

The Methodist Church of New Zealand
Te Hāhi Weteriana o Aotearoa



Women's Fellowship

UNITED IN FAITH, CALLED TO SERVE

President's Letter - May 2026

Greetings to all our MWF members and Associates, Malo e lelei, Bula Vinaka, Talofa

Your new executive is starting to get up and running with a growing understanding of our roles. We are in the process of updating the MWF Website so there you will soon find contact details, Special Project information, President's letters, World Assembly news, copies of Touchstone articles and general news of visits and special events..

Thank you to those districts who have submitted nominations for the World Officers in the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women. The National Executive was most impressed with the skills, talents, and commitment offered by the candidates. The names we have put forward to the Nominations Committee

are: -

World President – Olive Tanielu, Vice President – Siniva Vaitohi,
Secretary – Simulata Pope, Treasurer – Lautaliepaia Aumua.

We congratulate these ladies and wish them God's blessing for the next step.

I hope you have seen the latest Tree of Life magazine with letters from the World President, Editor and articles about International Women's Day and an HIV Shelter Home.

Planning for the World Assembly is coming on apace. At present, there are 30 confirmed registrations from the New Zealand Unit, and more are expected, subject to funding availability. We are planning a scarf with the MWF logo on one end and the WFMUCW logo on the other end to identify us as New Zealanders.

We also have a supply of **Tree of Life badges** for everyone who is going to World Assembly. It would be a nice way for those members who cannot attend, to feel involved with the World Assembly, to purchase a badge too. They are available at \$12 each or a bargain President's at 2 for \$20 so send your bulk orders to Moe Petaia (moe_petaia@hotmail.com) .

and make payment to Account Name NZMWF Account Number 02 0800 0009230 000 Ref: Tree of Life Pendant. They are lovely badges complete with necklace.

An important thing for districts to take notice of is that **nominations for President** of the next National Executive are due in by 30 June 2026. Please begin the process

to plan for the future of MWF. You need to obtain permission and a profile from the person.

We hope your fundraising is going well for the Special Projects and remind you to send your contribution to Treasurer, Amelia (ahoglund@xtra.co.nz) by 30 June 2026.

We have set the dates for National Council on 30, 31 October, and 1 November 2026. It is a bit later than normal to give a little time between World Assembly, Methodist Conference, and the National Council. This will give you time to make your travel plans early.

We are hoping to **visit all our MWF Districts** during our term of office, so have a think about when you would like us to come and let us know, so we can plan ahead.

We praise God that we live at the bottom of the world in a land of peace and pray for the many countries that are suffering so greatly at present. We pray too, for the women who are planning to come to the World Assembly, that their preparations for visas and travel will go smoothly. We look forward to meeting women from all around the world and realising afresh that as Methodist women we are all **United in Faith, Called to Serve**.

Peace and blessings to you all
Judith