

**Celebrating Holy Communion
Waikato-Waiariki Synod Training Day
London Street, 20 November 2010**

- 9.30am Tea/coffee
- 10.00am Welcome (Susan)
- Introductions around the circle
- Name & parish/congregation
 - Why you have been given authority to celebrate Holy Communion
 - Hopes & expectations for today
- Group conversation: The spiritual meaning of Holy Communion
- From your own experience, what do you think the Communion service means to the members of your congregations?
 - Does the service have a special spiritual meaning to them?
 - And what might this say about the way we conduct the service?
- 11.00am Theology of Holy Communion (David Poultney)
- 12.00pm Shared Lunch
- 12.45pm Group conversation: Cultural perspectives on Holy Communion
- How might understandings of Communion differ in different cultural contexts?
 - What do we need to know if we are leading a service in a Maori, Tongan, Samoan or Fijian context?
- 1.30pm Practicing the ‘how-tos’ of celebrating Communion (Maureen Calman)
- What do we do with our hands, arms, bodies when we are leading the Communion service? (an opportunity for everyone to have a go at leading the Communion prayers)
- 2.30pm Handout: Communion resources to take back to our parishes
- 3.00pm Closing: Communion service (Susan, David and Maureen in St Paul’s)