

Connexions

The Methodist Church of New Zealand Te Hāhi Weteriana o Aotearoa

Our Church's Mission in Aotearoa New Zealand is to reflect and proclaim the transforming love of God as revealed in Jesus Christ and declared in the Scriptures. We are empowered by the Holy Spirit to serve God in the world. The Treaty of Waitangi is the covenant establishing our nation on the basis of a power-sharing relationship, and will guide how we undertake mission.



April 2026



Welcome to the monthly newsletter of the Methodist Church of New Zealand Te Hāhi Weteriana Aotearoa

The Connexional Office

Message from the General Secretary – Rev Tara Tautari

Tēnā koutou katoa

I write this month from Yulara in the Northern Territory, Australia, where I am gathered with the General Secretaries of the Uniting Church in Australia and the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand. We have come together in this place of rooted presence, under the watch of Uluru, to reflect on leadership, on the life of our churches, and on the call of God in this time.



Uluru has not simply been a backdrop to our gathering; it has been a teacher. The land here speaks of endurance, of story, of memory held over millennia. In that space, we have found ourselves drawn again into the relationship between land and Spirit, Gospel and Covenant. We have listened to one another, to the whenua beneath our feet, and to the quiet, insistent movement of the Spirit that calls the Church to an abiding truth and faithfulness.

Yet into this sacred time came news that has shaken us.

Yesterday, we received word of the death of Rev Dr Jione Havea, a theologian, teacher, radical thinker, and friend to many across our churches. The news cast a long shadow over our gathering. We paused. We prayed. We held his wife Monica, daughter Diya, and their wider whānau and loved ones in our hearts before God. The grief was immediate and shared, felt across traditions and across the Tasman, because Jione belonged to all of us in different ways.

I first met Jione in 2006 at the World Council of Churches Assembly in Porto Alegre, Brazil, where he was part of a team leading contextual Bible studies. Even then, it was clear that he was not content with easy readings or comfortable theology. He invited us, no, required us, to



read Scripture from the margins, from the underside, from the places where the text unsettles rather than reassures. He had a way of opening the Word that exposed both its beauty and its sharp edge.

Jione's scholarship was expansive, shaped by the Pacific, attentive to context, and unafraid to cross boundaries. He brought together biblical studies, culture, politics, and lived experience in ways that challenged the Church to see more clearly and act more justly. His was not a scholarship for its own sake, but one that pressed insistently toward transformation. He carried a vision of the Church that was honest about power, courageous in its witness, and accountable to those most often unheard. He did not soften his critique. He did not dress up the truth. Instead, he held a mirror to the Church, sometimes uncomfortable, often confronting, always necessary. In doing so, he called us back to the heart of the Gospel: to justice, to humility, to a faith that is lived and embodied, not merely spoken. Here, in the shadow of Uluru, as we reflect on land and Spirit, Gospel and Covenant, his voice feels both present and urgently needed. The questions he asked of us remain. The challenges he laid before the Church do not disappear with his passing. If anything, they deepen.

And so, even as we grieve, we recognise that the work to which Jione gave his life continues. It continues in our churches, in our relationships, in our willingness to listen more deeply, to speak more truthfully, and to act more justly. We honour him best not only in our words, but in our witness. We must carry on his work.

Kua whakaaturia e ia ki a koe, e te tangata, te mea pai; a he aha ta Ihowa e rapu nei ki a koe, heoi ano ko te whakawa tika, ko te pai ki te tohu tangata, ko te whakaiti me te haere tahi i tou Atua?

Mika 6:8





An Exciting New Chapter for the Three Trusts

Ruth Bruce Chair, Methodist Mission Northern

As Chair of Methodist Mission Northern, it is my privilege to share an important milestone for our Church and Trust community: the appointment of Pam Elgar ONZM as the new Chief Executive of Methodist Mission Northern. This comes after a period of thoughtful restructure and careful review by two separate Commissioners, ushering in a unified board strengthened by collaboration between Methodist Mission Northern, Lifewise, and Airedale Property Trust.

Pam has served as Executive Chair since April 14, 2025, and her steady leadership has already contributed significantly to the stabilisation and progress of our Trusts. When the time came to appoint a Chief Executive to lead the Three Trusts, Pam offered herself for the role, and after a 4+4 Connexional Appointment process, was appointed to the role.

Meet Pam Elgar ONZM

Pam (Ngāruahine, Te Atiawa) brings a remarkable depth of experience as both an executive and a governor. Her diverse career spans the public sector, banking, and not-for-profit organisations. As CEO or General Manager, she has led Presbyterian Support Northern, Make-A-Wish Foundation, Diabetes Auckland, Surf Life Saving Northern Region, and Alzheimer’s Auckland. Pam has also served as General Manager of Community and Social Innovation with Auckland Council. Her leadership extends to governance roles with Presbyterian Support Northern, Paralympics New Zealand, and Auckland Restorative Justice Trust, as well as ongoing involvement with Gymnastics NZ, Tennis NZ, and Women in Sport Aotearoa. Pam is a founding member of the New Zealand International Relations Network and has served as President of Oceania Hockey and as a member of the International Federation of Hockey.

Pam was named an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit in 2022, in recognition of her outstanding contributions to hockey and the advancement of women. She is a founding member of Women in Sport Aotearoa and chairs the Wāhine Toa Kei Te Kokiri committee, championing bicultural progress and supporting women in sports and recreation. Pam is widely respected for her commitment to diversity, inclusion, and equity. Her collaborative spirit, open communication, collegiality, and authentic leadership have positively shaped the organisations she has served. She is known for her steady presence and excellent interpersonal skills. We are excited for the vision, wisdom, and compassion Pam will bring as we move forward together in the work of the Mission.



EMPOWERING PARISH COUNCILS An LNI Synod Roadshow to Support the Mahi of the Church

Rev Sandra Williams

On Saturday 7th March the first of a series of roadshows was held in the Lower North Island.

Led by a small team from the Synod Executive, the purpose of the day was to support the hard-working leaders of our parishes by providing training for parish councillors, empowering and equipping them to effectively carry out their governance responsibilities.

Throughout the day attendees learned about:

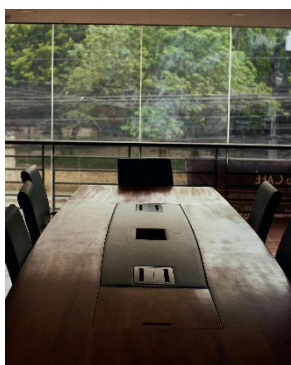




- The role of Parish Council and the relationship between Oversight (Governance) and Operations (Management)
- Charities Services reporting requirements
- Financial and property management
- Strategic planning – what it is and why it is important

Feedback from those who attended included comments around how helpful it was to gain a better understanding of their role and responsibilities as parish councillors; how relevant and worthwhile the information was; and how helpful they found it to know that they are not alone and that support is only a phone call or email away. When asked what they would like to implement in their parishes following the roadshow, several attendees identified strategic planning and financial management as areas to work on.

With requests coming from every region in the Lower North Island Synod, work is now underway to promote and present a further 5 Roadshows over the next 5 months, and we thank the Moemoea grant that has enabled the executive to provide this practical and worthwhile support to our parishes.



Progressive Christian Conference

Rev. Tony Franklin-Ross

On 19-20 June 2026, The Open Table NZ will host its first national gathering—a weekend designed to bring people together around thoughtful faith, shared humanity, and generous conversation. This conference is for people drawn to an open, inclusive, and progressive expression of Christian faith, and who are seeking connection rather than certainty.

It is being held at Somerville Church, Remuera, Auckland.

For further information, see <https://theopentable.nz/gathering/>



My god can beat your god

David Hines

I'm starting to feel hopeful about the US versus Iran war this week. Religious propaganda is playing a vicious role in the peace negotiations in Pakistan this week, but there are positive steps, too.

I believe the religious hatred that US President Donald Trump showed a month ago was shocking. It was a live link with Al Jazeera, and he said that "Christianity and Judaism cannot be beaten and Islam

will be destroyed." This followed the assassination of Iran's Supreme Leader and created the fear that there would be further assassinations coming. There was also huge uncertainty. Some thought he had abandoned negotiation, by killing the top negotiator. Others thought he was trying to make Iranians demand the end of their regime.

Though Trump was extremely hateful to Islam in that address, he was totally supportive to Muslims when he founded the Abraham Accords and also with his plan to set up a team to rebuild the Gaza strip after it was flattened by Israeli bombs but that didn't seem like very sincere support: the plan looked more like a beach resort for tourists than a home for the survivors of the Israeli attack. I think one of the most positive signs for this week's mediation is the appointment of vice-president JD Vance as chief US negotiator. The Iranians had asked for him. He is a Christian, and supports the war but has taken a moderate view of it, saying he opposed spending huge money on the war, and favored getting out of it as soon as possible. His high rank suggests that the US is taking the negotiations seriously and that they will succeed on some points at least.





It's very disappointing that the negotiation over the war in Lebanon has been shelved. It had been earmarked for a separate mediation, in Washington, but even that seems likely to fall through. I think Iran has shown a very moderate approach the way it is using the Muslim religious principle: "an eye for an eye." Their foreign minister said it means limiting retaliation, and not escalating the war. Iran has done this by killing very few people in its missiles to Israel and instead using the closure of the Strait of Hormuz as its main leverage.

The Pakistan mediators are also Muslims, and it's a change from the earlier mediators who have mainly been from Qatar. It's not clear whether the change will make a difference, but the leader of the Pakistan team said they had a tactic that includes taking the meal in small bites, because attitudes can change en route, each side needs to understand the new issues. He said: we have no magic button. The whole background for having an Israeli state in Palestine at all is a religious nightmare. Zionism is a kind of colonialism based on religion. It created a dream for Jews to return to the land some of their ancestors occupied 2000 years ago. The cruel reality came with the founding of the state of Israel in 1948, followed by a war to expel the Palestinians. Regrettably, the Palestine tragedy is not on the agenda of this week's mediation.

However the No magic button approach might include re-opening the wars in other countries: Israel, Palestine and Lebanon.

BTW: One of Trump's greatest positive achievement could be in the quality of the mediators he has enlisted. Could that get him his Nobel Prize after all?



Doors To Dignity

Christchurch Methodist Mission

Ensuring all older people are housed well

Will you help us raise a voice in support of older people in housing distress?

Kia ora! At Christchurch Methodist Mission we are running a campaign to ask the government to fund more social and affordable housing for older people.

WHY ARE WE DOING THIS?

We are seeing an alarming rise in the number of older people in housing distress, including some who are at real risk of homelessness. This situation is likely to get worse. New Zealand is not currently on track to build enough social, affordable and age-friendly houses to enable our growing population of older people to live in dignity and security. We believe it is vital to encourage MPs from all political parties to commit to finding long term solutions to this crisis. That's why we've launched the Doors to Dignity campaign. (Find out more at www.doorstodignity.nz)

HOW YOU CAN HELP

As part of the campaign we have created a Parliamentary petition which we will present to MPs in June. We'd love your help to amplify this important issue. Please sign and share the petition in your networks!

[SIGN OUR PETITION](#)

www.doorstodignity.nz | doorstodignity@mmsi.org.nz





Eden Christian Hostel – 60 years



Save the date 20/3/27

Eden Christian Hostel

RSVP here

www.edenchristianhostel.nz

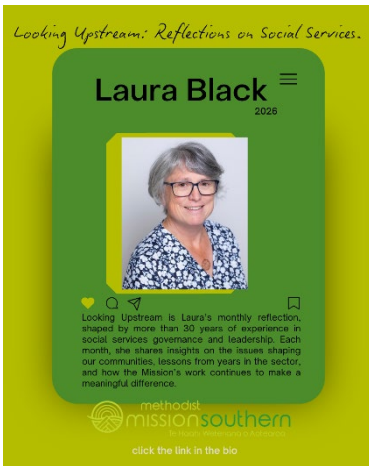


Eden Christian Hostel – 60 Years

Beth Stewart

You are invited to the 60th Anniversary of Eden Christian Hostel on the 20/03/2027. The property has had different uses over the years including a Missionary boarding house and the site for The Assemblies Bible School, now Pathways Bible College.

Please feel free to pass on to those who have connections to the hostel.



Looking Upstream: Reflections on Social Services

Julie Roberts

This year on LinkedIn, Methodist Mission Southern will share a monthly reflection from Laura Black, drawing on more than 30 years of experience in social services governance and leadership. Each post reflects on the issues shaping our communities, the lessons learned over decades in the sector, and how the Mission's work continues to make a meaningful difference. You can read them at LinkedIn /MethodistMissionSouthern.



Ministry equipping events coming up

Silvia Purdie

Richard Black is offering a free 1-hour session on **Building a Healthy Pastoral Care System that Grows with Your Church**

Tues 21st April, 1:00 pm

<https://events.humanitix.com/pastoral-system>

For anyone interested in the nervous system and trauma, I highly recommend

The Power of Resilience: an Introduction to Trauma-Informed Practice

Presented by Amanda Hanna from SomaPsych.

Saturday 18 April, 9.00-11.00am

\$45

<https://events.humanitix.com/the-power-of-resilience>

And - the main thing that I would love you to please promote through your regional network - we are delighted to launch the **Equip Series**. This is a series, on a Monday evening once a month, with top quality practical teaching especially designed for home group leaders, and those who offer pastoral care in their church. I am kicking it off with my colleague Sunia Pasi, with an introduction on **Monday 4 May, 7pm**. Check out the full list on my Seminars web page.

Koha registration

<https://events.humanitix.com/equip-may>





Petition Calls for Greater Support for the Homeless and Vulnerable People

Tekih Veikoso

"If I had no safe place to go, where would I go"? And If I do not comply, I could face criminal charges".

People who are homeless and vulnerable need proper support, not punishment, for simply trying to survive.

Tekih Veikoso is enlivening the Christchurch West Methodist Congregation through her commitment to justice, service, and faith. She is rangatahi, a proud Tongan, and a wāhine toa who carries herself with quiet strength and mana. A human rights lawyer based in Wellington and Christchurch, she specialises in Te Tiriti o Waitangi work, Māori Land Court matters, and broader human rights advocacy, supported by a strong background in political studies. Grounded in her faith and a deep sense of responsibility to serve others, Tekih has recently launched a

parliamentary petition calling on the House of Representatives not to introduce police move-on powers that could criminalise people experiencing homelessness and vulnerability, and instead call for proper support, not punishment.

Tekih invites you to share the link to the petition with friends, whānau and wider communities in the hope that members of Parliament will be encouraged and persuaded to oppose the proposed changes to the Summary Offences Act 1981. These changes would introduce move-on powers, with penalties or imprisonment for non-compliance, which risk criminalising people experiencing homelessness and vulnerability, particularly where there is no safe place to go. Tekih shares the rationale behind the petition. My concern is that such powers may push people who are already struggling further into hardship, rather than ensuring they receive the help, support, and pathways to safety that they need. It must start with helping these people get into safe and stable homes, surrounding them with care, dignity, and genuine support, through processes that not long, stressful, or overwhelming.

Homelessness is increasing because the longer people live on the streets, the easier it is for them to refuse to live in a home and return to a system that is often exhausting and hard to navigate. Over time, many reach a point of disengagement, where the streets can feel like the less stressful option. However, the system should not have placed people in that position in the first place. But because we are here, there is now the responsibility to push for meaningful change.

As members of the Te Hāhi Weteriana o Aotearoa, we are called to live out the love and grace of God revealed in Jesus Christ, and to remain actively concerned with all life while continuing to talk and walk justice. In that spirit, I believe it is important that our society prioritises compassion, dignity, and support for those most vulnerable.

This issue also touches on our wider commitments as a Church in Aotearoa, including our commitment to Te Tiriti o Waitangi and our shared responsibility to uphold justice and care within our communities. I would greatly appreciate you taking a moment to **READ, SIGN AND SHARE** the Petition within your church community, whānau, and wider networks. Strong collective support can gather the signatures needed to bring this issue before Parliament and bring it to light for meaningful consideration.

The Petition closes on Tuesday 2 March 2027, by 11:59pm.

The petition can be viewed, signed, and shared using this link: [Click here](#)





Waiuku and Districts Combined Churches

We are seeking a full-time or part-time minister with an understanding of Presbyterian/Methodist worship and leadership styles. Our parish comprises two churches, located in the town of Waiuku and on the Awhitu Peninsula.

The minister will

- lead with a vision and be able to motivate and delegate
- have a servant leadership approach
- be open to a variety of worship and spiritual expressions
- have strong interpersonal and pastoral skills
- be able to focus on cultivating an inclusive and welcoming environment.

A comprehensive parish profile is available on request. Please contact Rev Keleva Faleatua kfaleatuasjpc@outlook.com or mobile 021 313 954.

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Efalata Trust

Educational Facilitating Academy

Rekindle the Vā of Papatūānuku Grant Fund Story

Rev. Veitomonu Siufanga (General Manager of Efalata Trust)

We are deeply honoured to be a recipient

of the Rekindle the Va of Papatūānuku Fund 2025. This support marks a significant milestone for our organisation, enabling us to formally launch the Kai Mo'ui Lelei Project and expand our commitment to strengthening community wellbeing in a culturally grounded and sustainable way.

This funding allows us to nurture and restore the sacred relationship between Pasifika families and Papatūānuku. Through growing healthy food, promoting holistic wellbeing, and reconnecting with traditional knowledge systems, the project honours Pacific values while embracing the shared responsibility of caring for our environment.

We are especially grateful to **Kirikiroa Mara**e, who have generously provided land for this initiative. On this whenua, we have established eleven planter boxes and invited eleven community groups, Tongan, Samoan, Fijian, Kiribati, Tokelauan, Māori, Cook Islands, Niuean, Sri Lankan, and Taiwanese communities, to participate in planting seasonal vegetables. Kūmara and watermelon have also been planted as part of our collective effort. Planting began in November, with our first harvest taking place in December. The vegetables were shared freely among families and community members, who expressed deep appreciation for access to fresh, organically grown produce. We are now replanting in preparation for the winter season, ensuring the sustainability and continuity of the garden.

To further strengthen the impact of the project, we host cooking workshops every second Thursday using vegetables harvested from the garden. These sessions equip families with practical skills to prepare nutritious meals and conclude with a shared meal together, fostering connection, learning, and a sense of belonging. The Rekindle the Va of Papatūānuku Fund not only supports the practical establishment of this project, including garden development, tools, workshops, and resources, but also affirms the importance of culturally led, community-driven solutions. It recognises that sustainable change occurs when communities are empowered to lead initiatives rooted in their own cultural knowledge, lived experiences, and collective values.

Through the Kai Mo'ui Lelei Project, we aim to:

- Empower Pasifika families and others with the knowledge and practical skills to grow seasonal vegetables.





- Encourage healthy eating habits and strengthen food security.
- Foster intergenerational learning and deepen cultural identity through reconnecting with the land.
- Promote sustainable practices that benefit both present and future generations.

We look forward to seeing families grow not only nourishing food, but also confidence, resilience, unity, and a renewed cultural connection to the land. This initiative is more than a garden, it is a space of learning, healing, and shared hope for our communities.



My Home Town – Hokitika

Rosalie Sugrue

For the past four years I have been working on a memoir that traces my New Zealand heritage from the eight great-grandparents who arrived in the South Island during the gold rush era and are all buried in the Hokitika Cemetery. I wanted to tribute these pioneers and their descendants who made major contributions to building communities. Each individual left Europe and ventured into the unknown hoping for more than Europe could offer them. They followed gold trails, one going to California before moving to Victoria's goldfields, several others sought fortunes in Australia and Otago before

reaching Westland where they settled. The west has a reputation for being wild, a lawless place where gambling and debauchery dominate. But that is not how it was for those who settled. Churches were prominent in their communities. These grafters raised Christian families, wanting a better life for their families than their home towns had given them. As heritage shapes the people we are and the values we hold I wanted my descendants to know of those who had gone before with understanding of their lives.

Being the oldest left in my generation of cousins and as the inheritor of historic photos and letters, I wanted to share stories unknown to the wider family set against historic happenings. In so doing what was a memoir has morphed into a small slice of social history. It was publishing in March. Being in eBook format has enabled me to include many photos and documents some in colour. With church and community featuring so large in my life I have shared a vast array of photos of church events - Bible Class Camps, Youth Conferences and Uniformed Youth Groups, along with various community activities, and school photos - formal class photos and candid snaps taken at various schools. I also illustrate my time of nursing at Seaview Psychiatric Hospital, and student life in Christchurch where I was a boarder at Methodist Deaconess House. I invited five of my peers to share some of their stories that intersect with mine to give a wider view of living in the peaceful era that was shaped by two world wars.

My publisher Philip Garside has done a wonderful job of improving the appearance of poor quality snaps and photos marred by age. He has also provided an index of around 450 names of persons who are mentioned in the text or in captions under photos. You can check if you are one of them by clicking on this link: People Index PDF: <https://pgplebookstodownload.s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/My-Home-Town-Hokitika-People-Index-B.pdf>

Philip Garside also used AI to generate a couple of fun videos you can enjoy by opening these links:

Video 1: (5 minutes) <https://pgplebookstodownload.s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/Video-Summary-1-My-Home-Town-Hokitika.mp4>

Video 2: (2 minutes) <https://pgplebookstodownload.s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/Video-Summary-2-My-Home-Town-Hokitika.mp4>

'My Home Town – Hokitika' is a reflection on the village that raised me to be immersed in Christian values.





South Island Methodist Synod - Te Hinota Weteriana o te Waipounamu

Rev Dale Peach

2026 Kete Aroha o Waipounamu

School of Theology

9am Friday 8 to

5pm Saturday 9 May 2026

in the Aldersgate Centre, 309 Durham Street, Central Christchurch

Enrolments are required by Monday 27 April

To receive the detailed programme and enrolment form please email

kaw@aldersgate.org.nz Cost \$150 – includes all meals

Theme: Being God’s Beloved Community

1 Thessalonians 1:2-4

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters, beloved by God, that he has chosen you. NRSVUE

Timetable:

Friday 8 May

9.00am - Welcome and Morning Devotions

9.30am – **Session 1– Being God’s Beloved Community**

Presented by Rev Dr Lucy D’Aeth and Losana Korovulavula

A strength-based approach to what everyone brings to the community of God, including a short background on wellbeing theory

Morning tea and Lunch provided

2.00pm - **Session 2 – Growing God’s Beloved Community**

Presented by Dr Lynne Taylor

An exploration the contemporary processes by which people decide to investigate and embrace Christianity.

Afternoon Tea and Evening Meal provided

7:15-9.00pm – Optional Social Time

Saturday 9 May

9.00am - Morning Devotions

9.30am - **Session 3 - Strengthening God’s Beloved Community**

Presented by Rev Dr JooHong Kim and Rev Dr Mary Caygill

i. Some Characteristics of God’s Beloved Community

ii. Local Church Examples, with time to questions and sharing.

Morning tea and Lunch provided

2.00pm - **Session 4 - Celebrating God’s Beloved Community**

Presented by Rev Lyn Heine

A creative session for participants to further explore the thoughts and themes of the previous three sessions.

Afternoon Tea provided

4.30pm – closing Communion Service

5pm finish

There is the option, for all who wish, to continue fellowship over a meal at a local restaurant - ‘pay for yourself’. Please note – to get the full benefit from this school of theology ideally a participant needs to attend both days. The context for the learning will be significantly lessened if a participant only attends the Saturday programme.

Cost: \$150pp - this includes all meals, as indicated in the timetable – due 11 May.

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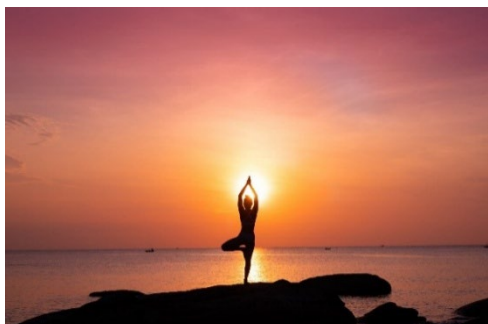




Accommodation suggestion:

At the time of publishing this information, The Grange Boutique B&B and Motel, which is a short 270m walk from Aldersgate, had motel studio units available at around \$150/night. They also provide breakfast for a cost.

Many thanks to the PAC Grants committee who have supported this event.



Meditation

The Connexional Office

Find a place of stillness and allow yourself to settle. Let your breath slow, your body soften, and simply arrive in this moment.

Become aware of the ground beneath you. Even now, you stand on land that holds story, soil, memory, and life beyond your knowing. Let yourself listen, without needing to understand.

Turn to your breath. As it moves in and out, remember:

the Spirit is already here. Gently ask, *Spirit of God, what are you stirring in me?* Receive whatever comes, word, feeling, or silence.

Bring to mind your life in the Connexion- your ministry, your relationships. Beneath what is obvious, what is the truth waiting to be named? Stay with it, even if it unsettles.

Now widen your awareness to the Church. Hold before God those who grieve, those who seek justice, those who lead with quiet faithfulness. Simply be present with them.

Notice what invitation rests with you, one small, faithful step. Hold it lightly.

And so we pray:

God of land and Spirit,
ground us in what is true,
open us to what is unfolding,
and keep us faithful in what is ours to do.

Āmine.



Prayer Focus

The Connexional Office

God of land and Spirit,
God who speaks in silence and in story,

Draw us into a way of being
not hurried, not shallow,
but grounded and attentive.

Teach us to listen:
to the whenua beneath us,

to the voices around us,
to the truth within us that we often avoid.

In our grieving, hold us.

In our remembering, guide us.

In our living, disturb us where we have become comfortable.

Give us courage to follow the questions that unsettle,
and grace to remain when the answers are not easy.

Shape us as a people who do not turn away from truth,
but who walk it





with humility,
with justice,
with love.

And in all things,
may we be faithful
to the work you place before us.

Āmine.

