

Doris has been a regular member of this Synod since she was stationed at Te Aroha Co-operating Parish. Over the last 8 years she has been very supportive of Presbyters coming into the District. We have been to Induction Services from Mercury Bay to Hauraki Plains, twice to Tauranga, also to Hamilton, Cambridge, Morrinsville, and Whakatane - and everywhere in between. We even attended a service of recognition of another Deacon.

Doris has been an active member of the WWW group that organises the Refresh Days at Epworth. Being the registration person and the treasurer for these events have not been easy tasks.

As a Presbyter in a Co-operating Parish, she has attend Presbytery and also the JRC meetings of the Waikato group.

Synod meetings and ministerial Synod meetings – to my knowledge you have not missed during your time here. Doris has been Leader for Group discussions at Synod. At the Epworth Recreational Centre, Doris was the support person for the manager for about 2 years. Doris has also attended many seminars and theology workshops in your time in the Synod.

Doris is a Connexional person in the broadest sense of the word and she has attended Conference at Christchurch, Auckland, Rotorua, Hamilton, and Wellington.

At one Christchurch Conference we took a bus, as we thought, to get to a marae Opening of Conference. Then we found we had taken a wrong bus, so we caught the next bus back into the City. There was time for a little shopping and lunch before the Induction Service of the President and Vice-President!

At the recent Wellington Conference, the door knob on the hotel room came apart. So we had to carefully gather our things without being locked in, and transfer to another room.

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While Doris is retiring from Parish Ministry, but she will still have gifts and skills to offer to Synod in the years to come. We thank you, and say “God bless you” and we are glad that you are still in our Synod!

- Dianne Hight, Deacon, Waitoa