



A TIME OF RECOGNITION



Methodist Conference 2022

Kerikeri, Northland

Te Hāhi Weteriana o Aotearoa

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Other Music:	Northland Choirs

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*To everything there is a season,
and a time to every purpose under the heaven*

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Paying Tribute to those who are retiring

Alofa Asiata

Mark Gibson

Leigh Sundberg

Jill van de Geer

Theme: ***He hokinga mahara. Ka haere whakamua.***
(Reflecting on our past, and moving forward)

President: *Ko te rā tēnei i hanga e Ihowa.*
(This is the day that the Lord has made.)

All: ***Kia koa tātou i reira.***
(Let us rejoice and be glad in it)

Hymn: ***“Our Life Has Its Seasons”***

Our life has its seasons,
and God has the reasons
why spring follows winter, and new leaves grow,
for there's a connection with our resurrection
that flowers will bud after frost and snow.

Refrain:

*So there's never a time to stop believing,
there's never a time for hope to die,
there's never a time to stop loving,
these three things go on.*

There's a time to be planting,
a time to be plucking,
a time to be laughing, a time to weep,
a time to be building, a time to be breaking,
a time to be waking, a time to sleep.

Refrain

There's a time to be hurting, a time to be healing,
a time to be saving, a time to spend,
a time to be grieving, a time to be dancing,
a time for beginning, a time to end.

Refrain

Words/Music: Shirley Irina Murray/Colin Gibson

Tributes to those Retiring

President:

The Christian life is a journey;
at times we travel alone,
sometimes in fear,
sometimes with deep longing.
At other times we travel with others,
sharing the wisdom and taonga, the
treasures of our past,
and the hopes and fears for our future.

At times we have travelled with old friends,
talked of shared experiences.
At other times we walk alongside those
new to us, sharing the richness each has
for the other.

There are times of parting, when journeys
take a different course; and in that pain of
separation your Spirit moves among us.

When retirement comes, it brings such partings. Whether the time of serving has been lifelong or much shorter, the laying down of a treasured burden can be hard.

Vice-President: Gracious God, together, we thank you for the gift of those who now enter retirement, who have shared their lives with us.

Now begins a time of transition, an opportunity both to reflect and learn from the past, and an opportunity to wait on you, to discover the new beginnings you have in store.

A silence is kept

Rangatahi: For those retiring from active ministry,
All: **we thank you.**

For the taonga of a faithful past,
we thank you.

For the promise of a Spirit-guided future,
we thank you.

Those who retire this Conference

Alofa Asiata
Mark Gibson

Northland Choirs

Leigh Sundberg
Jill van de Geer

Hymn: “It is well with my soul”

A pei se vaitafe le ffilemu
Pe lutia nei i le sou
I le olaga nei, ou te molimau pea
E lelei. E lelei le Alii.

Chorus:

*E lelei. E lelei. E lelei.
E lelei. E lelei. E lelei le Alii.*

A tau mai Satani i lona sau
Ou te le to'ilalo iai
Ou te pi'imau pea ia Iesu le Alii
O ia ou te malosi ai.

Chorus: *E lelei...*

O lona satauro ma lona maliu
E maua ai le ola tumau
Le toto na tafe i lona itu
E ola ai e fa'avavau.

Chorus: *E lelei...*

E fia foa'i le olaga nei
Ma lona malosi lelei
Ia fai ma taulaga ia viia ai
Le Alii alofa lenei.

Chorus: *E lelei...*

Words for Letting Go & Moving On

President: Loving God,
you call us and walk beside us;
in you we live and move and have our
being.

You are the alpha and omega,
the beginning and the end.

We have been blessed by your presence
on our journeys with you.

We have known your love and guidance.
You call us even today to an unknown
future built on that blessed past.

Vice-President: Help us to continue learning, knowing that
the one who has called us, promises life in
all its fullness.

Help us enter into all new beginnings with
the vision and hope of your Holy Spirit,
whom with you and Jesus Christ we give
glory this day. Amen.

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

All: **Ka haere mātou i runga i te ingoa o te
Ariki.**

The Conference Candle is extinguished

Hymn: **“Mā te mārie”** (*sung unaccompanied*)

Mā te mārie a te Atua tātou katoa e tiaki. Māna anō e whakaū ō tātou ngākau ki te pai.	<i>The peace of God keeps us all. He will confirm our hearts in goodness.</i>
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Mā te Atua Tamaiti ra, mā te Wairua Tapu hoki rātou, Atua kōtahi nei, tātou katoa e whakapai. Āmine.	<i>May the Son of God and the Holy Spirit too, one God bless us all. Amen.</i>
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*Ngā Inoi me Ngā Himene
a Te Hāhi Weteriana
Tune: Old 100th*

Recessional: Tuakiritanga (by Origin Roots Aotearoa)

*The individual tributes are available in the agenda and on the Methodist
website www.methodist.org*