

From the Director



We are called to love our neighbours, to recognise and celebrate the innate human dignity of each person and all people, to nurture and care for creation, and to protect the most vulnerable. Each of us is called to this work because we are human beings. Caritas is also privileged to be entrusted with this task by the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference. We are blessed to be able to work with communities, to respond to emergencies and to educate and advocate for social justice.

So many different people, groups and communities are part of our work. Looking back over the past 12 months, I recall the faces of the donor communities who have supported our work through fundraising, education and prayer; and our many diverse partners who have also generously allowed us to be part of their work of transforming lives in their communities. I recall with equal compassion both the faces of vulnerable New Zealanders living courageously with the impact of disaster, poverty and illness; and the faces of decision makers who have listened to our advocacy for the poor.

Working for Caritas is to be part of a network of communities who know that we do not exist for ourselves alone, but that our future is bound together with the actions, decisions and commitments of our brothers and sisters.

Personally, as this is the first year in my role, it has been a time of learning and

growing as I have contributed my skills and experience to Caritas, and have received opportunities to deepen my understanding of the needs and responses of people in Aotearoa New Zealand, the Pacific and beyond.

This year's Annual Report captures some images and stories of Caritas' work of transformation. It is our wish that it communicates with you the hope of the many people who in the face of our increasingly self-centred society choose solidarity; who in the face of darkness choose light; and in the face of the challenges of poverty and injustice choose hope.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julianne Hickey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Julianne Hickey
DIRECTOR

Addressing Poverty

INTERNATIONAL

▼ *Chriscensia returning from a community garden in Kapo, Papua New Guinea. PHILIP GIBBS.*



OCEANIA

INTRODUCTION

In 2012, Caritas maintained key partnerships in Oceania in Tonga, Samoa, Fiji, and Papua New Guinea, and developed new projects with two dioceses in the Solomon Islands. Our partnerships continue to empower the most vulnerable by supporting sustainable livelihoods; water, sanitation and hygiene activities; and helping communities become better prepared through disaster risk reduction (DRR) activities.

Caritas also worked with partners in Fiji and Papua New Guinea to strengthen their organisational management with training and other support.

PROGRAMMES

In **Fiji**, long-term partner Ecumenical Centre for Research Education and Advocacy (ECEA) initiated a programme to help people living in informal settlements earn extra income. In the first year, ECEA assessed the social and economic conditions of the communities and the conditions for small business (microenterprise) activities.

Small business management training of community members will emerge from this.

Caritas Samoa helped Sacred Heart Primary School in Safotu, **Samoa** build a dual purpose facility as a community school. The facility is a Science and Home Economics laboratory for 193 primary students and 8 teachers. Outside school times, the building is used by at least 50 women around Safotu for skills training and community meetings. This project has been supported by the New Zealand Catholic Primary Principals Association's Mufti Mania Day fundraising.

In **Papua New Guinea**, the Diocese of Daru-Kiunga sustained a small loan scheme for women in three villages. The funds support sewing and cooking projects to improve incomes.

During the year, Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand staff also paved the way for a programme to promote integral human development through sustainable agriculture across three Papua New Guinea Dioceses. The programme will promote crop diversification, fisheries and access to markets. It is expected to receive funding through the New Zealand Aid Programme.

CASE STUDY: TONGA

In **Tonga**, a microenterprise loans scheme run by Caritas Tonga supported the activities of 21 groups (at least 102 households) in its first year. Income-earning activities include tapa cloth making, mat weaving and raising livestock. Caritas Tonga has provided training in financial matters and the proper tending of chickens and pigs. The 3-year programme aims to reach 425 households in 21 villages across the main island groups of Tongatapu and Vava'u.



EXTRA INCOME PAYS SCHOOL FEES

Lisa Vehikite leads a tapa-making group in Utulau Village on Tongatapu, one of 43 micro-enterprises benefiting from Caritas Tonga's small loans scheme. Lisa's husband picks fruit in Australia for seven months each year, and she looks after their five children at home. Income from the tapa making group helps pay her children's school fees.

'This project makes me feel like I am a real mother,' says Lisa. Her dream is to one day have her own handicraft shop.

Lisa's group repays loans monthly at an interest rate of three percent over a 12-month term. Once the loan is repaid, the funds are available for other groups or activities.

◀ *Lisa Vehikite with a dance costume she has made decorated with pine needles.*
EMILY BENEFIELD/CARITAS.

NEW VENTURES IN THE SOLOMON ISLANDS

In 2012, following consultations with local communities, Caritas began projects in two Solomon Island dioceses to address immediate needs for clean water and education.

In the **Diocese of Auki**, a simple water distribution system providing drinking water to 1,500 residents is being refurbished for seven seaside communities. The system was originally constructed in 1970 and is badly in need of repairs.

A skilled local builder and sculptor is also teaching ten local youth on Malaita island basic building and carpentry skills. Youth unemployment is a major issue, as many youth migrate to other islands for work or training opportunities.

The **Diocese of Gizo** identified education as a key priority area, so Caritas is helping the diocese to update workshop facilities within two Rural Training Centres (RTCs) and a teacher training college. We are also helping 12 early childhood teachers attached to diocesan kindergartens

achieve bridging qualifications. The teachers have significant experience, but have never had the opportunity to pursue formal teacher training. The field-based training modules were developed at the University of Otago's College of Education.

► *Rosemary Kylie with her class at St. Peter's Kindergarten in Gizo. Rosemary is participating in the teacher training programme. NICK BORTHWICK/CARITAS.*



FUNDING ALLOCATIONS – OCEANIA

Fiji	ECREA – Sustainable Economic Development for Informal Settlements	\$32,334*
Papua New Guinea	Diocese of Daru-Kiunga – Livelihoods for Women	\$4,660
Samoa	Caritas Samoa – Safotu Community School	\$20,200
Solomon Islands	Diocese of Gizo – Education Support Project	\$25,000
Solomon Islands	Diocese of Auki – Water Systems and Youth Skills Training	\$25,000
Tonga	Caritas Tonga – Microenterprise and Socio-economic Development	\$200,935*
Total		\$308,129

* supported by the New Zealand Aid Programme.

AFRICA

INTRODUCTION

Africa has seen recent improvements in key indicators of poverty and inequality, despite its image as a place of impoverishment, indebtedness, violence and corruption. Caritas works in the region through well established partnerships and Church networks. Our primary focus is on East Africa where we promote sustainable livelihoods and human rights. We also respond to emergencies in the region through the Caritas network and other partners (see page 14).

PROGRAMMES

Caritas has worked with Chiga Parish in western **Kenya** since 2006 to support children who have lost parents to HIV and AIDS, as well as their guardians.

The current programme is nearing the end of a three-year phase promoting sustainable livelihoods to address community needs. Families caring for children orphaned by AIDS can provide

for their families through better farming practices and small business development. The programme also tackles education and medical needs of the children. In 2012, 72 guardians were helped through agricultural training and loan funds. Fifty orphans received uniforms and school bags, while two Freisian cows are now providing milk for the school feeding programme and for sale.

Caritas' long-standing partnership with Community Research and Development Services (CORDS) in **Tanzania** was marked in 2012 by merging two programmes into the Integrated Community Development Programme. This new programme promotes health and education, while creating opportunities to earn extra income. Ongoing advocacy for women's rights, continuing training and securing access to land also help ensure food

availability even during lean years. CORDS is a Maasai organisation working among Maasai pastoralist communities in Northern Tanzania.

▼ *Children waiting for lunch at Chiga Parish, Kenya. MARK MITCHELL/CARITAS.*



FUNDING ALLOCATIONS – AFRICA

Kenya	Chiga Diocese – Livelihoods Support Project	\$23,825
Tanzania	CORDS – Integrated Community Development Programme	\$50,000
Total		\$73,825

ASIA

INTRODUCTION

Caritas reviewed its Asia Strategy in the light of programme achievements, feedback from partners and other stakeholders, and changes in New Zealand government policy. The revised Strategy to 2016 sets out work with a limited number of partners in a way that intensifies and deepens our engagement. Caritas offers expertise, facilitation, mediation and advocacy as partnership contributions in addition to, and sometimes instead of, funding.

In Asia, Caritas continues to focus on need and vulnerability through established, long-term partnerships in Afghanistan, Cambodia, Burma (Myanmar), Nepal, Palestine, Timor Leste, and West Papua in Indonesia.



PROGRAMMES

In 2012, a Caritas project with Development and Partnership in Action in **Cambodia** focussed on minority indigenous groups in 16 villages in Northeast Cambodia, developing responses to climate change and a rapidly growing market economy. The project involved obtaining legal title to land, and training on sustainable management of forests and agricultural activities.

▲ *Ms. Bong Kampuk harvests rice in her family field in Ratanakiri, Cambodia, together with assistance from community members. NICK BORTHWICK/CARITAS.*

Project set-up costs were provided to **Caritas Nepal** for a new cooperative programme that will be assisted by the New Zealand Aid Programme from 2013-2015. The programme will address economic hardship for 4,000 small farmers in remote districts of Nepal, building on previous cooperative and sustainable agriculture programmes.

CASE STUDY: AFGHANISTAN

TRANSFORMING LAND AND COMMUNITIES

In the Bamyan province of **Afghanistan**, local communities are learning new techniques to conserve soil and water on the steep slopes that surround deep, green valleys, through a programme implemented by Caritas partner Catholic Relief Services (CRS). A combination of contour walls made from local stones, and pits to retain water, slows down water run-off and soil erosion. The technique was introduced to Afghanistan by a CRS soil and water conservation expert.

The technique reduces flooding and erosion, and is gradually greening formerly barren hillsides. In the long term, this is expected to provide food for grazing animals and firewood as fuel.



▲ *Constructing contour walls to increase water retention and regenerate vegetation in Bamyan, Afghanistan. Note the contrast between the greener hills that have been terraced, (to the right) and the bareness of the hills in the distance. NICK BORTHWICK/CARITAS.*

The programme also supports sustainable agriculture to provide food and income from products such as wheat, potatoes, vegetables, sewing and handicrafts. Community-based schools provide children in remote rural areas access to education. The programme is in its second year of a three year programme supported by the New Zealand Aid Programme.

'It is a profound thing, to witness converting dry, arid, rocky and overgrazed swathes of land on these hillsides into ... green and regenerated hillsides which have shrubs and wild plants growing.' – Caritas Programmes Officer Nick Borthwick who visited the area in 2012.

Caritas supported three partners in **Timor Leste**, while maintaining links with others.

HAFOTI provides income generation and small business development and training for Timorese women. Under a new director and with a volunteer advisor, the organisation strengthened its governance structure, refurbished its shop, created a new website, revised its revolving credit scheme, and introduced a new sewing training programme.

Caritas Dili continues to support community development and sustainable agriculture. Farming techniques and marketing are being improved.

In **West Papua, Indonesia**, our partner Yasanto continued to provide training and start-up support for women's small businesses in Merauke. Training focuses on financial and business management skills, and developing organic farming practices.

In **Palestine**, funding provided in 2011 was used by Caritas Jerusalem to continue its health outreach work. In 2012, 2,566 women attended health check-ups, while medical days in Gaza and the West Bank attended to 4,836 patients.



▲ *Sorting organic mustard-greens for sale at market. They were grown by a collective of 15 families on land owned by the Diocese of Dili. The extra income is used to buy food and pay school fees.*
ANNA ROBERTSON/CARITAS.

FUNDING ALLOCATIONS – ASIA

Afghanistan	Catholic Relief Services – Economic and Education Opportunities (Bamyan)	\$413,976*
Cambodia	Development and Partnership in Action – Integrated Community Development Programme	\$18,616
Indonesia	Yasanto – Capacity Development for Papuan Women	\$43,950
Nepal	Caritas Nepal – Cooperative Development Programme	\$26,613
Timor Leste	HAFOTI – Income Generation and Small Business Enterprise for Women	\$51,892*
Timor Leste	Caritas Dili – Community Development Programme	\$30,000
Timor Leste	Radio Timor Kmanek – Peace and Development through Radio Programmes	\$27,312
Total		\$612,359

* supported by the New Zealand Aid Programme.

CASE STUDY: TIMOR LESTE

BRIDGING THE GAP WITH RADIO TIMOR KMANEK

Reuben de Silva is a journalist and presenter for two programmes on Catholic radio station Radio Timor Kmanek (RTK). When RTK heard that rural volunteer teachers (who normally receive a stipend) had not received payment for months, he set out over rough roads to Suai 6-7 hours away to speak to affected teachers directly. Once he got their stories, he invited the Timorese Minister of Education to meet the teachers at RTK's offices. After the discussion and interview with the Minister was broadcast, the Minister promised to investigate the issue further.

Investigative journalism like Reuben's promotes strong democratic systems that hold governments to account. It lets poor and marginalised people be heard and taken seriously. RTK programmes educate and work for the common good, on matters such as protection for women against violence, rural development and social justice.

Reuben says RTK has helped build a bridge between the people and the government, and provide a voice for the voiceless.

We hope that this program will be a window for us common people in rural areas.

- A listener to the rural development programme 'Janela Ba Knua Sira'.



ANNA ROBERTSON/CARITAS.

Addressing Poverty

IN AOTEAROA
NEW ZEALAND



WORKING FOR THE COMMON GOOD

Caritas addresses poverty and injustice within New Zealand primarily through advocacy and awareness raising.

In its engagement with Parliament, Caritas brings a perspective of the common good – a commitment to achieving the human potential of each person and of all people.

The year 2012 saw significant change in social policy and legislation. In submissions to Government, Caritas was concerned about the rushed process and lack of analysis of the combined impacts of multiple areas of change – changes that would further disadvantage the most vulnerable.

Caritas commented on two Bills introducing welfare changes; spending cuts in the 2012 Budget; protection of vulnerable power consumers in the partial privatisation of energy companies;

◀ *Mokai Kainga community gardens in
Owhiro Bay, Wellington. ADRIAN HEKE.*

and changes to pay and employment conditions of young workers.

In Parliamentary engagements, Caritas opposed the mandatory detention of asylum seekers arriving in groups of 11 or more. Our submission was ably assisted by Fr Maurizio Pettenà and Joe Moloney of the Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office (ACMRO). They told the Select Committee considering the matter that suicides and self-harm incidents were common among detained asylum seekers in Australia.

Caritas welcomed debate on a private member's bill that sought to implement a Caritas recommendation to protect working children by regarding them as employees, rather than independent contractors. Te Tai Tonga MP Rino Tirikatene introduced the Bill, and several Members of Parliament referred to Caritas work on the issue. Unfortunately the Bill was defeated at its first reading.

*Catholic social teaching sees a person as more than their cost or value on a balance sheet.
A myopic view of people simply as economic units cannot enhance our wellbeing as a society.
–Julianne Hickey, Caritas response to Budget 2012*

▼ Caritas staff Julianne Hickey and Lisa Beech with Joe Moloney and Fr Maurizio Pettenà of ACMRO.
EMILY BENEFIELD/CARITAS.



Emergency Response

▼ *Fuatamu and her children with Caritas Samoa volunteer Michael Pale Taupau. STEPHANIE LALOR/ CARITAS AUSTRALIA.*



INTRODUCTION

Caritas allocated \$782,475 towards humanitarian response in 2012, ranging from immediate response after disaster or conflict, to long-term recovery such as in Christchurch, and to support in protracted emergencies such as Burmese refugees in Thailand. Caritas launched Special Appeals for the Pacific cyclone and Sahel drought.

CHRISTCHURCH EARTHQUAKE RECOVERY

New programmes initiated in 2012 through Caritas' Christchurch earthquake response included two specialist social workers.

One employed by the Catholic Education Office is working with students, parents and teachers in Canterbury to identify needs, and put people in touch with relevant help. A trauma social worker appointed by Catholic Social Services is identifying and seeking additional help for people in critical social need. Both roles are for three years.

Caritas also supported counsellor training for Catholic Social Services and continues to support the Christchurch Diocese's Earthquake Recovery Coordinator. This role is assisting diocesan offices, parishes and local communities better identify their needs as they move deeper into recovery.

Caritas maintains a long-term commitment to supporting vulnerable people and community recovery after the Christchurch earthquakes of 2010-11. To the year ending 2012, \$375,000 had been spent, with an additional \$320,000 allocated to 2013-14 for confirmed programmes.



▲ *Specialist Social Worker Cinnermon Buckley works with students, parents and teachers, while Diocesan Earthquake Recovery Coordinator Matt O'Connell helps parishes and Diocesan offices better identify their needs. TARA D'SOUSA/CARITAS.*

FUNDING ALLOCATIONS 2012 – CHRISTCHURCH RECOVERY

Catholic Diocese of Christchurch – Earthquake Recovery Coordinator	\$32,217
Catholic Education Office – Social worker for Schools and Communities	\$57,500
Catholic Social Services – Counsellor Training	\$3,159
Catholic Social Services – Trauma Social Worker	\$37,441

PACIFIC CYCLONE

Fuatamu and her children (facing page) received emergency food supplies from Caritas Samoa volunteer Michael Pale Taupau after Cyclone Evan hit **Samoa** on 13 December. Fuatamu's badly damaged home in Mataio Samuela on Samoa's south coast had to be covered with tarpaulins to protect Fuatamu and her children from the weather.

Immediately after the cyclone, Caritas Samoa helped shelter more than 330 people in four centres, supplying food, water and other necessities, and emergency generators for lighting. When people returned to their homes – or that of family and friends taking them in – Caritas Samoa continued to supply food and water. This response was supported by \$75,000 from the New Zealand Aid Programme, as well as \$15,000 from our donors, in a regional response along with Caritas Australia.

Caritas funds also enabled the Missionary Sisters of the Society of Mary (SMSM) in Samoa and the island of **Wallis** to support families with food, shelter and replanting of crops.

DROUGHTS IN AFRICA

Government and private donations enabled a significant New Zealand contribution to help end hunger in the Sahel region of West Africa, where 19 million people faced severe food shortages in 2012. Caritas partnered with CADEV (Caritas Niger) and Catholic Relief Services (CRS) to help over 57,000 families in **Niger**, which had the highest number of people affected. The Caritas network provided grain at subsidised prices, food for those most in need, and nutrition centres for malnourished children.

Seeds for sowing were also distributed to 14,000 households across 110 villages, and local people paid in cash or food to work on projects for greater sustainability, such as digging trenches on crop fields to retain water when the rains came. The rains were good and assisted in producing an adequate harvest for the season.



▲ *Habsatou Younoussa is like many other mothers in Niger. To buy food during the droughts she had to sell off land and animals to raise money. Vouchers for food that CRS provided with New Zealand funds enabled her to buy food – this gave her the strength to plant crops. She thanks God because the harvest has been good. MARK MITCHELL/CARITAS.*

Such longer-term recovery from an earlier drought that affected the Horn of Africa was supported in Turkana, **Kenya**. In partnership with Trócaire and the Diocese of Lodwar, improvements were made to livestock health, crop production and irrigation, and degraded rangelands began to be rehabilitated.

THANK YOU to those who gave a total of \$150,000 to our Sahel Appeal – Time to End the Hunger. Your support saved lives.

OTHER EMERGENCIES

Caritas responds to a range of emergencies throughout the year. Only some appear in the media. Our mandate from New Zealand's Catholic Bishops includes support for forgotten or hidden disasters around the world.

Following severe floods in **Fiji** in January and April, Caritas worked through the Ecumenical Centre for Research, Education and Advocacy (ECEA) to provide people in informal settlements with food, counselling and social support.

In Africa, Caritas helped supply food, medical supplies and household items to people caught up in a little known conflict in the Nuba Mountains area of **Sudan**, through Trócaire (Caritas Ireland) and the Catholic Diocese of El Obeid.

In Asia, general and specified donations enabled us to continue support of Burmese refugees in **Thailand** through The Border Consortium. This included emergency supplies and building reconstruction after a severe fire swept through Umpeim Mai camp in northern Thailand near the Burmese border: 566

replacement houses were built and 257 repaired. We supported Caritas Lebanon relief work with refugee families from Syria, and the communities that hosted them in **Lebanon**. There was a further contribution to recovery from the March 2011 earthquake in **Japan**.

Following an earthquake in **Guatemala** in November, Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand made a solidarity grant to Caritas Guatemala for immediate shelter and support to those most affected. The majority were local indigenous people already living in severe poverty.

FUNDING ALLOCATIONS – EMERGENCIES

ASIA		
Thailand	The Border Consortium – Burmese Refugee Support	\$30,000
Japan	Caritas Japan – Great East Japan Earthquake Recovery	\$1,407
PACIFIC		
Fiji	ECEA – Flood Relief and Rehabilitation	\$15,626
Samoa	Caritas Samoa – Cyclone Evan Emergency Response	\$83,280*
Samoa/Wallis	Missionary Sisters of the Society of Mary – Cyclone Evan Emergency Response	\$6,000
AFRICA		
Kenya	Trócaire/Diocese of Lodwar – Turkana Drought Project	\$155,000
Niger	CADEV – Emergency Help for Food Insecurity	\$75,000
Niger	Catholic Relief Services – Relief Support for Niger Emergency	\$268,910*
Sudan	Trócaire/Diocese of El Obeid – Nuba Mountains Emergency Response	\$10,000
OTHER		
Lebanon	Caritas Lebanon – Syrian Refugees Emergency Response	\$4,785
Guatemala	Caritas Guatemala – Guatemala Earthquake Response	\$5,000

* supported by the New Zealand Aid Programme.

Indigenous Peoples



INTRODUCTION

Caritas aims to continually deepen and improve our partnership with tāngata whenua of Aotearoa so that our advocacy and programmes respond to their needs and those of other indigenous communities.

A number of Caritas' international development programmes work with indigenous peoples to support their dignity, rights and livelihoods.

◀ *Making jewellery is a way for the Maasai people to earn extra income in Tanzania, assisted by our partner Community Research and Development Services. MARK MITCHELL/CARITAS*

WALKING AS ONE – BRIDGING THE TASMAN

Representatives from Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand and Te Rūnanga o te Hāhi Katorika (National Māori Catholic Council) joined Caritas Australia in its 'Walk as One' forum on indigenous issues in Sydney in August 2012. The dialogue included sharing experiences and lessons learned in responding to issues of poverty and injustice affecting indigenous peoples.

The Aotearoa New Zealand delegation learned that Caritas Australia commits five percent of general fundraising to Australian indigenous programmes. Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand in response was able to share our experience of consulting with Te Rūnanga o te Hāhi Katorika (National Catholic Māori Council) on issues and content in our work affecting Māori.

The exchange helped the two Caritas organisations see what is available 'in each other's baskets', contributing to ongoing dialogue about the issues facing indigenous people, and greater participation of indigenous people in the Caritas Internationalis confederation.

*Nā tōku rourou, nā tōu rourou, ka ora te iwi.
From my food basket, and your food
basket, the people will live.*

▼ *Indigenous Catholic representatives from both sides of the Tasman with Caritas staff members at the 'Walk as One' forum.*



MĀORI CONSULTATION

Caritas liaised with Te Rūnanga o te Hāhi Katorika on Māori content within our resources and submissions. We also worked with Te Rūnanga on a submission to the Māori consultation on the mixed ownership model for the sale of state-owned assets.

WEST PAPUA – AOTEAROA INDIGENOUS LINKS MADE

Work on supporting self-determination and human dignity in West Papua was notable for stronger solidarity activity within New Zealand. Caritas supported Pax Christi Aotearoa New Zealand to bring two visitors to our shores to make deeper links with Māori on indigenous issues.

In February, Leonard Imbiri from the Customary Council of the West Papuan people met Māori Catholic leaders, Parliamentarians, Papua solidarity groups and media in a visit that included Waitangi, Auckland and Wellington. He spoke about the violence that maintains Indonesia's control over West Papua, strengthened the commitment of solidarity groups in New Zealand, and opened up possibilities for greater links between indigenous people from both lands.

Another Catholic justice and peace worker, Frederika Korain forged stronger links with Māori women during her visit in November.

She also called on New Zealand to pursue a peacemaking and mediation role for West Papua, as it had done following the Bougainville conflict of 1997. She said journalists and human rights workers should be given access to West Papua, the military presence needed to be reduced, and West Papua's so-called 'special autonomy' status should be genuinely evaluated.

▼ *Rika Korain speaking at a 'West Papua, gender and human rights' forum in Wellington. PHOTO: PEACE MOVEMENT AOTEAROA.*



Caritas hosted a July meeting in Wellington with Br Edy Rosariyanto, a Franciscan from the Office for Justice & Peace, Jayapura, West Papua. He spoke of the impact of logging and palm oil plantations, and how lobbying by their Office had persuaded the Indonesian government to defer plans to convert a large area of land to oil palms.

Caritas also supported West Papua Land of Peace Day on 5 February and solidarity with West Papua Independence Day on 1 December. We joined with the West Papua Core Group of key New Zealand agencies and the Wellington West Papua Solidarity Group to call attention to ongoing conflict and human rights abuses in West Papua.

► *Elders pass on the skills of playing traditional Chirai gong music to younger men in Loam Village, Cambodia. This music had been almost lost, but our partner Development and Partnership in Action (DPA) helped bring it back. It is being played in a traditional Chirai meeting house, also constructed by DPA.*



Environmental Justice

▼ A Powershift flash mob show their dedication to campaigning to reduce emissions that contribute to climate change. Caritas provided scholarships for young people to attend this climate change youth forum. KA'ISA BEECH.



Caritas is committed to environmental justice in all of our work. In 2012 we participated in and helped lead meetings in New Zealand concerned about the ecological crisis, and investigated the effects of climate change internationally.

Caritas jointly hosted an ecumenical conference in October. Called 'Lament, Hope, Action: Christianity and the Ecological Crisis', it featured Bishop Emeritus Peter Cullinane as a keynote speaker and several Caritas workshops.

About 160 people gathered in Wellington to connect with others concerned about the environmental crisis affecting the planet and its people, especially the poorest.

'The crisis affecting the environment did not start with the environment. Not all "natural" disasters are natural. The crisis starts in human hearts. It results from the kind of economies we build. The environment cannot be isolated from our human activities.'

Bishop Emeritus Peter Cullinane, Address to Ecumenical Environmental Conference, October 2012



▲ *A group at the ecumenical environmental conference: Lament, Hope, Action: Christianity and the Ecological Crisis, in Wellington, October 2012.*
MARTIN DE JONG/CARITAS

Caritas funding enabled two representatives from Vanuatu to attend the Power Shift Youth Climate Summit in Auckland in December. We also offered ten scholarships to young New Zealanders.

'As Catholics we are called to be aware of what's going on in the world and to expand from just thinking about what is good for "me" and instead thinking about what is good for us and the environment.'
Ka'isa Beech and Regina Sandrine – Caritas representatives at Powershift.

CASE STUDY: TONGA

OCEANIA: RISING SEAS IMPACTING LIVES AND LIVELIHOODS

Lesiele Kava lives in Ha'apai **Tonga**. Emily Benefield met her when she was visiting the low lying island with Sister Senolita of Caritas Tonga to see the effects of climate change. Due to rising sea levels Lesiele's house next to the sea is now too close to

the shoreline and she has been told by the government to move as she is in danger of severe damage during a cyclone. She is in the process of trying to get a loan to rebuild but has not been able to get a survey map from the government in order to secure one. Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand is working with Caritas Tonga on climate change issues in 2013.



EMILY BENEFIELD/CARITAS

Connecting with our Community



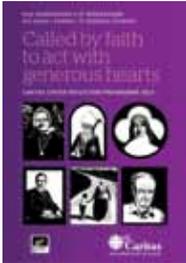
INTRODUCTION

Caritas can only carry out its mission on behalf of the Church in Aotearoa New Zealand through the generosity and support of our community – donors, prayer companions and other supporters and associates.

Lent and Social Justice Week in September are the primary events of the year through which we connect with the Catholic community and other supporters through schools, parishes, and other organisations and networks. However, we also connect at many other times and ways, such as through Justice Leadership Days for schools, donor and supporter newsletters, Special Appeals, or to advise and assist on particular fundraiser events our supporters wish to organise.

We enjoy good, mutually beneficial relations with the Catholic social justice network and social service agencies of the Church and wider community.

◀ *Judith Lunny and Elizabeth van Gessell (left to right) at a meeting of the Auckland Justice and Peace Commission with the wider Auckland social justice network. MARY BETZ.*



Our theme for Lent 2012 'called by faith to act with generous hearts', was perhaps exemplified by our Lenten visitor Claudette Habesch, who gave generously of her time in a three-week visit,

and who had been Secretary General of Caritas Jerusalem – a voluntary position – since 1987. (She stepped down from the role at the end of 2012). Claudette explained the dispossession of the Palestinian people through her own story of eviction from her family home in West Jerusalem in 1948, and never being able to return there to live.

I am convinced that both peoples will either win together or they will lose together. There is no peace for one people and not for the other. Claudette Habesch.

Claudette was involved in public meetings and liturgies for peace in Auckland, Palmerston North, Wellington and Christchurch; and was

an integral part of Justice Leadership Days for senior secondary students.

One of the memorable moments of Claudette's visit was when 'Jerusalem met Jerusalem' – a visit to Hiruharama (Jerusalem) on the Whanganui River. There Claudette presented the local community with a Peace Lamp from the Holy Land, and said 'It seems to me we have so much in common.' In an exchange with Ron Hough of Ngāti Hau they noted commonalities such as dispossession of land, high unemployment among their people, and people leaving their turangawaewae – place of origin.

▼ *Claudette Habesch at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Wellington. EMILY BENEFIELD/CARITAS.*



LENT REFLECTION PROGRAMME

The 2012 Lent reflection programme was notable for recalling our spiritual tūpuna or forebears in Aotearoa New Zealand, who had shown their faith by acting with generous hearts. People such as Suzanne Aubert, Dame Whina Cooper, Bishop Takuira Māriu and Fr John Curnow.

In 2012, about 1700 English booklets were distributed, as well as 300 Tongan, 250 Tokelauan and 250 Samoan. The Pacific-language versions are being used in the Islands, and by Pasifika communities in Australia, United States and elsewhere around the world.

We are grateful for the assistance and support of parish priests and lay pastoral leaders, Lent coordinators, volunteers and speakers who make possible the Lent Appeal each year. Your efforts contributed to a record number of donations and record total of \$903,039.

PEACE LAMPS FOR THE HOLY LAND

Lent and the visit of Claudette Habesch was also an opportunity to promote the Peace Lamp for the Holy Land project. These lamps are made in the West Bank village of Taybeh. The lamps and the olive oil used to burn in them provide employment for the local population. The lamps seek to unite people of all faiths in praying for the peace of the Holy Land, inform people about the situation of Christian communities in Palestine, and support Caritas Jerusalem's development and peacebuilding programmes.

About one hundred lamps were sold or distributed through the country during the year.



▲ The 'pilgrimage' of the Caritas Peace Lamp extended to children from Te Kura O Hata Maria, Pawaranga in the Far North. ELIZABETH SULLIVAN/CARITAS.

LOCAL CONNECTIONS

DIOCESAN JUSTICE AND PEACE COMMISSIONS

Caritas was delighted to collaborate with social justice work across all Dioceses in 2012. All were represented at the annual meeting of Caritas and Diocesan Justice and Peace Commissions and Coordinators.

New Caritas Director Julianne Hickey visited each Diocesan Commission in 2012, to learn about the different structures and activities taking place. Highlights of Diocesan social justice activity in 2012 included:

- **Auckland Diocese:** A very active Commission and seven sub-committees made eight submissions, prepared a parish discussion programme on environmental sustainability, and hosted a public forum on food security.
- **Hamilton Diocese:** Hosted Caritas Humanitarian Programmes Officer Mark Mitchell for meetings in schools and parishes to highlight the Social Justice Week focus on food.

- **Palmerston North Diocese:** Continued its series of Social Justice seminars – this year on the topic of hunger – in Napier, New Plymouth, Whanganui and Palmerston North.
- **Wellington Archdiocese:** Increased its membership to include a wider range of ages and cultural diversity on the Commission.
- **Christchurch Diocese:** Produced a special edition of its ongoing publication *Dignitas Humanas* applying Catholic social teaching to issues arising out of the earthquake response.

AUCKLAND REGIONAL COORDINATOR

In Auckland, Caritas maintained a strong local presence through our Regional Coordinator Beate Matthies. As well as promoting Lent and Social Justice Week in the Diocese, the Coordinator visited 5-6 parishes a month to give talks and meet parish priests and parishioners to raise awareness and understanding of Caritas and its work. She also met with chaplaincies, deaneries, and Church agencies; and supported and encouraged fundraising initiatives by donors in the Auckland region.

In support of our New Zealand advocacy work, she liaised with community and social service agencies, and the Auckland Diocese's Justice & Peace Commission and social justice animators' network.

SOCIAL JUSTICE WEEK

Food is not merely a commodity; access to food is a human right. Food cannot be treated simply as any other product because people depend on food for survival.
New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference:
The Hunger in our Midst, 2012.

The Social Justice Week focus on food security explored the reasons why some people struggle to put food on the table, and our response as a Catholic community.

Ensuring food security is a constant aspect of Caritas' international development and aid work. It is also a growing question within New Zealand, where 33.7 percent of the population live with moderate food insecurity and 7.3 percent with severe food insecurity – not being sure where their

next meal is coming from. This is seen in growing numbers of food programmes for hungry children in schools, and a continuing increase in food assistance from foodbanks and soup kitchens.

The Caritas resources on food asked people to undertake an examination of conscience in relation to their attitudes to people in New Zealand who experience hunger. As a Eucharistic people, we are involved in ensuring that people have enough to eat.

Caritas staff were invited to speak at public events organised by dioceses and parishes around the country. Parish meetings and parish events related to the topic were held, including special foodbank collections, shared meals and the example of St Patrick's parish of Masterton which made jam for the local foodbank. Some



Fruit of the earth and
work of human hands.



groups supported a recommendation from the Commissioner for Children's Expert Advisory Group on Child Poverty – that food programmes in schools be used as an immediate but temporary solution to child hunger, until family incomes could be addressed.

An interactive blogsite 'Breaking Bread Together' was launched to generate comment and discussion on food security from local and international perspectives, and provide additional information, resources and games. It attracted about 60-80 visitors per day. Bloggers included overseas partners, associates from within New Zealand, and a number of young people concerned about food issues.



▲ Archbishop John Dew had lunch with students at a Wellington school to launch Social Justice Week. EMILY BENEFIELD/CARITAS.

EDUCATION - CARITAS IN SCHOOLS

Lent resources for schools in 2012 included for the first time a *Prayers for Lent* booklet. This was well-received, as was the film *The Holy Land: Hearts of Hope*. The film provided a valuable insight into the complexities of life in the Holy Land, through our partnership with Caritas Jerusalem to improve community health care in Gaza and the West Bank of Palestine.

In 2012, 28 primary schools and 12 secondary schools were visited for Lent across five dioceses. Nine schools were visited for the first time in six years.

THANK YOU to all the Catholic schools – teachers, students and parents – who helped raise more than \$86,000 for Caritas in 2012, including \$66,186 for the Lent Appeal. About 100 schools participated in fundraising for Caritas.



▲ Winner of the SINGout4JUSTICE competition
Brianna Anglesey with judge Don McGlashan.
MARTIN DE JONG/CARITAS.

The **SINGout4JUSTICE songwriting competition** drew 24 entries – about half of them from State schools. Winner Brianna Anglesey of Wellington won with a song about bullying called ‘It happens all the time’. The decision was also made in 2012 to extend the competition in 2013 to a Year 11-13 section.

Social Justice Week resources for schools explored food and hunger. The resource booklet *Fruit of the earth and work of human hands* provided teaching ideas centred around sharing food at a meal, and was accompanied by worksheets and an online photo gallery. Resources included a case study developed by a local Home Economics teacher on hunger ‘at home’ in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Education staff visited 16 schools (11 primary and 5 secondary) in Wellington and Auckland, five of them for the first time.

Fantastic resources for all age groups which are a great assistance to very busy teachers.
– A Director of Religious Studies on Caritas Social Justice Week resources.

Eight **Justice Leadership Days** were run across all dioceses. Claudette Habesch from Caritas Jerusalem attended days in Christchurch, Palmerston North and Auckland. She prompted students to come up with their own solutions to the issue of land ownership in the Holy Land.

Caritas Director Julianne Hickey and Humanitarian Programmes Officer Mark Mitchell joined Education staff at other Justice Leadership days.

▼ *Claudette Habesch works with secondary school students at a Justice Leadership Day in Christchurch. CATHERINE GIBBS/CARITAS.*



At the **New Zealand Catholic Education Convention** in August, Caritas offered two seminars, including an opportunity to meet staff members in 'Caritas Conversations'. Caritas Director Julianne Hickey also spoke at the final plenary session.

The special resource *A Guide to Caritas for Schools*, containing the whole breadth of information, contacts and inspiration relevant to teachers was very well-received.

For the second year running, a special liturgical resource **On Holy Ground** was made available for schools to use in association with St Francis Day in October.

Mufti Mania fundraising by primary schools in 2012 – a partnership with the New Zealand Catholic Primary Principals Association (NZCPPA) – raised \$12,860 towards education in the Solomon Islands. (see page 4 for project details).



▲ *Sacred Heart Primary School children in Dunedin during a Caritas visit. ELIZABETH SULLIVAN/CARITAS.*

At the end of the year, two new education staff were appointed (due to start work in January 2013) to extend and develop our work in schools. One Social Justice Educator is based in Auckland to cover schools in the Auckland diocese.

FUNDRAISING

NEW VENTURES

Caritas Gifts – our alternative gifting scheme – had a complete overhaul in 2012. The gifts are now more appealing, and support the work that we do in New Zealand and overseas through four different funds. Each gift voucher has a case study on the back to highlight our work in a practical way. We had a wonderful response to the gifts and raised \$60,555 during the Christmas 2012 season.



Midway through 2012 we moved to a new online donation provider **Everyday Hero**. This has also let our supporters fundraise for us directly online using ‘peer-to-peer’ fundraising tools.

These allow people to set-up a mini website with Caritas branding, to accept donations for Caritas from friends, families and associates – for competing in an event, taking on a personal challenge, having a special occasion or wanting to remember someone.

Individual and group fundraising pages can also be created to fundraise for a particular Appeal.

Caritas also joined **Kiwi Karma** as one of only a few charities that people can nominate to receive donations, when they book accommodation through this online booking service.

Each time a room is booked through the service, five dollars per room night is put into a central charity pool. Each charity receives a share based on how many Kiwi Karma members have chosen them as their preferred charity. So if you’re booking accommodation online – check in through Kiwi Karma, and check the box for Caritas.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

We have appreciated the steady ongoing support of our many donors and supporters. Donations and bequests totalled \$3,108,857 in 2012. This was aided by a record Lent Appeal total of \$902,889, and \$164,527 towards our Special Appeal for the drought-stricken Sahel region. The Pacific Cyclone Appeal, launched in December, raised over \$10,000 by year end, with further donations coming in 2013.

Other donations towards emergencies included \$13,028 to alleviate floods in Fiji early in the year, and \$32,349 towards the Horn of Africa drought appeal (which began in 2011).

Contributions to our three Direct Mail Appeals in Winter, Spring and Summer totalled \$223,675, while regular donations increased a little to \$276,243. We always appreciate people who choose to give regularly, whether a little or a lot – it helps us plan better.

COMMUNICATIONS



The Caritas website saw increased usage in 2012 – an average of 2360 unique visitors each month – almost double the previous year. Peak times were around Lent (3585 visitors for March) and Social Justice Week.

Facebook was used throughout the year to highlight Caritas resources and activities, celebrate successes and link to other items of interest in the global Caritas family or on social concerns. We also joined Twitter in September, in association with the Breaking Bread Together Social Justice Week site.

The Caritas *Update* newsletter appeared in August and November, circulating to donors, parishes, schools and other supporters, while the One World Partnership for regular donors highlighted our work in Tonga.

The *Caritas Companions* prayer newsletter was emailed to about 250 people, and was used to promote prayer and reflection for Waitangi Day, peace and justice in the light of Parihaka, and cyclone recovery in the Pacific.

CARITAS - MAHITAHU INTEGRATION



At the end of 2012, New Zealand's Catholic Bishops approved integrating the work of Mahitahi – Catholic Overseas Volunteers into Caritas, taking effect from 1 January 2013.

Mahitahi retains its own identity, profile and strategic work stream, within the overall management and governance structure of Caritas. The Mahitahi Director reports to the Caritas Director.

Mahitahi ('working together as one') provides volunteers in the Pacific in response to partner requests from Church and community agencies. The integration provides a further dimension to Caritas' work in Oceania, and enables Mahitahi to grow its capacity within the wider structures and resources of Caritas.

The integration will be made effective through a comprehensive organisational review of Caritas taking place in 2013.

Summary Financial Statements

Statement of Financial Performance

for the year ended 31 December 2012

2011	INCOME	2012
	Specified Income	
1,181,280	Public Donations & Bequests	667,205
561,520	MFAT-Development Grants (SDF)	768,084
234,522	MFAT-Disaster Response Fund	216,782
1,977,322		1,652,071
	Unspecified Income	
898,040	Lent Appeal	902,889
(224,510)	Less:25% to Christchurch EQ	-
252,282	Direct Mail Appeals	221,910
270,299	One World Partnership	276,243
530,364	General Donations	583,819
118,346	Bequests	456,791
138,514	Interest	149,464
-	Other	6,300
1,983,335		2,597,416
3,960,657	Total Income	4,249,487
	EXPENDITURE	
393,468	Administration	426,621
328,539	Public Relations & Fundraising	340,255
322,161	Programmes - Domestic	359,528
323,577	Programmes - International	431,178
268,403	Domestic Distributions	155,927
	International Distributions	
1,040,181	Relief & Rehabilitation	655,008
750,684	Development Projects	1,014,753
5,000	Advocacy	6,542
35,500	Other	37,083
3,467,514	Total Expenditure	3,426,895
493,143	Surplus for the year	822,592

Statement of Movement in Equity
for the year ended 31 December 2012

2011		2012	
1,108,681	OPENING FUNDS	1,601,824	
Accumulated Funds			
493,143	Net Surplus for the year	822,592	
(96,701)	Transfer to Reserve Funds	(717,248)	
396,442	Net Movement	105,344	
Reserve Funds			
96,701	Transfer from Accumulated Funds	717,248	
96,701	Net Movement	717,248	
1,601,824	CLOSING FUNDS	2,424,416	

Notes to the Summary Financial Statements

These summary financial statements of Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand are extracted from the full financial statements which are available on request from the Caritas Office, P O Box 12-193, Thorndon, Wellington 6144. The summary financial statements cannot be expected to provide as complete an understanding as provided by the full financial report of the financial performance and financial position of the entity. The full financial statements were prepared in accordance with NZ GAAP (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles), have been audited with a qualified audit opinion being issued due to us being unable to determine the completeness of donation income. The full financial statements were authorised by the Caritas Board on 15 April 2013. Caritas is a public benefit entity and qualifies for concessions available under differential reporting. Full disclosure of policies and explanatory notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 5 to 12 of the full financial statements. The summary financial statements are compliant with Financial Standard No 39: Summary Financial

Statement of Financial Position
as at 31 December 2012

2011		2012	
FUNDS			
808,384	Accumulated Funds	913,728	
793,440	Reserve Funds	1,510,688	
1,601,824	TOTAL FUNDS EMPLOYED	2,424,416	
Represented by:			
3,270,531	Current Assets	3,955,968	
1,720,579	Less: Current Liabilities	1,677,411	
1,549,952	NET CURRENT ASSETS	2,278,557	
51,872	Fixed Assets	45,859	
-	Term Deposit	100,000	
1,601,824	NET ASSETS	2,424,416	

Reports. The summary financial statements have been examined by the auditor for consistency with the full financial report and an unmodified opinion has been issued by the auditor in that respect.

Subsequent Events

The New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference have decided to integrate the operations and governance of Mahitahi-Catholic Overseas Volunteers with that of Caritas, to improve and strengthen both organisations. Mahitahi will retain its own identity, profile and strategic direction; within and supported by the Caritas structure and administration. (2011: Nil).

Signed on behalf of the Caritas Board on 15 April 2013



Mark Richards CHAIR



Julianne Hickey CEO

Report of the Independent Auditor on the Summary Financial Statements

The accompanying summary financial statements, which comprise the summary statement of financial position as at 31 December 2012, the summary statement of financial performance, and summary statement of movements in equity for the year then ended, and related notes, are derived from the audited financial statements of Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand for the year ended 31 December 2012. We expressed a qualified audit opinion on those financial statements in our report dated 15 April 2013.

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required for full financial statements under generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand. Reading the summary financial statements, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial statements of Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand.

BOARD'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Board are responsible for the preparation of a summary of the audited financial statements in accordance with FRS-39: *Summary Financial Reports*.

AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the summary financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with International Standard on Auditing (New Zealand) (ISA (NZ)) 810, *Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements*.

Other than in our capacity as auditor we have no relationship with, or interests in, Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand.

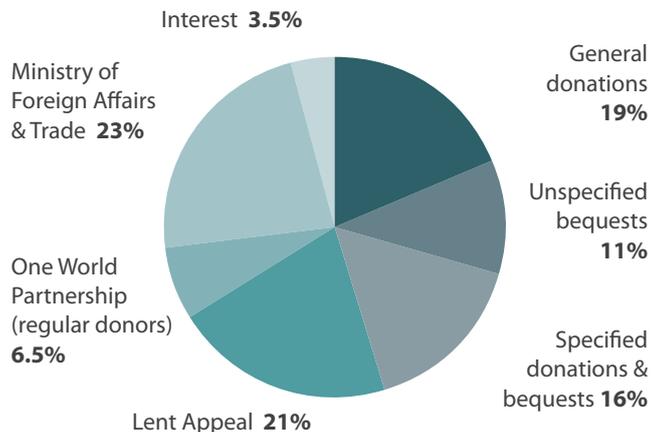
OPINION

In our opinion, the summary financial statements derived from the audited financial statements of Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand for the year ended 31 December 2012 are consistent, in all material respects, with those financial statements, in accordance with FRS-39. However, the summary financial statements are potentially misstated to the equivalent extent as the audited financial statements of Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand for the year ended 31 December 2012.

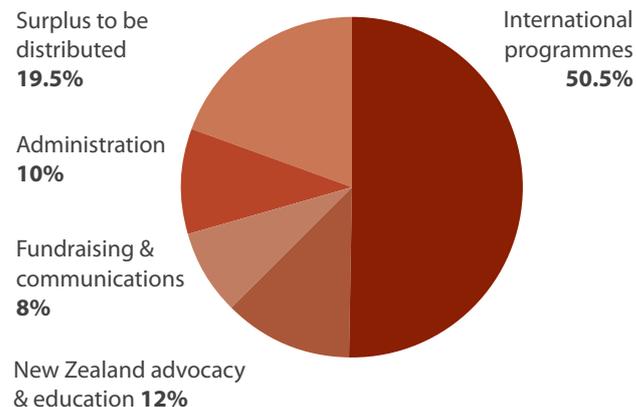
The potential misstatement of the audited financial statements is described in our qualified audit opinion in our report dated 15 April 2013. Our qualified audit opinion is based on the fact that controls over the revenue from certain donations recorded at \$82,881 within the income classifications of Public Donations, Lent Appeal, Direct Mail Appeals, One World Partnership, and General Donations in the statement of financial performance, prior to being recorded is limited, and there are no practical audit procedures to determine the effect of this limited control. Consequently, we were unable to determine the completeness of income and retained earnings. Our qualified audit opinion states that, except for the effects of the described matter, those financial statements comply with generally accepted accounting practice in New Zealand and give a true and fair view of the financial position of Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand as at 31 December 2012, and its financial performance for the year then ended.

BDO Wellington
15 April 2013
Wellington

WHERE INCOME CAME FROM



HOW INCOME WAS USED



EXPLANATORY NOTE

The Auditor's report (left) refers to the summary financial statements being 'potentially misstated' due to limited controls over certain donations prior to being recorded.

This relates to an online donation system provided by a third party. The provider was unable to show to the satisfaction of the auditors that appropriate systems were in place for an outside party to verify that all online transactions made on the secure payment site were

remitted into Caritas' accounts. While we have no reason to doubt that such transactions were not being passed on, our provider was not able to provide the level of verification needed.

This online donation system has since been replaced by another provider.

From the Chair



I congratulate Caritas' new director Julianne Hickey on steering Caritas into newer and deeper waters over the past year. Our staff, volunteers and our many supporters have once again turned in a terrific result on limited resources, while navigating a changing environment in respect of Government policy and funding. The team have developed effective partnerships, with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade in particular, while upholding and living our witness to human dignity, authentic human development and showing 'Christ's love in action'.

Staff and Board completed a comprehensive strategic review establishing five Strategic Priorities to the end of 2017: Addressing poverty, environmental justice, indigenous issues, crisis response, awareness and connection.

These have been translated to a more detailed operational plan for 2013, and will see a comprehensive review of the organisation in the coming year: its internal and external relationships; administrative, financial and infrastructure support; and the appropriate alignment of personnel and resources to achieve our goals and priorities – providing the best fit for the organisation, and for the individuals therein. This review will include the integration of Caritas with Mahitahi – and we look forward to stronger partnerships and sharing of resources, skills and knowledge to benefit the Church and peoples of Oceania.

Hard work by our International Programmes team and other staff secured government funding for three significant programmes to be implemented in 2013. We are building on work over the last few years and this is displayed in

viable and trustworthy partnerships with Government and foreign affairs officials. We are also prompted to greater reflection and deepening awareness of our mission of education and advocacy, founded on partnerships within the heart of the Church in Aotearoa New Zealand.

This letter has been written in the context of the recent election of Pope Francis, who has shown the power of being clear of who and what you are, and having that reflected in your words and deeds. His explanation of St Francis of Assisi as being the inspiration for his name touches the core elements of our new strategy:

- *To be poor*
- *To be people of peace*
- *To be people who love and protect creation*
- *To be people who live in the spirit of peace as poor people*

so that we would become, in Pope Francis' words 'a Church which is poor and for the poor!'

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Richards". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mark Richards

CHAIR OF THE CARITAS BOARD