



A Time of Recognition



Methodist Conference 2018

Christchurch

Te Haahi Weteriana o Aotearoa

A Time of Recognition

*To everything there is a season,
and a time to every purpose under the heaven*

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Kaumatua: Mihi to official guests

Waiata: **“Te Aroha”**
Te Aroha
Te whakapono
Te rangimarie
Tātou, tātou e

Welcome to Our Special Guests

Rev Finau ‘Aho	(President, Free Wesleyan Church in Tonga)
Rev Garry Dronfield	(President, Uniting Aboriginal & Islander Congress & Representative Uniting Church in Australia)
Ratu Peni Volavola	(Vice President, Methodist Church in Fiji)
Rev Solomona Potogi	(Methodist Church in Samoa)
Rev Fakaofu Kaio	(Moderator Elect, Presbyterian Church)
Bishop Ross Bay	(Auckland Diocese, Anglican Church)
Dean Anne Mills	(Auckland Diocese, Anglican Church)
Ven Canon Helen Roud	(Anglican Diocese of Christchurch)
Carole Sandford	(Catholic Church in Aotearoa NZ)
Rev Stephanie Wells	(Presbyterian Church in Aotearoa NZ)
Rev Phyllis Harris	(Presbyterian Church in Aotearoa NZ)

Receiving Presbyters into Full Connexion

Sikeli Cawanikawai
Lopiseni Fungalei
Arapera Ngaha
Tisileli Taufa (received in 2017)

Receiving Presbyters into Full Connexion from another Church

Marcia Hardy (Anglican Church)
Jannet Mudavahnu (Methodist Church of Zimbabwe)
Paul Rogers (in absentia) (Church of the Nazarene)

Paying Tribute to those who are retiring

Joanne (Jo) Althea Durrant
Andrew Michael Gamman
Limuolevava (Limu) Faamanatu Isaia
Donald Ian (Ian) MacLeod
Alison Molineux
Mary Nicholas
Bob Sidal
Marilyn Welch

Recognition of those who have completed service in a Connexional Position

Paul Titus	Editor Touchstone
Rev Tovia Aumua	Past President
Dr Arapera Ngaha	Past Vice-President

Reception into Full Connexion

*Those newly ordained and Taiwi Executive Officer
come forward*

General Secretary: President Setaita, Vice-President Nicola, Members of Conference, I present to the Conference: Tisilei Taufua, John MacDonald and Darryn Hickling who were received into Full Connexion in 2017 by the President and ask Conference to affirm that action.

President Setaita, Vice President Nicola, Members of Conference, we have celebrated the ordinations of: Isikeli Cawanikawai, Lopiseni Fungalei, Arapera Ngaha, and are now to receive them into Full Connexion within The Methodist Church of New Zealand-Te Haahi Weteriana o Aotearoa.

We reinstate Rev Marcia Hardy to Full Connexion from the Anglican Church, and receive Rev Dr Jannet Mudavahnu transferred from the Methodist Church of Zimbabwe and the Rev Paul Rogers transferred from Church of the Nazarene (in absentia).

Vice President: But for exceptional circumstances, ordination is for life. To carry out ministry for which one is ordained requires a commitment to the discipline of the Church and a willingness to abide by decisions of Conference.

President: Sikeli, Lopiseni, Arapera, Marcia, Jannet
you are to be received into Full Connexion
by this Conference. Do you agree to abide
by the teaching and polity of The Methodist
Church of New Zealand-Te Haahi
Weteriana o Aotearoa, and do you agree to
observe and maintain its discipline?

Presbyters: I do.

General Secretary: I recommend Sikeli Cawanikawai, Lopiseni
Fungalei, Arapera Ngaha, Marcia Hardy,
Jannet Mudavahnu, and Paul Rogers
be received into Full Connexion by this
Conference.

Vice President: Members of Conference, please stand to
affirm these ministries.

President: Eternal God, in our searching for you
we discovered it was you who found us.
You have made yourself known to us
as the God of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Said by all being received into Full Connexion

**O God, you have called us
as Christ's disciples
to make your love known
and live the Good News.
We have often tried to tell you
that for such a task we feel ill-equipped
and unprepared.
Yet you do not give in to our protests.**

Instead, you fill us with the promise of your grace and the reassurance of your enabling.

Loving God, we know that by your Spirit we will have courage to endure and strength to continue; we will have tomorrows filled with promise, and Good News to proclaim. Amen.

President: Sikeli, Lopiseni, Arapera, Marcia, Jannet, Tisileli and Darryn Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God

Those received into Full Connexion are greeted by those retiring

Hymn: “Our Life Has Its Seasons”

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.

Refrain
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, a time to weep,
a time to be building, a time to be breaking,
a time to be waking, a time to sleep.
Refrain

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.
Refrain

Words/Music: Shirley Irina Murray/Colin Gibson

Tributes to those Retiring

President: The Christian life is a journey with others;
we travel as a people, sharing our lives,
our experiences, our hopes and fears.

At times, with joy and in hope, we welcome
new travellers to share our lives,
committing ourselves to them,
wanting to learn from and with them,
to become the people you want us to be.

Vice-President: With gratitude and pain, we farewell
fellow travellers who move into retirement.
Together, we thank you
for the gift of their lives, shared with us.
Together, we seek to support each other
through this time of transition,
and wait in expectation of the new
beginnings that your Spirit will bring.

A silence is kept

Vice-President: Both in laying-hold and letting-go,
we celebrate your goodness to us.
We affirm again the continuing presence
of your Spirit,
blowing where you will,
forming and leading the life of your people.
Journey with us, sharing our triumphs and
struggles,
and bring us safe into your eternal home.
Amen.

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Those who retire this Conference

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Andrew Gamman
Limuolevave Faamanatu Isaia
Donald (Ian) MacLeod
Alison Jean Molineaux
Mary Nicholas
Bob Sidal
Marilyn Welch

Those who have completed service in a Connexional position

Paul Titus
Rev Tovia Aumua
Dr Arapera Ngaha

Hymn:

Where the road runs out and the signposts end,
where we come to the edge of today,
be the God of Abraham for us;
send us out upon our way.
Lord, you were our beginning,
the faith that gave us birth.
We look to you, our ending,
our hope for heaven and earth.

When the coast is left and we journey on
to the rim of the sky and the sea,
be the sailor's friend, be the dolphin Christ;
lead us on to eternity.
Lord, you were our beginning,
the faith that gave us birth.
We look to you, our ending,
our hope for heaven and earth.

When the clouds are low and the wind is
strong,
when tomorrow's storm draws near,
be the spirit bird hov'ring overhead,
who will take away our fear.
Lord, you were our beginning,
the faith that gave us birth.
*We look to you, our ending,
our hope for heaven and earth.*

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Words for Letting Go & Moving On

President: Loving God, you are our caller and companion;
in you we live and move and have our being.

The call to follow Christ and to grow in Christ like-ness has been both blessing and challenge.

We have learned and are still learning to share in joy and suffering.

We look back now, knowing some seed has come to harvest. There have been times of dancing, of praise, and laughter, and times of affirmation;

there have been mistakes made and lessons learned;

there have been times when we have hidden our vulnerability behind excuses and much busy-ness.

Loving God, you hear our remembering. Encourage us to explore today and each new successive day with energy, excitement, courage and faith.

Help us enter into this new beginning with the vision of the Holy Spirit to shed light and love on our future. Amen.

Blessing

The individual tributes are available in the agenda and on the Methodist website www.methodist.org