



Presbyterian Church
of Aotearoa New Zealand

Joining the **KIDS FRIENDLY** Network Application Form

For Presbyterian and Uniting Churches

Date: / /

Please return a copy of the completed application form and donation to:

Robin Humphreys, Kids Friendly Coach,
15 Brigid Place, Mt. Pleasant, Christchurch 8081

_____ Church of the _____ Presbytery

Would like to: Join the Kids Friendly Network Work to become a Kids Friendly Church

Kids Friendly Network members receive:

- Kids Friendly news and monthly e-news of ideas, resources, events and blogs.
- An up-to-date and user-friendly website www.kidsfriendly.org.nz
- Invitations to Kids Friendly events.
- Advice on Kids Friendly issues and requirements e.g., safety protocol and policy, including children in worship, community outreach, curriculum, employment etc.
- Kids Friendly Resource Manual including Safety in Children's Ministry, Employing a Children's Ministry Worker, Kids Friendly Ideals and Self-Review and 30 more resources to help you minister to children and families.
- Kids Friendly coaches offer your ministry team training, coaching and advice on Kids Friendly issues, requirements, resources etc.

Churches working to become "Kids Friendly" agree to a process that requires:

- **Invite a Kids Friendly coach** to share the Kids Friendly vision with the Session/Parish Council and/or congregation.
- Session/Parish Council and minister **"contract" to work to become a Kids Friendly Church by** signing the Kids Friendly pledge (attached) and sending it with the completed application form and a one-off donation of \$75 to Kids Friendly.
- Session and minister/children's minister **form a Kids Friendly "Dream Team"** to review their children's ministry.
- **Schedule meetings** for the "Kids Friendly Dream Team" to review the church's children's ministry and set goals to become "Kids Friendly" using the **Kids Friendly Ideals and Self-review** resource.
- Work to achieve your goals (ask for help from your Kids Friendly coaches where needed).
- Share your Kids Friendly journey with your congregation.
- When you are meeting the Kids Friendly ideals submit your review documentation for Kids Friendly assessment.



- Once you are assessed Kids Friendly “brand” your church and all communication “Kids Friendly”.
- Share your resources, stories and experiences.
- Remember Kids Friendly is not a destination, but a journey that requires ongoing review.

Do you identify yourself as? (Please tick box)

Actively Kids Friendly

 Wanting to be Kids Friendly

Name of Minister	Phone	Email

Postal address:

Name of Children’s Ministry Contact(s)	Phone	Email

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- We would like to pay by Internet Banking and have deposited the amount of \$75.00 into the Kids Friendly Bank Account.
Account Number: 02 0500 0086963 17 Reference: KF Network Fee**
- We enclose a cheque for \$75 (made out to Kids Friendly: PCANZ) as a one-off donation toward the costs of producing the Kids Friendly Best Practice Resource Manual.**

Your donation receipt will be sent separately to you from PCANZ.



THE KIDS FRIENDLY PLEDGE

(for churches wishing to work to become a Kids Friendly church)

We the Presbyterian/Union Church of _____ commit to working to become a Kids Friendly Church.

1. We aspire to the Kids Friendly Ideals.
2. We will form a "Dream Team" including the minister, representatives from: a) the children's ministry team, b) the session/parish council and c) parents, to review our current Kids Friendly status.
3. We agree to review our church every three years (or when we have a change of minister) using the Kids Friendly Self-Review resource.
4. We will set and work towards Kids Friendly goals and access advice to achieving these from the Kids Friendly coach where necessary.
5. We will share progress with our congregation and encourage their feedback.
6. Once we believe we are meeting the Kids Friendly ideals we will submit our review documentation for Kids Friendly assessment.
7. We will promote our church as Kids Friendly using the logo and artwork.
8. We will share our resources and experiences with other Presbyterian/Union churches.
9. We understand that Kids Friendly is a journey that requires ongoing review and commitment.

Minister: _____ Signed: _____ Date: _____

Session Clerk: _____ Signed: _____ Date: _____

Children's Ministry: _____ Signed: _____ Date: _____

THE KIDS FRIENDLY IDEALS

A KIDS FRIENDLY CHURCH HAS:

- ☺ A heart for children
- ☺ A Vision and Mission for ministering with and to children and families
- ☺ Kids Friendly Sundays
- ☺ Mission culture
- ☺ Valued children
- ☺ Valued children's ministry leaders
- ☺ A safe and healthy environment
- ☺ Partnership with parents
- ☺ A commitment to self-review
- ☺ A Kids Friendly minister



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CONTACT:

For more information please don't hesitate to get in touch.



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