



ORDINATION SERVICE

Hui Tōpu/Methodist Conference 2026

Tāmaki Makaurau/ Auckland

Te Hāhi Weteriana o Aotearoa

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Musician:	Rev Ieremia Amituana'i
Ordinand:	So'otaga Misikei

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. Tālofa Lava, Mālō e lelei, Nisa bula Vinaka,
Annyeonghaseyo. 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.

Le Atua e, matou te vivii ia te oe; matou te vivii lava; auā ua latalata
mai lou suafa; ua ta'uatua ou vavega.

*(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

All: Viia oe, Le Atua e.

(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 Himene: *"In the name of Christ we gather"*

*The Ordinand enters during the singing of this hymn and will take
their seat 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.)*

All: Whakapaingia te Atua kei ngā wāhi.

(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 kaihanganga, 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.

All: 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.

All: 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,

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

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

All: 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:

All: 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.

All: Thanks be to God.

INOI O TE ARIKI

(The Lord's Prayer)

Kai Hāpai: E Ihowa tohungia mātou

All: E te Karaiti tohungia mātou

Kai Hāpai: E Ihowa tohungia mātou

All: 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 āiane

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 THE ORDINAND

The Ordinand stands and comes forward

General Secretary: President Alisa Lasi, Vice-President Tau'atina Tupou, we come together today to affirm Question 6 within The Methodist Church of New Zealand, Te Hāhi Weteriana o Aotearoa the following ordinand:

i. So'otaga Misikei

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: So'otaga, 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?

Ordinand: I do.

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

Thanks be to God.

Principal: We now present: So'otaga, 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 a Presbyter.

President: So’otaga, may you know the joy that comes from obedience and the grace of Christ which is sufficient for every calling.

Ordinand takes their seat

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: Isaiah 58:6–12

(Assoc Prof Emily Colgan)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:13–16

(Rev Tara Tautari)

General Secretary: Ko tēnei te kupu o Te Atua.

(This is the word of God)

All: Whakamoemiti ki Te Atua!

(Thanks be to God)

Address: Rev Peter Norman (Ex Vice President)

AROHA ABLAZE: When the Church Bursts into Light.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Congregation stands

President: We are not alone – we live in God's world

All: 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: Sinoti Samoa Mission Choir (Anthem)

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 Ordinand comes 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?

Ordinand: I will, with open hearts.

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

Ordinand: I 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?

Ordinand: With God's grace, I 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?

Ordinand: 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?

Ordinand: I will.

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

Ordinand: I will.

President: So’otaga, will you honour God, the Source And Fulfilment of all, the Beginning and the End?

Ordinand: 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 the Ordinand*

President: God of grace, through your Spirit,
strengthen your servants, So'otaga
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 returns to their
seat*

*At the conclusion of the ordination the newly ordained Presbyter
Remains 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 Presbyterian on stage)

President: So’otaga. 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.

Vice 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.

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.

Bible and certificate is presented to the newly ordained Presbyter

President: So’otaga.

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 Certificate*

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

Pese: ‘O’ Oe o Lo’u Malamalama (You are my light)

1. `O oe o lo’u malamalama,
Iesu e, Iesu e.

O oe o le la o lo’u agaga
Iesu e, Iesu e.

Tiga le punitia mai
Le la i ao e lele mai
E ao pea lava pe a e iai,
Iesu e, Iesu e.

2. O oe o lo'u lafitaga
lesu e, lesu e
O oe le'olo o lo'u agaga,
lesu e, lesu e
Tiga ona puipui mai
Le itu taua ua lata mai
A e ou te sao pe a e iai,
lesu e, lesu e

3. O oe o lo'u manamea,
lesu e, lesu e
O le uo ta te le tete'a
lesu e, lesu e.
So'o se itu 'ou te nofo ai,
linei po o le lagi.
Ou te lata pe a e iai,
lesu e, lesu e

*The newly ordained Presbyter returns to their seat and the
Congregation sits*

THE COMMUNION

President: The Lord is here.

All: God's Spirit is with us.

President: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

President: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

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.

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

President: All glory and thanksgiving to you, living God, creator and sustainer of the universe; you gave us your beloved Son Jesus Christ who, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with them, saying:

“Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you.

Do this to remember me.”

In the same way, he took the cup after supper and said, ***“This cup is the new covenant in my blood.***

Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.”

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ: 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.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that this bread of life and cup of salvation

may awaken us to your holy presence.

Bind us together into one body across Te Hāhi Weteriana o Aotearoa,
that we may grow into the fullness of Christ, who is the head.

All: Ignite our hearts with your grace,
that we may arise and be the light of Christ to all,
shining in the dark places of this world
until your love is known to the ends of the earth.

We come to your table, Lord, conscious of our own shortcomings,
but trusting in your love and mercy.

Humbly we take this bread and wine, recognising in you that life we
seek for ourselves but which is not yet fully
our own. So, gracious Lord, we eat this bread and drink this wine,
believing that you will grow in us and we in you. 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: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away
the sin of the world.

Here is the open table of the Lord—where all who seek grace are
welcomed.

Come, for all is prepared.

Communion will be distributed.

Hymn: “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

O for a thousand tongues to sing,
My great redeemer’s praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace

Lo’u matai ma lo’u Atua
Fesoasoani mai
E tala’i atu i le lalolagi
Lou suafa mamalu

Sa vosa ga, qai rekim ai
Na yalo vutugu:
Na matahoko, era rai,
Na bale era tu.

‘E keu ‘elelo afe mai!
Ke u hiva’aki mu’a
‘A e ‘alo’ofa kuo fai
Ma’aku he ‘Otua

My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad,
The honours of your name.

Author: Charles Wesley (1739)

RECEPTION INTO FULL CONNEXION

Kai Hāpai and the Presbyters come forward

Kai Hāpai: President Alisa, Vice-President Tau’atina, Members of Conference, we receive Pelenato Fonoti, Jeong Whan Lee and So’otaga Misikei 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: Pelenato, Jeong Whan and So’otaga, 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, and do you agree to observe and maintain its discipline?

Presbyter: I do.

General Secretary: I recommend Pelenato Fonoti, Jeong Whan Lee and So’otaga Misikei, 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: Pelenato, Jeong Whan and So'otaga, go in peace to love
and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Those received into Full Connexion are greeted by
The President and Vice President*

THE SENDING FORTH

President: As we leave this sacred space, our hearts full and our
spirits renewed, we are sent out into the world.

Minister of God, go forth in confidence and love.

All: We go to love and serve the Lord in our daily lives.

Vice President: Do not hide the flame that God has kindled within
you.

Maranga, Tula'i, Tu'u Hake, Tucake Arise, and be the light of
Christ to all— in our homes, in our workplaces, in our
neighbourhoods, and to the ends of the earth.

All: By God's grace, we will let our light shine before others,
that they may see our good works and give glory to our Father in
heaven.

President: May the blessing of God Almighty—
Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer—
rest upon you, empower you, and go with you this day and
forevermore.

All: Amen. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

The Candle is extinguished

Himene: 'Ma te mārie' (sung unaccompanied)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Me vakacaucautaki tu,

Nona loloma na Kalou;

Na veikabula kecega,

Lewe Tolu rokovi ga.

Emeni

Tune: Old 100th sung unaccompanied

*Please remain standing during the singing of the recessional
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.*

Recessional: ARISE — Be the Light of Christ to All

Verse 1 Arise Aotearoa, awaken,
As night is fading into dawn;
The Light eternal now has broken,
The risen Lamb of God has come.
From every tribe and tongue united,
By grace and Spirit we are called,
To bear the fire of God's own kingdom,
And be the love of Christ to all.

Verse 2 Tula'i, young prophets, dream God's future,
Rise.... up, Rangatahi with grace;
The Spirit breathes through all generations,
Calling each iwi to their place.
Let sons and daughters speak with boldness,
May elders bless with wisdom's flame;
Together shaped for sacred mission,
Our nation proclaiming Jesus' name.

Verse 3 Tu'u Hake as covenant people
Where justice, truth, and aroha meet;
Through Te Tiriti still God calls us
To walk together at Christ's feet.
Let Māori voices lead with courage,
May all who journey here belong;
For every culture is a treasure
Within God's vast redeeming song.

Verse 4 Mo Tucake with all Christ embraces,
Whose gifts the world has overlooked;
The weak made strong, the hurt uplifted,
The last and least are first in God.
For every person bears God's image,
And every life is sacred ground;
The Body joined in love and honour,
Where all are seen and all are found.

Verse 5 Maranga Ake all, filled with Spirit,
As flames of Pentecost descend;
The Word made flesh now sends us forward,
To heal, proclaim, restore, defend.
Through Māori, Pasifika voices,
And every language, land, and race,
The gospel speaks with living power,
Declaring hope and saving grace.

Verse 6 Arise, though shadows still surround us,
Though fear and suffering remain;
For Christ goes ever on before us,
And death itself has lost its reign.
The cross now shines with resurrection,
The empty tomb proclaims God's reign;
So lift your hearts and sing with courage:
The Light of Christ shall ever reign.

Verse 7 Maranga Ake, till all God's creation
Is filled with heaven's holy flame;
Till each iwi stands rejoicing
And every voice exalts Christ's name.
Then God shall be our light forever,
And tears and sorrow will pass away;
Aotearoa arise, and bear Christ's brightness,
Until God's everlasting day.

(tune to Love Divine All Loves Excelling – Blaenwern)

*Lyrics by Rev. Suiva'aia Te'o in honour of the first Pasifika
Presidential Team.*

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