos because of our concerns about the damage that gaming machines are doing in society.

Finally this year, we have brought all our services together under one name – **The Methodist Mission** – and its symbol: the airborne seed of the native New Zealand *Clematis paniculata*, also called Puawhanganā ("flower of the skies") as our emblem; the Maori harrier of spring, a traveller to far-off places, a climber that grows in harmony with host trees of the forest: a gentle, free, adventurous plant that represents our commitment to enough support and challenge for you to risk a better future.

We have also refined our direction, building on our new purpose statement, by adopting four strategic imperatives to guide us through the next few years:

- Distinctiveness:** complementing not competing with other providers
- Client-Alignment:** respecting the intrinsic worth of every individual, working with them on their terms
- Community-Alignment:** anticipating changing needs and leading community responses
- Balance:** ensuring that our ambition does not rob us of our stability.

As you might imagine, these imperatives provide The Methodist Mission with many opportunities to develop and grow as a service.

We continue to benefit from the historic investment in The Mission by the local and national Methodist Church – our income generating assets are a 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.

As always, however, our staff remain our greatest asset, delivering at a personal level on the commitments of The Mission, in the most remarkable ways. We are proud of their work, and gratified by their support.

We appreciate your support, and look forward to another exciting year in 2008-09.

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

# our people our thanks

## SPONSORS & DONORS

- ✓ Ace Shacklock Trust
- ✓ Anne Potter & Associates
- ✓ Child Health Services Trust
- ✓ Child Youth and Family (Ministry of Social Development)
- ✓ Community Organisation Grants Scheme
- ✓ Community Trust of Otago
- ✓ Corrections
- ✓ Dunedin ACE Network Schools
- ✓ Dunedin City Council
- ✓ Dunedin Economic Development Unit
- ✓ Family & Community Services (Ministry of Social Development)
- ✓ Foodstuffs New Zealand
- ✓ Healthcare Otago Charitable Trust
- ✓ Innerscourt 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
- ✓ Otago Polytechnic
- ✓ Perpetual Trustees
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- ✓ Pub Charity
- ✓ Southern Victoria Trust
- ✓ St Kilda Community Trust
- ✓ Tertiary Education Commission
- ✓ Tindall Foundation
- ✓ Trustees Executors
- ✓ Work and Income (Ministry of Social Development)
- ✓ Workbridge.

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## BOARDS

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

# what we do

The Methodist Mission is the trading name of the Dunedin Methodist Mission (Social Services), a member of Methodist Missions Aotearoa, the national committee of missions of the Methodist Church Aotearoa. The Methodist Mission promotes a number of community services,

- (Ministry of Social Development)
- > Adult Learning Centre
- > Youth Training Centre
- > Centre of Innovation
- > Community Support Service
- > Early Learning Centre – Nursery
- > Early Learning Centre – Pre-school
- > Community Computing
- > Edible Gardens
- > Family Literacy Project
- > Guidelines
- > Home Support Service
- > Lion Foundation
- > Prison Education
- > Smart Food
- > SPAN Caversham
- > Story Book Dads
- > Whanau Support
- > Wise Up, Walk Tall.

## CHILD & FAMILY SERVICES

> The Whanau Support worker's role has expanded to supporting families across all The Mission's Child & Family Services. Links with schools, early childhood services, and sound working relationships with other providers have been established.

> The Mission's Early Learning Centre has been full – close to capacity – for much of the year, and we have seen a marked change in enrolment patterns with the introduction of 20 free early childhood hours for three and four year olds, with fewer South Dunedin families enrolling. We have shifted our enrolment policy to offset this trend.

> Our Centre of Innovation research has been completed and staff are still very involved in the dissemination of their findings. The research showed that *all* families need support, and that support works best when it is defined by the family. You can read a copy of the full report on the Ministry of Education website [www.minedu.govt.nz](http://www.minedu.govt.nz).

> Wise Up Walk Tall is progressing well in the Clutha region and inner Dunedin. Programmes have developed from the standard eight week delivery to three day intensives, which have been well received. We are very fortunate to have a new coordinator with extensive experience in the school sector; he brings a new perspective and we are excited to see how the programme will develop in the coming year. This year we had 181 children attend the programme.

> OSCAR began in October 2007 and the school holiday programme has grown from strength to strength with 19 children attending regularly. Over the next year our After School services are expected to grow strongly.

## CELEBRATION OF OUR 77th BIRTHDAY.

## COMMUNITY & SOCIAL SERVICES

> A new name and improved publicity has increased the popularity of our Home Support Services (formerly Helping Hands). Traditionally, older people living in the flat have been the main group to benefit from this service but recent statistics show an increasing number of referrals are coming from single parent families living in hill suburbs. Typically the service supports people with household maintenance but as always, The Mission endeavours to meet all other reasonable requests.

> Our Community Support Service, support and advocacy through our Community Social Worker, continues to grow with increasing numbers of referrals from other agencies.

> Well into its second decade of operation SPAN Caversham continues to attract new members who attend weekly to enjoy a variety of social and community activities.

> We have been pleased to continue our support of Age Concern Otago helping with their information service, guidelines and more recently the Blokes' Shed initiative.

> Celebration of our 118th birthday.

## APPROACH COMMUNITY LEARNING

> A record year for educational achievement by our students, with many learners completing their first ever national qualifications, including computing, business administration, employment skills and NCEA

> Many of the graduates were also prisoners in the new Otago Corrections Facility boosting self belief and confidence through success. We also developed new programmes in the prison for fathers to keep in touch with families by recording stories, and for soon-to-be-released men to strengthen skills of self-management and cooking

> Smart Food has established a vital role in contributing to Healthy Eating programmes in schools by consistent, nutritious and affordable food, including very popular Hot Meals in recent months.

> Investment in ways and means has been a feature, from a major upgrade to the vehicle fleet (four new vehicles), increased use of technology in learning programmes and the continuation of our strong focus on quality learning through professional development and strengthening best practice in the staff.

> Our focus on specialist teaching of foundation skills (including literacy and numeracy in their broadest sense) continues to win support and create opportunities for new beginnings for our learners.

> Our Family Literacy Project helps all members of participating families to see themselves as learners, boosting parenting at the same time, and grew significantly.

> A Great Family Learning Day was held as part of our celebration of Puaka Matariki – the first time The Mission as a whole has celebrated this festival.

> Celebration of our 21st birthday.

# audit report

## To the Board of The Methodist Mission

We have audited the summary financial report of The Methodist Mission for the year ended 30 June 2008 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 by way of 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.

Qualified Opinion

In our audit report to the Mission dated 25 August 2008 on the financial report, we expressed the following qualified opinion.

"As stated in the Statement of Accounting Policies on page 4, the Board has valued their buildings on the basis of the summary financial report. The use of Rating Valuations is a departure from Financial Reporting Standard 3, Property, Plant and Equipments, which requires valuations to be conducted by an independent valuer, holding a recognised professional qualification and having experience in the location and category of the property concerned.

In our opinion, except for the effect of the departure from Financial Reporting Standard 3, the financial report on pages 1 to 11 fairly reflects the financial position of the Mission as at 30 June 2008 and the results of its operations and cashflows for the year ended on that date."

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 a qualified audit opinion in our report to the Board dated 25 August 2008.

We completed our work for the purposes of this report on 25 August 2008.

Polson Higgs Chartered Accountants, Dunedin

# our money

## SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT

### Statement of Financial Performance for the year ended 30 June 2008

#### How the dollars were made and spent

	2008	2007
Income from provision of services	1,892,138	1,857,548
Income from interest and investments	179,829	395,834
Income from donations, bequests and grants	171,479	196,070
Total operating revenue	2,243,446	2,449,452
Less cost of providing services	2,365,679	2,338,050
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for the year</b>	<b>(122,233)</b>	<b>111,402</b>

### Statement of Movements in Equity for the year ended 30 June 2008

#### What we are worth

	2008	2007
Equity at the start of the period	6,403,976	6,294,824
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	(122,233)	111,402
Prior period adjustment	-	(2,250)
Fixed asset revaluation	746,001	-
<b>Equity at the end of the period – the net value of our organisation</b>	<b>7,027,744</b>	<b>6,403,976</b>

### Statement of Financial Position at 30 June 2008

#### Capital and reserves

	2008	2007
General reserves	7,027,744	6,403,976
<b>Total equity – the dollar value of our organisation</b>	<b>7,027,744</b>	<b>6,403,976</b>
<b>Represented by:</b>		
Fixed assets – the property that we own	1,280,527	507,203
Non-current investments	5,554,747	5,617,592
Call deposits	187,079	294,302
Other current assets	217,189	259,792
Total assets – all that we own	7,239,542	6,678,889
Total current liabilities – all that we owe	211,798	274,913
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>7,027,744</b>	<b>6,403,976</b>

### Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 30 June 2008

	2008	2007
Net cash flows from operating activities	(36,910)	5,085
Net cash flows from investing activities	33,153	21,415
<b>Net increase/(decrease) in cash</b>	<b>(3,757)</b>	<b>26,500</b>
Cash at the start of the period	87,830	61,330
<b>Cash at the end of the period – the money we have in the bank</b>	<b>84,073</b>	<b>87,830</b>

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

	2008	2007	2008	2007
Where the dollars were made and spent	Income received		Cost of service	
<b>Adult Learning:</b>				
Approach Adult Learning	708,556	748,968	655,692	637,992
Youth Training	143,739	169,982	144,849	142,023
<b>Community Support and Development:</b>				
Tramstop Café	-	57,331	-	157,270
Community & Social Services	29,664	17,526	88,444	77,952
Span Caversham	10,905	10,957	14,518	13,823
Smart Food	160,964	133,630	161,212	142,652
Community Development	-	-	-	9,815
<b>Child &amp; Family Services:</b>				
Child Services Administration	4,164	-	63,805	66,376
Early Learning Centre	779,727	666,809	721,561	640,167
Walk Tall Matariki	11,964	9,953	53,219	34,495
Caversham OSCAR Programme	19,817	-	37,803	-
Broad Bay After School Care	-	3,764	-	9,686
<b>Other services:</b>				
Repayment of grant funds	-	-	-	50,326
Administration	22,639	38,628	424,576	355,473
<b>Total provision of services</b>	<b>1,892,138</b>	<b>1,857,548</b>	<b>2,365,679</b>	<b>2,338,050</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 2008. 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 The Methodist Mission, PO Box 2391, Dunedin 9044.