



27 August, 2021

PPPE Property Committee

Pastoral Message from your Presbytery

Dear Church Council

With this letter you will have received a letter from the Synod Property Services concerning the Essential Safety Measures legislation; a Victorian Government requirement for all public buildings.

The Presbytery of Port Phillip East wishes to remind your Council and your members that we are all responsible for making sure our buildings are safe for the people who occupy and use them. The letter from Synod Property Services sets out the details of recent Victorian Government legislative changes. We have a duty as responsible bodies to abide by these State Government regulations.

There are costs involved with the process and we are aware that some of the congregations under our care will find it difficult to budget for these extra costs. Some will find it difficult to manage the maintenance work that will be required in response to essential safety measure requirements. The Presbytery Property Committee offers to help you find appropriate tradespeople. See page 3 of the Synod letter for some suggested tradespeople.

As a Presbytery, we urge you to participate in this process. It is a legal requirement. If a congregation does not comply, we run the risk of facing significant financial penalties and even closure of buildings.

We will be running information sessions on Zoom on Wednesday evening September 1, 7.30 to 8.30pm and Friday morning September 3, 10 – 11am. Zoom Cafe link <https://bit.ly/pppezoomcafe2021>
Meeting ID: 858 1718 6901, Passcode: 909337

Port Phillip West Presbytery is also running workshops, Wednesday 1 September at 2 pm, and Thursday 2 September at 7 pm. Register your attendance by email esm@ppw.victas.uca.org.au. The Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4481763297>

Members of the Presbytery will be available to visit and assist you along the way.
Please contact the Presbytery Minister – Team Leader, Duncan Macleod for further information.
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Regards

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