



AFFIRMATION OF MINISTRY SERVICE

Methodist Conference 2022

Kerikeri, Northland

Te Hāhi Weteriana o Aotearoa

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Choirs:	Tongan Choir Fijian Choir

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

The Tongan Choir will sing before the service begins

*All please stand as the President, Vice-President and other
Conference Leaders enter*

Chaplain: Kia ora e te whānau o Te Hāhi Weteriana o Aotearoa, Talofa lava, Mālō ē lelei, Ni sa bula vinaka, Noa'ia e Mauri. Welcome to this service where we worship God, celebrate the ministry of the whole people of God, and reaffirm those who have been ordained as Presbyters and Deacons within Te Hāhi.

Ka whakawhetai tonu mātou ki a koe, e te Atua.

Ka whakawhetai tonu mātou;

kei te tata mai hoki tōu ingoa.

E kōrerotia ana e te tangata āu mahi whakamīharo.

(We give thanks to you, O God.

We give thanks to you.

We proclaim how great you are and tell of the wonderful things you have done.)

- Psalm 75:1

All: **Korōria ki a koe e te Atua.**
(Glory to you, O God.)

Lighting of the Conference Candle

Remain standing

Minita:

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.)*

Hymn:**“Love divine”**

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.

‘Ofaange ke lilingi
Ki he fakataha ni
‘A e kelesi Hotau ‘Eiki
Hono ivi ngaue mai!
Ka tau hao mei he kovi,
Ka tau laka pe ki mu’a
‘O tau tupu ai ke ofi
Ki he anga he ‘Otua.

Sa dau yaco main a gauna
Kivei keda kecega,
Me da digitaka kina

Na vinaka se na ca:
Me da vakatudaliga
Ki na kaci i Jisu,
Se muria ga na meca
Era cati Koya tu.

Le Ali'i e, silasila
Ia i matou uma nei
O tagata agasala
Ma ua matua sese
A ia e sisila lava
I le maliu o Iesu
Le na matua saunia
O le olataga fou.

Finish then thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in thee:
Changed from glory into glory
Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

*Charles Wesley,
Tune: Blaenwern, WOW 165(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 katoa.**
(Blessed is God in all places.)

Minita: 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 katoa, i te rangi, i te whenua.
Ko koe tonu te Atua.

The Ministry of the Word

Presidential Theme: Servant Ministry

Vice-President: Whakarongo ki te kupu a te Wairua ki Te Hāhi.
(Listen to the word of the Spirit to the Church)

First Reading: **Philippians 2.1-11**
(Dcn Falanisesi Fusitu'a Hafoka QSM)

Gospel Reading: **Luke 10.1-13**
(Dcn Wendi Tiedt)

President: Ko tēnei te kupu o te Atua.
(This is the word of God)

All: **Whakamoemiti ki te Atua!**
(Thanks be to God)

Sermon: **Margaret Birtles**

Choir: **Fijian Choir**

Reception into Full Connexion

Director Mission Resourcing comes forward

- Director:** President Peter, Vice-President TeRito, Members of Conference, we reinstate Rev Trevor Hoggard to Full Connexion from the British Methodist Church, and receive the Rev Craig Fairhall transferred from Baptist Church.
- 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:** Trevor and Craig, 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 - Te Hāhi Weteriana o Aotearoa, and do you agree to observe and maintain its discipline?
- Presbyters:** **We do.**
- General Secretary:** I recommend Trevor Hoggard and Craig Fairhall to be received into Full Connexion by this Conference.
- Vice-President:** Members of Conference, please stand to affirm these ministries.
- President:** Eternal God, in our searching for you we discovered it was you who found us. You have made yourself known to us as the God of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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: Trevor and Craig, 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

Choir: Tongan Choir

Renewal of Ordination Vows

The President addresses the ordained Presbyters and Deacons who are present; they stand.

President: The Holy Spirit has been at work in all our lives. We believe that each person is called by God to ministry. You have received the additional call to be presbyters and deacons within Te Hāhi.

Do you reaffirm your calling to mission and ministry in the world?

Presbyters and Deacons: We do.

Vice President: Will you continue to find nourishment for your ministry by prayer, study and worship within the community of faith?

Presbyters and Deacons: **We will.**

President: Will you continue to lead a life of integrity and express God's goodness and love through the gifts God has given you?

Presbyters and Deacons: **We will.**

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

Presbyters and Deacons: **We will.**

The Presbyters and Deacons sit.

Recognition of Lay Ministries

The President addresses the lay members of Conference; they stand.

President: The Methodist Church throughout the world has always encouraged lay people to exercise ministry within their congregations and communities. This ministry is varied and vital for Te Hāhi Weteriana o Aotearoa. In this Bicentennial Year we celebrate two hundred years of that ministry in this country.

Vice-President: Do you, the lay members of Conference, continue to believe you are called by God to serve in this church?

Lay Members: We do.

President: Will you continue to exercise your ministry within the discipline of the Methodist Church of New Zealand - Te Hāhi Weteriana o Aotearoa and in the guidance of the Holy Spirit?

Lay Members: We will.

Hymn: “Take my life and let it be”

Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my silver and my gold
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.

Iesu le Alii e
oute tu’u atu nei
lo’u ola ma taulaga
e pa’ia ma lelei.
Oute tu’u atu pea
o’u aso o totoe
oute le toe pule ai
ae faitalia oe.

Sisu, ke ke ma’u ma’au
‘eku ngaahi mea kotoa;
taleniti, ngaahi ta’u
fanau, fale, mo e koloa.

Na ligaqu na Kalou
mo ni taura tu oqo
me'u sa ogataka ga
ka ni bula vou ko ya.

Take my will and make it Thine,
it shall be no longer mine
Take my heart, it is Thine own,
it shall be Thy royal throne

Take my love, my Lord I pour
at Your feet, it's treasure store;
take myself and I will be
ever, only, all for Thee.

Frances Havergal

Prayers for those in Ministry

President: We belong to a tradition, founded on John and Charles Wesley, which follows the way of Jesus the Christ.

All: **This is the way of humility and love,
of integrity and service.**

President: We celebrate the lives of all who have embraced the vision of the Gospel in Aotearoa in the last two hundred years.
We are thankful for the ministry of all the baptised,

All: **called to be salt of the earth
and light to the world.**

Vice-President: We are thankful for the ministry of deacons,

All: **called to be pioneers in mission.**

Vice-President: We are thankful for the ministry of presbyters,

All: **encouraging us to be the body of Christ.**

Vice-President: We are thankful for the ministry of lay ministers, minita-a-iwi, kaikarakia and lay ministry teams, leading ministry in many parishes,

All: **showing that ministry is for all the baptised.**

Vice-President: We are thankful for the ministry of lay preachers, musicians, choir leaders and all those who lead or enhance worship,

All: **revealing the depth of ministry in Te Hāhi.**

Vice-President: We are thankful for the ministry given by stewards, parish councillors, pastoral carers, leaders of groups, those who look after church property and all those whose ministry lies within the local church and community,

All: **building God's Kingdom on earth.**

Vice-President: We are thankful for the ministry of those whose ministry lies in the Missions, and at the Synod and Connexional levels,

All: **faithfully serving the needs of Te Hāhi Weteriana o Aotearoa.**

President: In silence let us take time to reflect on all these ministries for which we are thankful, and where our ministry to each other and the world has fallen short of the vision of the Gospel.

Silence

Vice-President: God of life,
when we ignore the life-giving vision
of the Gospel,
when we fail to keep alive the prophetic
tradition,
when we forget our Methodist heritage of two
hundred years in this land,
when we neglect to serve others as you have
served us.

All: **Forgive us and bring us again to new life.**

President: We are forgiven. God's love never ends.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Inoi O Te Ariki
(The Lord's Prayer)

Minita: E Ihowa tohungia mātou
E te Karaiti tohungia mātou

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All: **E tō mātou Matua i te rangi**
Kia tapu tōu Ingoa.
Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga.
Kia meatia tau e pai ai
ki runga ki te whenua.
kia rite anō ki tō te rangi.

Homai ki a mātou aianeī
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;
nou hoki te rangatiratanga,
te kaha me te korōria,
ake, ake, ake. Āmine

Affirmation of Faith

Video by Rangatahi

The Sending Forth

Minita:

Mā te atawhai o te Atua,
hōhonu atu i tō mātou whakaaro,
te kaha o te Karaiti,
kaha ake i tō mātou hiahia;
me te tahitanga o te Wairua Tapu,
nui atu i tō mātou noho tahi;
e arahina ai me te whāngai atu i tēnei rā.

All:

Āmine.

*(May the grace of God,
deeper than our imagination,
the strength of Christ,
stronger than our need;
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
richer than our togetherness;
guide and sustain us today. 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.**

Himene: **‘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 Hīmene
a Te Hāhi Weteriana
Tune: Old 100th*

Recessional: Taku Inoi (by Maisey Rika)

*Please remain standing while the
Presidential party processes from the service.*