

Lay Preachers' Update for 2025-6
For Methodist congregations and those with a Methodist component

Nationally accredited Lay Preachers will be listed under Parishes in the 2027 Yearbook. We ask Parishes please to complete and return these forms which should include those **In Training (I/T)** as well as those not accredited but **Locally Recognised** for preaching (L/R).

Please also note the 2025 Conference decision (E-13 and E-21) that all Lay Preachers should undergo a Police Vetting Check (PVC).

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, 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 Seluvaia Pouono at methlpn@gmail.com

or post to: Seluvaia Pouono, 11 Cook Street, Hamilton East, Hamilton 3216 by the end of September 2026.

Thank you!

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

Given name	Family name	Number of services July 2025 - June 2026	AAU, I/T, L/R, or R	Date of issue of Certificate & number (if applicable)	Denomination of training process: e.g. Methodist (M); Presbyterian (P)	Home/own email	May we pass on your email to the NZLPA? Yes/No	Has your Parish processed your PVC? Yes/No

please continue on page 2 if your Parish has more Lay Preachers

