



OPENING SERVICE & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

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Theme: 'A Time to Re-Sow, a Time to Re-Grow'

Processional

*All please stand as the President, Vice President and other
Conference Leaders enter.*

Chaplain:

Kia ora e te whānau o te Hāhi Weteriana,
Talofa lava, Malo e Lelei, Ni sa bula vinaka.
Welcome to this service where we gather to
celebrate our life as The Methodist Church of
New Zealand - Te Haahi Weteriana O
Aotearoa and acknowledge the contribution
of those who have died.

Ko te Atua te timatanga o te whakaaro nui,
Whakapaingia tōna ingoa tapu.

Whakapaingia te Atua i runga, i raro, i waho,
i roto, whakapaingia te Atua Wairua kei ngā
wāhi katoa.

Kia kotahi tō tātou whakamoemiti, whakapai i
a Ihowa o ngā mano, a te Atua kaha rawa,
ora tonu.

Ōtira, te Kaihanga o te rangi, te whenua me
ngā mea katoa – tae hoki ki te tangata.

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

Response:

**Mā te Atua koe e whakaū, ki te pono me te
hari.**

Lighting of the Conference Candle

Chaplain:

Kia Inoi tātou:

E te Atua, tēnei anō mātou āu pononga te inoi nei ki a koe, kia tata mai koe ki a mātou i tēnei wā, hei āwhina, hei arataki i a mātou, kia whakakorōriatia ai koe i roto i a mātou mahi katoa.

Ko koe hoki te Atua e ora nei, e mana nei i āu pononga, i ngā wā katoa.

Āmine.

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?”

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,
fightings 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*

President: You have come at the invitation of
Conference.
You have come bearing another in your heart
to find a place where you both belong.
You and your loved ones are welcome.
As you woke to God's world this morning
So be aware of God's loving presence now.

President: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

The Ministry of the Word

First Reading: Genesis 28: 12 - 16 *Kimberley Chiwona*

Second Reading: I Thessalonians 4: 13-18 *Tevita Kau*

Prayer:

President: Loving God,
You have searched each of us and you know
us
You are familiar with our ways.
In your rhythm of life each finds our place.
You are never far from us.
If we experience a touch of heaven you are
found there.
Should we feel completely forsaken, we turn
only to find you there also.
If we take the wings of the morning, and fly
as far as we can go, even there your hands
will guide us, your hands will hold us fast.
You are with us in this unfamiliar place as
you are with those we love and cherish.
You are the God in whom we live, and move,
and have our being.
Be known to us and let your light shine within
us.

People: **Amen**

Silent reflection

Vice-President: Today, we take time to remember those
members of our families who have died in the
past year.
We give thanks to God for their life and
witness and the contribution each has made
to The Methodist Church of New Zealand Te
Haahi Weteriana O Aotearoa.

Hymn: "Give thanks for life"

Give thanks for life,
the measure of our days
mortal we pass through
beauty that decays,
yet sing to God our hope,
our love, our praise,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Give thanks for those
who made their life a light
caught from the Christ-flame,
bursting through the night,
who touched the truth,
who burned for what is right,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

And for our own,
our living and our dead,
thanks for the love by
which our life is fed,
a love not changed by time
or death or dread
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Give thanks for hope,
that like the wheat, the grain
lying in darkness
does its life retain,
in resurrection
to grow green again.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Shirley Murray (Alleluia Aotearoa #45)

Reflection: WE REMEMBER

Kepu Moa
Alan John Leadley QSM
Margaret Anne Ziegler
Verna Elaine Mossong QSM
Joyce K. Dey
Gillian Mary Watkin
Mavis Jean Tauroa
Winiata Morunga

Sung Blessing: Morunga Whanau

Mary Russell
Edna Garner
Mervyn Wilkinson Hancock
Siosuia Molia Tu'itupou
George MacKay Hammond
Taniela Takapautolo Moala
Gordon Green
Hilda Mary Astley-Ford
Rupeni Balawa Delai
Violet Hesse

Sung Blessing: The Hastings Trio

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: Ko mātou te whānau Weteriana.

He maha ngā manga me ngā tikanga i tō mātou whānau;

e waiata ana i tō mātou whakapono i ngā reo maha; e inoi atu i ngā kupu rereke, engari e whakanui ana i tō aroha noa anā, ka whai tika i tō karanga ki te aroha tētahi ki tētahi, atu, ki te manaaki hoki te katoa.

(We are the people called Methodist, and within that family are many branches and many traditions; we sing our faith in different languages and 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

E pei o ni vaitafe i sasa'e o se vaega laolao e tafe ifo mai mauga, e vaevaeina ini alavai 'ese'ese ma toe feso'ota'l fa'atasi, ma fa'aono mapu'e a'e ai o se lolo, pe mou atu i laloifo o le talafatai, ae aga'i uma atu i le sami.

E fa'apena i matou o ou tagata, e feoa'i ma malaga i le 'ese'ese o le saosaoa aga'i atu i le fa'amoemoe, o le atiina'eina lea o se fa'apotopotoga i le alofa ma le filemu i lenei lava nofoaga.

(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 be makers and menders.

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 mātou
All: E te Karaiti tohungia mātou

Tumuaki: E Ihowa tohungia mātou
**All: E tō mātou Matua i te rangi
Kia tapu tōu Ingoa.
Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga.
Kia meatia tāu e pai ai
ki runga i te whenua.
kia rite anō ki tō te rangi.
Homai ki a mātou aiānei
he taro mā mātou mō tēnei rā.
Murua o mātou hara,
me mātou hoki e muru nei
i o te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.
Aua hoki mātou e kawea kia whakawaia;
engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino;
nōu hoki te rangatiratanga,
te kaha me te korōria,
ake, ake, ake. Āmine**

Hymn: “Tēnei hoki au e Ihu” Pass me not O Gentle Saviour

Tēnei hoki au e Ihu
Whakarongo mai;
I te mano e popoke,
Kei kapea ko au.

Kōrihi: E Ihu, e Ihu,
Whakarongo mai;
I te mano e popoke
Kei kapea ko au.

Kei te puna a t'aroha
Tōku marie nui,
Pā mai ko te ngākau pouri
Awhinatia au.

Kōrihi: E Ihu, E Ihu ...

Nōu anake rā te tika,
Nōu nei rā katoa,
Ko koe tāku i te rangi
I te whenua nei.

Kōrihi: E Ihu, E Ihu ...

The Blessing

Vice-President: We are the church,
the mission of God is ours.

People: **We go in hope and love
into the world.**

President: May God the heart of life
be deep within us,
God the Christ
be present in our history,
and God the Spirit
give us power, truth and peace.
Amen

Sending Forth

President: Go into the world in the power of the Spirit.

People: We go in the name of Christ

Hymn: ‘Ma te marie’ (*sung unaccompanied*)

Mā te marie a te Atua
Tātou katoa e tiaki;
Māna anō e whakaū
O tātou ngākau ki te pai.

Mā te Atua Tamaiti rā,
Mā te Wairua Tapu hoki,
Rātou, Atua kotahi nei.
Tātou katoa e whakapai.

Traditional Maori Hymn

The Conference Candle is extinguished

*Please remain standing while the Families of the Deceased and
the Presidential party leaves*