



FAREWELL FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we close this final quarter of our fellowship journey, my heart is overflowing with gratitude and joy for all that God has done among us. Over the past two years, we have journeyed together – visiting almost every district, witnessing the revival of two areas, and embracing the ongoing rhythm of learning and fellowship that continues to strengthen our sisterhood. This last quarter was particularly special, as we were invited by Her Majesty the Queen to the Kingdom of Tonga. It was a sacred privilege to share in worship and to support the development of their Women's Fellowship. We were deeply moved to be welcomed by over 200 women from across all their districts – including school leaders, deaconesses, and 120 young women who took part in a vibrant and inspiring youth programme. Our sincere thanks go to the Connexional Church for their unwavering support in making this visit possible. A special thank you to all our leaders, committees, and organisers across every district. We were so warmly hosted in every place we visited, and I remain deeply appreciative of your hospitality, faith, and dedication. Each district holds its own unique strength – a strength that continues to inspire me and that I hope we will go on sharing with one another as we grow. We were also a term committed to continuing the strong legacies of decades of women who came before us – faithfully carrying forward the World Day of Prayer, the work of our Special Projects, and our Scholarship Programme, while strengthening our ties throughout the South Pacific communities;

Ours was also a term of many firsts: the first to have a full committee spend a day at the Connexional Office; to reach smaller parishes in our ruraland to collaborate internationally with other Women's Fellowships. I am so proud of what we have accomplished together. As we look ahead to hosting the World Assembly next year, I hold immense gratitude for all our engagements and learnings through the World Federation and South Pacific Area. These connections have enriched our journey and reminded us of the beautiful unity we share as women of faith across the globe. As I write these final words as your President, my prayer is that in every encounter you have with one another, you continue to grow in Christ and be life-givers. In this time of transformation within our Church, may we as a fellowship look deeply at how we nurture life – in ourselves and in others – for that is where true transformation begins. For this months edition, we will highlight our amazing journey over our term. Thanks be to God.

To my incredible team – there are no words to fully express my gratitude. Each of you has worked tirelessly to strengthen and uplift the fellowship within today's Church context. Many of you have faced personal milestones and challenges, yet you gave selflessly – showing up to every meeting, contributing from your own resources, and travelling away from your families to serve alongside me. Your faithfulness, generosity, and steadfast love have been a true reflection of God's heart at work. From the bottom of my heart – thank you. Forever grateful. Mālō 'aupito. Many blessings

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NZMWF President 2023-2025



OUR LAST SURPRISE ENGAGEMENT

In August, at the special request of Her Majesty the Queen of Tonga, our delegation was deeply honoured to travel to Tonga to help strengthen and expand the knowledge of the Women's Fellowship, and to reinforce our ties with the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women within the Pacific region. The Queen's vision brought together 200 women and 120 young leaders across two transformative programmes – each designed to uplift, inspire, and equip women and youth in faith and leadership. Our focus throughout the programme was on the strength of women – how women's leadership, wisdom, and faith can shape and enrich communities across Tonga. The sessions were filled with powerful discussions on governance, education, and fellowship development, allowing each participant to reflect on their calling and contribution to the growth of the church and their nation. The young leaders' workshop was especially inspiring, as together we explored the stories of women in the Bible, drawing connections between their courage and today's call to leadership. The energy, creativity, and faith of these young leaders reminded us of the hope and future that rests in nurturing the next generation. A truly unique and moving aspect of this visit was that our entire committee was made up of Tongan women, bringing cultural authenticity and spiritual depth to every interaction. It was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to stand together in unity, celebrating the power of women in faith, leadership, and service. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Methodist Church of New Zealand for supporting our travel, to our families for their unwavering love and care while we were away, and to Her Majesty the Queen of Tonga and the Free Wesleyan Church of Tonga for creating this remarkable opportunity. This experience reminded us of who we are called to be – to grow in Christ and be lifegivers, sharing His light wherever we go.



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