



**June 2025**



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

The Connexional Office

As the stars of Matariki rise once more in our skies, we are drawn into a sacred rhythm of remembrance, renewal, and reimagining. Matariki invites us to pause — to give thanks for those who have gone before, to gather with those who walk beside us, and to look ahead with hope and intention.

It is in this spirit that we signal some changes to the way we will be sharing news and pānui through Connexions. Having listened closely to your feedback, we've heard the call to make this platform more focused, more relevant, and more connected to the life of our Church — in all its diversity, mission, and movement. Over the coming months, you'll notice a shift toward more streamlined and tailored communications, designed to reflect the pulse of Te Hāhi and speak more directly to the stories that matter across our Connexion.

We'll share more details with you as our plans take shape, but for now, we simply want to acknowledge the journey — and thank you for walking it with us.

May this Matariki season bring rest for your body, renewal for your spirit, and reconnection with the people and places that nourish your soul.

I leave you with this karakia for Matariki:

### **A Prayer for Matariki**

E te Atua o te Ao, God of stars and seasons, as Matariki rises in the sky once more, we pause to remember, to give thanks, and to hope.

We remember those who have gone before us— our loved ones, our tūpuna, those whose lives shaped our own, and whose stories continue to guide us.

We give thanks for the harvests of the year past— for lessons learned, aroha shared, for moments of struggle and joy, for the breath that still fills our lungs.

We look with hope to the year ahead— seeking your guidance, your grace, your Spirit to renew our call to justice, to peace, to the healing of people and whenua.

As Matariki's stars shimmer in the night sky, may they draw us near to what truly endures: whakapapa, whanaungatanga, moemoeā — our roots, our relationships, our sacred dreams.

E te Atua o ngā wā katoa, bless this new season. Make us bold in faith, tender in compassion, and steadfast in our care for creation and for each other.

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## Remember in your Prayers

The Connexional Office

It is with sadness that I advise you of the passing of Deacon Richard Williams at Tamahere, on the 22nd of April 2025.

Following ordination in 1999, Richard ministered as a Deacon, in the Northcote Parish; then as part of the Community Organisations Pastoral Team at St Lukes Methodist Parish in Birkenhead; at Airedale Street Methodist Inner City Ministries and following this at the Local Ecumenical Project at Glenfield. Richard was also involved in the Disabled Community as an advocate.

Richard moved to Whanganui and worked at the City Mission until 2010, when he retired to the beach, accompanied by his faithful little friend, Millie the dog, where he spent time riding his mobility scooter in all sorts of places, meeting people and sharing their journeys. Then onto Thames, and as his health failed, into care at Tamahere Eventide.

He is survived by Hazel, Craig, Sarah and Wendy, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren

There has been a private farewell for Richard.

Ngā manaakitanga

**Rev Tara Tautari** | General Secretary

We acknowledge with sadness the passing of Janice Slinn (née McLean) on Tuesday in Palmerston North Hospital, following a brief illness. Janice was the beloved wife of Rev. Stuart Slinn, a retired presbyter who has served faithfully in a range of ministry and Connexional appointments across the years.

Janice and Stuart were married in 1999 at Bank Street Methodist Church in Timaru, where Stuart was stationed at the time. They continued to serve in various ministries, including supply appointments, until settling in retirement in Feilding. Janice had been receiving care at Ranfurly Home in Feilding in recent years, and Stuart also became a resident there last year.

A memorial service for Janice will be held in Feilding at a later date. We hold Stuart and all who grieve in our prayers.

Ngā manaakitanga

**Rev Tara Tautari** | General Secretary





## Powerful Documentary to Premiere at Film Festival

Ady Shannon

Doc Edge is a NZ not-for-profit charitable trust that supports and showcases the power of documentary storytelling. Their annual festival this year celebrates 20 years and features 49 international documentaries. Included in the selection of bold, inspiring and impactful stories from around the world is *The Promise*.

**THE PROMISE** Dir. Daan Veldhuizen | Netherlands | 2025 | 115 min | International Premiere A forgotten promise by the Netherlands for the independence of the Indigenous people of West Papua, has turned into the world's most

neglected genocide. The documentary is both a historical view of the 1960s takeover of West Papua and about the current struggle through interviews with Papuans in exile.

Promotional information says: 'Through uniquely restored and colourised 35mm archival footage, the film brings this untold history back to life, revealing how an entire people is systematically betrayed and oppressed.'

With gripping stories of Papuans in exile and their struggle for recognition, director Veldhuizen paints a painful picture of how colonialism gave way to neocolonialism, and how the world remained silent.'

The Promise will be screened in:

### Auckland

- 1 July 2025 - 8:15pm - Bridgeway Cinema
- 6 July 2025 - 5:00pm - The Capitol Cinema

### Wellington

- 20 July 2025 - 5:15pm - Roxy Cinema

### Christchurch

- 20 July 2025 - 1:15pm - Lumière Cinemas

For information and tickets [Click Here.](#)



## Sister Eveleen Retreat House.

Antje Duda

'Take, Lord and receive all my liberty...Give me your love and your grace for this is sufficient for me.' [234]SE

**Praying with St Ignatius - Exploring major themes of the Spiritual Exercises and meeting God through them.** Join Sister Eveleen Retreat House and Ignatian Spiritual Director Colin Renouf for this 2-night silent retreat exploring the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola. We will begin by reflecting on: Who was Ignatius? And what are 'The Spiritual Exercises'? Then we will consider some of the key themes of the Exercises: Radically Loved, Principle & Foundation, Freedom, Desire,

Contemplating Christ and ending with how we are delightfully loved by God. The goal of the Exercises is to grow in union with God, thus gaining inner freedom and becoming more like Christ who was free to love and to serve.

Monday, 23 June (9am) - Wed 26 June 2025 (2pm) - with Colin Renouf

[More info and registration](#)

[Here is a short clip](#)





## Sister Eveleen Retreat House.

Antje Duda

**Praying with Evelyn Underhill**, 14 -20 Sept 2025 7-day silent directed retreat (with daily spiritual direction)

Evelyn Underhill (1875–1941) believed all of life was sacred, a conviction rooted in her understanding of the Incarnation. Born into a secular but privileged family, her early mystical experiences sparked a lifelong exploration of Christian spirituality. A pioneering theologian and author of over 30 books, she was the first woman to lecture to Church of England clergy, lead official retreats, and teach theology in English universities. This retreat draws on her writings on prayer to illuminate and deepen our own spiritual journeys.

[More info and registration](#)

[Here is a short clip](#)



## Explore Kei Muri Māpara

Kei Muri Māpara - Archives

The archival collections at Kei Muri Māpara, The Methodist Church of New Zealand Archives, span over 200 years of Aotearoa's history. As the national archive for Te Hāhi Weteriana, we care for over 1.5 km of original records from across the motu.

We've recently launched our new Recollect site, where we're steadily digitising our collections to make them accessible online. Nearly 5,000 items are already available – with more added all the time!

Visit [Kei Muri Māpara](#) to uncover stories of Māori and missionaries, women and the vote, social reform, justice, and much more.

Stay connected with us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) to follow our latest updates and see highlights from the archive.





## But what are your critical risks?

Trudy Downes

'WorkSafe to refocus from an enforcement agency to one that engages early to support businesses and individuals to manage their critical risks'

Focusing on critical risks is a great way of looking at keeping people safe and healthy. But to know what the critical risks are, you have to have a list of those risks. Have you got yours yet?

Health and safety risks are only a subset of the overall risks that an organisation might face, and to be honest, I don't think they should be treated any differently from any of the other sorts of risks that an organisation might deal with. Therefore, the risks must be identified; what will stop or hinder an organisation from achieving its desired goals? And then, which out of those should be considered the critical ones? Simply put, I would classify the critical ones as the ones with the most potential to cause the most harm.

Where to start? I would recommend starting with your strategic plan, which will include your organisation/team's desired goals.

- Vision Statement
- Mission Statement
- Values
- Goals

And then work out the risks that will stop or hinder the goals, part of which will be any health and safety concerns, which, after considering any property maintenance items, may include asbestos contamination, poor roof access, leaks and floods, etc.

Once you have a list of risks, start controlling them, prioritising those that require the most immediate attention:

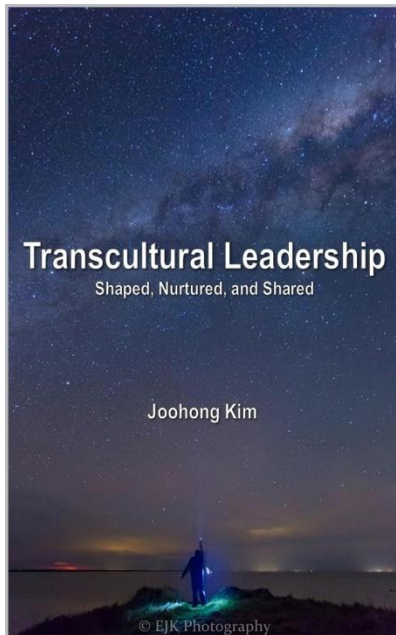
- Highly likely to occur, and
- Highly likely to create great harm if they do occur

Monitor the controls over time to ensure they are still effective, if they haven't already and completely eliminated the risks, particularly focusing on the risks that were deemed most critical.

Sounds easy right?

Strategic direction is not a one person job and comes from your board or leadership council, so if you don't have your strategic plan available yet then talk your leadership team into making a start!

Alternatively, [please contact me](#) if you require assistance. I can help with a structure for your strategic plan and risk register, but I cannot do them for you!



## Transcultural Leadership: Formed, Nurtured, and Shared

Rev Dr Joohong Kim

The main idea of this book originated from pastoral concerns about church leaders in New Zealand, who were struggling with leadership challenges in parish ministry. They are defined as “transcultural leaders” who speak English as a second language and minister to the parishioners of European descent. Being mindful of the challenges which include language barriers, cultural differences, theological diversity, and colonial mentality, the book introduces a model of leadership that was developed through literary review on multi-cultural leadership as well as leadership in general, biblical exegesis and examination, and a case study. Emphasising a lifelong leadership development, this book attempts to help transcultural leaders enhance leadership competences and bring out the best in themselves.

**Chapter One** explores the ministry context of a suburban parish—Crossway Community Church—in Christchurch, New Zealand, where transcultural leadership has been exercised for

the last sixteen years. A brief history of two congregations—Presbyterian and Methodist—is introduced, and the specific circumstances caused by the Christchurch Earthquakes 2011 are described, under which the parish practiced its collaborative leadership in response to a natural disaster. The description includes the post-earthquake ministry, strategic planning, a public-private partnership project with the Christchurch City Council, and a multilateral partnership project. The chapter closes with the story of youth worker appointment.

**Chapter Two** begins with exploring the contemporary culture that has a strong influence on the lives of people. A better understanding of the current culture is critical for church leadership in that it has formed the cultural context of parish ministry. Being aware of the external context that surrounds the church and of the challenges that church leaders of color are facing, the chapter explores transcultural leadership, which includes its definition and characteristics, and clarifies the target context that this project aims at in the development of a model of transcultural leadership. The chapter also points out the challenges and potentials that contemporary culture brings.

**Chapter Three** attempts to identify biblical principles for leadership in general, and for transcultural leadership specifically, as well. The parable of “The Prodigal Son” in Luke 15 is studied in search of a new leadership paradigm for church leadership in the contemporary ministry context. It also explores the stories of six leaders in Scripture who exercised transcultural leadership—Joseph, Moses, Daniel, Esther, Mordecai, and Paul—in the hope to identify leadership principles for the contemporary church leaders who are, or will be, engaged in the transcultural ministry.

**Chapter Four** establishes a model of transcultural leadership by introducing a Transcultural Leadership Window that comprises a rectangular pane and the four frames that illustrate five transcultural leadership components. As part of the development, a new leadership paradigm is introduced, which is undergirded by two biblical leadership principles—sharing compassion and valuing spontaneity—that were identified in the previous chapter. The chapter also expounds colonial mentality, which is believed to be the greatest obstacle for transcultural leaders. Finally, the chapter presents the implications for the ministry challenges in the life of the Methodist Church of New Zealand.



## Methodist Mission Southern: Braiding Strength – Whakapau kaha ki te ao

Julie Roberts

"A cord of three strands is not quickly broken."  
— Ecclesiastes 4:12 "Whakapau kaha ki te ao" –  
Be strong and face the world. — Te ao Māori  
whakataukī

Puaka Matariki gives us a space to pause and look both backwards and forwards — to remember those who have gone, reflect on where we are, and prepare for what lies ahead. At the Methodist Mission Southern, whether in our Youth Transition Houses or in our early learning centre, Little Citizens — we often find

ourselves in spaces where worlds are braided together: te ao Māori and te ao Pākehā, different cultures, languages, and ways of being; lived experience and sacred hope; challenge and restoration.

At Little Citizens, this braiding happens in everyday moments — like in the Kotuku Café – 3 ½ to 5-year-olds, where Kaiako (teacher) Julia has begun working with Tamariki (children) and their whānau to gather a favourite family recipe from home. Each week, she prepares one of these dishes with the children, so they can share the tastes, smells, and stories of their own cultures with one another. It's more than kai — it's belonging, pride, and connection served on a plate. At the Youth Transition Houses, we see this braiding of support through relationships. One young person told us:

"I came from a place where my needs weren't met... The Youth Transition House helped me get a bank account, my learner's licence, and motivation for study. It taught me how to look after myself — things I'll carry for life."

Another reflected:

"It was a break from the chaos. The staff actually care — they don't just do a job, they're there to help. I had no support system, and now I do. That changed everything."

What we witness is not rescue — it's restoration. Not a service for them, but a journey with them. The young people, the staff, and those who support this work are each a strand in something strong and enduring.

"A cord of three strands is not quickly broken."

Puaka Matariki reminds us not only to reflect but to prepare the path to the distant horizon "Whakaritea te ara i te pae tawhiti, kia tūtuki ai ngā moemoeā." Prepare the path to the distant horizon, so dreams may be achieved.

When rangatahi and tamariki are held in safe spaces, where their culture is honoured and their gifts are seen, they begin to stand taller — and they learn to whakapau kaha ki te ao: "Be strong and face the world." So this Puaka Matariki, may we each ask ourselves: Where can I help braid strength? Whose journey can I stand beside? And how can we all help one another prepare for the horizon ahead?

May we all find ways to "whakapau kaha ki te ao" — and to help others do the same.

\*Here in the South, we say Puaka Matariki, as the star Puaka rises first before Matariki. Both tohu (signs) are acknowledged and celebrated in our region.



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Please email [Julie](mailto:Julie) or phone: 027 267 8140 to receive our monthly e-newsletters and connect with us on our various social media channels.



## Warm greetings from the Theology Programme at the University of Otago.

Professor Paul Trebilco Theology Programme, University of Otago

As you're probably aware, our Theology Programme offers a range of papers, both on-campus and through our distance learning programme.

This year we are again offering CHTH236/336, Māori Religion and Theology, which will be taught as an intensive from 23-27 June at Ohope Christian Marae in the Bay of Plenty. This comes highly recommended. A student who has done this course comments: "Staying in the wharenuī was a really unique experience for me. The fact that it was a wharenuī based upon Jesus was the most interesting teaching tool I've ever encountered!" We also have another block course from 7-11 July on Christian Theology and the Arts, focusing on Architecture (in Dunedin) – PAST 322/MINS414. Both Block

Courses are being taught by Prof Murray Rae.

Among other regular papers, you might consider studying The Gospels (BIBS 221/321, taught by Dr Don Moffat), Theology and the Environment (CHTH 224/324, taught by Dr Andrew Shepherd), Cultures, Migration and Faith (PAST 314/MINS 408, taught by Dr Lynne Taylor), Theology and Human Well-Being (CHTH 323/423, taught by visiting lecturer, Prof Alan Torrance), or Pastoral Theology: Moana-Pacific Perspectives (PAST 225/325, taught by Dr Terry Pouono)

We are also offering a paper on Christianity, War and Violence (CHTH 231/331) in the Pre-Christmas Summer School from 10 Nov – 13 Dec. The paper will be taught as a Distance paper by Dr Andrew Shepherd, so you can take the paper from anywhere.

We would be extremely grateful if you could support us in this work by making known details of our programme wherever appropriate. [See below for potential wording for a newsletter notice.]

Further details about each paper is available [here](#).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by [email](mailto:email) or phone 03 479 8639. We greatly appreciate your support and your enquiries and feedback are always welcome.

To enrol [click here](#).

To keep up to date, like us on [Facebook](#).

With best wishes

## Professional Development Grants

Rev Dr Susan Thompson

**Due dates for 2025 Applications 15th August 15th November**

Professional Development grants are funded by Te Hāhi Weteriana o Aotearoa, the Methodist Church of New Zealand. The fund is administered by the Professional Development Grants Committee (PDG), which has membership from both Te Taha Māori and Tauīwi. Funds are allocated equally to Te Taha Māori and to Tauīwi applicants in any one year.

Professional development is the acquisition of skills and experience that will enhance ministry. It encompasses academic learning, the development of tikanga/mātauranga Māori, spiritual formation, and the development of practical ministry skills.

### **Priority in 2025-2026 will be given to training opportunities which will:**

- enhance theological development aligned with our Methodist ethos and bicultural journey
- reflect our diverse church/community context of Aotearoa
- offer opportunities to first-time applicants and young people
- resource as many people as possible from a limited pool of funding

**Find application forms, eligibility criteria and guidelines** on the MCNZ website under Mahi (Grants and Funding) or contact the PDG Secretary [Sonia Faulkner](#)

Please note for applications or enquiries during August, these should be sent to [Rev Dr Susan Thompson](#) - Chair of the PDG Committee.

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## Senior Minister for Waiuku and Districts Combined Churches

Sandra Gibbons

We are seeking a full-time senior minister.

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
- 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.

### **Closing date for applications is 31 July 2025.**

A comprehensive parish profile is available on request. Please contact [Rev Keleva Faleatua](#) or mobile 021 313 954.

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## Opportunities for service

Viv Whimster

The interdenominational New Zealand Lay Preachers Association is keen to enlarge its group of Executive members and office bearers. Who is there in your parish who might be interested in supporting the vital work of Lay Preachers in our congregations? We are looking for people from denominations other than, and including Methodist, and at any stage of the Lay Preaching journey. If yours is a Co-operating or Union Parish, you may have someone who hasn't thought about this group!

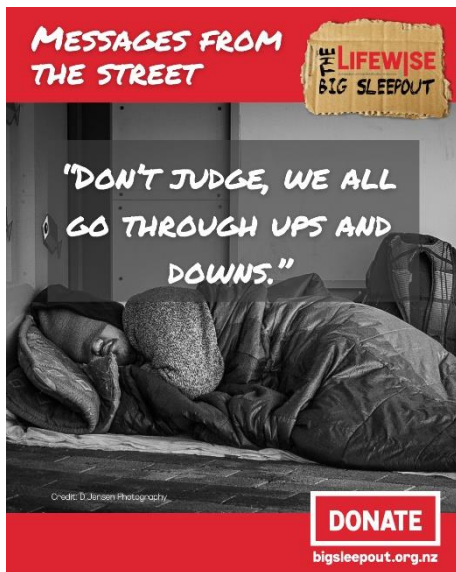
The Methodist Lay Preachers Network is also hoping to find additional co-convenors from across the motu. Please think about the lay people in your congregation who may be able to contribute to this ministry and pass on any names to:

Email NZLPA Secretary [Kirstie Prangley](#).

or

Email Methodist Lay Preachers Network Convenor [Viv Whimster](#).





## Lifewise Big Sleepout 2025: Raising Urgency, Raising Hope

Cha Clarino

It's easy to judge someone sleeping rough — but the reality is, it could happen to any of us. A single, devastating life event — such as job loss or business failure, a serious health issue, or the breakdown of a relationship — can leave someone without a stable place to live. That's why it's crucial for both community members and leaders to understand and support the mahi aimed at tackling this urgent issue.

To help address this growing need, Lifewise has revived the Big Sleepout (BSO) for 2025. Taking place on 10th July at AUT City Campus, the Big Sleepout is Lifewise's flagship fundraising event, where business and community leaders spend one night sleeping rough. The goal is to raise vital funds and spotlight the escalating issue of homelessness in

our city — where recent data shows a [53 percent increase](#) in the number of people sleeping rough in Auckland since September.

Among those participating at this year's BSO are Rob Campbell (Chancellor of AUT), Antonia Watson (CEO of ANZ), Mike Marr (CE of TPT), and Jason Roberts (Executive Director of FinTechNZ), Judges Jelas and Fitzgerald, Sarah Trotman ONZM (Waitemata Local board member) alongside other notable participants lending their voices to the cause.

All funds raised will go directly to Lifewise Merge Café & Community. Merge Café serves as a crucial first point of contact for Auckland's street whānau during times of crisis — offering not only hot meals, but also warm, engaging kōrero with our friendly staff and peer support workers. More than just a meal, Merge is a trusted space that helps people access housing, support networks, and the resources they need to rebuild their lives.

Donate or sponsor a participant at: Email [Big Sleep Out](#).



## Craft Supplies Bazaar.

Jenny Brawley

The Papanui Rotary Club is holding a craft bazaar at **Papanui High School Hall (30 Langdons Rd).** **Saturday 12 July 2025 from 9am till 5pm.**

The money raised will go to the Christchurch Aunties and PIPS charities.



## Healthy Homes

Wendy Anderson | Insurance and Property Manager

Now is a good time to remind Synods, Rohe, Missions, Parishes, Property Managers and Landlords that the final deadline for Healthy Homes is closing in.

This is a reminder that by 1 July 2025 **all rental properties (including Parsonages)** will need to meet the Healthy Homes requirements.

This includes the required standards for smoke alarms, insulation, heating, ventilation, moisture ingress and drainage and draught stopping.

Attached for your information is the Healthy Homes Toolkit for Landlords and the required standards and compliance statement:

- Healthy homes guide for landlords - Helping you understand your responsibilities, and how to make sure your investment is healthy and stays that way.
- Is your rental up to scratch? A simple checklist to identify what work needs doing on your rental to meet the standards.
- Keeping your property up to standard - A simple checklist to help you keep your property up to scratch
- Compliance Statement (to be included in all Tenancy Agreements)
- Insurance Statement - Landlords must provide insurance information in any new tenancy agreement, including whether or not the property is insured, and the excess amount of any relevant policies

The Tenancy Services website has information on the timeframes and what you need to do. You will find all you need to know in the Healthy Homes Standards Toolkit for landlord. Landlords that do not comply with the Healthy Homes requirements could face a fine of up to \$7,200. If you do not include the compliance statement in your tenancy agreement you face a financial penalty of up to \$500 for each tenancy.

If you haven't had your rental property or Parsonage inspected, book an assessment with a reputable Healthy Homes inspector now.

For more information, please see PDF Links:

- [Landlord guide to the healthy homes standards use this guide to make sure your rental is healthy and stays that way.](#)
- [The healthy homes standards checklist](#)
- [Keeping your property up to standard](#)
- [8113 HHS Compliance Statement](#)

If you have any questions, please the contact the Connexional Office Insurance and Property Team.





## Annual Programme 2025

"A HOUSE OF PRAYER AND SPIRITUAL HELP  
FOR THE GLORY OF GOD"  
Sister Eveleen Barklie 1939

## Matariki Greetings + Mid-Year Retreat Update from Sister Eveleen

Antje Duda

*Kia ora koutou and Matariki greetings from Sister Eveleen Retreat House. As we reach the middle of the year and celebrate Matariki — a time of reflection, renewal, and new beginnings — we warmly invite you to take a fresh look at our updated **Annual Programme** for 2025. (A [pdf version](#) is*

*attached for printing out and putting on your notice board) We would be grateful if you could help us spread the word by sharing this information in your **parish newsletter, bulletin, noticeboard, or social media**. Many people find us through personal recommendation, so every mention makes a real difference. We have a rich variety of retreats on offer in the second half of the year, including:*

### 7-Day Silent Retreats

- Preached Retreats
- Directed Retreats – e.g. [Participating in the Trinity](#), [Evelyn Underhill](#), and more.

### Themed & Spirituality-Based Retreats

- [Ignatian Spirituality](#)
- [Trinity Retreat](#) (Participating in the Trinity)
- [The "I Am" Statements of Jesus](#)
- [Praying the Psalms - Hearts Ablaze](#)
- [Retreats for people working in ministry](#)
- [Franciscan Spirituality](#)

### Creative Retreats

- [Sacred Maps](#)
- [Creative Writing](#)

### Day Retreats & Prayer Vigils

- Themed day retreats ([The Enneagram](#) and [every last Thursday of the month](#))
- [Prayer Vigils](#) and contemplative gatherings

All of our retreats offer time, space, and spiritual nourishment — whether you are seeking silence, creativity, reflection, or deeper prayer.

We also welcome:

- **Self-guided day visits or retreats**
- [Overnight personal retreats](#)
- **Whole-house bookings** for your own group, prayer gathering, or retreat

While we are something of a hidden treasure on the hill, most people find us through word of mouth — so if you know someone who might benefit from retreat time, please do share our programme or mention us in your community.

We would love to welcome you, your friends, or your faith community to Sister Eveleen Retreat House.

With every blessing for this Matariki season,

**The Sister Eveleen Retreat House Team**

Please feel free to share also any of the following short video clips in newsletters or on social media:

- [What is the Point of Retreats?](#)
- [Silence](#)
- [Retreating Together](#)
- [Contemplation](#)
- [Day Retreats](#)



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## Calling Rangatahi: Climate Justice Opportunity to Attend Adaptation Futures 2025

Are you a young person passionate about climate justice, Indigenous leadership, or shaping a hopeful future for our whenua and our world?

The Methodist Church of New Zealand's Climate Justice Working Group is sponsoring two rangatahi to attend the Adaptation Futures 2025 Conference, to be held in Ōtautahi Christchurch from 29 September – 3 October 2025. This global gathering will bring together over 90 nations, centering Indigenous and Pacific innovation and leadership in responding to the impacts of climate change.

The programme features more than 200 sessions across themes such as:

- Indigenous innovation and leadership
- Ocean, islands, and futures
- Cities, settlements, and infrastructure
- The food, water, and biodiversity nexus
- Health, wellbeing, and future generations
- The art of adaptation, communication, and education
- Beyond adaptation

Conference panels and masterclasses will explore urgent issues like climate finance, insurance, loss and damage, and how to scale up responses to climate risk – all co-designed by leading local and international experts.

This is an incredible opportunity to be part of the conversation, connect with global thinkers and activists, and carry these insights back into the life and mission of Te Hāhi.

### How to Apply

To express your interest in attending, please submit a short statement (up to 500 words) by 1 July 2025 outlining:

- Why you want to attend Adaptation Futures 2025
  - What you hope to learn
  - How you will share what you've gained with others
- For more information on the conference, visit [Adaptation Futures 2025](#).

Send your expression of interest or any questions to [Marion Hines](#).

