

# Church appeal target

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About \$245,000 is needed for earthquake strengthening work on St Paul's Anglican Church in Waiwhetu.

The total cost of the upgrade is \$388,000, with \$143,000 already raised.

The campaign to raise the remaining money kicked off at Knox Church Hall recently, with a community meeting that attracted about 100 supporters.

Archbishop Philip Richardson, Bishop Justin Duckworth, MP Trevor Mallard and a group from Waiwhetu marae, on whose land the church is located, joined church parishioners at the event.

Consulting engineer Stephen Sawrey told the audience the church was considerably below current earthquake standards.

Churches with heavy concrete tile roofs, like St Paul's, performed particularly badly in the 2011 Christchurch earthquake, he said.

A key element of the project would involve replacing those tiles with a lighter iron roof structure.

Speaking after the meeting, the convener of the fundraising committee, Michael Jameson,



Vicar Warden Murray Isdale, left, and Bishop Justin Duckworth were two of the speakers at a recent fundraising event to launch an appeal for St Paul's Anglican Church, Waiwhetu.

said he was confident the money would be raised.

"Not everyone is very wealthy in our parish, but we have some people who give a lot...and others just give a small amount, but it all counts," he said.

Donations can be made either through direct giving or by organising associated fundraising activities.

St Paul's was built in 1959.

■ For more details on fundraising, visit [www.stpaulslowerhutt.org.nz](http://www.stpaulslowerhutt.org.nz)

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A \$250,000 fundraising campaign has been launched to deal with earthquake strengthening of the St Paul's Anglican Church tower and main building.

