



Caring for Our People

Manaakitia ā tātou tāngata

October 2021

As-salāmu ‘alaykum. Peace be with you.

From the Connexional Kōrero of Friday 01 October 2021

The Methodist Church of New Zealand fully supports the ongoing vaccination programme and strongly encourages everyone to become vaccinated, and encourages you to support those who are still on the journey.

We invite you to reflect on Rev Mark Gibson’s wise words about inclusion in God’s beloved community; he waka eke noa, we are all in this together.



[Click here to see the Connexional Kōrero video of 01 October 2021](#)

[Click here to see MCNZ Covid-19 Response Plan](#)

[Click here to view Rev Mark Gibson’s evening prayer of Thursday 30 September 2021](#)

How we treat each other, our vaccination status, and our ability to wear facemasks is important.

As a Church, we should lead by kind examples of:

- support people to get vaccinated and wear face masks
- remove the barriers for people to get vaccinated if we can
- get vaccinated ourselves, wear facemasks ourselves
- respect people’s right to privacy regarding health conditions, vaccination status, or ability to wear face masks
- gain explicit permission before sharing any health status
- remove ourselves from the ‘us and them’ confrontations or debates, kind discussions are all we need

These are our guidelines regardless of vaccination status

- Stay home if you are unwell
- Wash your hands frequently
- Wear a face mask if you can
- Be kind



I would also like to express sincere gratitude to our Auckland whānau for their lockdown efforts, and to Sinoti Samoa and Siaola Vahefonua Tonga for their outstanding efforts to encourage vaccinations. Ngā mihinui ki a koutou katoa. Well done!

Ahakoā te momo mate, whakanuia tangata. *Regardless of illness, people deserve dignity.*

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Connexional Office webinar programme

The Connexional Office has started a webinar programme aimed at topics relevant to the Connexion.

Recently Recorded	Creating an Emergency Response Plan and Buying & Selling Church Property
No recording but it was fabulous <i>20 September 2021</i>	Coming together during Delta Associate Professor Siouxsie Wiles shared her time with us and answered questions on the changes Delta has created and how we can still come together safely during this Delta time. Unfortunately, Trudy missed the record button and there is no recording of this webinar. Sorry.
Tuesday 12 October 6 pm	Approved Evacuation Plans and Property Security
Friday 29 October 10am	Free on Zoom Wellness in the Workplace “We are all in this together” Click here
Programme resumes 2022	We will see you again in February 2022

**Future and Past
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 **Approved Evacuation Plans and Property Security Webinar**

TUESDAY 12 OCTOBER 2021
6pm - 7pm

Register now!
“Must’ your building have an emergency evacuation plan? Wendy Anderson and Trudy Downes discuss this and good practice holiday security for buildings.

For more information, visit:
http://www.methodist.org.nz/latest_news/connexional_webinar_library

