

## **Supplementary Report** (Continuation from page B(i)-2)



### **TE TAHA MAORI**

I te timatanga o te kupu  
Ko te Atua ano te kupu  
Whatungarongaro te tangata  
Toitu te whenua  
I te mareretanga  
Mai te rangi ki te whenua

We acknowledge in fond and grateful memory all those of our Weteriana whanau who have died since last conference. We pay tribute to their life and service, to their whanau, community and church.

We especially remember, Helen Powell, Kris Wichman, Rev. Lane Tauroa, Collen Ulrich and Lana Lazarus.

### **THEOLOGY IN AOTEAROA**

'Doing Theology' remains a prime focus for engaging in the life and work of Te Taha Maori (TTM). The many issues that arise out of the social, political, economic, cultural and educational milieu of the day provide opportunities for challenge and debate within TTM. Central themes this year have been;

- Covenant of celebrations - Theological imperatives, people or places that drive our mission. Are their stories to be told or re-told?
- Let The Children Live, Suicide Prevention – how do we respond to the call for the restoration of whanau and whole communities?
- Themes arising out of the Christian Conference of Asia (CCA) General Assembly – Together Living In the Household of God – how do we respond to a suffering and divided household in this part of creation?
- Methodist Consultative Council of the Pacific (MCCP) in Samoa – Diminishing Congregations – how do we address this issue into the future?
- Biblical / Cultural stories – hope and resurrection, different expressions of spiritualities and their presence in our everyday lives. Being open to new things and change.

Our theological understandings provide the rationale for all that we do.

### **CONNEXIONAL MATTERS/BICULTURAL PARTNERSHIP**

#### **Council of Conference (COC)**

Council of Conference (COC) is the meeting ground where the issues of social justice, power-sharing are expressed through partnership in the context of our churches bicultural journey together. In our April Meeting we explored the possibilities of better stewardship of our PAC resources for the life and work of the whole Church. In our September Meeting we drew on the wisdom of our Presidential Team and the theme in particular reaching out to our next generations: "Time to Re-Sow, Time to Re-Grow".

We are excited about the meaningful ways the 2 Yearly conferences can help shape how we better fellowship in full connexion. Meeting alongside Tauwi workgroups outside of COC weekends to discuss these implications form an important part of our continued commitment to connexional boards and committees. Te Taha Maori affirms the work of our Connexional 4+4 committees this year.

At the Rohe level our whanau continue to gather in our centre, Marae and hospitals to share the Christian word and to model 'every member a minister' sharing these imperatives in creative ways during COC worship and devotions.

COC remains a valuable place of working alongside Tauwiwi in our church and forwarding our bicultural commitment and aspirations. We commend the leadership of Co-convenor of Conference Susan Thompson in providing on-going support for new Tauwiwi membership to ensure us as a COC engage thoughtfully with one another.

## **FINANCE AND PROPERTIES**

We acknowledge with gratitude the gifts and bequests that have been received during the past year. It has enabled us to share these with the wider church and community. We are currently working through changes to the Law Book in partnership with Law Revision to better reflect and articulate the contemporary realities of Te Taha Maori today.

In September Rohe Liaison Persons and Treasurers met at Whakatuora complex with Jane O'Neil from the Connexional Office to work on how the Rohe prepare their accounts and the integration of these with TTM accounts to comply with the Charities Commission requirements.

Dina McCarthy, Greg Wright, Peter Van Hout and Jane O'Neil assist us in many ways to ensure success in our endeavours and stewardship of our finances and properties.

## **Te Kaahui Wairua**

In this past year Te Kaahui Wairua (Spiritual Advisors to Te Arikinui Kingi Tuheitia) members Tumuaki Diana Tana, Rev. Rex Nathan and Dr. Arapera Ngaha have participated in a number of events including Poukai within the Waikato region.

In January the Presidential team joined with our members to attend Ratana celebrations at Ratana Pa in Wanganui followed closely by the Tiriti o Waitangi 175<sup>th</sup> remembrance at Mangungu Mission and Waitangi Day celebrations in the Taitokerau region.

Later in July Tumuaki Diana Tana and Rex Nathan were part of Te Arikinui Kingi Tuheitia's deputation to attend the Coronation of the Tongan King Tupou VI and Queen Nanasipa'u in Tongatapu.

Te Kaahui Wairua members and the Presidential Team were also part of the Ecumenical Service that commemorated Te Arikinui Kingi Tuheitia's 9<sup>th</sup> Koroneihana celebrations in August.

## **ECUMENICAL RELATIONSHIPS**

### **Christian Conference of Asia (CCA)**

Te Taha Maori members Tumuaki Diana Tana, Rex Nathan, Alison Ranui and Keita Hotere were part of the Methodist Church of New Zealand (MCNZ) delegation that attended the CCA 14<sup>th</sup> General Assembly in Jakarta, Indonesia in May of this year. The group experienced sharing in the richness of Asian church worship, *sarasehan* dialogue and review of most recent CCA work. We welcome the appointment of Tumuaki Diana Tana as Vice Moderator of the CCA over the next 5 years.

### **World Council of Churches (WCC)**

Te Taha Maori members led the welcome to World Council of Churches (WCC) member churches in the Pacific and Pacific Conference of Churches (PCC) in September hosting the powhiri at Te Manukanuka o Hoturoa marae in Mangere. These WCC members were engaging in a workshop for Capacity-building and Leadership development in the Pacific being undertaken at The Friary in Mt Roskill.

TTM maintains its membership on the Methodist Mission and Ecumenical and Te Runanga Whakawhanaunga I Nga Haahi committees.

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

### Enabling Ministry Team (EMT)

Enabling Ministry Team (EMT) members have met regularly throughout the year to discuss our Te Taha Maori Ministry programme, updating our graduate profiles and course structure to provide appropriate training for ministry formation.

In March and October two Rohe Kaikarakia Minita-a-iwi wananga were held at Kohewhata marae in Kaikohe. These training offerings utilise the wananga model in Rohe to educate and upskill Kaikarakia and Minita-a-iwi in their ministry roles.

Our National Kaikarakia and Minita-a-iwi wananga was held at Whakatuora complex following our September Hui Poari. As part of the Ministry Training Programme, Kaikarakia and Minita-a-iwi in training attended Ratana Pa and Koroneihana celebrations.

### Trinity College

We acknowledge the appointment of Te Aroha Rountree as our new Maori Studies Lecturer to Trinity Methodist Theological College. We support the development of the Maori Studies Strand of courses offered as part of the LIMs and Diploma programmes through Trinity College and see this as a positive progression in ministry training.

## RANGATAHI

### Kaiarahi Rangatahi Ministry Model

Te Taha Maori has engaged in numerous hui both in our respective Rohe and at Hui Poari, with the view to developing a new ministry model that addresses the needs of our Rangatahi in Te Ao Hurihuri (An ever-evolving world).

After significant deliberations TTM has developed and adopted a *Kaiarahi Rangatahi* ministry model. The role of the *Kaiarahi Rangatahi* is founded on the premise of the guiding hand through spiritual leadership, empowered by the transforming love of God in Christ. This role recognises the Covenant tradition of Methodism and the significance of Te Tiriti o Waitangi as the basis of a power-sharing partnership.

A *Kaiarahi Rangatahi* will be appointed to each Rohe and will be responsible for:

- Co-ordinating and facilitating hui and wananga both within TTM and with the wider connexion.
- Developing and implementing key TTM theological imperatives and ministry directives from the Enabling Ministry Team.
- Communicating and connecting with the Tauwi Facilitator.

## LOOKING FORWARD

Marrying Maori cultural and Christian theological understandings is not a simple ask, it requires deliberate setting of goals and working towards a clear vision. We will address this vision by;

- Beginning the implementation of our *Kaiarahi Rangatahi* model by appointing key people in Rohe to leadership roles and responsibilities.
- Revitalising the core focus of *Te Taha Maori ministry training* for Kaikarakia and Minita-a-iwi within our Rohe and the wider connexion.
- Supporting the leadership direction undertaken in partnership with Trinity College in providing ministry for all.
- Ongoing work of the 4+4 committee in bringing to completion the appointment of the Superintendent of Methodist Mission Northern.
- We continue, in partnership with Tauwi, the ongoing dialogue with the Korean Methodists from the South Seoul Conference.

**Suggested decisions:**

1. The report is received.
2. The 2016 membership and officers of Hui Poari shall be: Tumuaki Diana Tana, Rex Nathan; Tai Tokerau: Frances Rakena, Susan Dunn; and substitute Sonny Livingstone; Tamaki: Gillian Laird, Te Aroha Rountree; Waikato: Doreen Wilson, Shirley Rivers; Te Rohe Potae: Hinga Ormsby; Taranaki: Frances Kingi-Katene, Alison Ranui; and substitutes Julie-anne Barney-Katene, Robina Wichman; Poneke: Alamaine McGregor; Otautahi-Te Waipounamu: Roz Wilkie; Rangatahi: Julie-Anne Barney-Katene, Tamati Rakena.
3. The 2016 Liaison Persons-Officers of the Rohe shall be: Tai Tokerau: Frances Rakena; Tamaki: Gillian Laird; Waikato: Doreen Wilson; Te Rohe Potae: Hinga Ormsby; Taranaki: Frances Kingi-Katene; Poneke: Alamaine McGregor, Otautahi-Te Waipounamu: Roz Wilkie.
4. The 2016 membership of Te Runanga Whakawhanaunga I Nga Haahi O Aotearoa shall be Diana Tana, Rex Nathan, Te Aroha Rountree, Piripi Rakena with Tamati Rakena as substitute.