

Lay Preachers' Update for 2024-5
For Methodist congregations and those with a Methodist component

We are making the move to list nationally accredited Lay Preachers under Parishes in the 2026 Yearbook. We ask Parishes please to complete and return these forms which should include those in training (I/T) as well as those preaching but not accredited (L/R).

Accredited Lay Preachers (AAU) meet the criteria for being:

- **Accredited** (please supply certificate number and date of accreditation, unless sent previously)
- **Active** (led 3 or more services this year, including those outside the Parish and in rest homes, hospitals, or retirement villages)
- **Up-skilled** (undertaken at least 8 hours training in the past year)

Other categories: **R** (retired from Lay Preaching ministry); **I/T** (in-training);
L/R (locally recognised and active but not accredited)

Do we have **your latest email address**, please?
(or that of your Parish, if you don't have your own email).

Please email the completed form (or cut and paste the relevant information) to: methlpn@gmail.com

or post to: Viv Whimster, 49 Rimu Street, Gate Pa, Tauranga 3112,
by the end of September 2025.

Thank you!

Viv Whimster and Ngaire Southon, Lay Preachers Network Convenors (Methodist Church of NZ, Te Hāhi Weteriana o Aotearoa)

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Synod	Parish	Name of Presbyter/ Enabler	Parish Email:	Mailing address (own or parish)

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In memoriam – details of any Lay Preachers who have died during the year						