

## CONFERENCE BUSINESS COMMITTEE “E” Board of Ministry

CONVENER: Jan Tasker

QUESTION 29: What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Board of Ministry

(a) Mission Resourcing  
and

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(b) Ministry Education (Trinity College)

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### INFORMATION

#### DECISIONS:

1. The report is received.
2. Conference acknowledges and thanks Rev. Dr. Trevor Hoggard, for his commitment, and contribution to the Board of Ministry.
3. Conference remembers with gratitude the valued contribution made to theological education by Rev Enid Bennett, Fellow of Trinity College, who died in February 2006.
4. Conference endorses and gives mandate to the Board of Ministry with Te Taha Maori to further the new directions as outlined in the Board of Ministry report to Conference 2006.
  - a. Conference asks the Board of Ministry and Te Taha Maori to progress conversations regarding the shape of partnership with the Anglican Church and Auckland Methodist Central Parish and further develop and trial the new Board structure during 2007 and report to Conference 2007.
  - b. The Board welcomes by 31 March 2007 written comments and suggestions on the report as presented to Conference 2006 from Synods, Hui Poari, Parishes and individuals.
5. Conference asks Council of Conference to review connexional funding priorities and report to Hui Poari and Taiwi Strategy during 2007 and bring recommendations to Conference 2007.
6. Conference gives a mandate to the Board of Ministry to seek endowment funding from Taiwi Methodist Trusts throughout New Zealand during 2007.
7. Conference encourages Synods to consider appointing the Director of Ministry Development as the Study Leave Supervisor in order to manage study leave and professional development for Presbyters, Deacons and Lay appointments
8. Conference agrees further work be done in 2007 by the Working Group, in consultation with Board of Ministry Staff on issues raised by Synods and a firm proposal be brought to Conference 2007 on “The Draft Guidelines to Local Shared Ministry in the Methodist Church.”
9. Conference agrees to the following Law book changes:
  - a. References to “District Recruitment Convener” be replaced with the words “Synod Candidates Convener”
  - b. The following be added to the end of 3.1 “Candidating shall be for ministry in a specified language setting.”
  - c. The word “selection” replaces “nomination” in 3.6
  - d. That 3.6 (e) read “a process of Appeal against the recommendation of the National Assessment Event, the appeal to be solely on the grounds of abuse and/or incorrect use of candidating procedures.”
  - e. 3.7 (f) read “competency in English, in the language in which they will minister and, if necessary, in Te Reo.”
  - f. A new 3.10 be introduced: “The Synod shall appoint a Synod Candidates Convener who shall provide guidance to candidates and to the Synod about the Candidating processes, and shall make a recommendation to the Synod regarding the candidate.”
  - g. The renumbered 3.11 read “The Synod Candidates Convener shall see that the requirements of the Board of Ministry with respect to Candidates have been fulfilled. The Synod Candidates Convener shall confirm to the Board of Ministry that the Candidate has met the requirements laid down in 2.3.5-8 above and that the Ministerial Synod has agreed to the Candidate continuing their candidature.”
  - h. The first sentence of 3.13 be amended to read “The Board of Ministry will receive all reports concerning Candidates, including those of the Candidates Assessment Team, and may request a personal interview.”
10. Conference records its thanks to Rev Desmond Cooper who completes six years as Ordinand Assessment Convener.
11. Conference thanks Rev Dr Lynne Frith for her work on behalf of the church on the UCANZ Standing Committee.
12. Conference agrees that:
  - a. the draft Policy and Procedures for Presbyters coming from overseas to minister in New Zealand be approved for use until Conference 2007.
  - b. the draft Policy and Procedures be sent to Synods, Hui Poari, Taiwi Strategy Committee for discussion and that responses be sent to Mission Resourcing no later than 27<sup>th</sup> August 2007.

- c. the following terms of reference of the review for the Overseas Ministry Policy and Procedures be approved
    - i. Are the guidelines, policies and procedures working? In what way are they or are they not working?
    - ii. Are they disadvantaging anyone?
    - iii. Are there any matters that have arisen from implementing the policy that are unexpected? What are they?
    - iv. Is the Partnership team functioning well?
    - v. What can be done to improve the team's working?
    - vi. Is there any way in which the policies and procedures need to be changed?
  - d. Council of Conference undertake a review of the guidelines mid 2008 and report to Conference 2008 on the last question of the terms of review – "Is there any way in which the policies and procedures need to be changed?"
13. Conference asks the Board of Ministry to continue discussions with Synods, Tauwi Strategy and Te Taha Maori during 2007 about the future shape of Korean Ministry in New Zealand.
  14. Conference approves the formation of the Tabacakacaka comprising Fijian congregations in Christchurch, Wellington and Wanganui.
  15. Conference asks the Director Pakeha Ministry and Director Pasifika Ministry to work on an emerging understanding and practice of leadership development and succession planning for the Methodist Church of New Zealand during 2007.
  16. Board membership for 2007 is Jan Tasker (Chairperson), Shirley-Joy Barrow, Jennifer Moor, Kenneth Smith, Adrienne Taungapeau, 'Epeli Taungapeau, Peter van Hout, Peter West and including people named by Te Taha Maori, with the Business Manager in attendance and other people nominated for their expertise and appointed by the President during 2007.

**QUESTION 29(c):** Churches Education Commission

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**INFORMATION**

**DECISIONS:**

1. That the report be received.

**QUESTION 29(d):** Diaconate Task Group

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**INFORMATION**

**DECISIONS:**

1. That the Report be received.

**QUESTION 29(e):** Tauwi Youth

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**INFORMATION**

**DECISIONS:**

1. That the Report be received.
2. Conference affirms the appointment of TeRito Peyroux as the convenor of CYMA
3. Conference thanks Christine Wakefield for her work supporting Tauwi Youth Ministry and her work representing the church on CYMA
4. Conference supports 'Methodist Youth Conference 2008: Where is God for young people?' from Thursday 10-Sunday 13 January 2008, at Lincoln University, Christchurch.
5. Conference urges Synods, Parishes and Congregations to encourage and provide financial support to its young members who are interested in attending the 2008 Methodist Youth Conference.
6. Conference thanks Edna Te'o and Alex Tulou for their contribution to the development and work of TYTANZ
7. Conference affirms the membership of TYTANZ to be: TeRito Peyroux, Osaiasi Kupu, Havea Pamaka, Alex Davids, Filo Tu and Antonina Moala (*and three names still to be received and appointed by the President*)

**QUESTION 29(f):** Forum for Cooperative Ventures  
**(g):** The Uniting Congregations of Aotearoa New Zealand?

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**DECISION:**

1. That the report be received.

**QUESTION 29(h):** Interchurch Chaplaincies?  
(ii) Interchurch Tertiary Chaplaincy Council (ITCC)

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**INFORMATION**

**DECISIONS:**

1. That the report be received.
2. That Conference affirm the importance of ongoing support for tertiary chaplaincy.

**QUESTION 29(j):** Wesley College?

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**INFORMATION**

**DECISIONS:**

1. That the Report be received
2. That the following be the Wesley College Trust Board for 2005/2006  
Norman Johnston, Kay Kendall, Barbara Lawrence, Lana Lazarus, Andre Le Roux, Jack McCoskrie, Wesley Mansell, John Murray, Suliasi Naulivau, Harvey O'Loughlin, Patisepa Saleupolu, Barry Shuker, Diana Tana, Gillian Telford, Colin Telford, and Mara Tupaea

**QUESTION 35(c):** What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the New Zealand Methodist Lay Preachers Network?

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**INFORMATION**

**DECISIONS:**

- 1 The report is received and referred to Board of Ministry.