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Waikato-Waiariki on Wednesdays

*Hupane, kaupane, whiti
te rā.*

*A new sunrise, a new
dawn.*

*“Do not remember the
former things, or
consider the things of
old. I am about to do a
new thing; now it
springs forth, do you not
perceive it?”*

(Isaiah 43.18-19)

Kia ora e te whānau! This week the Government announced that the number of people allowed at gatherings can increase to 100 from midday on Friday. That means it will be possible for churches to meet for worship on Sunday.

This is a decision for each congregation to make for itself. If you don't feel ready, take your time. If you do feel ready, play it safe. Maintain hygiene standards and make sure that you are meeting record-keeping requirements for contact tracing. Complete your Covid 19 Safety Plan and display this where it can be seen by everyone.

News

As the Methodist website is currently unavailable, Covid 19 advice is being sent to parishes through eMessenger and also by our Synod Secretary. Recent updates include useful advice on infection control and cleaning, singing in worship and how to safely celebrate Holy Communion.

Funerals

As from 12pm Friday it will no longer be necessary for funerals to be registered with the Ministry of Health. Further updates are available on the Government website www.covid19.govt.nz

Synod Events

District Synod is being held by Zoom on Friday 5th June at 7pm. This will be a chance to reconnect with each other and to reflect on our lives and faith in a post-Covid 19 world. If you haven't received a meeting link, please contact Jenny.

Our Synod Youth are gathering for a **Youth Zui** on Sunday 7th June from 7pm. All youth are invited to an exciting and spiritual night including devotions led by Michael Lemanu, Zoom games (Kahoot) and catch-ups

with brothers and sisters in Christ. See the Synod Facebook page for the Zoom meeting link.

A **Resourcing for Worship** day will be held on Saturday 27th June at Te Rāhui Methodist Māori Centre, River Rd, Hamilton. Sessions include “Creating a worship service from scratch” and “Kia inoi tātou: using Te Reo in worship”. Numbers will be limited to 25 to maintain physical distancing so registrations are essential.

Prayers

“O God, our Creator,
your kindness has brought us the gift of a new day.
Help us to leave yesterday,
and not to covet tomorrow,
but to accept the uniqueness of today.”

(The Iona Community)



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