



NZMWF Executive Committee 2023-2025

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Warm Greetings to you all in the name of our Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. As we head towards the Easter period, we are energized by the Spirit, knowing that He was crucified to fulfill His duty to give us life before He returned to the Father. Our theme is to Grow in Christ and be a life-giver. We see Jesus died to give us life, so we must give life to others through our actions and practical support. We are women holding the strong power to influence others in our Church, communities, and workplaces by sharing God's love and the power of life. As President of NZMWF, I must thank all the district Presidents and your Women's Fellowships for all the hard work you do at your local fellowship. Your effort to keep going and keep the vibes of showing togetherness and willingness to go the extra mile in what you do and give is truly appreciated. From the President's table of the first quarter of the year, I have had the privilege of visiting some of the local congregations individually to convey and encourage Women's Fellowship participation and to share who we are and make it known to our young women that we exist and welcome them.

I have been to 7 Parishes, both Tongan and English-speaking, and joined them in their services too. It was a blessing to see how the Women's Fellowship plays a huge part in local Churches. The Tonga District has arranged to meet on the 19-21 of April, and the Wellington District has also confirmed their day for the 27th of April. There are a few who have booked later for the second quarter of the year, which are Wasewase and Waikato. More details will be in our June newsletter. Thank you also to Lynn Scott, for all the effort and for sending out information for the World Day of Prayer. Also, thanks to all the Districts for participating and celebrating the World Day of Prayer this year. The feedback from some districts was very emotional and showcased awesome events for their local women's fellowship. Keep praying for all our work, especially for our preparation to join the SPA seminar in Samoa. May God keep shadowing us under His wings and guide us through to maintain sharing His love and to make Him known in our lives.

Lesieli Pope
NZMWF President 2023-2025

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Executive Committee meeting



Ponsonby Vaine Mo'onia Tongan Womens Fellowship visit by the President



Ex and Current Secretaries continuing their handover

UPDATES FROM THE TEAM

We have steadily been able to get into the swing of our work and enjoying connecting and celebrating our faith with other women. We are looking forward to the fellowship of organising our New Zealand group who will be attending the South Pacific Seminar later this year. Please keep an eye out for more correspondence from our district link.

We also want to highlight all the amazing efforts everyone has made for World Prayer Day and acknowledge our different fellowships in connecting with other women to pray. Thank you.

COMING UP...

In the next 3 months, our main focus is to:

- Collecting names and numbers for the SPA Seminar, Samoa. Please hear from our district link soon.
- Madam President Lesieli Tiulipe Pope and executive committee have accepted an invitation to attend the Wellington District Convention on Saturday 27th Apr 2024.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

- **Nominations for Unit President** are open and is due on the 30th June 2024.
- **Smethurst Applications** closed on the 20 March. We encourage to take part of this fund should you find an opportunity for Professional development in the next rounds: 20 June and 20 October 2024.
- **Nominations for SPA President and Registration for SPA Seminar** have now closed.
- Those have registered for SPA Seminar please start your planning for flights and accommodation.
- **Council meeting** has been confirmed to take place from 10-13th October 2024.

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CHAPLAINS CORNER

To all Women's Fellowships,

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ in his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead." [1 Peter 1 : 3]

We have come to the second quarter of 2024, we praise God for the gift of life that he blesses us with. We give thanks for all things, in all circumstances (Ephesians 5:20; 1 Thessalonians 5:18). We thank God for the blessings he has bestowed on our lives. He has provided us with more than we could ever have imagined. He has surrounded us with people who always look out for us. He has given us families and friends who bless us everyday with kind words and actions.

Easter Prayer:

Heavenly Father, the resurrection of Your Son has given us new life and renewed hope. Help us to live as new people. Help us to live in the gladness and grace of Easter Sunday, everyday. Let us have hearts of thankfulness for your sacrificial love.

Amen.

Our sincerest wishes to you on a glorious holiday of Easter.

Chaplain & NZMWF National Executive Committee

Rev. Siutaisa Tukutau.



Women from Tongan Dominion-Kingsland Methodist Church



Deaconess presentation at last year's convention



Handover service presentation at last year's convention