

## CONFERENCE BUSINESS COMMITTEE "A" Council of Conference

**CONVENERS:** Lana Lazarus and Tovia Aumua

**QUESTION 25:** What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Council of Conference?  
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### DECISIONS:

1. The report is received.

2. Conference thanks Kilifi Heimuli, Aroha Houston, Jessie Kerr, Alex Webster and Ruby Winikerei who complete their time on Council of Conference.

3. Conference adopts the official name of the Church to be "The Methodist Church of New Zealand–Te Haahi Weteriana O Aotearoa".

4. Conference:

- a. implements the proposed Model of Presidency from 2010; **No decision**
- b. asks the Administration Division and Law Revision Committee to work on matters of funding and other structural and legal aspects and report to Conference 2009.

#### **No consensus**

5. Conference asks the Council of Conference to circulate a discussion paper on the Wesley College Special Character by March 2009 to Synods and Hui Poari and report the outcomes to Conference 2009.

6. Conference approves the membership of the Council of Elders to be two members from Te Taha Māori and two members from Tauwiwi.

7. Conference thanks Jill van de Geer for her significant contribution to the life and work of the Council of Conference in her role as General Secretary.

8. The Budget Task Group for 2009 shall be the President, Vice President, General Secretary, Tumuaki, Evelyn Kingi, David McGeorge, Paula Taumoepeau, Pari Waaka, plus one other to be brought to Conference and with Connexional Office Staff in attendance.

9. The two new members for the PAC Distribution Group for 2009 shall be: Rachel Masterton and Rex Nathan.

10. Council of Conference membership for 2009 shall be Te Taha Māori: Lana Lazarus (Co-Convenor), Julie-Anne Barney-Katene, Jim George, Keita Hotere, Gillian Laird, Rex Nathan, Bella Ngaha, Diana Tana, Pari Waaka and one further member to be appointed by the President from the substitute list following the Council of Conference Training Workshop. Substitutes: Raiha (Dorta) Cassidy, Christine Kershaw, Sonny Livingstone and Shirley Wiki. Tauwiwi: Tovia Aumua (Co-Convenor), Des Cooper, Motekiai Fakatou, Tevita Finau, Jan Fogg, Barbara Peddie, Aso Samoa Saleupolu, Olive Tanielu and Susan Thompson. Substitutes: Thelma Efford, Mark Gibson, Derek Holland, Akisi Renner, Susau Strickland, Nigel Hanscamp and Viv Whimster. President Jill van de Geer, Vice President Ron Gibson, The Principal David Bell and General Secretary David Bush will also be in attendance.

11. That exploration be undertaken into moving towards two yearly Conferences.

12. That continuing exploration be undertaken into moving towards a two year Presidency term.

13. That the Council of Conference work group consult with the newly formed Task Group on items 11 and 12 and report to Hui Poari, Tauwiwi Strategy, Synods and Conference 2009.

**QUESTION 25(a):** What is God saying to us now?

**QUESTION 25(b):** What more can be done to promote the work of God?

**QUESTION 25(c):** What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Connexional Budget?  
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### DECISIONS:

1. The report is received.

2. Conference notes and affirms the Budget Task Group and the direction it has outlined regarding the contracting of professional expertise to implement a development plan, noting the moratorium in 3 below. (A PAC Grant is in place to fund this).

3. (a) A moratorium be placed on the PAC Funds from the PAC Distribution Group to outside groups other than MCNZ.
- (b) The moratorium be placed on the PAC funds for a period of up to 3 years commencing 1/7/09.
- (c) A priority for the PAC Funds will be the Connexional Budget for those 3 years.

4. Conference notes the Budget Task Groups intention to contract professional expertise to implement the development plan and that the consultant is to report to Budget Task Group and Council of Conference on the above and also to suggest what relief might be given to Parishes/Rohe during the moratorium.