



A Service to Honour Those Who Have Died

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President: Kia ora e te whānau o Te Hāhi Weteriana.
Talofa lava. Malo e lelei. Ni sa bula vinaka,
Noa'ia e Mauri. In this time together, as The
Methodist Church of New Zealand - Te Hāhi
Weteriana o Aotearoa - we acknowledge the
contribution of those who have died.

Vice President: E te Atua te Kaihanga,
whakapuakina ōu mātou ngākau
ki ngā whānau whānui o te hāhi,
E te Atua o te whei ao,
kia tau tōu wairua i roto i a mātou,
E te Atua o te ao mārama,
kia tau tōu rangimārie ki a mātou,
E te Atua o ngā tini, o ngā mano,
kia tau tōu aroha ki a mātou
kia whai korōria ki a koe

President: Family and friends of those who have died,
you have come at the invitation of Conference
You have come bearing another in your heart
to find a place where you both belong
You and your loved ones are welcome
As you awoke to God's world this morning,
so be aware of God's loving presence now

Vice President: May the peace of Christ be with you

Katoa: **And also with you**

The Ministry of the Word

Tumuaki: John 14: 1-4

Prayer

Kai Hāpai: God of love and transformation,
In our mourning and our grieving
Your aroha envelops and cloaks us
In our longing and our sadness
Your aroha keeps and comforts us
As we gather to remember those
whom we have loved, and who have loved us
We ask your grace and peace be with us
In Jesus name we pray

Katoa: **Amen**

Silent reflection

Vice President: Today, we take time to remember those members of our families who have died in the past year.
We give thanks to God for their life and witness and the contribution each has made to The Methodist Church of New Zealand, Te Hāhi Weteriana o Aotearoa.

Himene: Be their names remembered
in the heart of God.

*Faith Forever Singing 5
Words: Shirley Murray*

Reflection: **KA MAUMAHARA MĀTOU**

Marcia Jean Baker

Himene: Be their names remembered
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Jeanette Boddy

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Stewart Collis

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Hugh Douglas Dyson

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Edna Evans

Himene: Be their names remembered
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Jennifer Jones

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Cedric Russell Marshall

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Marion Peterson

Himene: Be their names remembered
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Donald James Phillipps

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Beverly Pullar

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Reflection: **KA MAUMAHARA MĀTOU**

Hilda May Schroeder

Himene: Be their names remembered
in the heart of God.

Reflection: **KA MAUMAHARA MĀTOU**

Marangai Tupaea

Himene: Be their names remembered
in the heart of God.

Reflection: **KA MAUMAHARA MĀTOU**

Su'a Malaeloa Vili

Himene: Be their names remembered
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Reflection: **KA MAUMAHARA MĀTOU**

Graeme Russell White

Himene: Be their names remembered
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Reflection: **KA MAUMAHARA MĀTOU**

Richard Williams

Prayer

President: God of aroha,
Each day we place our lives in your hands

Katoa: **May we know your loving presence,
and your guiding wisdom**

President: God of compassion,
Each day we are reminded of our loved ones

Katoa: **May we feel your warm embrace,
and your tender comfort**

Vice President: God of change,

Each day we live into a new season

Katoa: **May we be gentle with our transitions,
and contented with our memories**

Vice President: God of transformation,
Each day we are refreshed and renewed

Katoa: **May we know your mercy,
and your grace**

President: God of aroha,
May we be comforted by Your presence,
and guided by Your light
May we and those we love,
be embraced by Your redeeming heart

Katoa: **May we go now into the world
Confident in God's aroha
Amen**

Himene: **“Tama ngākau mārie”** *(sung unaccompanied)*

Tama ngākau mārie	<i>Son of peace</i>
Tama a te Atua	<i>Son of God</i>
Tēnei tonu mātou	<i>here we are always.</i>
Arohaina mai.	<i>Show us compassion.</i>

Murua ra ngā hara:	<i>Wipe away our sins,</i>
Wetekina mai	<i>and unshackle</i>
Ēnei here kino,	<i>these evil ties</i>
Whakararu nei.	<i>that are so troublesome.</i>

Homai he aroha	<i>Grant that we may have love</i>
Mōu i mate nei.	<i>for You who died</i>
Tēnei ra, e Ihu,	<i>May this be so Jesus,</i>

Takina e koe.

that you lead us.

Tēnei arahina

This is where we wish to be

A tūtuki noa:

led to a good end,

Putā i te pōuri,

overcoming darkness

Whiwhi hari nui

and attaining paradise.

Tama ngākau mārie

Son of peace

Tama a te Atua

Son of God

Tēnei tonu mātou

here we are always.

Arohaina mai.

Show us compassion.

Traditional Māori Hymn

Translation: Toby Rikihana

The Blessing

President:

E te Atua manaaki,
ka whakawhetai atu mātou ki a koe,
i runga i te ngākau aroha
Tukua mai tō korowai manaaki,
ki runga i ngā whānau pani katoa
Kia ū tonu ki a mātou ki tō aroha noa
Kia tino whai hua i a mātou mahi,
i ngā rā e haere ake nei,
I runga i te ingoa o Ihu Karaiti,
Āmine.

Hymn:

“Mā te mārie” *(sung unaccompanied)*

Mā te mārie a te Atua
tātou katoa e tiaki;
māna anō e whakaū
ō tātou ngākau ki te pai.

*The peace of God
keeps us all.
He will confirm
our hearts in
goodness.*

Mā te Atua Tamaiti ra,
mā te Wairua Tapu hoki
rātou, Atua kotahi nei,
tātou katoa e whakapai.

*May the Son of God
and the Holy Spirit too,
one God
bless us all.*

Āmine

*Traditional Māori Hymn
Tune: Old 100th, WOV 679*