



ORDINATION SERVICE

Sunday 9th November, 2025

Tāmaki Makaurau, Auckland

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Vice President:	Rev Peter Norman
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Kai Hāpai:	Rev Nicola Grundy
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Preacher:	Te Aroha Rountree
Chaplains:	Maungarongo Tito Rev Dr Mary Caygill
Choir:	Lotofale'ia
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Service of Ordination

*All please stand as the President,
Vice President and other Conference Leaders
enter during the singing of the Introit*

Choir:

Faith has set us on a journey

Faith has set us on a journey
past the landmarks that we know,
taking risks with no insurance
but the Word that tells us "go!"

Friend or job or home or lover
we may need to leave behind,
outworn truths and ways of thinking,
baggage to the past consigned.

Some are swags of easy conscience
who with others hitch a ride,
some are tourist-package Christians,
dollar-safe with Book and guide.

There are others on this journey -
those who long and pray and search,
heave the stones to free the structures,
love the Christ and leave the Church.

We are this unlikely people
in the Body knit as one,
company of clowns and cripples -
some are wise and some can run.

Prophets are our travel agents,
gospel-makers lay this road:
to the place of peace and promise
faith will take us into God.

Shirley Murray and Colin Gibson

Chaplain:

Mauriora ki a tātou e te whānau o te Hāhi Weteriana o Aotearoa. Talofa lava. Mālō e lelei. Ni sa bula Vinaka, Noa'ia e Mauri. Welcome to this sacred gathering, where we unite in worship of God, celebrate the ministry of God's people, and witness the ordination of individuals called to serve in the Church.

Ka whakawhetai 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 your greatness and tell of the wonderful things you have done.)
Psalm 75:1

Katoa:

Korōria ki a koe e te Atua.
(Glory to you, O God.)

Lighting of the Conference Candle
Remain standing

Chaplain:

Kia inoi tātou:
E te Wairua Tapu, e te Wairua Aroha.
Mai i āu kupu kei te mōhio mātou ko koe te ara tika, ko koe te pono me te ora. Āwhina i a mātou ki te whai i ōu akoranga i runga tonu i te hari me te koa, ā ka whakanui hoki i te ora ki roto i ō mātou kupu me ō mātou mahi.
Āmine.

(Holy and Loving Spirit.
We know from your word that you are the way and the truth and the life. Help us to willingly follow the wisdom of your way, to joyfully celebrate the truth of your love and triumphantly proclaim all things. Amen.)

Processional Hymene: *“In the name of Christ we gather”*

*The Ordinands enter during the singing of this hymn
and will take their seats in the front row*

In the name of Christ we gather
in the name of Christ we sing,
celebrate new vows, new promise
of a life's whole offering,
here ordained to lead God's people
to the Gospel's beckoning.

Sons and daughters of the Spirit –
these are called to teach and care,
called as were the first disciples,
commonwealth of Christ to share,
by the bread and wine and water
sacraments of grace declare.

In the ministry of preaching
may the Word spring into life;
in the time of doubt and challenge
may its truth affirm belief;
in the day of pain and darkness
heal the hurt of guilt and grief.

Now within this solemn moment
we invoke the power of God –
by the hands laid on in blessing
be there strength to take the load,
be there faithfulness in loving,
be there courage for this road.

Word of joy, enlivening Spirit,
more than lover, parent, friend,
born in Jesus, born in Mary,
born to us that love extend,
grow within your chosen servant,
life of God that has no end.

Shirley Murray
Tune: Westminster Abbey, WOV 343(ii)

Congregation sits

President: Whakapaingia te Atua i runga, i raro, i waho, i roto i tēnā, i tēnā o mātou e mine nei.
(Blessed is God who is above and below, without and within each one of us gathered here.)

Katoa: **Whakapaingia te Atua kei ngā wāhi katoa.**
(Blessed is God in all places.)

Vice President: Ko koe e te Atua tapu, te tino Atua
Nōu te mana, te ihi, te wehi.
Nōu te ao, te mauri, te ora.
Nōu te katoa, i te rangi, i te whenua.
Ko koe tonu te Atua.

President: We gather in a living tradition that walks the path of Jesus, who embodied a spirit of profound love and transformation.

Katoa: **This is the way of courage, of humility and grace, of integrity and self-giving.**

Vice President: We honour those who have inspired us with the vision of God's presence in Aotearoa, giving thanks for all who have embraced the call to be vessels of light.

Katoa: **Together, we are called to bring compassion and hope, to be a living part of Earth's renewal.**

President: We give thanks for the ministry of deacons,

Katoa: **Who lead us to see new paths and seek justice in our communities.**

Vice President: We give thanks for the ministry of presbyters,

Katoa: **Guiding us to be a people of deep connection, embodying love in action.**

President: In the quiet, let us hold our gratitude for the ministry within us and acknowledge the places where we seek deeper alignment with God's vision for us.

(Silence)

Tumuaki: O God, Source of all life,
when we lose sight of your vision for justice and wholeness,
when our words and actions fall short of compassion,
when we forget to honour each other as sacred:

Katoa: **Restore us, renew us, and draw us again into your life-giving Spirit.**

Tumuaki: We are loved and forgiven; the divine flow of grace is unending.

Katoa: **Thanks be to God.**

Inoi O Te Ariki

(The Lord's Prayer)

Kai Hāpai: E Ihowa tohungia mātou

Katoa: **E te Karaiti tohungia mātou**

Kai Hāpai: E Ihowa tohungia mātou

Katoa: **E tō mātou Matua i te rangi
Kia tapu tōu Ingoa.
Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga.
Kia meatia tāu e pai ai
ki runga ki te whenua.
kia rite anō ki tō te rangi.
Homai ki a mātou aianeī
he taro mā mātou mō tēnei rā.
Murua o mātou 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

Congregation stands

Presentation of Ordinands

The Ordinands stand and come forward

General Secretary: President Te Aroha, Vice-President Peter,
we come together today to affirm Question 6 within The Methodist Church
of New Zealand, Te Hāhi Weteriana o Aotearoa the following ordinands:

‘Ana Havea
‘Ofa Taukolo
Asaeli Tulagi
Basulu Qalo Seniceva
Lesieli Halaifonua-Naidu
Lucy D’Aeth
Nunia Mone
Paula Moala
Richard Small
Saia Naeata Fa’amasa
Sateki Lolohea
Sokopeti Sina
Tahi Kato
‘Etuini Talakai

By doing so, we recognise that, but for exceptional
circumstances, ordination is for life. To carry out
ministry for which one is ordained requires a
commitment to the discipline of the Church and a
willingness to abide by decisions of Conference.

President: ‘Ana, ‘Ofa, Asaeli, Basulu, Lesieli, Lucy, Nunia, Paula,
Richard, Saia, Sateki, Sokopeti, Tahi, and ‘Etuini, do you agree to abide

by the teaching and polity of Te Hāhi Weteriana o Aotearoa, The Methodist Church of New Zealand, and do you agree to observe and maintain its discipline?

Ordinands: I do.

President: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Principal: We now present: ‘Ana, ‘Ofa, Asaeli, Basulu, Lesieli, Lucy, Nunia, Paula, Richard, Saia, Sateki, Sokopeti, Tahī, and ‘Etuini, for ordination to the Ministry of Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care. We have examined them according to the doctrine and discipline of The Methodist Church of New Zealand, Te Hāhi Weteriana o Aotearoa, and believe they are ready for ordination as Presbyters.

President: ‘Ana, ‘Ofa, Asaeli, Basulu, Lesieli, Lucy, Nunia, Paula, Richard, Saia, Sateki, Sokopeti, Tahī, and ‘Etuini, may you know the joy that comes from obedience and the grace of Christ which is sufficient for every calling.

Ordinands take their seats

The Ministry of the Word

Principal: Whakarongo ki te kupu a te Wairua ki te Hāhi.
(*Listen to the word of the Spirit to the Church*)

First Reading: John 21: 17
(*Rev Dr Nasili Vaka’uta*)

Gospel Reading: Philippians 1: 6
(*General Secretary*)

General Secretary: Ko tēnei te kupu o te Atua.
(*This is the word of God*)

Katoa: **Whakamoemiti ki te Atua!**
(Thanks be to God)

Address: Te Aroha Rountree

Affirmation of Faith

Congregation stands

President: We are not alone – we live in God's world
Katoa: **We believe in God:**
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus,
crucified and risen,
our Judge and our Hope.
in life, in death,
in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.

Congregation sits

Choir: **Hallelujah Chorus**

The Charge to the Church

- President:** The divine presence in creation calls us to honour and nurture its fullness. In response to this call, a community was gathered—people woven together by faith, sharing a sacred journey we call church. In this household of faith, we find strength and purpose through the Spirit, who breathes life into all we are called to do.
- Vice President:** The Spirit offers us courage, community, and the wisdom to grow together. It is this Spirit that bestows each of us with gifts for ministry, guiding and shaping our lives as a living expression of love. The Church calls everyone to walk in the liberating fullness of Jesus. Compassion, healing, and a deep commitment to the wellbeing of others mark the way we are invited to live as Christ's followers. Through its ministry of care, the Church becomes a vessel of love and healing, extending hands and hearts in acts of service.
- President:** The Church fulfils its calling when it celebrates the sacredness in every life and community, and when it becomes a source of care for all: offering water to the thirsty, sustenance to the hungry, support to the marginalised, and hope to the outcast. This sacred community, rooted in the tradition of the apostles, continues their legacy of courage, compassion, and joy. In the spirit of this tradition, we charge you to live out this ministry. May you find strength in commitment, the unity of shared purpose, and the assurance that the Spirit accompanies and guides you on this path.

Affirmation of Ministry

*The Ordinands come forward
The congregation stands*

President: The Spirit of life moves among us, inspiring and guiding us in this sacred calling. We believe that each of us—lay people, deacons, and presbyters—is invited to serve in unique and meaningful ways. Will you affirm your commitment to embody this calling in service to the world?

Ordinands: **We will, with open hearts.**

Vice President: Will you nurture your ministry through practices of reflection, learning, and shared worship within our community of faith?

Ordinands: **We will, and we are ready.**

President: Will you live with integrity, sharing the love and goodness of God through the gifts you have been given?

Ordinands: **With God's grace, we will.**

The Ordination

The congregation sits

Vice President: Do you affirm your calling to an apostolic Ministry of Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care, for building up the Body of Christ?

Ordinands: **I do.**

President: Will you freely share with all God's people the Bible's living word, the good news of salvation by faith in Christ and our hope in God?

Ordinands: **I will.**

Vice President: Will you uphold the worship, governance, and discipline of Te Hāhi Weteriana O Aotearoa - The Methodist Church of New Zealand?

Ordinands: **I will.**

President: 'Ana, 'Ofa, Asaeli, Basulu, Lesieli, Lucy, Nunia, Paula, Richard, Saia, Sateki, Sokopeti, Tahī, and 'Etuini, will you honour God, the Source and Fulfilment of all, the Beginning and the End?

Ordinands: **I will.**

**God, my Companion,
with Christ as my guide,
I will serve with a joyful heart.**

Vice President: Like the first disciples, awaiting the arrival of your empowering Spirit,
we keep watch and lift our prayers.

Silence

Spirit of God,
be with us here and now,
as you were with those who came before us.
Surround us, Spirit,
with faith and hope, we pray.
Come, Spirit,
and dwell among us in quiet power.

The Laying on of Hands

Ordinand kneels (if able)

*Church representatives and the Ordinand's Sponsors
come forward and stand around the Ordinand*

*Congregation remains seated and is invited
to pray for each Ordinand*

Vice President: God of grace, through your Spirit,
strengthen your servant,
'Ana, 'Ofa, Asaeli, Basulu, Lesieli, Lucy, Nunia,
Paula, Richard, Saia, Sateki, Sokopeti, Tahī, and
'Etuini, whom we ordain as presbyter this day.
Grant them the wisdom
to share your word,
to offer the sacraments,
to speak of forgiveness,
and to be a guide and support to your people.

All: **Amen.**

Ordinand stands and receives their stole, and then return to their seats

*At the conclusion of the ordinations the newly ordained Presbyters
gather together on the stage and the blessing is sung.*

Blessing: ***“Wairua Tapu”***

Wairua Tapu tau mai rā
Wairua Tapu mai runga
Uhia mai ngā taonga pai
Hōmai tō aroha
Wāhia kia tika
Ākona mai rā, kia ū ki te pai
Horoia kia mā tonu rā
Mōhou te tino korōria

The newly ordained remain on stage

Vice President: 'Ana, 'Ofa, Asaeli, Basulu, Lesieli, Lucy, Nunia,
Paula, Richard, Saia, Sateki, Sokopeti, Tahī, and
'Etuini. We give thanks for your commitment to serve
as presbyters. Serve with patience and humility,

remembering that the work to which you are called is woven into the sacred flow of all life, a shared work of love, grounded in the Divine presence within and around us.

President: You are called to serve within the sacred work of life, walking in the way of Jesus.
Stand with those whose burdens are heavy.
Each of you is a voice that proclaims:
blessed are those who are poor,
troubled, powerless, and oppressed.

Vice President: You are called to embody what you proclaim. Serve in the spirit of Jesus simply and willingly, and let your joy in this sacred calling overcome all discouragement. Be people of hope.

Bibles and certificates are presented to each newly ordained Presbyter

President: ‘Ana, ‘Ofa, Asaeli, Basulu, Lesieli, Lucy, Nunia, Paula, Richard, Saia, Sateki, Sokopeti, Tahī, and ‘Etuini. Take this Bible, a symbol of the calling you have received to share the sacred story and to offer the sacraments within the communities to which you are appointed.

Vice President: *Presents the Certificates*

The following hymn is sung while the newly ordained sign the Church’s Ethical Standards.

Himene: “Ko e Maama Mo’onia” THB 570

1. Sīsū, ko koe pē
Ko e Maama Mo’onia:
Fa’ahinga poto kehekehe
Ko ho huelo ia.

2. Ko e kakai kotoa
Na’e fa’u ‘a e Tohitapu,
Nau ma’u pe mei he ‘Afiona
‘A e me’a ne nau a’au.

3. Ke tau hakule mu’a
‘A e tohi kuo fai,
Ke hu ‘a e maama ‘a e

5. Pehe pe ke tau tali
‘A e ivi ‘o e tohi:
Hanga ‘a e ‘atamai ki ai

‘Otua Ki hotau ‘atamai.

Ke ma’u ai ha māohi

The newly ordained return to their seats and the Congregation sits

The Communion

Vice President: God is here.

Katoa: **God’s Spirit is with us.**

Vice President: Lift up your hearts.

Katoa: **We lift them to God.**

Vice President: Let us give thanks to God.

Katoa: **It is our joy to give God thanks and praise.**

Vice President: It is our joy to praise you, Creator of all things, who calls us into relationship with creation and with you, rooted in love and mercy.

President: In the fullness of time, you revealed yourself through your servant Jesus, who, in humility and sacrifice, showed us your healing grace. With thanksgiving, we remember that through the cross and resurrection, you offer new life to all people and all creation.

Katoa: **Tapu, tapu, he tapu te Ariki,
Te Atua o te mana me te kaha.
Kī tonu te rangi me te whenua i tōu korōria
Ohana i runga rawa.**

President: On the night he gave up his life, Jesus shared a meal with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with them, saying:

Katoa: **Tangohia, kainga, ko tōku tinana tēnei ka hoatu nei mō koutou. Meinga tēnei hei whakamahara ki ahau.**

President: After supper, he took a cup of wine, gave thanks, and offered it to them, saying:

Katoa: Inumia tēnei, ko ōku toto o te Kawenata hou i
whakahekea mōu, mō te katoa, hei murunga hara.

Katoa: Glory to you, Lord Jesus:
Your death we proclaim;
Your resurrection we celebrate;
Your coming we await. Amen.

The congregation sits.

President: We rejoice in the Spirit that has journeyed with us
across generations in Aotearoa, long before and
beyond our own two-hundred-year path. We
celebrate being called forward to a renewed future;
may we embody a shared vision of hope and unity,
offering our lives in service together.

Vice President: Come, Spirit of God,
bless these gifts of bread and wine.
Through them and through your eternal love,
transform us into people of service within
Te Hāhi Weteriana o Aotearoa
and in the world at large.

Katoa: We offer our prayer with all your people—
in this land and beyond this land,
in this church and beyond this church,
in this time and beyond all time,
to praise your name. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

President: "The bread which we break
is a sharing of the body of Christ.
Christ is the bread of life. (The bread is broken)
The wine which we pour is a sharing
in the life of Christ.
Life in all its fullness (The cup is lifted)

Bread and wine: holy gifts for holy people.
May we who share these gifts reveal Christ to the world.

Silence is kept for a time.

President: Please come forward and receive the elements of bread and wine as symbols of our renewed covenant with God.

Communion will be distributed.

Himene: ***“Love divine, all loves excelling”***

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.

‘Ofaange ke lilingi [Tongan]
Ki he fakataha ni
‘A e kelesi Hotau ‘Eiki
Hono ivi ngaue mai!
Ka tau hao mei he kovi,
Ka tau laka pe ki mu’a
‘O tau tupu ai ke ofi
Ki he anga he ‘Otua.

Sa dau yaco main a gauna [Fijian]
Kivei keda kecega,
Me da digitaka kina
Na vinaka se na ca:
Me da vakatudaliga
Ki na kaci i Jisu,
Se muria ga na meca
Era cati Koya tu.

Le Ali'i e, silasila
la i matou uma nei
O tagata agasala
Ma ua matua sese
A ia e sisila lava
I le maliu o Iesu
Le na matua saunia
O le olataga fou.

[Samoan]

Finish then thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in thee:
Changed from glory into glory
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Charles Wesley,
Tune: Blaenwern, WOW 165(ii)

Reception into Full Connexion

Kai Hāpai and the Ordinands come forward

- Kai Hāpai:** President Te Aroha, Vice-President Peter, Members of Conference, we receive 'Ana, 'Ofa, Asaeli, Basulu, Lesieli, Lucy, Nunia, Paula, Richard, Saia, Sateki, Sokopeti, Tahī, and 'Etuini, into Full Connexion in the Methodist Church of New Zealand Te Hāhi Weteriana o Aotearoa.
- Vice-President:** To carry out ministry for which one is ordained requires a commitment to the discipline of the Church and a willingness to abide by decisions of Conference.
- President:** 'Ana, 'Ofa, Asaeli, Basulu, Lesieli, Lucy, Nunia, Paula, Richard, Saia, Sateki, Sokopeti, Tahī, and 'Etuini, you are to be received into Full Connexion by this Conference. Do you agree to abide by the

teaching and polity of the Methodist Church of New Zealand - Te Hāhi Weteriana o Aotearoa, and do you agree to observe and maintain its discipline?

Presbyter: I do.

General Secretary: I recommend 'Ana, 'Ofa, Asaeli, Basulu, Lesieli, Lucy, Nunia, Paula, Richard, Saia, Sateki, Sokopeti, Tahī, and 'Etuini, to be received into Full Connexion by this Conference.

Vice-President: Members of Conference, please stand to affirm this ministry.

President: Gracious God, we have found You near at all times in our lives, you have been with us in our discernment of ministry renewed in Aotearoa and you are with us now as we gather to receive your servants into the life of Te Hāhi Weteriana o Aotearoa the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

Said by those being received into Full Connexion:

***O God, you have called us
as Christ's disciples
to make your love known
and live the Good News.
Loving God, we know that by your Spirit
we will have courage to endure
and strength to continue;
we will have tomorrows filled with promise, and
Good News to proclaim.
Amen.***

President: 'Ana, 'Ofa, Asaeli, Basulu, Lesieli, Lucy, Nunia, Paula, Richard, Saia, Sateki, Sokopeti, Tahī, and 'Etuini, go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Those received into Full Connexion are greeted by

The Sending Forth

Vice-President: Mā te atawhai o te Atua,
hōhonu atu i tō mātou whakaaro,
te kaha o te Karaiti,
kaha ake i tō mātou hiahia;
me te tahitanga o te Wairua Tapu,
nui atu i tō mātou noho tahi;
e arahina ai me te whāngai atu i tēnei rā.

Katoa: **Āmine.**

*(May the grace of God, deeper than our imagination,
the strength of Christ, stronger than our need;
and the communion of the Holy Spirit, richer than our
togetherness; guide and sustain us today.
Amen.)*

President: Haere i runga i te aroha.
Haere i runga i te rangimārie o te Ariki.
Kia puta ki te whei ao ki te ao mārama.

Katoa: **Ka haere mātou i runga i te ingoa o te Ariki**

The Candle is extinguished

Himene: **‘Mā te mārie’** *(sung unaccompanied)*

Mā te mārie a te Atua	<i>The peace of God</i>
tātou katoa e tiaki.	<i>keeps us all.</i>
Māna anō e whakaū	<i>He will confirm</i>
ō tātou ngākau ki te pai.	<i>our hearts in goodness.</i>

Mā te Atua Tamaiti ra,	<i>May the Son of God</i>
mā te Wairua Tapu hoki	<i>and the Holy Spirit too,</i>
rātou, Atua kotahi nei,	<i>one God</i>
tātou katoa e whakapai.	<i>bless us all.</i>

Āmine.

Amen.

*Ngā Inoi me Ngā Hīmene
a Te Hāhi Weteriana
Tune: Old 100th sung unaccompanied*

Recessional: Kua rongorongo ake ahau

Creative Natives

*Please remain standing while the newly ordained,
and the Presidential party, process from the service.*

*Whanau of the newly ordained are welcomed
to process out behind the Presidential Party.*

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