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CANDIDATES PACK 2025

FOR ORDAINED MINISTRY TRAINING

Personal Ministry & Leadership Report

Due Monday 25th August 2025

to Te Hapai o Ki Muri

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| **TO THE CANDIDATE** |
| You have received this information as the next step in your application for Ordained Ministry Training. Please keep the **Guidelines for Candidates Application Process Book** handy as you fill out this form. |
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| **HOW DO I FILL OUT THIS FORM?** |
| This form must be completed on a computer.  Where a ‘text box table’ is provided, this will automatically expand allowing you as much room as you need to fill out details. Where a ‘check box’ is provided, use the mouse to double click on the option(s) you want. A text box will appear, tick **checked** under Default value, then ok.  The form will need to be printed when completed, signed and sent to Te Hapai O Ki Muri with a copy to your Congregational Parish Presbyter and your Synod Candidate Convenor who will use the data to help them write their report on you.  Note that your Personal Data Report goes directly to Te Hapai O Ki Muri.  If you have any problems with the form, please contact Te Hapai O Ki Muri.  **Please note the following**:   * Allquestions must be answered * All guidelines and deadlines must be met   Applications **WILL NOT** be processed if received after the due dates specified. |

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| **SECTION ONE: PERSONAL DETAILS** | | |
| 1.1 | First name |  |
|  | Surname / Family name |  |
|  | Preferred name (if different) |  |

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| **SECTION TWO: WHO AM I?** | |
| 2.1 | Please write up to 300 words on the topic of “Who am I?” |
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| **SECTION THREE: CONGREGATION/PARISH MEMBERSHIP & INVOLVEMENT** | | |
| 3.1 | Name of your Parish/Congregation |  |
|  | Length of time in this Parish |  |

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| 3.2 | Describe your parish involvement |
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| 3.3 | Leadership roles held |
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| 3.4 | Other participation / activities |
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| 3.5 | Describe wider church involvement – Synod / Connexional / former parishes |
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| 3.6 | What other significant involvements have you had in the wider/national Church over the past 5 years? |
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| 3.7 | Any other comments about the above |
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| **SECTION FOUR: RELEVANT EXPERIENCE** | |
| 4.1 | Previous Experience / Involvement |
|  | Experience with Children / Young Adults / Adults |
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|  | Experience with Teaching / Coaching |
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|  | Experience with Community Activities |
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|  | Experience with Treaty Partner |
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|  | Experience with Other Cultures (Other than Treaty Partner) |
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|  | Experience with Sport, Music, Drama, Art, Travel, Outdoor Education, etc |
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| **SECTION FIVE: FAITH & HISTORY** | | | |
| Part of ministry within the Methodist Church of New Zealand is a recognition of the faith and history that has shaped us. One part of that faith and history is the thinking of John Wesley, translated in his thousands of sermons.  The six sermons listed below reflect some of that deep thinking and praying that are part of our Methodist heritage. As part of the candidature process for ordained ministry, you are required to read these sermons. You may be questioned on these at the National Assessment Panel. | | | |
| 5.1 | Have you read the required sermons of John Wesley listed below? (Yes or No). | | |
|  | I | Salvation by Faith |  |
|  | IV | Scriptural Christianity |  |
|  | V | Justification by Faith |  |
|  | X | The Witness of the Spirit |  |
|  | XII | The Means of Grace |  |
|  | XXXIV | The Catholic Spirit |  |

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| b) | Write a 500-word summary of one of the sermons listed above |
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| 5.2 | Please outline your faith journey towards, and the reasons for, finally choosing the ministry vocation you have |
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| 5.3 | Describe your understanding of the work of the ministry vocation you are seeking to follow | |
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| 5.4 | Write a paragraph or two of your understanding of the following and its importance in your ministry development | |
|  | Mission | |
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|  | Evangelism | |
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|  | Methodist Church’s bi-cultural journey | |
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|  | Inclusiveness and Co-operation | |
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| 5.5 | Are you willing to place yourself under the discipline and authority of the Conference of the Methodist Church of NZ and uphold the ethical standards for ministry? | |
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| 5.6 | What do you feel is a significant opportunity or problem facing the Methodist Church of New Zealand today? |
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|  | How do you feel the church can engage with this opportunity or problem? |
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| **SECTION SIX: BOOK & FILM REVIEWS** | | |
| Please write either two book or film reviews. They are not to be associated with your employment or the church. The reviews should be approximately 300-500 words each and must be your work. | | |
| 6.1 | Book / Film Review One | |
|  | Title |  |
|  | Author(s) |  |
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| 6.2 | Book / Film Review Two | |
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| **SECTION SEVEN: DECLARATION** | |
| **ALL CANDIDATE’S MUST READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AND SIGN**  I confirm that I will disclose all material facts that could be reasonably judged to impinge upon my candidature for ordained ministry. I confirm that I am a member of the Methodist Church of New Zealand and a person suitable to be considered for ordained ministry.  Evidence to the contrary could include conviction for any offences regarding physical violence, fraud or theft, or any other relevant information brought to the attention of the Kai Hāpai or National Assessment Panel that would lead a community to have doubts about entrusting people into that person’s care. | |
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| You are asked to agree to the following.  **I agree to live within the discipline of the Methodist Church and uphold the decisions of Conference and if I find I cannot, in all fairness to the Church and to my own conscience, I agree to resign from candidature, training or ordained ministry.** | |
| **Candidates Signature:** | **Date:** |
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| I, (Your full name) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ solemnly and sincerely declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief the information given in this application, including all supporting documentation is true and correct. I declare that I have completed the “Personal Ministry and Leadership Information” form myself and that these are my personal statements; These have not been completed by anyone else. I have declared that I have provided all relevant legal, medical and personal information. I understand that my giving a false declaration or failing to disclose all information becomes grounds for immediate dismissal from the Candidating Process, Trinity College and the Ordination study programme. (Refer to the Methodist Church of New Zealand Laws and Regulations – 2.4.12)  Pursuant to Principle 11(d) of the Privacy Act 1993, I agree to the disclosure and use of the information on this form (and supporting information) by Te Hāpai Ō Ki Muri or the Connexional Office to authorised bodies in response to requests under statutory authority. | |
| **Candidates Signature:** | **Date:** |
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