

REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY TO THE CONNEXION 2026

- 1 (a) I report that I have received all audited Annual Accounts for the Financial Year ended since last Conference of the Boards and Funds under the Conference.

All other audited Accounts will be placed in the Conference Digital Journal.

- (b) Audit Certificates have not been received from the following Parishes:

All parishes who have not submitted the required accounts by the due date will receive a letter from the Financial Services Manager.

QUESTION 36(a) Who is elected President of the Church for induction at Conference 2028?
Uesifili Unasa

QUESTION 36(b) What arrangements are made for the President's supply?
To be advised

QUESTION 37(a) Who is elected as Vice-President for induction at Conference 2028?
TBC

QUESTION 37(b) What arrangements are made for the Vice President's supply?
To be advised

QUESTION 38 Who is elected the President's Legal Adviser?
Ruby Manukia-Schaumkel and Maria Dew K.C.

QUESTION 39 Who are elected to the following Synod and Regional positions for the ensuing year?

(a) Superintendents

Northern	- Uesifili Unasa
Waikato-Waiariki	- Manoa Havea
Lower North Island	- Neti Petaia
South Island	- Dale Peach
Sinoti Samoa	- Paulo Ieli
Vahefonua Tonga 'o Aotearoa	- Tavake Manu
Wasewase ko Viti Kei Rotuma	- Alipate Livani

(b) Secretaries

Northern	- Lynley White
Waikato-Waiariki	- Jennifer Ma'u
Lower North Island	- Sarah Laurenson
South Island	- Julie Leith
Sinoti Samoa	- Toleafoa Tuimauga
Vahefonua Tonga	- Henry Hoglund
Wasewase ko Viti Kei Rotuma	- Sera Toduadua

(c) Financial Secretaries

Northern	- Ian Faulkner
Waikato-Waiariki	- John Parker
Lower North Island	- Glen Williams
South Island	- Sue Spindler
Sinoti Samoa	- Na'asona Te'o
Vahefonua Tonga	- Meleane Nacagilevu
Wasewase ko Viti Kei Rotuma	- Viliame Baleisuva

(d) Property Secretaries

Northern	- Ronnie Matafeo
Waikato-Waiariki	- Paul Bennett (Co-Property Secretary)
	- 'Ofa Pouono (Co-Property Secretary)
Lower North Island	- Sesilili Kato
South Island Synod	- David Peach
Sinoti Samoa	- Paulo Leli
Vahefonua Tonga	- Mafua Lolohea
Wasewase ko Viti Kei Rotuma	- Alfred Mucunabitu

QUESTION 40 **Who are appointed as members of the following Standing Committees and their Conveners?**

- (a) Pastoral Committee
President, Ex-President, Vice-President, Ex-Vice-President, President Elect, Vice President Elect, General Secretary, Kai Hapai, Tumuaki.
- (b) President's Committee of Advice
President, Ex-President, Vice-President, Ex-Vice-President, President Elect, Vice President Elect, General Secretary, Kai Hapai, Tumuaki and Legal Advisor.
- (c) Council of Elders
Te Taha Māori: Sarah Laird, Te Otinga Rogers Substitute; TBC
Tauīwi: Margaret Birtles and Bob Franklyn.
- (d) Budget Task Group
The Budget Task Group for 2027 is: President, Vice President (Chair) General Secretary, the Tumuaki of Te Taha Maori or their representative, Shirley Rivers, Maungarongo Tito, Hiueni Nuku, Naasona Teo and Una Tikoinaka.

QUESTION 41 **When and where shall the next Conference be held?**
Tuesday 05 October 2026 – Saturday 09 October, Waikato-Waiariki

QUESTION 42 **When shall the Annual Synod and other Synod Meetings be held?**
17 July 2026

DATES FOR 2027:

- Budget Task Group
 - 16 March
- Pastoral Committee
 - 8 February
- Council of Conference
 - 19 - 20 February
 - 20 - 21 August
- Tauīwi Strategy & Stationing
 - 17-18 April (*Tauīwi Strategy*)
 - 8-10 August (*Tauīwi Strategy*)

- 10-11 August (*Tauivi Stationing*)

Northern Synod

- 12 March (*Ministerial Synod*)
- 13 March
- 16 July (*Ministerial Synod*)
- 17 July

Waikato/Waiariki

- *TBC*

Lower North Island

- 19 March (*Ministerial Synod*)
- 20 March (*Synod*)
- 16 July (*Ministerial Synod*)
- 17 July (*Annual Synod*)
- 20 November (*End of Year Synod*)

South Island Synod

- 13 March
- 17 July

Vahefonua Tonga

- 9 - 11 April
- 23 - 25 July

Sinoti Samoa

- *TBC*

Wasewase ko Viti Kei Rotuma

- *TBC*

Hui Poari

- *TBC*

COUNCIL OF CONFERENCE:**Membership for 2027 shall be:**

Te Taha Māori: Ngaire Te Ahu (Co-convener), Alamaine McGregor, Faye Blossom, Maungarongo Tito, Te Wehenga Laird, Patria Tamaka, Laura Maruera, Iriana Rountree and Eriata Peri. (1 more to be confirmed at conference). Substitutes: Ada Brown, Shirley Rivers.

Tauīwi: Pauline McKay (Co-convener), Hiueni Nuku, Edwin Talakai, Freddy de Alwis, Toleafoa Tuimaunga, Michael Lemanu, David Poultney, Akanesi Havea, Myra Tautau. Substitutes: Mause Palu Lavulo; Kuli Fisi'iahi. (1 more TBC)

Resource People: President, Vice President, General Secretary, Principal Trinity College, Kai Hāpai and Tumuaki.

TAUIWI STRATEGY COMMITTEE:

Tauīwi Strategy Committee for 2027 will be: Alisa Lasi (President), Tau'atina Tupou (Vice President), Tara Tautari (General Secretary), Nicola Grundy (Kai Hāpai), Dale Peach and Paulo Ieli (Co-convenors), Uesifili Unasa (Northern), Manoa Havea (Waikato Waiariki), Neti Petaia and, (Lower North Island Synod), Kelvin Aird (South Island Synod), Tavake Manu (Vahefonua Tonga), Toleafoa Tuimauga (Sinoti Samoa) Alipate Livani (Wasewase ko Viti kei Rotuma), and tauīwi members of Council of Conference (more TBC).

TAUIWI STATIONING COMMITTEE:

Tauīwi Strategy Committee for 2026 will be: Te Aroha Rountree (President), Peter Norman (Vice President), Tara Tautari (General Secretary), Nicola Grundy (Kai Hāpai), Dale Peach and Paulo Ieli (Co-convenors), Uesifili Unasa (Northern), Manoa Havea (Waikato Waiariki), Neti Petaia and, (Lower North Island Synod), Kelvin Aird (South Island Synod), Tavake Manu (Vahefonua Tonga), Toleafoa Tuimauga (Sinoti Samoa) Alipate Livani (Wasewase ko Viti kei Rotuma), (more TBC).