



A Time of Recognition



Methodist Conference 2020

Papatoetoe

Te Hāhi Weteriana o Aotearoa

Receiving Presbyters into Full Connexion

Tara Tautari

Kimberley Chiwona (received in 2019)

Tevita Kau (received in 2019)

Simon Williams (received in 2019)

Receiving Presbyters into Full Connexion from another Church

Faleu Futi (Methodist Church of Samoa)

Soo Yong Han (Korean Methodist Church)

Wook Shin (Korean Methodist Church)

Hun Hoe Song (Korean Methodist Church)

Jonathan Robert Barb (Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa NZ)
(in absentia)

Paying Tribute to those who are retiring

David John Bush

Lindsay Ernest Cumberpatch

Janice (Jan) M Fogg

Lynne O. Frith (*to be acknowledged in 2021*)

Cornelia Hildegard Grant (*to be acknowledged in 2021*)

Gregory Alan Hughson (*to be acknowledged in 2021*)

Moimoi 'Ahaui Kaufononga

Ken Olsen (*in absentia*)

Barend (Bertie) Meyer

Rex Edward Francis Nathan

David Rolinson (*in absentia*)

Morven Frances Sidal (*in absentia*)

Malaeola Su'a Vili

Recognition of those who have completed service in a Connexional Position

David Bush

General Secretary

Prince Devanandan

Past President, Mission & Ecumenical
(*to be acknowledged in 2021*)

Viv Whimster

Past Vice-President

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

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

President: Ko te rā tēnei i hanga e Ihowa.
(*This is the day which the Lord
has made.*)

All: **Kia hari, kia koa tātou.**
(*Let us rejoice and be glad in it.*)

Waiata: **“Te Aroha”** (*sung unaccompanied*)

Te Aroha
Te whakapono
Me te rangimārie
Tātou, tātou e

Reception into Full Connexion

Those to be received into Full Connexion come forward

General Secretary: President Andrew, Vice-President Edwin, Members of Conference, I present to the Conference: Kimberley Chiwona, Tevita Kau and Simon Williams who were received into Full Connexion in 2019 by the President and ask Conference to affirm that action.

I present Tara Tautari, who we are now to receive into Full Connexion within The Methodist Church of New Zealand-Te Hāhi Weteriana o Aotearoa..

I present Faleu Futi who we receive into Full Connexion transferring from the Methodist Church of Samoa

I present to you Revs Soo Yong Han, Wook Shin and Hun Hoe Song who we receive into Full Connexion transferring from the Korean Methodist Church. Jonathan Robert Barb will be received locally by the President.

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: Tara, Faleu, Soo Yong, Wook and Hun Hoe 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 Hāhi Weteriana o Aotearoa, and do you agree to observe and maintain its discipline?

Presbyters: I do.

General Secretary: I recommend that the reception into Full Connexion of Tevita Kau, Kimberley Chiwona, Simon Williams be affirmed by this Conference.

I recommend Tara Tautari, Faleu Futi, Soo Yong Han, Wook Shin and Hun Hoe Song be received into Full Connexion by this Conference and that Jonathan Robert Barb be received locally by the President.

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: Tara, Tevita, Kimberley, Simon, Faleu, Soo Yong, Wook and Hun Hoe 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 God wants us to be.

Vice-President: With gratitude and pain, we farewell fellow travellers who move into retirement. Together, we thank God 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 the Spirit will bring.

A silence is kept

Vice-President: Gracious God, 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

David John Bush
Lindsay Ernest Cumberpatch
Janice (Jan) M Fogg
Moimoi 'Ahou Kaufononga
Ken Olsen (*in absentia*)
Barend (Bertie) Meyer
Rex Edward Francis Nathan
David Rolinson (*in absentia*)
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Malaeola Su'a Vili

Those who have completed service in a Connexional position

David Bush
Prince Devanandan
Viv Whimster

Hymn: “*Where the road runs out*”

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:

This is where your life has arrived,
after all the years of effort and toil;
look back with graciousness and thanks
on all your great and quiet achievements.

You stand on the shore of new invitation
to open your life to what is left undone;
let your heart enjoy a different rhythm
when drawn to the wonder of other
horizons.

Have the courage for a new approach to time;
allow it to slow until you find freedom
to draw alongside the mystery you hold
and befriend your own beauty of soul.

Now is the time to enjoy your heart's desire,
to live the dreams you've waited for,
to awaken the depths beyond your work
and enter into your infinite source.

John O'Donohue, *To Bless the Space
Between Us*

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

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

Blessing

Every ending is an opportunity for a new
beginning.

As we go from this time, this place, this
event, may we have eyes to see the new
things that God is inviting us into.

May we seek the courage to let go of that
which is holding us back from who we
might become.

And let us trust the one who has promised
that he came that we might have life and
have it in all its fulness.

Amen.

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