

ADCF

2025

Annual Reports

Auckland Deaf Christian Fellowship

ANNUAL REPORTS 2025

Worshipping At Te Atatu Union Church

PREVIOUS MINUTES

MATTERS ARISING

CORRESPONDENCE

REPORTS

CHAIRPERSON'S

SECRETARY'S

PASTORAL

FINANCE

**MINUTES OF THE AUCKLAND DEAF CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP AGM
HELD ON 11 May 2024 AT 2 PM**

IN McDONALD'S BALMORAL, 192 BALMORAL ROAD, BALMORAL

PRESENT:

**Glenn (Chair), Michelle (Secretary), Des (Treasurer), Johanna
(Pastoral Care),**

**Barbara, Tricia, Bill (Tricia and Bill left at 3.30), Karen, David (Karen
and David arrived at 2.55)**

APOLOGIES:

Terry, Koronawa and Johanna G

MEETING OPENED: 2.15 pm with the prayer led by Glenn

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST AGM MINUTES:

**1 Johanna has new equipment and is looking a You-Tube etc for
songs. She has been looking when in**

**Papamoa, she has often found the subtitles for the songs are not
always correct. Barbara mentions**

**getting a portable wifi for showing a church. Tricia has Nabscribe
on her phone.**

Update from Johanna on music/songs.

Chairman's report

**Would like ADCF to look at a youth worker and fulltime Pastoral
Care worked for Auckland**

Region. Also 2 more people to join the committee.

Secretary's report.

List of mail received and sent, also list of events and activities held.

Report accepted.

Tricia queried where is the 50th anniversary banner photo in the reports, The photo is the incorrect photo – this is the ADCF one but not the 50th anniversary one.

Postal Mail is slow – can take up to 2 weeks to arrive after it is posted.

Acknowledge Michelle's brother for hosting the website for free. Glenn suggested \$100.00

gift. Michelle to organise. Accepted

Report accepted.

Pastoral Care report

Johanna not sure about living in Auckland in future. This is likely to affect ongoing Pastoral

Care. Also, may have fog problems.

Report accepted.

Finance Report

Bill queried the church rent. Johanna / Des advised we now pay \$200 per service at Te Atatu

Union Church. It was a lot higher before.

Des noted ADCF had 20 services at Te Atatu Union Church in this financial year (April 2023 –

March 2024) with the average attendance of 8 (1 less than last year), Bible study on zoom

weekly and we have our website (adcfonline.com) for a video of PowerPoint used in our

services. As well as a monthly newsletter.

Report accepted.

General Business

2 Tricia suggested we give the cupboard and contents to Hospice as we no longer use them. Johanna

suggested we offer the plates, cups and knives & forks to Koronawa and Johanna G for distribution

through their networks. If they do not need them, these can be given to an Op Shop. Tricia and Bill

said they have an inorganic collection in June or July and a large bin for household rubbish. General

discussion about organising a date to go to Glenn's to do this but no date decided.

Update of removing the ADCF things from Glenn's house.

3 Tricia suggested some ideas for the monthly socials and some be longer socials with activities - - - -

Tree-top walk in Birkenhead

Soup and bread lunch

Delayed Mid-Winter Christmas at Valentines (maybe August)

Cornwall Park

4 Glenn suggested that he hopes for the Deaf youth to be invited through a new programme. General

Discussion about this idea and all present advised they are not able to help with this (stretched to

thin, do not know any Deaf youth or feel that cannot relate to youth enough to work with them). Des

advised that before we consider this, we need guidance from a Minister as noted in our constitution

and a youth leader and Pastoral Care work must be trained. We do not have access to a Presbyterian

Minister.

5 Johanna asked the meeting if we can help Koronawa with his bicycle seat.

6 Johana read out an email she received and forwarded to the committee from Expression Church.

They advise that they have purchased a property in Ellerslie and want to made it Deaf friendly.

Michelle suggested that as we are a Deaf only Church, they may get more information from hearing

Churches that have Deaf / Hearing impaired people in their congregation.

7 Johanna is concerned about the future if 1 of the committee gets sick or has to stop suddenly.

Elections

All existing committee members have been re-elected to the same positions.

Chairperson – Glenn

Secretary – Michelle (for the next year)

Treasurer – Des (for the next year)

Pastoral Care – Johanna (unsure if able to do this)

Meeting closed with a prayer led by Johanna and Michelle at 4.05 pm.

REPORT from ADCF CHAIRMAN Glenn Schischka May 2025

For the past 12 months we feel good that we have been able to keep going with our twice a month Church Services on the 1st and 3rd Sunday afternoons.

We have noticed that society have some deep problems at the moment. We have needed to teach everyone with all wisdom, so

that we may present everyone mature in Christs' way and able to support the Deaf community in Auckland.

Another sincere vote of thanks must also go to our committee members who have stood down at this AGM.

We would like to see more of you to be a part of the ADCF services, to learn how to become better Christian example to the people around us

Please let us know how you would like to be involved and able to support the ADCF.

This is my prayer:- Dear Lord, please give us opportunities to support and help other people; also to be able to bring more people back to our servives.

Thank you for the eternal life that you give as Jesus marries His Church. Amen.

ADCF Secretary Report May 2025

Mail In

- Touchstone newspaper received via post and now via email**
- text messages from ADCF members, emails from ADCF members.**
- Text and emails from Glenn (Chairman), Des (Treasurer) and Johanna (Pastoral Care).**

Mail sent

- Birthday cards to members and interested persons sent.**
- Sympathy card sent**
- ADCF newsletter sent**

We continue to meet at Te Atatu Union Church on the 1st and 3rd Sundays on the month except January.

Events that happened for period 1 April 2024 – 31 March 2025

2024

20 April – Social at Central Park, Papakura.

11 May - AGM

8 June – Social at Muffin Break, St Lukes Mall.

10 July – Johanna B's special 0 birthday

13 July – Social at Pinesong Retirement Village

17 July – Karen W special 5 birthday

17 August – Social at Kings Plant Barn, Silverdale

13 September – David W special 5 birthday

12 October – Social at Kings Plant Barn, Remuera

November – Barbara C special 0 birthday (2 years late)

21 November – Glenn S special 0 birthday

14 December – Christmas Lunch at RSA. Swanson

2025

Nothing

During this year

PowerPoints of services were put on the website – adcfonline.com

Weekly zoom bible study sessions (except December to January).

Weekly zoom prayer group (except December to January).

It seems that we were able to celebrate a few birthdays during 2024.

This will be my last report as I am retiring this AGM.

Thank you for being part of ADCF.

May God bless you and fill your lives with love, Faith and kindness.

Michelle Smith (secretary)

Auckland Deaf Christian Fellowship report from Community lay ministry 2024 -2025

ˆ Pastoral care report 2025. Written by Johanna Brens

Greetings in the name of Our Lord God and Saviour Jesus Christ.

It is with thankfulness to God for the ministry and work of Auckland Deaf Christian Fellowship for the past 55 plus years. Auckland Deaf Christian Fellowship has survived this many years through the people who have gone before us. Too many to name at the moment.

These people have paved the way for us, in the earlier days with minister Fia, Reverend Edna, Celia, Reverend Sandra and the many faithful Deaf and Hearing Impaired and hearing Christians who have been on the committee of ADCF. over the 55 plus years.

It is with sadness and many mixed feelings that I'm stepping off/retiring from the committee and leadership roles in ADCF. The main reasons for this are personal ones.

Over recent years I have really struggled with my health and other challenges, and it has been especially hard since moving to live full time in Cambridge so I can be nearer to my mother, who now needs daily assistance.

Membership numbers have become less as the years go by, many of our fellowship have died or been promoted to glory/heaven, and others have needed to move into residential care homes.

We haven't seen an increase in numbers of people coming to ADCF regularly who could help us to continue this vital ministry where Deaf can learn more about our Lord God and Jesus to grow their relationship with God and fellowship with other Deaf and Deaf Christians.

I am sorry I couldn't continue my studies over recent years and I regret we have not been able to move with the times, to encourage more people in Christian fellowship through visual interactive, online social media, u-tube and having skills and knowledge in computer based technology for Bible study and services.

It is still a dream where several of us would love to see the Bible translated into New Zealand Sign language, this would open up a way for Deaf people to come to know and learn / study and understand more about our God and Christianity.

I will really miss being involved with Auckland Deaf Christian fellowship after 30 yrs. People like Des, Wendy, Glenn and Barbara have been involved in the ministry of ADCF from the very early days.

This past year Glenn, Michelle, Barbara and I have tried to visit Rhona, Des, Wendy and Val in their care homes and bring some of our people to services. We have seen Koronawa's commitment to attend services by cycling a long way in all weathers, Barbara travelling up from Tauranga, Terry's loyalty and faithfulness and encouragement of the committee and leadership. Thank You to Michelle, Terry and Barbara for having helped lead in our worship with sign singing.

Earlier this year we had a few new people come to some of our services and during our last service we had 8 of us and 9 NZSL interpreting students. WOW fantastic, what an encouragement!!! God can move/lead us in new ways/ directions. Remember God loves each of us.

We have celebrated a few milestone birthdays over the last couple of years with lovely afternoon teas, including: Bill's 80th, David's 65th birthday, Johanna's 60th, Glenn's 70th, Barbara's belated 70th and Karens belated 60th birthdays due to COVID times when we couldn't celebrate together.

Our various sermons and services can be found on the ADCF website in the Power Points. This is thanks to Des and Michelle's wonderful efforts, thank you also to Des, Glenn and Johanna for preparing the messages / powerpoints. A very special appreciation to Des and Michelle for doing all the finances and secretary work including reports and administration, especially with preparing and sending out of all the newsletters.

I wish to thank Des who has given many years of service/ministry from the early days of A D C F. until now, through really difficult times.

Des has been loyal and faithful in his ministry with Auckland Deaf Christian Fellowship, and with Deaf Ecumenical Trust. Words are not enough to express our appreciation and how we feel for all the work you have done for D/deaf people especially Christians.

Michelle thank you for all the work you have done behind the scenes especially the administrative work and co ordination of social activities.

I would love it if we can have another service on 18th May and possibly get a few people to help organise a a social celebration of thanks giving to God for the ministry of ADCF.

Remember to take our needs, thoughts and prayers to God and give thanks. As Christians please remember to read your Bible, especially Psalms and the Gospels of Mathew, Mark, Luke and John includes Jesus ministry on earth, continue signing songs of praise and take your prayers and thank you to God. We live in the hope of Jesus coming again, please keep in contact with other Deaf, especially Christians and share Gods word with people who may not yet believe in God.

May Gods peace, love, joy and blessings be with each of us.

Auckland Deaf Christian Fellowship Financial statements and explanations.

For the year 1-4-2024 to 31-3-2025

Many thanks to those who have continued to financially support the fellowship during these hard times. This has still left us in a strong financial position if we can continue in some form.

I will still do essential activities until a replacement or wind-up is made.

**Des Marett
Honorary Treasurer.**

SPECIAL STATISTICS

Number of Services 2024-2025: 20 (cancelled 2 because of sickness)

Average Attendance : 6.5

Estimated next year's activities:

Can we continue services? On-line is finishing.

**A a A weekly zoom bible-study is available. See
(michelle@adcfonline.com).**

Financial Report:

**BALANCE SHEET 31st MARCH 2024
31st MARCH 2025**

BALANCE SHEET

NEW BALANCE \$52,398.12

\$52,902.15

CHEQUE ACCOUNT \$29,356.48

\$29,378.86

FASTSAVER 50 \$7,492.03

\$7,648.61

FASTSAVER 51 \$15,549.61

\$15,874.68

TOTAL BANK ACCOUNTS \$52,398.12

\$52,902.15

RESERVES \$400.00

\$0

TRAINING COSTS

\$0

TOTAL LIABILITIES \$400.00

\$0

EQUITY PLUS LIABILITIES \$51,801.18

\$400.00

DAMAGE DEPOSIT

\$400.00

TOTAL EQUITY \$52,201.18

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\$53,302.15

NO LIABILITIES INCREASE \$1,101.97

From the Income/ Expenditure 2024 2025

INCOME

R&P1	DONATION	\$240.00	\$90.00
R&P1			
R&P1	OFFERING	\$565.60	\$210.50
R&P1	TITHES	\$4,406.74	\$5,092.39
R&P4	INTEREST	\$494.45	\$481.65
R&P6	TOTAL INCOME	\$5,706.79	\$5,874.54

EXPENDITURE

R&P8	CHAPLAIN SUPPORT	TOTAL Education	247.65
	DONATION OUT	Gifts & Donations	100
R&P9	FOOD	\$286.45 TOTAL Food & Dining	387.36
R&P9	EXTRA BOND	\$200.00	

R&P9	RENT	\$4,580.00	RENT	4,400.00
R&P9	STATIONARY	\$523.32	Stationary	235.50
R&P9	SUNDRIES	\$-		
R&P9	SUPPLIES	\$-		
R&P9	TRANSPORT			
R&P12	TOTAL EXENDITURE	\$5,589.77	TOTAL	
	5,370.51			
R&P13	INCOME/EXPENDITURE	\$117.02	I/E	504.03
	BALANCE 2024	\$52,281.10	BALANCE 2025	
	\$53,302.15 (includes \$400.00 bond)			
	ASB STATEMENTS 2024	\$52,398.12	ASB STATEMENTS	
	2025 52,902.15			
Bon	Bond now held by Te Atatu Union church is \$400.00		DIFFERENCE	
	Plus \$504.03			

