



INDUCTION SERVICE

Hui Tōpu/Methodist Conference 2026

Tāmaki Makaurau/ Auckland

Te Hāhi Weteriana o Aotearoa

President: Rev Alisa Lasi

Vice President: Tau'ataina Tupou

Outgoing President: Te Aroha Rountree

Outgoing Vice President: Rev Peter Norman

Tumuaki: Rev Dr Arapera Ngaha

Music: Manu Ma'a 'oe Funga Waikato – Brass Band

John Parker - Organist

Hamilton East Choir

Vahefonua – Brass Band/Choir

Sinoti Samoa Mission Choir

Conference Theme 2026 - 2027:

Maranga, Tula'i, Tu'u Hake, Tucake, Arise: Be the Light of Christ to All

Induction Service

Processional *All please stand as the President, Vice President and other Conference leaders enter*

Chaplain: Kia Ora e te whānau o te Hahi Weteraina,

Talofa lava, Malo e Lelei, Ni sa Bula Vinaka.

Welcome to this service where we gather to induct the President and Vice President of our church for the next two years.

Introit: Wasewase ko Viti Kei Rotuma

President: Kia noho a Ihowa, kia koutou

All: Kia a koe anō hoki

President: Creator God,

Source of all love and life,

Earth and sky,

Speak your word of grace,

Let your Spirit fill this place

Silence

Vice President: God of grace, open our lips

All: That we may declare your praise

Vice President: God of grace, open our eyes

All: That we may see your glory

Vice President: God of grace, open our hearts

All: That we may know your love

Tumuaki: God of grace, open our minds

All: That by them we may declare your presence

Lighting of the conference Candle

Chaplain: Kia inoi tātou:

E te Atua tēnei āu pononga te inoi nei

Kia koe kia tata mai koe ki a mātou i tēnei wā, hei

āwhina hei arataki i a mātou

kia whakakororiatia ai koe i roto i ā mātou mahi katoa.

Āmine

*The incoming presidential team, their chaplains, whānau and
supporters process in*

Hymn And Are We Yet Alive Charles Wesley

1. English

And are we yet alive,
And see each other's face?
Glory and praise to Jesus give
For his redeeming grace!

2. English

What troubles have we seen
What conflicts have we passed
Fightings without, and fears within
Since we assembled last!

3. Samoan

E tele mea fita
Sa tatou feagai ai
Sa lu'itauina ai I tatou
I aso ua mavae.

4. Fijian

Sa rauti keda ga
Loloma i Jisu
Voliti keda tikoga
Ka dau vukea tu.

5. Tongan

Pea tau pole mu'a,
'I Hono ivi lahi,
E lava ai 'etau ikuna,
'O kapasiasia 'a e langi.

6. English

Let us take up the cross.

Till we the crown obtain:

And gladly reckon all things loss

So we may Jesus gain. Amen.

The incoming presidential team sit and everyone in the congregation sits.

Tumuaki: Ka whakewhetai tonu mātou ki a koe, e te Atua

Ka whakawhetai tonu mātou.

Kei te tata mai hoki tōu ingoa.

E kōrerotia ana e te tangata āu mahi whakamīharo.

We give thanks to you O God, we give thanks to you. We

proclaim how great you are and tell of the wonderful

things that you have done. Ps 75:1

All: Korōria ki a koe e te Atua

President: Gracious God be near to us we pray,

Through the life of this conference.

May your grace surround us,

May Christ be present within us

May the Holy Spirit be our guide and counsellor.

So in all that we are, your light might shine

May we be worthy of Jesus Christ

Whom we seek to serve **Amen**

*The President and the Vice President welcome representatives from
other churches both from Aotearoa and abroad*

Vice President: My sisters and brothers in Christ

You are welcome among us.

Your presence is a sign of the relationship

That our churches enjoy.

INDUCTION OF THE PRESIDENT & THE VICE PRESIDENT

President Elect sponsors:

President Te Aroha, we present to you Reverend Alisa Lasi who has been elected to be President of the Methodist Church of New Zealand – Te Hāhi Weteriana o Aotearoa for the next two years. We commend her to the prayers and loyal support of Te Hāhi.

Vice President elect Sponsors:

Vice President Peter, we present to you Mr Tau'atina Tupou who has been elected to be Vice President of the Methodist Church of New Zealand – Te Hāhi Weteriana o Aotearoa for the next two years. We commend him to the prayers and loyal support of Te Hāhi.

*The President Elect and Vice President Elect process to the stage The
Congregation stands*

Outgoing President:

Alisa, you have been selected to be the President of our church.

In the name of the people called Methodist,

I greet you and welcome you to this ministry.

I charge you as President to exercise your

Pastoral, prophetic, sacramental

And administrative responsibilities for the care and oversight

Of the Methodist church of New Zealand – Te Hāhi Weteriana o
Aotearoa

President Elect:

Te Aroha, my sister in Christ,

I accept with humility this privilege and responsibility from your
hands.

I pledge myself to be faithful Pastor and leader of our church.

May God grant me the grace to do this by the power of the Holy
Spirit.

Outgoing Vice President:

Taina, you have been selected to be the Vice President of our church.

In the name of the people called Methodist,

I greet you and welcome you to this ministry.

I charge you as Vice President to exercise your
pastoral, prophetic, sacramental

and administrative responsibilities for the care and oversight
Of the Methodist Church of New Zealand – Te Hāhi Weteriana o
Aotearoa

Vice President Elect:

Peter, my brother in Christ,
I accept with all humility this privilege and responsibility from your
hands.

I pledge myself to be faithful Pastor and leader of our church.
May God grant me the grace to do this by the power of the Holy
Spirit.

(Congregation sits)

Outgoing President:

Alisa, I entrust to you the care of the official seal of Conference,
I also present this presidential stole and taonga to you,
Symbols of the office of President
I present to you this bible,
Your guide and source of spiritual strength

All:

**Alisa May God give you the grace
To fulfil your presidential role
For the well being of Te Hāhi Weteriana o Aotearoa, the Methodist
Church of New Zealand**

Outgoing Vice President:

Taina, I entrust this insignia and taonga to you,
Symbols of the office of vice President
I present to you this Bible
Your guide and source of spiritual strength

All:

**Taina, may God give you the grace
To fulfil your Vice Presidential role
For the wellbeing of Te Hāhi Weteriana o Aotearoa, the Methodist
Church of New Zealand**

Outgoing President:

Let us pray: (all join together to pray for Alisa and Taina saying
**Creator God
Grant Alisa and Taina
The grace to fulfil
Their ministries with courage, love and humility.
Give to them the strength and wisdom
They will need for this task Amen.**

Tumuaki:

**Ara mai korua i roto i te kaha o te Atua
(Arise in the power of the Lord)
Mā Ihowa kōrua e Manaaki,
Māna kōrua e tiaki,**

Mā Ihowa e mea kia ara ake te māramatanga o ōna kanohi ki runga
ki a kōrua.

Māna anō e tuku iho te Rangimarie ki a kōrua
āianeī, ā ake tonu atu. Āmine

The President and Vice President take up their seats on the stage

Hymn: Hamilton East Combined Choir

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Scriptures:

Isaiah 9:2-7

Piula Faitotoa

Acts 1:8, Mathew 5: 14- 16

Fakavainiaku Tupou Jnr

Address President: “We Stand United as the Light of Christ”

ARISE — Be the Light of Christ to All

Verse 1 Arise Aotearoa, awaken,
As night is fading into dawn;
The Light eternal now has broken,
The risen Lamb of God has come.
From every tribe and tongue united,
By grace and Spirit we are called,
To bear the fire of God’s own kingdom,
And be the love of Christ to all.

Verse 2 Tula’i, young prophets, dream God’s future,
Rise.... up, Rangatahi with grace;
The Spirit breathes through all generations,

Calling each iwi to their place.
Let sons and daughters speak with boldness,
May elders bless with wisdom's flame;
Together shaped for sacred mission,
Our nation proclaiming Jesus' name.

Verse 3 Tu'u Hake as covenant people
Where justice, truth, and aroha meet;
Through Te Tiriti still God calls us
To walk together at Christ's feet.
Let Māori voices lead with courage,
May all who journey here belong;
For every culture is a treasure
Within God's vast redeeming song.

Verse 4 Mo Tucake with all Christ embraces,
Whose gifts the world has overlooked;
The weak made strong, the hurt uplifted,
The last and least are first in God.
For every person bears God's image,
And every life is sacred ground;
The Body joined in love and honour,
Where all are seen and all are found.

Verse 5 Maranga Ake all, filled with Spirit,
As flames of Pentecost descend;
The Word made flesh now sends us forward,
To heal, proclaim, restore, defend.

Through Māori, Pasifika voices,
And every language, land, and race,
The gospel speaks with living power,
Declaring hope and saving grace.

Verse 6 Arise, though shadows still surround us,
Though fear and suffering remain;
For Christ goes ever on before us,
And death itself has lost its reign.
The cross now shines with resurrection,
The empty tomb proclaims God's reign;
So lift your hearts and sing with courage:
The Light of Christ shall ever reign.

Verse 7 Maranga Ake, till all God's creation
Is filled with heaven's holy flame;
Till each iwi stands rejoicing
And every voice exalts Christ's name.
Then God shall be our light forever,
And tears and sorrow will pass away;
Aotearoa arise, and bear Christ's brightness,
Until God's everlasting day.

*(tune to Love Divine All Loves Excelling - Blaenwern) -Lyrics by Rev.
Suiva'aia Te'o in honour of the first Pasifika Presidential Team.*

Prayers for the church (chaplains)

Creator God Accept our thanks and praise as we gather, here in this
place Wesley College, our Methodist Church School.

Thank you for this land of Aotearoa we call home, for the declaration of Independence, and te Tiriti o Waitangi, on which we base our faith journey as the Methodist Church here in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Praise you for the light of Jesus Christ, the one who walked this earth, who lived and suffered for each one here, died for each one here and rose from death, so that we may have life. You have called us out of darkness into your wonderful Light: Empower us as we live and shine your light.

From all nations we come: Unite us in your Spirit, be with us as we continue to gather in your name, to do your will & work in this land and beyond. May we rekindle our Vā with Papatūānuku daily in our walk, on this journey.

We pray for the wider Church here in Aotearoa, in all its denominational diversity. We give thanks for the representatives of the wider Church among us, and for the unity your Spirit brings as we work together to address injustice and stand for righteousness in your name, so that this whenua of Aotearoa reflects your goodness and grace.

For those struggling from natural disasters, abuse, ill health, war, hate and persecution and for many other reasons unbeknown to us, but known to you, our God: Shine your light in their darkness.

Almighty God, Light of the world, may your church arise here in Aotearoa and globally, to shine your light to all people, everywhere.

Maranga Ake, Ia Tulai, Mou Tu'u Hake, Mo Tucake - May we Arise in the name of the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit Amen.

INOI O TE ARIKI (THE LORDS PRAYER)

Tumuaki:

E Ihowa tohungia mātou

E te Karaiti tohungia mātou

E Ihowa tohungia mātou

E tō mātou Matua i te rangi

Kia tapu tōu ingoa.

Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga.

Kia meatia tāu e pai ai

Ki runga i te whenua

Kia rite anō ki tō te rangi,

Homai ki a mātou aianeī

He taro mō mātou mō tēnei rā.

Murua ō mātoua hara,

Me mātou hoki e muru nei

I o te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.

Aua hoki mātou e kawea kia whakawaia

Engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino:

Nōu hoki te Rangatiratanga,

Te kaha me te Korōria,

Ake Ake Ake. Āmine

Hymn: Vahefonua Choir

(The congregation remains standing)

Blessing

President: Maranga - Be the Light of Christ.

All: Surround us Lord We have been called out of darkness into the light

President: Tula'I - Be the Light of Christ in this land:

All: We are the light of Christ in Aotearoa, New Zealand

Vice President: Tu'u Hake - Be the Light of Christ & Shine:

All: Go before us and behind us Lord, We are the light of Christ today

Vice President: Tucake - Be the Light of Christ, wherever you may be

All: We are the light of Christ to all creation

Presidential Team: Maranga, Tula'i, Tu'u hake, Tucake, Arise - Be the Light of Christ to All

All: We will Arise & Be the Light of Christ to all

Sung Benediction:

Tau kau ke fakamālō'ia
'A e Tamai, 'Alo, Laumālie;
Kau 'a e kakai 'o Langi na,
Kau mo māmani fūlipē.

Ia tatou viia le Tamā
Ia tatou viia fo'i Iesū
Ia viia le Agāgā Sā
E o'o ile fa'avāvāu Amene

Cultural presentation to Overseas Guests.

Please be upstanding while the presidential team processes out

Recessional: Sinoti Samoa Mission Choir
followed by Manu Ma'a 'oe Funga Waikato Brass Band