



General Secretary Induction Service 2020

Methodist Conference 2020

Papatoetoe

Te Hāhi Weteriana o Aotearoa

President:	Rev. Andrew Doubleday
Vice-President:	‘Etuini Talakai
General Secretary:	Rev. David Bush
General Secretary Designate:	Rev. Tara Tautari
Te Rūnanga Whakawhanaunga I Ngā Hāhi:	Bishop Te Kitoi Pikaahu
Board of Administration:	Nan Russell
Te Taha Māori:	Rev. Keita Hotere
Tauwi Youth:	Michael Lemanu
Chaplains:	Rev. Dr Susan Thompson Rev. Tevita Finau
Musician:	Rev. Ieremia Amituana'i

Induction Service

Organ Prelude

Processionnal

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

Theme: 'Ki te whei ao ki te ao mārama'

Chaplain: Kia ora e te whānau o te Hāhi Weteriana o Aotearoa, Talofa lava, Mālō ē lelei, Ni sa bula vinaka. Welcome to this service where we gather to celebrate our life as The Methodist Church of New Zealand, and to induct the General Secretary of our Church.

Minita: Kia inoi tātou:

Whakapaingia te Atua i runga, i raro, i waho,
i roto i tēnā i tēnā o mātou e mine nei.

E te Pūtake, e te Poutokomanawa hoki o
ngā mea katoa, i te rangi, i te whenua, i ngā
moana hoki e korikori nei i runga i te mata o
te whenua.

Nāu ra mātou i arahi ki tēnei wāhi me tēnei
wā kia puta ki te whei ao ki te ao mārama,
me ōna tūmanakohanga katoa.

Tautokona mātou i roto i tēnei huihuinga.
Otira, te pai, engari hei painga mo tēnei
waka wairua ki te Hāhi Weteriana puta noa i
Aotearoa.

Āmine.

All: **Korōria ki a koe e te Atua.**
(Glory to you, O God.)

Lighting of the Conference Candle

Minita: Haere mai i runga i te kaupapa i huihuitia ai tātou.
Tū mai mo te waiata 'Haere Mai'.

Congregations stands

Waiata: "Haere mai" *(sung unaccompanied)*

Haere mai
(Come)

Haere mai e ngā iwi huihui tātou.
(Come people let us assemble)

E piki ki runga ki tō waka ki a te Manawanui.
(and embark upon this your canoe, Courage)

Hapainga ngā hoe, ko te pono ko te tika.
(Grasp firmly the paddles, truth and righteousness)

Ko te Rangimarie te tatā, ko te aroha te punga.
(Peace and goodwill is the bailer and it's anchor, love)

Ko te toka i werohia e Mohi te pou herenga atu e.
(The rock which Moses struck will secure it firmly at anchorage)

Te Taha Māori

*During the waiata, the General Secretary Designate,
accompanied by her kaitautoko comes forward.*

President: Sisters and brothers in Christ, we are gathered here to worship God, to receive Tara Tautari who has been appointed by Conference to serve as General Secretary of the Methodist Church of New Zealand-Te Hāhi Weteriana O Aotearoa and together to commit ourselves afresh to the service of God.
Gracious God, awaken our spirits.

All: **Sustaining God, renew our faith.**

Vice President: Loving God, fill us with compassion.

All: **Empowering God, equip us all for ministry.**

Hymn: “*God who sets us on a journey*”

God who sets us on a journey
to discover, dream and grow,
lead us as you led your people
in the desert long ago;
journey inward, journey outward,
stir the spirit, stretch the mind,
love for God and self and neighbour
marks the way that Christ defined.

Exploration brings new insights,
changes, choices we must face;
give us wisdom in deciding,
mindful always of your grace;
should we stumble, lose our bearings,
find it hard to know what’s right,
we regain our true direction
focused on the Jesus light.

End our longing for the old days,
grant the vision that we lack –
once we've started on this journey
there can be no turning back;
let us travel light, discarding
excess baggage from our past,
cherish only what's essential,
choosing treasure that will last.

When we set up camp and settle
to avoid love's risk and pain,
you disturb complacent comfort,
pull the tent pegs up again;
keep us travelling in the knowledge
you are always at our side;
give us courage for the journey,
Christ our goal and Christ our guide.

Joy Dine

Chaplain: Journeying with you, Creator God,
is to journey in your world,
full of marvels and such beauty.

All: **To glimpse eternity in sky and sea,
to feel the earth beneath our feet
and know our connection with all that
lives.**

Chaplain: Journeying with you, brother Jesus,
is to journey with your friends,
a people of faith, hope and spirit.

All: **To meet and travel a while together,
then part at the crossroads,
knowing you are with us all.**

Chaplain: Journeying with you, Holy Spirit,
is to journey with the wind
which blows where it chooses.

All: **To take up the sound of your music
and sing aloud your song of love
so others may hear the call to justice.**

Amen.

50 Great Prayers from the Iona Community (alt.)

Release of the General Secretary

Board Chairperson:

David we acknowledge the visionary and faithful leadership you have given the church as General Secretary over twelve years. We thank you for your care, compassion and love of the church and the way you have shared of yourself.

All: **We now release you from this role and responsibility.**

The General Secretary returns a copy of the Law Book to the President

General Secretary:

The laws and regulations of the church give expression to our theology and pastoral care. In returning this symbol of our life together, I give thanks for the privilege of serving the Church as General Secretary.

The Ministry of the Word

New Testament: 2 Corinthian 5: 17-20

**Puspa Barua
Minita**

Tauwi Youth: Transcendent God,
we are people on the move.
At the dawn of new beginnings and
unheralded journeys;

All: You are in our midst.

Tauwi Youth: As new light signals a new day,
as new ground is broken,
as new expressions of life are breathed into
existence;

All: You are in our midst.

Tauwi Youth: As the unforeseen threatens to disrupt us,
as the unknown causes us to question,
as the norms of previous journeys are no
longer;

All: You are in our midst.

Tauwi Youth: As excitement and anticipation take hold,
as the opportunity to be reinvigorated
becomes possible,
as new vision is cast and new dreams are
imagined;

**All: You are in our midst.
God who already existed at the
beginning, meet us at the start of another
journey. Prepare us for works to be done.
Guide us, through Your word and Spirit,
as we embark into the unknown.
Challenge us into reconciliation and
transformation.
For You are in our midst. Amen.**

The General Secretary designate and her kaitautoko come forward. One member may speak for all.

Kaitautoko: President Andrew/Vice-President 'Etuini, we present to you Tara Tautari who has been appointed by Conference to be the General Secretary of the Methodist Church of New Zealand-Te Hāhi Weteriana O Aotearoa.

The Kaitautoko return to their seats.

Induction of General Secretary

President: It is the task of the General Secretary in the Methodist Church of New Zealand-Te Hāhi Weteriana O Aotearoa to exercise general pastoral and administrative oversight within the Connexion.

Tara, you have been appointed by the Conference to this position.

You will represent the people of the whole church.

You will provide leadership in the councils of the Church.

You will work with others in helping districts and congregations, rohe and parishes, deacons and presbyters to live out the gospel of Christ.

You will be a pastor to the ordained and lay leaders of the Connexion.

You are called to have a special care for the faith, the unity and the discipline of the church.

The church asks a great deal of a General Secretary.

We assure you of our support.

Trust in God, to whom we turn for the wisdom, the patience, the love and the faith required for this work.

Do you accept this task as being God's call to you?

General Secretary: I do. And I pray this in the words of our Wesleyan tradition:

I am no longer my own, but yours.

Put me to what you will, place me with whom you will;

put me to doing, put me to suffering;

let me be put to work for you or set aside for you,

praised for you or criticized for you.

Let me be full, let me be empty;

let me have all things, let me have nothing;

I freely and fully surrender all things to your glory and service.

And now, O wonderful and Holy God,

Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, you are mine and I am yours.

So be it.

And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it also be made in heaven.

Amen.

Silence

Stand

President: Conference has appointed Tara Tautari to be General Secretary of the Methodist Church of New Zealand-Te Hāhi Weteriana O Aotearoa
Do you affirm Tara as General Secretary?

All: **We do, and with Tara we dedicate ourselves to ministry and mission in the Methodist Church of New Zealand-Te Hāhi Weteriana O Aotearoa.**

**We promise her our sincere friendship,
our loyal partnership
and our constant prayers.**

Sit

The General Secretary kneels, representatives from the Connexion stand with the President and Vice-President.

President: God of Grace, grant your Spirit and strength to Tara.
Enliven the gifts she has,
develop the gifts she needs
and help her bring forth the gifts of others,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Vice-President: A new ministry has begun.
In silence let Tara pray for the people,
and the people pray for Tara.

Silence

The General Secretary stands

President: In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by the authority of Conference, I declare Tara Tautari to be inducted into the ministry of General Secretary of the Methodist Church of New Zealand-Te Hāhi Weteriana o Aotearoa.

The President presents a symbol of office to the General Secretary.

President: Receive this Law Book as a symbol of your office.

Representatives of the church extend both hands in greeting to the General Secretary as a sign of mutual acceptance and partnership.

Greetings from the Connexion and Ecumenical Bodies to the new General Secretary:

*Te Runanga Whakawhanaunga I Ngā Hāhi
Board of Administration
Open invitation
Te Taha Māori*

Stand

President: (to the General Secretary)
Tara be a good pastor to the people and leaders of this Church.
Keep the faith.
Work for the unity of the church.
Uphold the Methodist tradition.
Abide in Christ.

People of Te Hāhi Weteriana,
Be the people of God.
Promote the work of God in the Connexion.
Cherish your General Secretary.
Value her gifts.
Abide in Christ.

Hymn: “Wairua Tapu” (*sung unaccompanied*)

Wairua Tapu tau mai ra	(<i>Holy Spirit rest on me</i>)
Wairua Tapu mai runga	(<i>Holy Spirit from above</i>)
Uhia mai ngā taonga pai	(<i>Cover all that we hold dear</i>)
Homai to aroha	(<i>Fill me with your love</i>)
Wahia kia tika	(<i>Lay me down to do right</i>)
Akona mai ra kia ū ki te pai	(<i>Teach me to hold fast to the right,</i>)
Horoia	(<i>Cleanse me</i>)
Kia mau tonu ra	(<i>Entrench me</i>)
Mōhou te tino korōria	(<i>Glory to your name</i>)

Congregation sit

The newly inducted General Secretary is invited to speak and lead in prayer.

Dismissal

General Secretary: Haere i runga i te aroha.
Haere i runga i te rangimārie o te Ariki.
Kia puta ki te whei ao ki te ao mārama.

All: **Ka haere mātou i runga i te ingoa o te Ariki.**

Hymn: “Mā te mārie” (*sung unaccompanied*)

Mā te mārie a te Atua
tātou katoa e tiaki;
māna anō e whakaū
ō tātou ngākau ki te pai.

*The peace of God
keeps us all.
He will confirm
our hearts in goodness.*

Mā te Atua Tamaiti ra,
mā te Wairua Tapu hoki
rātou, Atua kotahi nei,
tātou katoa e whakapai.

*May the Son of God
and the Holy Spirit too,
one God
bless us all.*

Āmine

*Traditional Maori Hymn
Tune: Old 100th, WOW 679, sung unaccompanied*

The Candle is extinguished