



Induction Service 2014



Methodist Conference 2014

Hamilton

Te Haahi Weteriana O Aotearoa

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Choirs:	Waikato Combined Choir Sinoti Samoa Choir

Induction Service

Theme: 'A time to sow, a time to grow'

Chaplain: Kia ora e te whanau o te Haahi Weteriana, Talofa lava, Malo e Lelei, Ni sa bula vanaka. Welcome to this service where we gather to celebrate our life as The Methodist Church of New Zealand - Te Haahi Weteriana o Aotearoa, and to induct the President and Vice President of our Church for the next two years.

Ko te Atua te timatanga o te whakaaro nui,
Whakapaingia tona ingoa tapu.
Whakapaingia te Atua i runga, i raro, i waho,
i roto, whakapaingia te Atua Wairua kei nga wahi
katoa.

Kia kotahi to tatou whakamoemiti, whakapai i a
Ihowa o nga mano, a te Atua kaha rawa, ora tonu.
Otira, te Kaihanga o te rangi, te whenua me nga
mea katoa – tae hoki ki te tangata.

Kia tau ki a koutou te atawhai, me te rangimarie
o te Atua.

Response: Ma te Atua koe e whakau, ki te pono me te hari.

Lighting of the Conference Candle.

Chaplain: Kia Inoi tatou:
E te Atua, tenei ano matou au pononga te inoi nei
ki a koe, kia tata mai koe ki a matou i tenei wa, hei
awhina, hei arataki i a matou,
kia whakakororiatia ai koe i roto i a matou mahi
katoa.

Ko koe hoki te Atua e ora nei, e mana nei i au
Pononga, i nga wa katoa.

Amine.

We praise God as we join with generations of Methodists who have gone before us, as we sing the traditional Conference Hymn:

Hymn: “*And are we yet alive?*”

The President, Vice-President and other church leaders enter during this hymn.

And are we yet alive,
and see each other's face?
Glory and praise to Jesus give
for his redeeming grace!

Preserved by power divine
to full salvation here,
again in Jesu's praise we join,
and in His sight appear.

What troubles have we seen,
what conflicts have we passed,
fighting without, and fears within,
since we assembled last!

But out of all the Lord
hath brought us by His love;
and still he doth His help afford,
and hides our life above.

Then let us make our boast
of His redeeming power,
which saves us to the uttermost,
till we can sin no more.

Let us take up the cross,
till we the crown obtain;
and gladly reckon all things loss,
so we may Jesus gain.

*Charles Wesley
Tune: St Michael, MHB377*

The call of the conch will signal the entry of the President Elect, Vice President Elect and Samoan chiefs will line the path to the front of the church.

The Karanga welcomes the President Elect, Vice President Elect their sponsors and whanau who will follow to the front and take up their seats.

Anthem: **Waikato Combined Choir**

Tumuaki: Ka whakawhetai tonu matou ki a koe, e te Atua.
Ka whakawhetai tonu matou.
Kei te tata mai hoki tou ingoa.
E korerotia ana e te tangata au mahi
whakamiharo.
*(We give thanks to you O God,
we give thanks to you
We proclaim how great you are and tell of the
wonderful things you have done).*

Psalm 75:1

Response: **Kororia ki a koe e te Atua.**
(Glory to you O God).

President: Gracious God be near us, we pray
through the life of this Conference.
May your grace surround us,
may Christ be present with us
may the Holy Spirit be our guide and counsellor.
So, in all that we do, in all that we say,
and in all that we are,
may we be worthy of Jesus Christ
whom we seek to serve. Amen.

The President welcomes Bishop Anne Hartley.

President: My sisters and brothers in Christ,
you are welcome among us.
Your presence is a sign
of the new relationship
that our two Churches now enjoy.
We give thanks for the Anglican
Methodist Covenant signed by the leaders
of our two churches in 2008,
and pray that together we might grow
in recognition of each other
toward that unity willed by Christ
for the sake of the mission of God.
I invite you now to bring us a message
of greeting from the Anglican Church.

**Greeting from Rt Rev Dr Helen-Ann Hartley,
Bishop of Waikato:**

*Representing the Anglican Church in Aotearoa
New Zealand and Polynesia, Te Hahi Mihinare ki
Aotearoa ki Niu Tirenī, Ki Nga Moutere o te Moana
Nui a Kiwa.*

President greets the Church Leaders from the Pacific.

Greeting from President:

Talofa lava, Malo e Lelei, Ni sa bula vanaka, Tena koutou katoa. Welcome to you all as we embrace and celebrate the love of Christ in our lives. We are grateful for the close relationships that Te Haahi Weteriana o Aotearoa has with our brothers and sisters in Christ in the Pacific. May these relationships continue to flourish and grow guided by the Christ light that leads us all. Nau mai, nau mai, haere mai!

I now invite Rev Aisoli Tapa Iuli President of the Samoan Conference to share a greeting.

Response by Rev Aisoli Tapa Iuli:

On behalf of Pacific Church Leaders.

Choral Item

“Blessing”

Sinoti Samoa Choir

*Induction of
The President and Vice President*

The President and Vice President come forward.

The Sponsors stand.

President Elect’s Sponsors:

President Rex, we present to you Reverend Tovia Amua who has been selected to be the President of The Methodist Church of New Zealand-Te Haahi Weteriana O Aotearoa, for the next two years. We commend him to the prayers and loyal support of the Church.

Vice President Elect’s Sponsors:

Vice President Jan, we present to you Arapera Ngaha, who has been selected to be the Vice President of The Methodist Church of New Zealand-Te Haahi Weteriana o Aotearoa, for the next two years. We commend her to the prayers and loyal support of the Church.

The President and Vice President and the President Elect and Vice-President Elect proceed to the stage area, sponsors return to their seats and the congregation stands.

President: Tovia, you have been selected to be President of our Church.
In the name of the people called Methodist, I greet you and welcome you to this ministry.
I charge you, as President, to exercise your pastoral, prophetic, sacramental, and administrative responsibilities for the care and oversight of The Methodist Church of New Zealand-Te Hahi Weteriana o Aotearoa.

President Elect: Rex my brother in Christ, I accept this privilege and responsibility from your hands. I pledge myself to be a faithful pastor and leader of our Church. May God give me grace to do this by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Vice President: Arapera, you have been selected to be Vice President of our Church. In the name of the people called Methodist, I greet you and welcome you to this ministry. I charge you, as Vice President, to exercise your pastoral, prophetic, and administrative responsibilities for the care and oversight of The Methodist Church of New Zealand-Te Haahi Weteriana o Aotearoa.

Vice President Elect: Jan, my sister in Christ, I accept this privilege and responsibility from your hands. I pledge myself to be a faithful servant and leader of our Church. May God give me grace to do this by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation sits.

Outgoing President:

Tovia, in token of your induction, I place upon you this stole, symbol of the office of President;

I present to you this Bible, your guide and source of spiritual strength.

I entrust to your care the Official Seal of the Conference.

All: May God give you the grace to fulfil your Presidential role for the wellbeing of the Church.

Outgoing Vice President:

Arapera in token of your induction, I place upon you this insignia, symbol of the office of Vice President;

I present to you this Bible, your guide and source of spiritual strength;

All: May God give you the grace to fulfil your Vice Presidential role for the wellbeing of the Church.

Outgoing President:

Let us all join together to pray for Tovia and Arapera.

All: Creator God,

Grant Tovia and Arapera the grace to fulfil their ministries with faithfulness, courage, love and humility.

Give to them the strength and wisdom they will need.

Amen.

Tumuaki: Ara mai korua i roto i te kaha o te Atua.
(Rise up in the power of the Lord)
Ma Ihowa korua e manaaki,
Mana Korua e tiaki,
Ma Ihowa e mea kia ara ake te maramatanga o
ona kanohi ki runga ki a korua.
Mana ano e tuku iho te rangimarie ki a korua
Aiane, a, ake tonu atu. Amine.

Anthem: **Sinoti Samoa Choir**

The President and Vice President take up their seats on the stage.

The Ministry of the Word

Readings: **Ecclesiastes Chap. 3 verses 1-8**
Pania King

Matthew Chap 13 verses 31-32; 34-35
Millie Aumua

Hymn: **“He Rongo Pai”**
*Led by Te Taha Maori and the Waikato Combined
Choir.*

He rongo pai te oranga
Hei hari mo te ao
Na Ihu ra i kawea ai
I tona matenga

Korihi (*Chorus*)

*Hei kororia, hei honore
Ki a Ihu Te Ariki
Ko te reme te oranga
Hareruia ki t'Atua*

Na Ihu ra i pono ai
To tatou oranga
I mate ia ki Kawari
Hei utu mo te ao

Korihi (*Chorus*)

Ki a rongo ra te ao katoa
I tana atawhai
Kei a ia nei te oranga
E tohu ana mai

Korihi (*Chorus*)

Amine.

*Traditional Maori hymn
Sung unaccompanied*

Address: **President and Vice President**

Hymn: Our life has its seasons, and God has the reasons
why spring follows winter, and new leaves grow,
for there's a connection with our resurrection
that flowers will bud after frost and snow,

*so there's never a time to stop believing,
there's never a time for hope to die,
there's never a time to stop loving,
these three things go on.*

There's a time to be planting,
a time to be plucking,
a time to be laughing,
at time to weep,
a time to be building,
a time to be breaking,
a time to be waking,
a time to sleep,

but there's never a time ...

There's a time to be hurting,
a time to be healing,
a time to be saving,
a time to spend,
a time to be grieving,
a time to be dancing,
a time for beginning,
a time to end,
but there's never a time ...

Colin Gibson / Shirley Murray

President: Lord of creation
We, who have gathered together in this place,
represent many cultures;
some of us have called this land of Aotearoa
'home' for many generations;
some of us trace our roots back to the other side of
the world;
some of us carry the memory of island beaches
and the sound of the sea;
but all of us are called to reflect your image.

Vice President:
We are the people called Methodist,
and within that family are many branches and
many traditions;
we sing our faith in different languages and we
pray using different words,
but we all rejoice in your gift of grace and do our
best to follow your call to love and service.

President: As the rivers in our eastern plains flow down from
the mountains, dividing and re-joining,
surging in flood, or disappearing beneath the stony
surface, but all moving towards the same sea
so we, your people move on different courses and
at different speeds towards the goal of building
your commonwealth of love and peace in this
place.

Vice President:

O God, lover of the world,
we pray for our wounded world
torn apart by warring and greedy factions
May we all be sowers and growers.

President:

We pray for our country, Aotearoa New Zealand.
**May we, who live in this fortunate place,
work to bring about your vision of justice and
integrity.**

Vice President:

We pray for our church
facing the challenges of this rapidly changing time.
**May we use our shared vision and differing
strengths to empower each other in mission.**

President:

We pray for ourselves.
**Strengthen us to answer your call to offer our
different gifts and skills in your service.**

Vice President:

Nothing is impossible. Whatever confronts us
we are the people who have inherited courage and
freedom, vision and responsibility.
**We will move into the future in hope and faith
Carrying Christ's light wherever we go. Amen.**

Inoi O Te Ariki (*The Lord's Prayer*):

Tumuaki:

E Ihowa tohungia matou

All:

E te Karaiti tohungia matou

Tumuaki:

E Ihowa tohungia matou

All:

E to matou Matua i te rangi

Kia tapu tou Ingoa.

Kia tae mai tou rangatiratanga.

Kia meatia tau e pai ai

ki runga ki te whenua.

kia rite ano ki to te rangi.

Homai ki a matou aiane

he taro ma matou mo tenei ra.
Murua o matou hara,
me matou hoki e muru nei
i o te hunga e hara ana ki a matou.
Aua hoki matou e kaweia kia whakawaia;
engari whakaorangia matou i te kino;
nou hoki te rangatiratanga,
te kaha me te kororia,
ake, ake, ake. Amine.

Hymn: *“Love Divine All loves Excelling”*

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown:
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave:
thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be,
let us see thy great salvation,
perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.

- Charles Wesley, Tune: 'Blaenwern'

Dismissal

Vice President:

We are the church, the mission of God is ours.

All:

**We go with hope and love
to serve God in the world**

Blessing:

*“He Honore” - Led by Te Taha Maori and Waikato
Combined Choir*

He honore kororia ki a koe
E Te Atua, o nga atua
Nga whakamoemiti a matou
O tou aroha nui e
Manaakitia mai matou e
I roto i aku taimaha
Nga rauhanga a te rewera
Kauparetia atu ra te kino

Recessional:

Please remain standing while the Presidential Party processes out.