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**Standing Committee** met at Miramar on 26 June. We are putting some work into revising the Guidelines which comprised 9.3 in the 2012 *Procedures*. When these are complete (after Forum this year) they will be posted on the website, where the 2018 edition of *Procedures* is already to be found. There are some minor corrections (in contrast to amendments) still to be approved by the Partners. Once that is done, we will publish a new hardcopy.

There are proposals to tweak the constitution of Standing Committee slightly (number of elected members and process for election of chairs).

**Mid-year resolution**

1 July was the start of the New Financial Year, when the new assessments so long in the making came into force. While most churches have caught up with the payments now going to Convening Partners, we are receiving a few cheques and automatic payments for the old Partner Support Fund (R.I.P., 30 June 2019). Such overpayments will be returned – unless you have not yet met last year’s target, of course.

**UCANZ FORUM** “**Making a Difference. In a place. For a purpose. Cooperative**” (it’s a haiku!) Is open for bookings. We have a line-up of the great and the good to share wisdom with you. We have a superb venue to excite all the senses. And we have each other to congratulate and commiserate with as we try to plough the unfashionable ecumenical furrow. Do try to have your church represented by two (or more) people. Join in the celebration and a bit of constitutional business.

**PCANZ and consolidation**

PCANZ is preparing to consolidate parish accounts into one to comply with the Financial Reporting Act. Churches with a PCANZ Partner – which is 106 church out of the 116 CVs should be aware that by the close of this financial year you will be required to submit at least a 30 June trial balance to PCANZ.

Here is a digest of how UCANZ churches will be affected by the consolidation:

- The requirements for UCANZ churches within the Presbyterian consolidation is complicated. Both PCANZ’s auditors and Charities Services are looking into the situation, with the final requirements still to be finalised.
- Financial information for all UCANZ churches with a Presbyterian Partner will be required. This may just be a soft copy of your trial balance as at 30 June; if you are using Xero we should be able to pull through this information automatically.
- Unfortunately, UCANZ churches will not be able to take advantage of our ‘group reporting’ benefits. UCANZ churches will still be required to file their own Annual Returns with Charities Services.

These requirements do *not* apply directly to the nine Anglican-Methodist CVs. However, as a consequence of the consolidation UCANZ will be conducting a process of checking all declared capital ratios and obtaining a settlement of the outstanding ones with the help of the Property Trustees of Presbyterian and Methodist Churches.

**School of Ecumenism**

Monday 30 September to Friday 4 October 2019  
 Venue: Burns Lodge at Holy Cross Centre  
 89 Church Street, Mosgiel, **Dunedin**

Jointly organised by  
 National Dialogue for Christian Unity Aotearoa  
 and the Centre for Ecumenical Studies,  
 (Charles Sturt University Canberra).  
 For details see the accompanying flyer or email  
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**NZLPA**

Saturday 14 September 2019, 9,30am-12.30pm  
 Venue: St John’s College, Auckland  
 An Ecumenical Workshop for all presented by  
 Rev Dr Mary Caygill – “**Being a People at Prayer**”  
 For details see the accompanying flyer or email  
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