The Methodist Church of New Zealand Te Hāhi Weteriana o Aotearoa

Women's Fellowship



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President's Letter - November 2025

Greetings to all our MWF Members and Associates, Malo e Ielei, Bula Vinaka, Talofa, Kia ora

As your new President, I greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and thank you for your faithful service to our Methodist Women's Fellowship

The first thing to report on is the successful Convention recently held in Auckland. The outgoing National Executive organised everything beautifully, showing wonderful teamwork and gentle caring for all participants. Thank you to all the committee members.

The Induction of the new executive was a memorable occasion, highlighting two choirs and a brass band. Lesieli Pope led the service and President Te Aroha Rountree inducted the new team. I have attached a separate sheet with the names and contacts of the new Executive for you, and there is a photograph of us all if you scroll down on this letter.

We have chosen as our uniform, to wear blue tops over black skirts. We are a multicultural group but we wanted to express our unity by the same colour scheme, while still making room for each of us to express our own cultural heritage. On the blue top we wear a dark blue scallop shell badge embroidered by one of our members with MWF and the Cross.

The theme for the next 2 years is **United in Faith, Called to Serve**

To be united in faith doesn't mean we all think the same, pray the same or act the same. It means we share a common foundation – Jesus Christ. It means we walk together, even when the path is uneven.

In Romans 12, verse 5 it says 'So in Christ, we, though many, form one body. and each member belongs to all the other others."

In the Methodist Women's Fellowship, we see this unity lived out. Women representing every aspect of life —coming together to serve — serve their families, serve their church, serve their community, to pray, plan, laugh, and sometimes to cry. But always, to lift each other up.

One of the lovely things about Convention is the presentation of the money we have all raised towards our Special Projects. This year \$26,246.02 was raised and representatives from the Ronald McDonald House Charities New Zealand and Christian World Service for Palestinian Refugees in Jordan came to receive it. The Special Projects for 2026 will be Starship Foundation NZ and a Christian World Service programme assisting Pacifica elderly people.

.My executive team join me in wishing you all a blessed Christmas time and we look forward to working together with you in the coming years.

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May you have the gift of faith, the blessing of hope and the peace of God's love at Christmas and always.

Judith and the Executive team.



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