



TE TAHA MAORI

INFORMATION AND REPORTING BACK

*He rama tau kupu ki oku wae
I nga ra o te pouri, o te marama, o te raru o te hari.
Awhinatia mai matou e te Matua it e rangi,
Kia manako ki tou aroha, kia mahi i au mahi
Kia whakapai i tou ingoa,
I roto i a Ihu Karaiti, Te Ariki, Amine.*

We remember with respect and gratitude the many members of Te Hahi Weteriana o Aotearoa who have died in the course of the past year and we express our deepest sympathy, our arohanui to the bereaved families. We especially remember and mourn the loss of our own members whose wisdom, knowledge, sound leadership and dedication to servicing the needs of the people, have been the poutokomanawa for Te Taha Maori. We give thanks to God for their faithful service.

*E nga mate haere! Haere ki te putahinui o Hine-Ruaki-moe.
I whakamoea ai koutou ki te moengaroa, haere i te huihui a Matariki, i kiia ai, Matariki
kainga-kore. Kahore nei hoki he kainga pumau mo te tangata ki tenei ao.
E moe, e moe, oti atu!*

THEOLOGY IN AOTEAROA

Theology: In our first Hui Poari this year we set a deliberate focus on “*Let the children live: Tukua nga mokopuna kia puawai*”. In that process we mind mapped:

- What is – in our rohe?
- What do we want? and
- How do we get there?

In considering the third aspect we determined that we should not ‘reinvent wheels’ but that we should:

1. find out what agencies and resources are already working in our communities
2. choose those whose work is in sync with our own TTM ethos, and
3. sit alongside these agencies and work with our people through them.

In this way we will have a more effective distribution of our own people resources.

Our Hui Poari in May and July made a shift in focus that engaged us in our ecumenical relationships. A number of our people have travelled overseas this year and so at our May and July Hui Poari reflections from the various trips have been shared. In May Lana and Diana shared insights from their Singapore trip for preparatory meetings leading up to the World Council of Churches (WCC) Assembly in Busan, Korea later this year. Our theology session in July began with reflections on ‘loaves and fishes’ and we recalled Buddy Te Whare’s likening this event to the *poukai*. There were discussions around the symbolism of the sharing of resources, of ‘casting your bread upon the waters’ and just what that might mean for us today as TTM.

We appreciated the presence of President Rex and Vice-President Jan at this Hui Poari and this theology session led easily into President Rex’s insights of his travels to Korea, Papua New Guinea and Tonga this year. Signs of social inequality and poverty and the influence that the contemporary consumerist society has had on the development of tribal peoples, especially in the context of PNG, became much clearer for us.

A focus question for us in this work has been: ***What learnings are there for us that we can share with our own communities in the building and exploration of our ecumenical relationships?***

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Hui Poari in February supported the re-instatement of the **Enabling Ministry Team (EMT)** and affirmed the Training Curriculum for our Ministry (Minita-a-iwi and Kaikarakia) and Leadership Training programmes. The revised criteria for the selection of candidates wishing to train as Kaikarakia and Minita-a-iwi was adopted at our July Hui Poari and to date the EMT have facilitated several Rohe and combined Rohe wananga with a focus in this year being on revisiting and learning about TTM history, our current structures, goals and accountability processes.

At our May Hui Poari Keita Hotere facilitated a workshop on the 'NZ Constitutional conversations' that have been currently taking place nationally. The workshop explored the material provided by the Constitution Advisory Panel through the Ministry of Justice and our own church's response to this debate.

Liaison Persons: The Liaison Persons have met in May and July this year and reports back to Hui Poari have been extremely positive. Police vetting forms for all our trainees in the Rohe have been issued and only a few have yet to be processed.

Trinity College: TTM Members are involved in all spheres of the College's life with representation through students, staff and the Trinity College Council. The courses, Theological Reflection TR3011 and Maori Studies MS101 and MS102 continue to be well supported by TTM members and the wider church. One student's reflection on the TR3011 experience was "...enjoyed listening to the korero about different areas and mission stations ... felt my tupuna were with me wherever I travelled and I paid my respects to the tupuna of the areas that we travelled to".

Shirley Rivers and Te Aroha Rountree will join the team of Tutors and students who travel to Israel in October 2013 as part of the context of the life of Christ as explored through the New Testament Courses at Trinity College.

Wesley College: The 4 + 4 process has been followed for the appointment of the Wesley College Chaplain and the recommendation passed through to Council of Conference.

RANGATAHI

Throughout our Rohe rangatahi continue to participate in all aspects of TTM styles of Christian life, witness and service. It has been encouraging to witness the development of our Rangatahi ministry in each of our rohe. Rangatahi ministry involves much more than simply 'creating safe youth and young people spaces' so that rangatahi feel comfortable and are able to express who they are within their whanau and rohe. Our rangatahi actively engage with all aspects of church life and we support them to take active roles in karakia, they learn how to plan and facilitate youth activities, workshops and wananga in their rohe in ways that meet the needs of our rangatahi today.

The use of the newest advances in technology and communication is encouraged and embraced by all our rangatahi – most tamariki already know how to use these new mediums with ease. At Hui Poari rangatahi regularly utilise technology through powerpoint datashows as a means to share and recount activities in their rohe and "Retell the local rangatahi story, the people, the places and the history".

As with our Tauwiwi partner, youth ministry continues to be a challenge. We have worked at this matter for some time now and believe that we may have come to a point where we have the 'bones' of a possible way forward. A small work group will bring a proposal to December Hui Poari that we hope will offer some insights to TTM Rangatahi ministry for the future.

FINANCE AND PROPERTIES

Finance: Te Taha Maori continues to operate on budget, resulting in another satisfactory end of year financial result. Various programmes were successfully carried out and scholarship grants were dispensed to deserving applicants for secondary, tertiary and post graduate studies.

On 23 November 2011, the inaugural meeting of the newly constituted trust, Te Taha Maori Property Trust, was held in the church offices, 409 Great South Road, Penrose Auckland. The

inaugural board members were confirmed, namely: Te Taha Maori Tumuaki Diana Tana, Rex Nathan (Secretary/Executive Officer), Arapera Ngaha and Henedina McCarthy. The Trust is established for the furtherance in New Zealand of the religious, charitable, social and educational work of Te Taha Maori and to that end acts as a holding body of all properties formerly held in the name of the Home Mission and Church Extension Investment Funds Board, Model Deed Trusts or in other groups who had oversight and management of properties for the benefit of Te Taha Maori. The property assets and funds held by the Grey Institute Trust have also been transferred to this trust. In this the second year of operations, the transfer of all property titles has now been completed and business is progressing well.

Properties: Hui Poari in July determined that the repairs, renovations and upgrading required for our property at 296 Massey Rd is a major undertaking and so plans are being considered around how best to utilise this property. TTM have resolved to demolish the house situated on the land and are currently looking at options to make use of that property in ways that will better service our needs.

Our various centres in Kawakawa, Auckland, Hamilton and Hawera continue to be well utilised and our search for an appropriate venue as a centre for our Northland congregations continues.

Te Taha Maori Property Trust

During the year the Te Taha Maori Property Trust trustees were able to complete the transfer of title for the properties formerly held in the name of the Home Mission and Church Extension Fund Board into the name of the Te Taha Maori Property Trust. The Trust has also sought the transfer of title of properties held under Methodist Model Deed Trusts which are for the benefit of Te Taha Maori to be transferred from the Model Deed Trusts to the Te Taha Maori Property Trust.

The largest of the model deed trusts remaining in the Church, the Grey Institute Trust, concluded the transfer of all of its titles in May 2013.

The Te Taha Maori Property Trust now administers the ground leases as was previously done by the Grey Institute Trust and will provide income each year to the work of Te Taha Maori.

The Te Taha Maori Property Trust has also received the non-property assets of the Grey Institute Trust.

The Trust has worked through a number of lease renewals in respect of other properties, predominantly in Te Tai-tokerau. The Trust is looking at initiating regular property inspections of all Te Taha Maori properties to assist in the proper stewardship of those properties.

Te Taha Maori Grey Investments 2010 Trust

The Te Taha Maori Grey Investments 2010 Trust received 80% of the proceeds of the free-holding and sale of ground lease New Plymouth sections owned by the Grey Institute Trust.

The funds have been invested through the New Zealand Methodist Trust Association and during the year \$1,238,966 was transferred to Te Taha Maori for its work.

The Trust is in discussion with the Investment Advisory Board as to a range of possible investments to meet the long term requirements of Te Taha Maori.

ECUMENICAL MATTERS

Tumuaki Diana Tana was invited to attend the **Anglican Hui Amorangi o te Tai Tokerau** in May, and when the issue of same gender relationships arose she was able to articulate a TTM position on this matter to this gathering. **Te Runanga Whakawhanaunga i nga Haahi (TRWH)** met in June and issues of Child Poverty, Food in Schools, New Zealand Constitution, as well as a focus on Amorangi Services were brought to the forefront.

Christian Conference of Asia (CCA): Tumuaki Diana continues as the Moderator of the Ecumenical, Gender and Youth Committee (EGY) and in September she and Te Aroha will travel to Bangkok to participate in a meeting of this committee.

World Council of Churches (WCC): TTM will have in attendance three members, Tumuaki Diana Tana, Dr Arapera Ngaha and Lana Lazarus, at the World Council of Churches (WCC) General Assembly in Busan, Korea later this year. Dr Arapera Ngaha is one of six indigenous participants at the WCC Assembly who will facilitate and co-ordinate a two day pre-assembly gathering for Indigenous peoples (IP). In August she attended a preliminary planning meeting in Bangkok, Thailand, with the other facilitation team members. There are more than 70 participants from all parts of the world registered for this event (the Indigenous Peoples pre-assembly gathering) and the theme of this gathering is *“God of Life, Renew the people of the land”*.

CONNEXIONAL MATTERS/PARTNERSHIP

The Bicultural Journey: The church’s bicultural journey derives from acknowledgement and appreciation of the Gospel in context, here in Aotearoa. It isn’t always easy for us to travel this path, but we persevere and we expend the time and energy required because we are committed to our treaty partner, and committed to strengthening relationships within this, our church family. TTM continue to serve on a number of committees and boards of the church and our mainly lay leadership juggle family and work commitments in order to offer meaningful service to the church.

Council of Conference: (COC) The Church’s bi-cultural commitment through Te Tiriiti o Waitangi is fundamental to addressing partnership issues between TTM and Taiuiwi. The COC is one of the few places in the church where the bi-cultural commitment to connexional partnership can be seen at work. Over the many years that COC has been in place many TTM and Taiuiwi members have been engaged in partnership working hard on common issues that face our church – and this year has been no exception.

Visioning and theology sessions at the COC meetings this year have brought to light the damage that continues to plague Papatuanuku; the issues that confront the low lying islands of the Pacific due to climate change and the rising seas that will in time engulf them. We ask and we wonder what will happen to the people, but even more pertinent, what can we as a church do to help?

Our Connexional Mission priority for the next 10 years ‘Tukuna nga mokopuna kia puawai’ remains a core agenda item at our gatherings together this year. Reports from throughout the Connexion seem to suggest that it is a regular agenda item that the whole church has embraced, to varying degrees and in many varied ways. It is important to acknowledge that as a church we are trying to make a difference in the lives of all in both the public and private arenas.

We acknowledge with appreciation the invaluable contribution Barbara Peddie has made in her role as Co-convenor of COC and we wish her well in her continued work of the church.

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. Every time we meet is an opportunity for recalling our memory. It is imperative that we continue to educate our own people to remind ourselves of our own history, our responsibilities and obligations as Maori as well as our own tikanga that guides us in all we do.
2. Building our membership and knowledge base is important.
3. The proposed models for our rangatahi work in the rohe and nationally will be a challenge that we look forward to engaging with. “Watch this space”!
4. Strengthening our bicultural and partnership relationships is paramount for maintaining our connexional commitments and responsibilities. That reinforces the need for all our people to be up to the play in our bicultural understandings.
5. Our ecumenical relationships remain a particular focus for us - whanaungatanga.
6. Social and political developments concerning our people are always on Hui Poari’s agenda - the issues of same sex marriages, the GCSB legislation, the leadership struggles on the political scene and next year’s elections are all serious issues that we continue to wrestle with.

Suggested Decisions:

1. The report is received.
2. The 2014 membership and officers of Hui Poari be: Tumuaki Diana Tana, Lana Lazarus, Rex Nathan; Rangatahi: Julie-Anne Barney-Katene; Tai Tokerau: Tamati Rakena, Tamaki: Gillian Laird, Bella Ngaha; Waikato: Doreen Wilson, Shirley Rivers; Te Rohe Potae: Hinga Ormsby; Taranaki: Frances Kingi-Katene, Jim George; Poneke: Alamein McGregor and one further representative each from Poneke, Te Rohe Potae and two representatives for Otautahi-Te Waipounamu to be appointed by the President.
3. The 2014 Liaison People-Officers of Rohe shall be: Tai Tokerau: Frances Rakena; Tamaki: Gillian Laird; Waikato: Doreen Wilson; Te Rohe Potae: Hinga Ormsby; Taranaki: Frances Kingi-Katene; Poneke: Alamein McGregor.
4. That the 2014 membership of *Te Runanga Whakawhanaunga i Nga Haahi o Aotearoa* shall be Diana Tana, Lana Lazarus, Rex Nathan and Te Aroha Rountree.

GREY INSTITUTE TRUST

The trustees have continued with the long standing policy of allowing lessees to purchase the free holding of the properties in New Plymouth.

The trust agreed to help a lessee with a repair to a retaining wall that had been partly damaged in a storm that swept through New Plymouth during 2011. This repair is to be finished in September 2013 with repair costs being partly met by funds received from the Earthquake Commission.

There has been considerable discussion of a block of units owned by the trust which are called the "Kaumatua Flats". This discussion centred on their continued need and whether it was a core service of the trust and why they were built. The question has not been finished and further discussion will need to occur before any decision is made.

The trustees decided during the year that they would deal with the issue of winding up the Model Deed Trust. This required that they look at the Trust Deed and consider the beneficiaries of the trust to ensure that they that they discharged their obligations to them.

When communicating with the beneficiaries it was decided to set up two new trusts and transfer the assets and the limited liabilities to these trusts. Te Taha Maori Grey Investment 2010 Trust and Te Taha Maori Property Trust were set up to receive the assets and liabilities of the Grey Institute Trust. Most of this work was completed by the 30 June 2013.

The last meeting of the Grey Institute Trust will be held in New Plymouth in September 2013.

Suggested Decisions:

1. The report is received.
2. Conference notes that winding up of the Grey Institute Trust and sends it's thanks to all those who have served the trust over its life.
3. That the trustees remain unchanged until such time as they provide formal notice that the Grey Institute Trust is wound up. The trustees are: Rev Diana Tana (Chairperson), Mrs Juanita Bishop, Mr John Honeyfield, Mrs Doreen Erueti, Ms Julie-Anne Barney-Katene, Mr Rex Nathan, Mr Greg Wright, Mr Norman Johnston, Mr Chris Gregory.

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:

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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 (16)	33,000
Christchurch Schools to be closed (7)	10,000
Incredible Families Charitable Trust	5,000
Kapiti Fun for You Trust	1,000
Lansdowne Kindergarten	300
Learning Disabilities Assn. of Wairarapa	1,700
Skylight Trust	5,000
Special Olympics Wellington	2,000
Susana Uesile Aoga Amata Playgroup	2,000
Wellington Riding for the Disabled	3,000
	<u>3,000</u>
	\$138,000

We have continued to invite applications for grants from schools, kura kaupapa, community groups – primarily these are from the greater Wellington region. This past year there was a decrease in the total amount distributed as grants. Being aware this was happening, it was decided to make grants to seven Christchurch schools which are to be closed as a result of school reorganization following the earthquakes.

The Board's farm at Moutoa, near Foxton, continues to be well managed. A new revised nine-year lease has been negotiated with the Kieran McErlean Trust, and registered. An increased rental for the next three years has also been negotiated.

The Board was initially responsible for establishing the Masterton Children's Home in 1921; this closed in 1978. In the 1960s this developed into a major funding relationship that included ownership of the land and the buildings for the Home. During 2012 the General Secretary received three enquiries through the Confidential Listening and Advisory Service regarding residents in the Home. In January 2013 the Board and two former chairpersons of the 'Masterton Home Management Committee' met with the David Bush and Greg Wright, who advised the Board of the enquiries. The Church, and the Board, are awaiting further communication, if any, from either the Confidential Listening and Advisory Service, the Claims Resolution Service or the individuals themselves. It is unclear what the outcome may be.

Matthew Roberts, Chairperson
Neville Price, Secretary

Suggested Decisions:

1. The report be received.
2. The membership of the Board for 2014 is: Bruce Anderson, Marten Hutt, Senorita Laukau, Heather Lumsden-Ratu, Diana Tana, Robina Wichman, Bunnie Willing, Leatuavao Viko Aufaga, Trevor Dine, Owen Prior, Matthew (Matt) Roberts (Chairperson), Neville Price (Secretary), and any others appointed by the President.