

Chairman's message

There are many situations where we talk about the “haves and the have-nots”. Well, as I write this, we in Auckland are the “have-nots” and those of you in the rest of the country are the “haves”. You have freedoms we don't have: you have coffee – we “have not!”. You have Big Mac's - we “have not!” You have the opportunity to go out for a restaurant meal – we “have-not”! You can possibly arrange small meetings – we cannot!

But I am pleased to say that there is one way in which we are all the “haves”. The year ended 30 June 2021 has seen a better rate of investment return in our superannuation scheme than we have had for many years. A 12.32% return is good news for us all. We have reason to be thankful. We thank our investment managers who have competently and ethically managed our funds. We are thankful to God that we live in a privileged environment with these competent people serving us.

However, my theology does not believe I can credit God with the positive outcome – not in a world where there are so many more committed and dedicated Christians than me, who are counted in the “have-nots” in so many ways, including economically.



However, putting things in perspective, we have outcomes in our lives that are so much more important than a financial gain, and which joins us with these other Christians as “haves”. We have the peace that comes from knowing Jesus is with, and in us, and he understands the ‘highs’ and the ‘lows’ of living. We have the purpose of following the one who demonstrated and taught the values of service. We have trust in the one who lived out, and taught us to pray: “Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven!” We have the certain hope of eternal life because Jesus died and rose to conquer death and Satan. These “haves” are so much more significant than a monetary gain, and we definitely thank God for them.

So, whilst I may not pray for a positive result, I still hope we will have another good year, and that our superannuation scheme will see another year of growth.

We are keen to share the good news about the Scheme among our pastoral leaders. Many of those who are eligible have never joined. Take the opportunity to mention the Scheme to your pastoral colleagues, noting that it offers some additional benefits not generally available from a KiwiSaver Scheme.

Ngā mihi

Rodney Duncan
Chairman

Member nominated directors

The Scheme has three member nominated directors – Brian Cochran, Rodney Duncan and Grant Harris. Each year one of these three directors must stand down. This year it was Brian Cochran’s turn and he also made himself available for reappointment.

We called for nominations for the vacancy and received one for Brian.

Brian says:

I can't remember how long I have been one of the pastoral representatives of the Baptist Superannuation fund, maybe 15+ years. It has been pleasure to sit with some very capable and competent people over the years who have helped serve 'us Pastors' in this way. It has been rewarding watching our members' retirement savings grow and hear of how much this has helped, whether it be in retirement or for purchasing their first home. While I'd be lying if I said that every meeting was riveting, the lunch has always been excellent!!!

Brian’s reappointment as a director was confirmed by the Assembly Council at its 30 September 2021 meeting.



Presentation to Carey Baptist College students



Grant Harris gave a presentation about the Scheme to students at Carey Baptist College during August. Grant said this “certainly highlighted a lack of any awareness of the Scheme and the offer to students, so that will take a few years to change, but I’m happy to be part of that change.”

The Scheme provides approved pastoral leadership students with death and disablement insurance cover. The Scheme covers the cost of this cover.

Scheme website

The Trustee has been working with the Scheme’s administration manager, Anglican Financial Care, to create a dedicated website for the Scheme. This will include information on the benefits available, about the Trustee, forms, documents and a member log in facility. We hope to have this available for members in the near future.

At the moment the forms, documents and member login are available via a page on the Anglican Financial Care website which you can visit at angfincare.nz