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# Waikato-Waiariki on Wednesdays

*Ehara taku toa i te toa  
takitahi, engari he toa  
takitini.*

*My strength is not that  
of an individual, but that  
of the collective.*

*“Living in the power of  
the resurrection means  
refusing to accept that  
anything that is broken  
will ultimately remain  
broken.”*

*(Roberta Bondi)*

Kia ora e te whānau! Welcome to the Waikato-Waiariki Methodist Synod's new weekly newsletter. Thanks to everyone who's been sharing this letter with parishioners. We hope it's proving a useful means of communication.

## News

Keep updated with the Methodist Church of New Zealand's Pandemic Plan at [www.methodist.org.nz](http://www.methodist.org.nz) Note also guidance sent out this week about holding **funerals** in Methodist churches during Alert Level 3.

## Staying connected

Synod Executive continues to meet by Zoom every Saturday morning. Please get in touch if you have any worries, concerns or issues that need addressing. Those in ministry are meeting by Zoom with Susan and Viv every fortnight to stay updated, share ideas and offer each other pastoral and spiritual support.

## Notices

This year's **District Wesley Day** services have been cancelled. Liturgical resources and a video clip from the Presidential Team will be circulated the week before the 24<sup>th</sup> May for use in your services.

**District Synod** will be held as a Zoom meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> June. Agenda items include:

- pastoral catch-up & sharing
- reflecting on a post-Covid 19 world & church
- update on the Super search
- Presidential Team 2022 nominations

If you need help connecting to Zoom, contact Jenny or Susan for an over-the-phone lesson!

## Supporting parishes

A conversation has begun between the General Secretary and Synod Superintendents about the needs of parishes during this time and ways the Church might help to provide support and relief. We will keep you posted.

## Prayers

“Living Christ, you are risen from the dead!

Love reigns!

You are life stronger than death;

raise our eyes to see you as the new day dawns.”

*(A New Zealand Prayer Book)*

## Getting prepared

As we head into another week under Alert Level 3, it might be time to start thinking about how to prepare ourselves for the time when public worship will begin again.

What will we need to do to make our churches safe spaces? How will we maintain physical distancing? What provision will we make for hand washing and cleaning? How will you keep track of those who enter your churches? Start the conversation now in your parishes.



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