



TE TAHA MĀORI

Information and Reporting Back

**I te timatanga ko Te Atua;
A te mutunga ko Te Atua ano!**

Tena Koutou Katoa i o tatou mate o naianei tonu, otira, o nga marama me te tau kua pahemo. Ko ratou ki a ratou, ko tatou nga waihotanga iho: kia kaha, kia u, kia ora rawa atu.

Life becomes tinged with sadness and a sense of great loss as those that we love and respect depart this world. We acknowledge the names of all those proffered in the memorial time of the Powhiri and we add to those Pateriki Briggs, Minita-a-Iwi in training, and Kaumatua who took care of all in his area in Hokianga, Tai Tokerau.

Theology in Aotearoa/Education and Training

Theology: As in past years, Te Taha Maori has continued to prioritise and place the importance of Aotearoa being the context for our theology. Theology or doing theology is a part of all Te Taha Maori (TTM) gatherings, these being National Rangatahi Hui, Minita-a-Iwi/Kai Karakia wananga, Rohe meetings, Marae, Whanau, Hapu, Iwi, Hui Poari and other hui-a-iwi.

Theology in Aotearoa reflects our God understanding, the teachings and the history surrounding Jesus Christ, the understanding and traditions of our Hahi Weteriana, the customs and culture of our tupuna.

Education and Training: Education and Theological Training continues with our people engaging in courses at Trinity Methodist Theological College as well as our own wananga. TTM members have participated in the courses of Lead Worship and several of the intensives offered by the college. We are encouraged especially, by the development of courses that reflect understandings of our tupuna and that contextualise God understandings here in Aotearoa. We note our own people's interest in these courses, which signals that the direction taken by Trinity College in the delivery of courses and programmes that reflect our bicultural journey is appreciated by our membership. We believe it is also a more concrete demonstration of how we as a church can together engage in that bicultural journey.

Topics covered this year in our own Hui Poari theology sessions have included conversations around genetic engineering, moana theology and - Our place, God's place. It is not always easy for us to find ways to understand issues such as genetic engineering and the 'Warrior Gene' for instance, but we try always to seek a reflection that can sit comfortably with our tikanga.

Rangatahi

All our work in TTM help to develop in our Rangatahi grounding in their being Maori and Methodist within the context of Aotearoa-New Zealand. Some highlights of their work in the past year follows.

Our 2010 report signalled plans for the **National Rangatahi Hui** (NRH) to be held at Pariroa Pā in Patea in late November. The **Rangatahi Planning Group** (RPG) organised this event and were very pleased to have the Tumuaki Diana Tana, Ex President Alan Upson, Ex Vice-President Lana Lazarus, and Tauwi Youth Facilitator TeRito Peyroux present. The theme of the hui was 'He Taonga Tuku Iho' and a plethora of activities was offered to participants which included, valuable learnings of the history of Maori Methodism in Patea, Hawera and Ngamotu, visiting Maunga Taranaki and Te Rere O Kapuni. Other highlights were singing himene (the way they used to be sung), engaging in karakia, Ki-O-Rahi, an Amazing Race, 'the Eye of God' and making koauau and poi taonga. The biggest buzz of the NRH was when members of the Patea Maori Club

performed on the last evening. Thanks and appreciation to Syd and Anne Kershaw, Frances Kingi-Katene and Taranaki Rohe for their generous hospitality.

This year's NRH will be held in Mangamuka, Northland in October. The theme is 'He Kakano Ahau' and everyone is looking forward to another fun filled, learning environment.

In addition to the work of the NRH each rohe have engaged their rangatahi in other activities:

- **Tai Tokerau** July, Tamati Rakena planned a very successful holiday programme for rangatahi.
- **Tamaki** rangatahi meet on a monthly basis learning theology through whakawhanaungatanga. Some of their highlights:
 - April, revisiting the Easter story of Jesus' death and resurrection – and the story of the first Easter Bunny, offered by the nannies
 - May, the rangatahi took the karakia and expressed their theology through music especially contemporary song – new views of theology & learning for our older members left some a bit challenged, but enlightened and heartened by our rangatahi enthusiasm.
 - Whanaungatanga was the highlight of Tamaki's 'Leisurely Lunch' where good food and renewing acquaintances was the focus. A beautiful meal was prepared where the Rohe could reacquaint themselves with old friends and new.
 - In July, rangatahi also travelled to Otua in the Hokianga for the unveilings of both Kathy Karanga and Ripia Rountree (Minita-a-iwi). They gathered together to remember and celebrate the lives of these two beautiful women with all their friends and whanau.
- **Taranaki** rangatahi highlights:
 - SeRVNT-Hood where they shared evening devotions, a church service with the Whanganui parish, and attended some of the sessions at the LNIS School of Theology. They heard the stories of community struggles, shared in friendship meals, work at the 'Op Shop', food bank and tasting 'easy meals' for lunch. 'Friday Fun Nite' saw them organising and teaching songs and games to the children that attend staying a night at emergency housing and cleaning the units as well as making lifelong friends with those who participated in the programme. Again, the rangatahi appreciated the supportive leadership of TeRito Peyroux.
 - A leadership workshop and whanau day was organised by Julie-Anne Barney-Katene and rangatahi lead service within the Rohe on the fourth Sunday of each month.
 - Rangatahi are actively involved at Poneke Rohe, assisting with preparations for karakia and manaakitanga for their people. Kris Wichman has also been in conversation with Betsan Martin who keeps him updated with Public Questions issues.

The members of the RPG are Julie-Anne Barney-Katene, April Bichan, Raiha (Dorta) Cassidy, Lana Lazarus; Alamaine McGregor, Tamati Rakena, Alison Ranui, Lennard Rei, and Kris Wichman

Finance and Properties

Finances: Te Taha Maori sincerely thanks and acknowledges the Grey Institute Trust, Wellington Methodist Charitable Educational and Endowments Trust, the Hamilton Methodist Trust, Margaret and Bruce Gordon Fund, Kurahuna Committee and Blackwell Trust for their continued financial support. There are many people who benefit from the allocation of these funds as they continue the work of the church. We continue to maintain strong stewardship over our resources, constantly reviewing and challenging ourselves in this regard.

Properties: The upgrading of our Tamaki properties continues. At the end of last year Kingi Tūheitia was on hand to open the new building situated behind the Kawhia Church which will provide the local church community with facilities to hold meetings and small gatherings that support the people, the church community in this area.

Tumuaki Diana, Rev. Rex Nathan and Kaumatua Hone Kopa led a service of "lifting the tapu" – a process of cleansing and restoration – at the site of the Durham St Church, Christchurch.

Lana Lazarus and Dina McCarthy have begun visiting our various properties to assess each one for valuation purposes for insurance and to look at the communities that use these resources.

What can we do more to better serve our people? They have completed the northern properties and will continue that work throughout Waikato and Taranaki in the next few months.

Ecumenical Matters

Te Runanga Whakawhanaunga i Nga Haahi o Aotearoa: Significant progress has been made in this forum and with our ecumenical relations. A group representing Te Runanga recently made a trip to Ohope and met with Te Aka Puaho to discuss their position and their membership within this body. Rev. Rua Rakena continues as the Interim Administrator.

Methodist Mission & Ecumenical Committee: Keita Hotere and Lana Lazarus continue as members of this Committee. We wish John Roberts well in his new role as we do also to the incoming Secretary Prince Devanandan.

We are pleased to note that Dr Mere Roberts, an Anglican Biologist of Maniapoto descent has joined the **Interchurch Bioethics Council** (ICBC). One Maori voice alone is always difficult. "The Warrior Gene Controversy" a conversation by Grant Gillett and Bella Ngaha derived from discussions at ICBC and TTM was published in 2010 in *Dialogue Australasia*. Iss. No.24.

TTM has had significant involvement with international ecumenical engagements this past year and those noted here are some that have taken place.

- 11 of our rangatahi travelled alongside Tauivi whanau in December 2010 to the Pacific Christian Youth Convention held at Tupou College, Toloa in Tonga. We shared in workshops, bible studies, karakia, and saw firsthand some of the realities of life for those living in Tonga. It was a humbling experience and we acknowledge the preparatory work and leadership of Lana Lazarus and TeRito Peyroux.
- Tumuaki Diana as Moderator for the EGY Committee (Ecumenical Gender and Youth Forum) travelled to New Delhi, India to meet with fellow delegates in February, 2011 to discuss various aspects of their work as requested by the Central Committee of CCA.
- In April Tumuaki Diana and Rev. Rex Nathan attended te Hui Amorangi – the Northern Anglican Maori Synod – continuing to grow our Methodist – Anglican relationship
- Tumuaki Diana and Keita Hotere joined other members of our church in Durban, South Africa for the World Methodist Council and Conference. The theme for this conference was "Jesus Christ for the healing of nations."
- Keita Hotere also represented our church at the Youth Forum at the Koinonia Centre in Bothas Hills, Kua Zulu, Natal, Durban which took place prior to the World Methodist Council.
- Tumuaki Diana, Te Aroha Rountree and Rev. Rex Nathan were part of the team that travelled to Israel with the Trinity College delegation of Tutors and Students in August – September for insights into the context explored through the Course "Israel – the Bible in its original context."

Connexional Matters/Partnership

Te Taha Maori remains committed to our Church's Bicultural Journey and Partnership Issues that arise within our Church. It is important that we maintain a Māori presence and expend the necessary time and energy required to put that partnership into practice. Significant involvements this year have included:

- Representation on the Board of Administration, Connexional Budget Task Group, Council of Conference, Grey Institute Trust, Kurahuna Committee, Methodist Mission and Ecumenical Committee, PAC Distribution Group, PAC Media and Communication Committee, the Interchurch Bioethics Council, Pastoral Committee, Te Runanga Whakawhanaunga i Nga Haahi o Aotearoa, Trinity Methodist Theological College, Wellington Methodist Charitable Educational and Endowments Trust and the Wesley College Trust Board.
- Tumuaki Diana and Rev. Rex Nathan have had significant conversations with representatives of the following Missions, Lifewise in Auckland, Wellington Community Action in Wellington and we look forward to furthering those relationships.
- Twice this year, once in July and again in August, we have endeavoured to meet with Dunedin Missions. Volcanic Ash in July and then blizzard conditions in August have prevented this, but we are hopeful for a September meet.

- Tumuaki Diana and Lana Lazarus accepted an invitation to attend the Sinoti Samoa Executive, held in June at the Church Offices, Penrose.
- In July Bella Ngaha provided the opening session for the Lower North Island Synod School of Theology held in Whanganui, on their theme "Moana Theology."
- In late August TTM Kaumatua Rev. Napi Waaka led the Kingitanga delegation to the Tangihanga for Sir Paul Reeves along with Waikato Taha Maori members. Lana Lazarus accompanied the Methodist delegation led by President Alan Upson, Vice President Sue Spindler and a number of other Methodist clergy.

Celebrations

The 10 year Review for the Tumuaki was completed in late 2010, received and endorsed by Hui Poari in 2011. TTM continue to support Tumuaki Diana in this position.

An ancient taiaha that had been gifted many years ago to the people of Taranaki and housed at Rangiatea and in later years at Mission House was finally returned to his people. Tumuaki Diana accompanied by Rev. Rex Nathan made the journey to Te Aranga Marae, Flaxmere to return him to his home. The family of the carver, Pahi Kahika, of Whakatohea, were overjoyed at his return and offered their profuse gratitude to TTM and to the Methodist Church.

TTM are also proud to acknowledge and celebrate the achievements of Dr. Arapera (Bella) Ngaha who graduates with her PHD, September 20th. Her doctoral dissertation investigated the link between te reo Māori and Māori identity and considered how Māori communities felt about the promotion and support for the learning of te reo by non-Māori. Her study provides an opportunity for the Māori community voices to be heard, explores the impact such a strategy might have on them and offers concerns and solutions that might be used to inform Māori language policy.

Looking Forward

The areas noted in this report, as well as many others, continue to keep us busy as we move forward into the future:

1. Recalling our memory is an ongoing educative process.
2. Building our membership and knowledge base is important.
3. RPG continue the work of addressing model/s for Youth work for our own rangatahi into the future
4. Training workshops for all our youth leaders
5. Theological education and training for our people continues.
6. Strengthening our bicultural and partnership relationships is paramount for maintaining our connexional commitments and responsibilities.
7. Our ecumenical relationships have a particular focus for us - whanaungatanga.
8. Social and political developments concerning our people are always on Hui Poari's agenda - the upcoming Elections is high on our list of items for discussion.

Suggested Decisions

1. The report is received.
2. The 2012 membership and officers of Hui Poari be: Tumuaki Diana Tana, Lana Lazarus, Rex Nathan; Rangatahi: Tamati Rakena, Te Aroha Rountree, Julie-Anne Barney-Katene and Maungarongo Tito (substitute); Tai Tokerau: Frances Rakena, Dorta Cassidy and substitute Joanne (Barbie) Flay Tamaki: Gillian Laird, Bella Ngaha and substitute Te Aroha Rountree; Waikato: Pari Waaka; Taranaki: Frances Kingi-Katene, Hemi Haddon; Poneke: Alameine McGregor; Kris Wichman and one further representative from Waikato rohe; two representatives from Te Rohe Potae and Otautahi-Te Waipounamu to be appointed by the President.
3. The 2012 officers of Rohe shall be Tai Tokerau: Frances Rakena; Tamaki: Gillian Laird; Waikato: Pari Waaka; Taranaki: Frances Kingi-Katene; Poneke: Alamein McGregor.

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SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2011

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2011

	2011	2010
	\$	\$
Distributions/Contributions Received	1,191,056	830,367
Other Income	156,162	165,394
Total Income	<u>1,416,013</u>	<u>995,761</u>
Te Taha Maori Expenses	(193,478)	(186,590)
Te Tari Expenses	(188,408)	(235,826)
Property Expenses	(179,518)	(201,544)
Designated Fund Expense	(118,096)	(210,085)
NET SURPLUS	<u><u>736,513</u></u>	<u><u>161,716</u></u>

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2011

	2011	2010
	\$	\$
OPENING EQUITY	19,513,805	18,596,042
Net Surplus	736,513	193,480
Net increase/(decrease) in Designated Funds	1,085,570	616,235
Net increase in Reserves	(1,434,350)	108,048
CLOSING EQUITY	<u><u>19,901,539</u></u>	<u><u>19,513,805</u></u>

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2011

	2011	2010
	\$	\$
Designated Funds	8,505,927	7,420,357
Accumulated Funds	4,697,307	3,885,280
Reserves	6,698,305	8,208,168
TOTAL EQUITY	<u><u>19,901,539</u></u>	<u><u>19,513,805</u></u>
Current Assets	30,238	31,840
Current Liabilities	(34,089)	(32,120)
WORKING CAPITAL	<u>(3,850)</u>	<u>(280)</u>
Non Current Assets	19,905,389	19,514,085
NET ASSETS	<u><u>19,901,539</u></u>	<u><u>19,513,805</u></u>

SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The summary financial statements have been prepared from the full financial statements of Te Taha Maori for the year ended 30 June 2011 which were approved by the Hui Poari on 23rd September 2011.

The summary financial statements cannot be expected to provide as complete an understanding as provided by the full financial statements of the financial performance and financial position.

The full financial statements of Te Taha Maori have been audited and received a qualified audit opinion. They are available for review from the Connexional Office, Christchurch.

GREY INSTITUTE TRUST

SECTION A – INFORMATION AND REPORTING BACK

Trust Operations

Financially the Trust enjoyed a very successful year and continued with its distribution to Te Taha Maori of 95% of its net income less an amount equivalent to the annual inflation rate which is added back to the capital of the fund.

Conference 2009 approved the formation of a new investment trust, Te Taha Maori Grey Investments 2010 Trust, to hold 80% of the proceeds of the free holding of the residential sections by the Grey Trust with the income to continue to go to Te Taha Maori.

The new Trust is registered and arrangements are being completed for the transfer of the initial capital from the Grey Trust to the Te Taha Maori Grey Investments 2010 Trust.

The Bayly Road Trust has informed the Grey Institute Trust that it has received charitable status. The gifting of Rangiatea to Ngati Te Whiti Hapu was therefore approved in the trustee meeting on 13th September, 2011 and the gifting will proceed with correct protocol over the next few months.

Developments on the Rangiatea property have continued with the completion of the Oral Health Unit by the Taranaki District Health Board and the renewal of the lease to the Ministry of Education Omata Road Sports Ground.

It is with regret that the Trust accepted the resignation of Aroha Houston in February this year. No new trustee has been appointed to replace Aroha at this time.

SECTION B – LOOKING FORWARD

Retained Land

In addition to the ground lease sections held by the Trust, it is also the outright owner of two large parcels of residential property at Moulton Street and at Mission Street in New Plymouth.

At the moment the Moulton Street property is lightly developed and the Trust is looking at how the land exceeding one and a half hectares can be more usefully and profitably utilised. The option of tendering the land is currently being investigated.

The property at 5 Mission Place has been stripped and the archaeological survey is almost at completion. Once completed the Trust will consider whether to sell the bare land or enter into development of the site.

Secretary

The Trustees have reviewed their secretarial needs, and the decision has been made that the Methodist Office in Christchurch will commence the secretarial duties as soon as practicable.

Trust Leadership

The Trust has accepted the resignation of Rev Alan Upson effective from December 2011. The Trust really appreciates the magnificent work Rev Alan Upson has contributed.

In his occasional absences, Mr John Honeyfield has fulfilled the role of acting chair and the Trust expresses its appreciation to him for his willingness to take up this additional workload.

The Grey Institute Trust is a 'Model Deed' Trust and the Trust Deed has specified that the Chairperson is to be the Presbyter at the Whiteley Methodist Church (now known as the New Plymouth Methodist Centre). In the future, with the changing nature of Ministry within Te Haahi Weteriana o Aotearoa, it is possible that this requirement may not be possible, such as when the stationing map shows the position as 'one wanted'. The Trust is looking at the legal implications and ways in which the continuity of the Trust's function may be continued in such a situation.

Suggested decisions

1. That the report be received.
2. That the members of the Grey Institute Trust for 2011 are Rev Alan Upson (Chair) and Trustees Juanita Bishop, Doreen Erueti, Julie-Anne Barney-Katene, John Honeyfield, Norman Johnston, Chris Gregory, Greg Wright and Revs Diana Tana and Rex Nathan.
3. That the Conference acknowledges with gratitude the service of Rev Alan Upson as Chairperson, and Aroha Houston as Trustee of the Grey Institute Trust.
4. We ask the conference pass the resolution that the Chairperson of the Grey Institute Trust does not have to be the Presbyter of the New Plymouth parish and is selected from within the body of Trustees.

THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS

The Board approved the following grants during the financial year ended 30 June – all grants are required to be targeted for the benefit of children or youth:

	\$
Te Taha Maori - Moutoa Scholarship	20,000
Rangatahi Worker	30,000
Educational Resource Worker	10,000
Masterton Christian Child Care Programme	15,000
Schools and Te Kura Kaupapa Maori (18)	24,200
Seasons Grief & Loss Programme, Carterton	2,500
Wellington District Sinoti Samoa	8,000
Emerge Supported Employment Trust	1,500
Granny's Basket, Masterton	5,000
Kapiti Fun For You Trust	4,000
Otaki Toy Library	400
Scripture Union NZ	1,000
Tawa Central Kindergarten	500
Wairarapa Youth Choices Trust	3,000
YWCA of Greater Wellington	3,000
Wesley Community Action	25,000
Methodist Social Services, Palmerston North	5,000
Christchurch Methodist Mission	<u>40,000</u>
	\$198,100

We have continued to invite applications for grants from schools, kura kaupapa, community groups, and Methodist Social Services in Wellington and Palmerston North – primarily these are from the greater Wellington region.

In view of the emergency situation arising from the earthquakes in Christchurch and the Pike River mine disaster, we made a special grant to the Christchurch Methodist Mission for their work with children and youth.

The Board's farm at Moutoa, near Foxton, continues to be well managed.

Suggested Decisions:

1. The report be received.
2. The membership of the Board for 2012 is: Nola Hanson, Seniorita Laukau, Heather Lumsden-Ratu, Diana Tana, Robina Wichman, Bunny Willing, Leatuavao Viko Aufaga, Trevor Dine, Owen Prior, Matthew (Matt) Roberts (Chairperson), Neville Price (Secretary), and any others appointed by the President.