

Waikato-Waiariki on Wednesdays

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*He aha te mea nui o te
ao? He tāngata, he
tāngata, he tāngata.*

*What is the most
important thing in the
world? It is people, it is
people, it is people.*

*'Io, neongo 'ete 'alu pe 'ihe
tele'a 'oku malu'aki ai 'a
Mate, 'E, 'ikai teu
manavahe ki ha kovi; He
ko koe 'oku ma feohi; Ko
si'o tokotoko mo 'akau,
'Oku na fakafiemalie'i au.*

*Even though I walk
through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil; for you are
with me; your rod and your
staff – they comfort me.
(Psalm 23.4)*

Kia ora e te whānau and welcome to the Waikato-Waiariki Methodist Synod's new weekly newsletter. The Synod wants to thank you all for the many ways you've been working to remain the church in these difficult times.

News

Keep updated with the Methodist Church of New Zealand's Pandemic Plan. New updates are issued on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and can be found at www.methodist.org.nz

Staying connected

There are many ways you can keep your community connected during this time:

- start a Facebook page
- post material on your website
- send a weekly bulletin
- meet by Zoom or Skype
- ask your pastoral team to ring people regularly
- offer to pray over the phone

Options for worship

Many churches are exploring new ways of worshipping online. You might like to check out the following:

- Chartwell Cooperating Church Insight Service is online every Sunday at <https://zoom.us/j/8479347204>

But what about people who don't have computer access? You might suggest that they:

- set aside a quiet time to pray
- light a candle every Sunday morning or evening

- read a psalm (Psalm 23, 121)
- join in prayer at a designated time every week

Prayers

There are only two feelings. Love and fear. There are only two languages. Love and fear.

There are only two activities. Love and fear. There are only two motives, two procedures,

Two frameworks, two results. Love and fear. Love and fear.

(Leunig, *A Common Prayer*)



Remember

The Synod Facebook page is being regularly updated and contains prayers, songs, news, reflections and ideas. Every Sunday night someone from the Synod will bring a personal message sharing their thoughts and encouragement.

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