

# Conference Update

## July 2021

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### **METHODIST CONFERENCE 2021** **Wednesday 17 November – Saturday 20 November** **in** **Wellington**

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Plans are well under way for Conference 2021. A reminder that the 'Day to Day' schedule is structured differently this year beginning with a Powhiri on the morning of Wednesday 17 November 2021 at Wellington Methodist Parish, 75 Taranaki Street, Wellington.

The 'Business Sessions' will take place at Wellington Methodist Parish from Wednesday 17 November following the Powhiri, concluding at 5:00pm on Friday 19 November.

Services will take place on Saturday 20 November at the Michael Fowler Centre, 111 Wakefield Street, Te Aro, Wellington. As there will be no induction of a President and Vice President at this Conference it is possible to hold all services on Saturday only. These will be the Service of Recognition and the Ordination Service.

We will be arranging to 'live stream' the Service to Honour those who have Died, the Service of Recognition and the Ordination Service this year. These will be available for viewing live and the services will continue to be available as archives to be viewed at any time. More details on this will be available closer to Conference. It is a way of enabling those who cannot travel to share in important aspects of the church's life.

#### **CONFERENCE 'DAY TO DAY' SCHEDULE**

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An updated Conference 'Day to Day' schedule will be distributed as soon as more details are confirmed.

The current draft version is available on the Methodist website Conference page and has the basic structure in place <http://www.methodist.org.nz/conference/2021>

#### **HONOURING THOSE WHO HAVE DIED**

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Since Conference 2020 tributes have been given at the funeral service of significant persons in the life of the Conference who have died.

During the Powhiri on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November those people will be respectfully named and their official tributes received as part of the Conference minutes.

The President and Vice President will be inviting any family members who wish to attend to join us on the day for the service and lunch.

#### **REGISTRATION**

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The registration form is scheduled to 'go live' in early August. Information and a link will be sent out as soon as this process is ready to go.

#### **REMEMBER**

1. You may have one lay representative per stationed presbyter to your Parish/Organisation. For clarification of membership of Conference please refer to the Law Book, Section 7

[http://www.methodist.org.nz/administration\\_division/mcnz\\_law\\_book](http://www.methodist.org.nz/administration_division/mcnz_law_book).

2. Tauwiwi and Te Taha Maori meetings are to be held at 1:00pm – 4:00pm on Tuesday 16 November.

**Parish Councils/Boards when considering representatives are eligible for one lay representative for every presbyter appointed to the parish. A parish without a presbyter may appoint one lay representative.**

It is possible to register and attend as an observer. Observers do not have the right to speak or participate in decision making.

**Remember: All Conference members and observers must be registered.**

## **SELECTION OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT ELECT**

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Nominations are currently being sought for President Elect and Vice President Elect.

Tauiwi will use an online process to allow members of Synods to indicate their support.

Te Taha Maori will use their own process.

The Conference Panel will meet immediately before Conference.

## **ACCOMMODATION**

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For those who need accommodation, you are responsible for making these arrangements yourself as for previous conferences.

***REMINDER that there is a Guns & Roses concert in Wellington on the night of Friday 19 November so accommodation is already booking up. Please do not leave it too late to make your accommodation arrangements!***

