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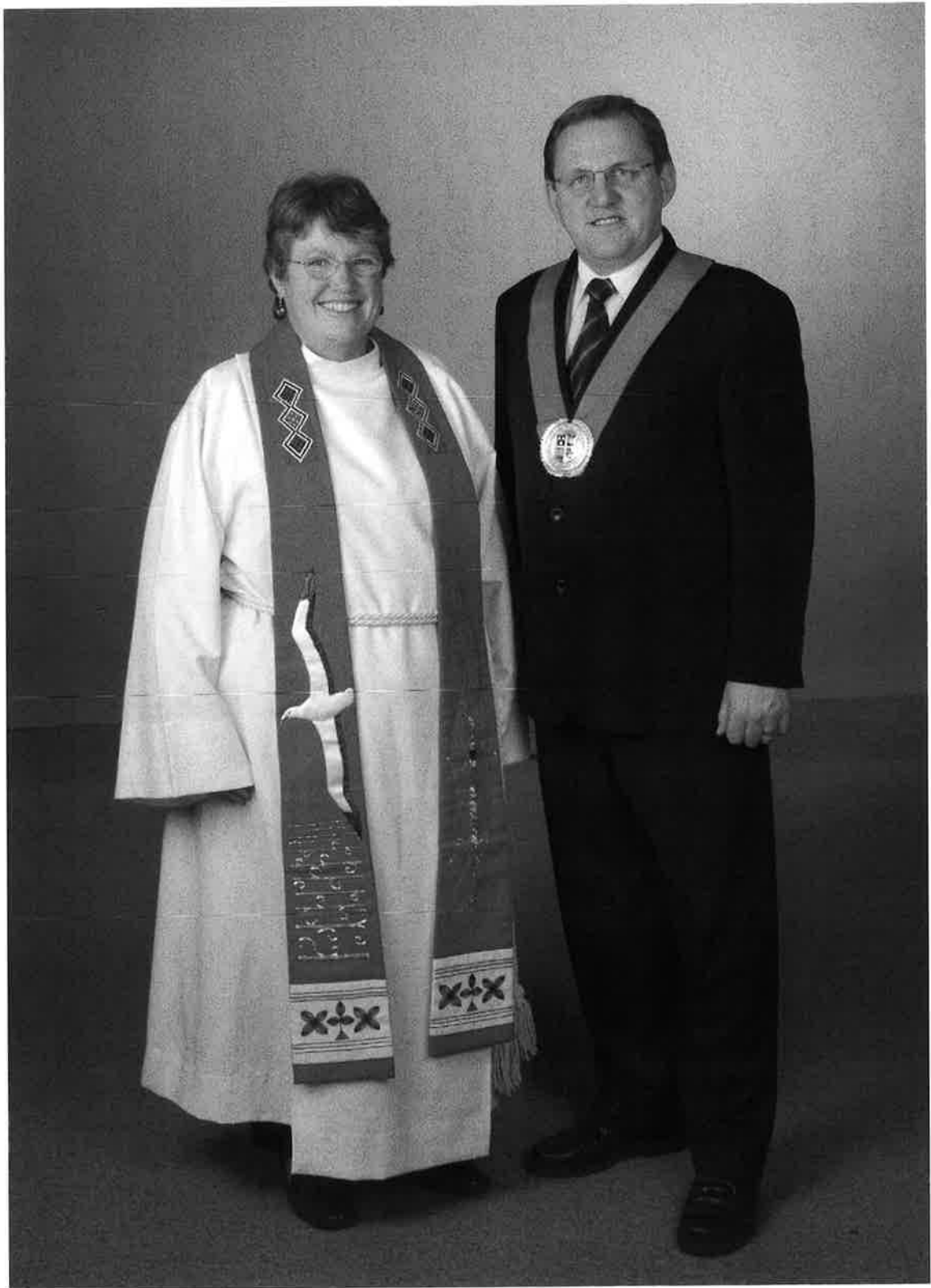
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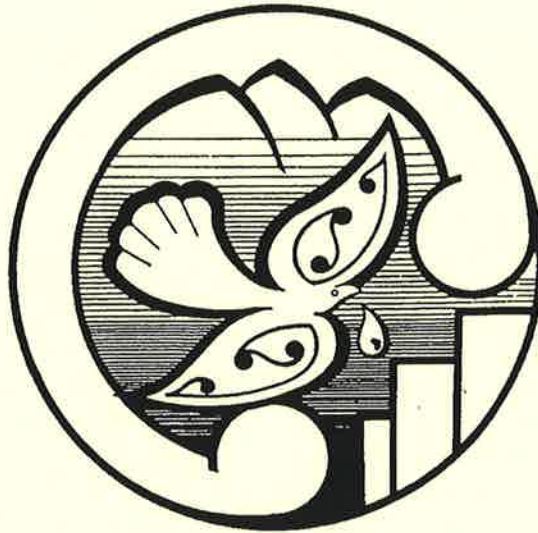
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# DIARY DATES FOR 2004

## AUGUST SYNODS

6 – 7 August

### Please Note:

- Material from Committees and Boards to be considered by the August Synods must be in the hands of the Synod Secretaries for effective distribution at least 14 days before the August Synod meeting date
- If you wish the Administration Division to print and distribute your Report to Synods we will need to receive it by the **15th July**.

## BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION

Tuesday:	4 March	27 May
	29 July	9 September
	2 December	

## BOARD OF MINISTRY

Wednesday:	18 February	17 March
	21 April	19 May
	16 June	21 July (to be confirmed)
	18 August	15 September (to be confirmed)
	20 October	1 December

## Ordinands Assessment Event

15 – 16 July

## CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND

Wednesday:	25 February	24 March
	28 April	26 May
	23 June	28 July
	25 August	22 September
	27 October	24 November
	15 December	

### Please Note:

Plans, applications and materials for consideration by the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee, need to be considered firstly by the District Property Advisory Committee, then forwarded in time to reach the Administration Division **no later than the Wednesday prior to the meeting**, to enable the Plans Committee to consider the proposals.

## CONFERENCE

4 November – Pre-conference Committee  
 5 November – Tauiri & Te Taha Maori Meetings  
 6 – 10 November - Conference

## CONNEXIONAL BUDGET TASK GROUP

24 February	24 August
17 November (to be confirmed)	

## COUNCIL OF CONFERENCE

26 – 28 March	25 – 27 July
10 – 12 September	

## EVANGELICAL NETWORK

30 – 31 January	13 – 14 May
13 – 14 September	

## TE TAHA MAORI

### Hui Poari

20 – 21 February (Omanaia, Hokianga)  
 2 - 3 April (Whakatuora, Tamaki)  
 9 – 10 July (Te Rahui Centre, Hamilton)  
 27 – 28 August (Taranaki, venue to be advised)  
 3 – 4 December (Whakatuora, Tamaki)



**METHODIST TRUST ASSN/INVESTMENT BOARD/P.A.C.T. 2086**

13 March (Napier)

23 June

29 September

8 December

- The Executive meets the evening before the meeting.
- Agenda for the meeting closes 10 days before the date of the Meeting.

**PASTORAL COMMITTEE**

23 February, 10:00am – 4:00pm, 409 Great South Road, Auckland

**SYNOD DATES 2004**Please note:

The number shown in brackets is the number of copies of material required for distribution within each Synod.

**Northland U.D.C. (40)***NUCC Meeting Dates - St. John's Whangarei from 10am-3pm*

11 February

14 April

9 June

11 August

13 October

8 December

**Auckland (130)**

13 March

12 June (Huapai)

6 &amp; 7 August (Onehunga)

16 October (Glenfield)

7 December (Northcote)

**Manukau (30)**

17 February

20 April

15 June

6 &amp; 7 August

19 October

23 November (to be confirmed)

**Waikato-Wairiki (60)**

12 March

11 June

7 – 8 August

1 October

26 November

**Taranaki-Wanganui (25)**

14 February

8 May

7 August

23 November

**Hawkes-Bay Manawatu (40)**

6 March

12 June

6-7 August

20 November

**Wellington (100)**

20 March

22 June

6 – 7 August

23 November

**Nelson-Marlborough-West Coast (40)**

8 – 10 March

6 – 8 August

**North Canterbury (95)**

24 February

27 April

22 June

7 August

23 November

**South Canterbury (26)**

6 March (Gunns Bush, Waimate)

1 May

14 August (Ashburton)

26 November

**Otago-Southland (50)**

12 -17 March

12 June

9 - 10 August

27 November

**Sinoti Samoa**

23 – 25 July (Wellington)

**Vahefonua Tonga 'o Aotearoa (25)**

12 – 14 March

**Wasewase ko Viti kei Rotuma e Niu Siladi**

6 – 7 March (Annual Meeting)

7 July (Executive Meeting)

**also required:**

Wairarapa Union District Council 15 copies

Westland Buller District Union Council 20 copies.

Te Taha Maori 60 copies

**TAUIWI STRATEGY & STATIONING COMMITTEE**

28 – 29 February 30 Aug – 1 September

1 – 2 March (District Superintendents)

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**A chronological List of Presbyters & Deacons of the Methodist Church of New Zealand and is a record of years of service in the Methodist Church**

**NOTE:** (See Resolution 2, p.8, 1977)

- (a) Normally a Deacon and Presbyter's name is listed as from the date of first appointment by the Conference.
- (b) The names of Presbyters received from other Conferences appear under the year of their first appointment by their previous Conference.
- (c) The names of Presbyters received from other Churches into Full Connexion are listed from the year of their appointment by the Conference.
- (d) S = Supernumerary, R = Retired Deacon

**A. Presbyters:**

1939	Lucas, Campbell P (S)				
1941	Thomas, Gordon V (S)				
1942	Willing, Leonard V (S)				
1943	Grounds, Edmund D(S)				
1945	Shapcott, Leonard (S)				
1946	Olds, Norman W (S) Shepherd, Trevor (S)				
1947	Campbell, Michael J (S) Hall, Allen H (S) Parker, Francis H (S)				
1949	Baker, Edward (S) Benny, T Ralph (S) Burt, Douglas H (S)				
1950	Schroeder, Leonard P (S) Woodfield Frank H (S) Woodfield, Owen T (S)				
1951	Burrough, Amos W (S) Clucas, Ivan J (S) Gilbert, Geoffrey T (S) Stead, Peter A (S)				
1952	Gibson, Loyal J (S) Hall, John R (S) Penman, John A (S) Shaw, Harry I (S)				
1953	Baker, Frederick J K (S) Craig, Hughan M (S) McKay, Archibald W (S) Newman, Alan (S) Osborne, John H (S) Stubbs, David G (S)				
1954	Billinghamurst, Noel D (S) Dickie, Arthur W (S) Hammond, George M (S) Heppelthwaite, Ernest (S) Rakena, Ruawai D (S) Rushton, Percy P (S) Trebilco, David I (S) Watson, Alexander C (S)				
1955	Abbott, William K (S) Bennett, Trevor L (S) Boyd, Edward P (S) Cable, Wilfred J (S) Goreham, Norman J (S) Tauroa, Lane M (S) Thornicroft, Neville (S)	1955			
1956	Andrews, Robert S (S) Grant, Ian D (S)	1956			
1957	Bell, G Basil W (S) Cropp, James F (S) Fowler, Irwin J (S) Guthardt, Phyllis M (S) Kitchingman, Henry W. (S) Mabon, John C F (S) Pullar, Beverley (S) Russell, Kenneth H (S) Taylor, Philip F (S)	1957			
1958	Dickinson, J Mervyn (S) Gilbert, Wilfred S (S) Lewis, Evan R (S)	1958			
1959	Bowen, Lewis A (S) Dine, Mervyn L (S) Goudge, Stanley R (S) Griffith, Keith C (S) Hosking, John S (S) Widdup, Robert W (S)	1959			
1960	Gust, Warwick (S) Hanson, E Francis I (S) Hornblow, Maxwell A (S) Horrill, C Seton (S) Mullian, David S (S) Wedding, P Joan (S)	1960			
1961	James, Russell E (S) Langley, John E (S) Marshall, C Russell (S) Sides, Brian W (S) Wallace, William L (S)	1961			
1962	Bilverstone, John (S) Currie, John B Hawkey, Graham E (S) Jones, Barry E Wakeling W J Douglas (S) Woodley, Alan K (S)	1962			
1963	Ansell, David H (S) Clarke, Ian L (S) Laws, Derek G (S) Miller, Barbara I (S) Toomer, Ken (R) Tucker, W Geoffrey (S)	1963			
1964	Gerritsen, Hendrik (S) Neal, Barry W (S) Slinn, Stuart G (S) Ungemuth, Shirley V (S)	1964			
1965	Barnes, Stanley J Browne, Wallis Chessum, William A (S) Clarke, Edwin B (S) Herbert, C Brice (S) Mackie, Bruce E (S) West, Norman J	1965			
1966	Alexander, Roy M Prince, Donald F Taylor, Keith J West, Stanley J	1966			



1967	Bennett, Enid J (S) Jamieson, Colin G (S) Pratt, David C	Moala, Taniela T (S) Sinclair, Paul F Tana, Diana A	Samoa Saleupolu, Aso T	Johnston, Alexander C (S) Millar, M Anne Manu'atu, Lisiate F T (S) Nesbit, John B (S)
1968	Allan, Robert A (S) Couch, Moke A G (S) Hay, J Cedric (S) Hey, Roger J E (S) Jeyasnelan, Wesley T Leadley, Alan J McIver, Graeme M Meredith, John D Phillipps, Donald J (S) Te Whare Morehu (S)	Greer, Michael W White, Graeme R Leary, Gordon A (S) Webster, Alan C (S) Wall, Lynne J Wall, Terence W Upton, Alan R	Burnett, Margaret E (S) Dickinson, Audrey N (S) Hingano, Sifa Kane, Graham A Rosewell, Wendie Sedon, Ashley J (S) Abbott, Bryant S L (S) Elphick, Doris J Keesing, Neil R Springett, Margaret	George, Norma J (S) Rolinson, David T H Ancrum, Audrey P (S) Clifford, William J Fifita, Saula Manukia, Mosese Olsen, Kenneth W Takau, Salesi Taungapeau, 'Epeli Uasi, Langi'ila Yasa, Mike
1969	Alley, David R Brookas, Norman E Corlett, Ashley I Eagle, Brian R J Harkness, Barry G Rigby, Russell G Turner, Brian H	Astley-Ford, H Mary (S) Bush, David J Greenwood, I Marie Little, Edith J (S) Short, Robert D (S) Stroobant, Anthony D	Caygill, Mary E Rogers, Douglas I (S) Smith, Kenneth R Watkin, Gillian M Wicks, Raymond G (S)	1990 1991
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1971	Blundell, Warren H (S) Salmon, John B	Egli, Bruno W (S) Elderton, William E Murray, John S Telford, Gillian A (S)	Leadley, Colin S (S) Pond, H David (S) Reid, Loraine J	Parkes, Judith Te'o, Suiva'ia Thompson, Susan J Zanders, Gloria J
1971	Wright, Jack (S)	Bell, David S Frith, Lynne O Noa, Nomani Tugia, A Fa'aoso (S) Whaley, Graham H (S)	Ambler, Mavis Baker, Marcia J (S) Clover, Gary A M Ta'ufo'ou, Peni Mafi	1993
1972	MacLeod, D Ian West, Peter J L (S)	Bell, David S Frith, Lynne O Noa, Nomani Tugia, A Fa'aoso (S) Whaley, Graham H (S)	1987	1994
1973	Grant, Stuart C	Clarke, Lois R H (S) McNicol, Derek V (S) Ferguson, I W Leslie Richards, Gillian M	Emslie, Marian (S) Hughson, Gregory A Trebilco, Paul R Westaway, Robyn E Bruce, G Jean	Alaelua, Faiva Boswell, Ruth Siulangapo, 'Inoke Tregurtha, Paul
1974	Roberts, John H	1982	1988	1995
1975	Bell, Anthony N Jacobson, Patricia M (S)	1989	1989	Bryant, George Kerr, Jessie Osborn, Beverley Stephenson, P Anne Unasa, Uesifili

1996	Vickers, Ralph Taufa, Samiuela Tufuga, Fatuafia	Mann-Taito, Falaniko Molineux, Alison Taylor, Kerry Tema, Stephen Williamson, Peter	1936	Wharemaru, Heeni (R)	Sulzburger, Elva M J (R)
1997	Abernethy, Gordon 'Akauala-Tongotongo, Sylvia Manu, Tavake Morunga, Christina Dargaville, Anne (S) Vaeluaga, Sani,	Hardy, Marcia Paea, Holaktiu'akolo Pole, Siosifa Tupou, Tamata'ane	1939	Pointon, Dorothy (R)	McInnes, Jean I (R)
1998	Anderson, Bruce Bromell, David Gibson, Mark Palelei, Alalafaga	Calvert, Jan Cavit, Jacqui Donald, Margaret Fakatou, Motekiai Finau, Viliani Kinahoi-Veikune, Setaita	1947	Money, Lucy H (R)	Hunt, Stan (R)
1999	Aumua, Tovia Forbes, Craig Hopner, Elizabeth Nicholls, Val Taufui, Hausia Walters, Kathryn van de Geer, Jill		1948	Collins, Rona W (R)	Westaway, Francis
2000	Allan, Patricia Faleatua, Faleatua Hall, Margaret Hanscamp, Nigel Heimuli, Kitiifi Loader, Vilma Marsh, Janet Ramacake, Soro Webster, Alexander		1979	Evans, Edna E (R)	Williams, Richard
2001	Cable, Alison Dymond, Michael Fogg, Jan		1982	Birtles, Margaret Hill, Desmond A (R) Hunt, P Anne (to '92) Tregurtha, Rachel A	Reeves, Marica
2002			1983	Cubin, Raewyn Higham, B June (R)	
2003			1984	Ramsay, B Anne (to '97)	
2004			1985	Gibson, June L. (R) Lawry, A Joan (R)	
2005			1986	Barrow, Shirley-Joy Hallam, Valma E Hight, Dianne C Reynolds, Elva M (R)	
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# CONFERENCE 2003

## THE BUSINESS FROM DAY TO DAY

*(N.B. these times may vary during the course of the Conference)*

**10.00am TUESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> November - 3.00 pm - Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

The Ordinands' Retreat will be held at Frederick Wallis House from 10.00am Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November to 3.00 pm Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November

### THURSDAY 6<sup>th</sup> November

<b>10:00am - 5:00pm</b>	<b>Tauiwi Stationing</b> <i>Trinity Church, Hall St, Newtown</i>
<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>Ordination Service Rehearsal</b> <i>Wesley Church</i>

### FRIDAY 7<sup>th</sup> November

<b>9:30am – 10:00am</b>	<b>Introduction of candidates for President / Vice President to Te Taha Maori and Tauiwi</b>
<b>10:00am - 5:00pm</b>	<b>Tauiwi Meeting – Wesley Church</b> <b>Te Taha Maori Meeting – Drama Christi Studio</b>
<b>1:00pm - 1:30pm</b>	<b>Induction Rehearsal in Wesley Church</b>
<b>6:00pm - 8:30pm</b>	<b>Wesley Historical Society Dinner</b> <i>Johnsonville Uniting Church - Lounge</i>
<b>6:00pm - 9:00pm</b>	<b>Evangelical Network</b> <i>Miramar Uniting Church</i>

### SATURDAY 8<sup>th</sup> November

<b>8:30am - 10:30am</b>	<b>Evangelical Network - Breakfast</b> <i>Miramar Uniting Church</i>
<b>10:15am - 11:15am</b>	<b>Introduction to Conference</b> <i>Drama Christi Studio</i>
<b>12:15 pm - 1:15pm</b>	<b>Powhiri – Tributes to the deceased</b> <i>Wesley Church</i>
<b>1:30pm - 2:30pm</b>	<b>Light Lunch for all Visitors and Conference Delegates</b> <i>New Hall</i>
<b>2:30pm - 4:00pm</b>	<b>Induction President &amp; Vice President</b> <i>Wesley Church</i>
<b>4:00pm – 4:45pm</b>	<b>Afternoon Tea</b> <i>New Hall (tea/coffee/biscuits)</i>
<b>4:00pm - 4:30pm</b>	<b>General Secretary meets with Committee of Detail Convenors</b> <i>Chapel</i>
<b>4:45pm – 6:30pm</b>	<b>Trinity Puppets – Pilgrims Progress</b> <i>Wesley Church</i>
<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Dinner/Social Halls</b>

SUNDAY 9 <sup>th</sup> November - Wesley Church, Taranaki Street	
Morning	<b>Worship in local Churches</b> ( <i>see handbook</i> )
10:00am - 1:00pm	<b>Lay Preachers, Service and Lunch</b> <i>Waiwhetu Church</i>
2:00pm - 4:30pm	<b>Ordination and Reception into Full Connexion</b> <i>Wesley Church</i>
4:30pm	<b>High Tea</b>
5:30pm	<b>Conference Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acknowledgement of John Salmon, John Murray, David Bromell, and Geoff Peak</li> <li>• Tributes to those retiring</li> </ul>
8:15 – 9.00 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sacred Energy - Mass of the Universe – <i>Bill Wallace</i> <i>Wesley Church</i></li> </ul>

MONDAY 10 <sup>th</sup> November - Wesley Church, Taranaki Street	
8:00am - 8:15am 8:30am - 9:00am 9:00am - 10:00am	<b>Conference Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prayers - <i>Andrea Williamson/Peter West</i></li> <li>• Karakia</li> <li>• Introduction to Conference Staff, Observers, visitors</li> <li>• Read greetings</li> <li>• Speaker – Rev Philemon Riti – Solomon Islands</li> <li>• Process for President and Vice President</li> <li>• Questions 1 - 24 - General Secretary</li> <li>• Present new Connexional appointees to Conference</li> <li>• Notices of Motion</li> <li>• Memorials</li> </ul>
10:00am - 10:30am	<b>Morning Tea - Hall</b>
10:30am - 1:00pm	<b>Conference Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committees of Detail (Note: The business of Conference is considered in Committees of Detail before being presented to the Conference.)</li> </ul>
1:00pm	<b>Lunch - Hall</b>
2:00pm - 3:30pm	<b>Conference Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Human Rights Commission presentation</li> </ul>
3:30pm - 4:00pm	<b>Afternoon Tea - Hall</b>
4:00pm - 5:00pm 5:00pm - 6:00pm	<b>Conference Session</b> <p>A. Council of Conference B(i) Te Taha Maori</p>
6:00pm - 7:00pm	<b>Evening Meal</b> <i>Those who would like to meet with Rev Philemon and Nancy Riti take your meal to the Epworth Lounge</i>
7:00pm - 7:30pm 7:30pm - 8:00pm 8:00pm - 9:00pm 9:00pm	<b>Conference Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To whom am I neighbour? B(ii) <i>Tauiwi</i> L. <i>CASI</i></li> <li>• Close of day</li> </ul>

TUESDAY 11 <sup>th</sup> November – Wesley Church, Taranaki Street	
8.00am - 8.15am	<b>Conference Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prayers – <i>Andrea Williamson/Peter West</i></li> <li>Karakia</li> <li>Rev Dean Drayton – President Uniting Church of Australia</li> <li><i>J. Communications</i></li> </ul>
8.30am - 9.00am	
9.00am - 9.20am	
9.20am - 10.30am	
10.30am	<b>Morning Tea</b>
11.00am - 11.30am	<b>Conference Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jim Stuart - "<i>Dusting off John Wesley: re-imagining the Methodist Tradition</i>"</li> <li><i>F. Faith and Order</i></li> </ul>
11.30am - 12.30pm	
12.30pm	<b>Lunch</b>
1.30pm - 2.00pm	<b>Conference Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reflections Ex President / Vice President</li> <li><i>K. Welfare of the Church</i></li> <li>New Community Worship - Andre Le Roux</li> </ul>
2.00pm - 3:00pm	
3.00pm - 3.30pm	
3.30pm - 4.00pm	<b>Afternoon Tea</b>
	<b>Conference Session</b>
4:00pm - 4:15pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>C. Law Revision</i></li> <li><i>E. Board of Ministry</i></li> <li>To whom am I neighbour?</li> </ul>
4.15pm - 5.30pm	
5.30pm - 6.00pm	
6.00pm	<b>Evening Meal</b>
7.00pm - 8.00pm	<b>Conference Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>H. Mission and Ecumenical</i></li> <li>Thanks to Aso Samoa Saleupolu and Andrea Williamson</li> <li>Youth</li> </ul>
8.00pm - 8.30pm	
8.30 – 9.00 p.m	
9.00pm	<b>Close of day</b>

WEDNESDAY 12 <sup>th</sup> November - Wesley Church, Taranaki Street	
8.00am - 8.15am	<b>Conference Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prayers - <i>Andrea Williamson/Peter West</i></li> <li>Karakia</li> <li>Rev.Wil Morrey – President-elect, British Conference</li> <li><i>I. Fiji Samoa Tonga</i></li> </ul>
8.30am - 9:00am	
9.00am - 9.15am	
9.15am - 10.30am	
10.30am	<b>Morning Tea</b>
11.00am -11.50pm	<b>Conference Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>D. Administration Division</i></li> <li><i>G. Social Services</i></li> </ul>
11:50am - 1:00pm	
1:00pm - 1:45pm	<b>Lunch</b>
1.45pm - 2:15pm	<b>Conference Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To whom am I neighbour?</li> <li>Questions 38 - 43</li> <li>Thanks, acknowledgements</li> <li>Break</li> <li>Covenant Service</li> </ul>
2.15pm - 2.45pm	
2:45pm – 3:00pm	
3:00pm - 3.45pm	

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- Futures Task Group

- Interchurch Armed Services

- Churches Education Commission

- Uniting Congregations of Aotearoa NZ

- Deacons Task Group

- NZ Born/Raised Pacific Islanders

- EYY

- Interchurch Council for Hospital Chaplaincy

- Interchurch Tertiary Chaplaincy Council

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Churches Broadcasting Commission  
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Wesley College  
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Methodist Publishing Board (Touchstone)  
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**L. CHURCHES AGENCY ON SOCIAL ISSUES**

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# Mission Statement

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. In seeking to carry out our mission we will work according to these principles:

Ko te putake a to tatou Hahi Weteriana i Aotearoa nei, he whakakite atu, he kauwhau hoki i te aroha whakatahuri o te Atua, he mea whakaatu mai i roto i a Ihu Karaiti, me nga Karaipiture. Ko te Wairua Tapu e whakakaha ana i a tatou kia tu maia ai hei tuari ma te Atua i roto i te ao. Otira, ko Te Tiriti o Waitangi te kawenata e whaka o rite ana i ta tatou noho hei tangata whenua, hei tauwi hoki, ki tenei whenua. Ma tenei Tiriti tatou e arahi i roto i nga whakariterite o tenei whakahau, tono hoki, ki roto ki te ao.

## **Christian community**

To be a worshipping, praying, and growing community, sharing and developing our faith and working through its implications in our social context.

## **Evangelism**

To challenge people to commitment to Christ and Christ's way.

## **Flexibility**

To be flexible, creative, and open to God's Spirit in a changing world and Church, so that the Church is relevant to people's needs. To release energy for mission rather than to absorb energy for maintenance.

## **Church unity**

To foster networks and relationships with communities of faith having similar goals.

## **Inclusiveness**

To operate as a Church in ways that will enable the diversity of people (e.g. all ages, all cultures, male and female) to participate fully in the whole life of the Church, especially decision-making and worship.

## **Every member a minister**

To encourage each person to develop his/her full potential by accepting and nurturing each other, developing skills and providing resources, challenging and enabling for service in the Church and community.

## **Cross-cultural awareness**

To become aware of, and challenged by, each other's cultures.

## **Justice**

To work for justice for any who are oppressed in Aotearoa New Zealand, keeping in mind the implications of the Treaty of Waitangi. To share resources with the poor and disadvantaged in Aotearoa New Zealand and beyond.

## **Peace**

To be peacemakers between people and in the world.

## **Healing**

To listen for hurt and work for healing.

## **Ecology**

To care for creation.



# PROCEDURE FOR ELECTION OF PRESIDENT / VICE PRESIDENT

## SECTION 7

- (d) Taiwi and Te Taha Maori will each select its preferred candidates for the offices of both President and Vice-President according to their own procedures.
- (e) There shall be a Conference Panel, (the Panel), representing the Partnership, and selected from members of the Council of Conference by Hui Poari and Taiwi Strategy and Stationing. The Panel shall, by consensus, agree on a recommendation to Conference as to who should be appointed to each of the offices of President and Vice-President.
- (f) The Panel shall then present its recommendations for both offices to the General Secretary.
- (g) The names of the recommended President and Vice-President elect are then announced by the President.
- (h) Conference shall affirm its support.

# GUIDELINES FOR CONFERENCE DECISION-MAKING

The primary goal of the decision-making process is to enable Te Taha Maori (Tangata Whenua, the people who are of the land) and Tauwiwi (the people who came later and settled here) – partners of Te Hahi Weteriana o Aotearoa, the Methodist Church of New Zealand – to make decisions which demonstrate partnership.

The first step in decision-making is for Te Taha Maori to reach general agreement and Tauwiwi to reach general agreement on the decision before them. Then the two groups meet together to see if they can agree with a suggested decision.

Facilitation of the partnership decision-making process requires particular skills, which not all elected leaders will have developed, so an experienced facilitator may be asked by the President or Vice-President to lead the Conference at such times.

## PRINCIPLES

The following are principles for making decisions in a manner which demonstrate our Treaty Partnership: i.e. between Taha Maori and Tauwiwi.

- The aim of Conference decision-making is to discern what is best for the Church.
- A decision is made only when it is clear that both partners – i.e. Taha Maori and Tauwiwi can state that they can agree with the suggested decision.
- Taha Maori may caucus if this will enable their group to reach general agreement so a partnership decision can be explored.
- Partners may choose their own language for the discussion. (Tauwiwi will need to decide the language(s) appropriate for them).
- When the partners do not agree, no decision can be made. Instead a process will be established which may lead to agreement in the future.
- The Council of Elders will monitor the process and may guide it.

## DECISION-MAKING STRATEGIES

**Consensus** is a term often used when general agreement or substantial support, rather than majority rule, is a group's aim. "Consensus" as generally understood in relation to decision-making in large groups, enables:

- participation by a larger number of members
- the opportunity for minority options to be acknowledged
- a greater chance of obtaining unity of purpose in a group with a variety of values
- more stable, longer lasting decisions.

**Consensus does not mean unanimity or total agreement.** Rather it is the group agreeing to work together in a certain way, even though some members might prefer not to, e.g.

### ***We are prepared to accept this decision because:***

- it is for the good of the group
- we see it is so important
- we feel that our viewpoint has been adequately expressed
- we do not agree, but in the interests of the Church we will allow this to be the decision.

In consensus decision-making, if it is clear that no agreement is possible at the time of the discussion, the topic is adjourned and plans made for other approaches which may lead to consensus in the future. In the meantime the status quo will continue.

## **MEMBERS' RESPONSIBILITIES**

Consensus decision-making requires a high level of member responsibility and individuals need to be aware of how they can contribute in a helpful manner.

### ***Members should:***

- expect to contribute briefly, to the point, and only once on a topic
- prepare what they have to say and speak only if that point has not already been made
- contribute material if it assists the discussion or reconciles an apparent difference
- keep silent if they cannot contribute in a way which aids the discussion.

## **PROCESSES**

Some processes help us to listen to each other and find a way forward for the Church.

### ***For example:***

#### **Discussion**

Contribution which assists decision is about

- The issue
- Theology of the issue
- Suggested ways forward

#### **Consensus**

The process of seeking consensus can use a number of techniques which may assist the group to reach its **general agreement**.

### ***Some of these are:***

- caucusing
- brainstorming to collect ideas
- buzzing in pairs or threes to clarify a position
- dividing into small groups to respond to the same of different parts of the topic
- having a prepared presentation of the issues involved
- adjourning the topic till later in the agenda and having two or three people work at finding an alternative way forward
- a majority decision
- having members indicate non-verbally if they agree/disagree with the ideas being expressed
- identifying common ground and then working on areas of difference
- asking those with a different opinion if recording their view will enable them to allow the decision to be made.

**Caucusing** is a method used in large groups to assist decision making. It is a meeting of group(s) within the larger group. Caucusing enables any group to clarify its position on the business in hand. Conference does not continue when it divides into Taha Maori/Tauwiwi caucus groups, so it is not appropriate for the President, Vice-President or facilitator of the Conference to continue facilitating any of the smaller groups.

**In the Conference Taha Maori or Tauwiwi can call for their group to caucus, but only if doing so seems likely to assist the full group to reach a decision.**

### ***There are 3 ways for this to happen:***

- or (a) the person presiding over the Conference may determine that caucusing is appropriate
- or (b) Tauwiwi may call for a caucus
- or (c) Taha Maori may call for a caucus.

Conference then divides into Taha Maori and Tauwiwi groups. The people who facilitate the full Conference do not lead the small groups, so these groups need to have their own facilitators ready.

### **Caucus process**

Each group decides its own process for establishing its position on the topic.

or

- (a) They may work in one group
- (b) They may divide into smaller groups, e.g. ethnic, gender, district or interest groups, who discuss their position regarding the topic.

The sub-group(s) come to their decision so they rejoin the larger group and report their position. Then that group seeks to reach agreement. This continues until all the sub-groups have rejoined the caucus. A sub-group may decide it cannot reach an agreed position but that it is prepared to support the one reached by the full group.

If at any time a sub-group cannot reach an agreed position and this prevents a decision being reached by the full group, then the sub-group may ask for a specified time to explore other approaches if that is expected to result in an eventual decision.

The caucus then discusses its position to see if it has been able to reach a common mind. If it has, the caucus rejoins the Conference.

### **What does the Conference do?**

When Tauwi and Taha Maori groups rejoin, Conference reconvenes, so the person presiding resumes his/her role. Normally the group which called the caucus reports first, then the other group reports its position. If the person presiding called the caucus, he/she will determine the order of reporting back. Then the whole Conference works toward a consensus decision.

When the process is complete the person presiding shall make a clear statement of the decision.

### **SUMMARY**

- Conference decision-making is a process which demonstrates Taha Maori-Tauwi partnership agreement and enables full participation from all member groups.
- Consensus agreement using caucus groups, and other methods of assisting decision-making is an appropriate mode for making partnership decisions.
- For such processes to be successful all group members need to participate in an informed and responsible manner.

Facilitation of these processes is a skilled task and the President and Vice-President may request experienced people to lead some sessions.

# TREATY PARTNERSHIP DECISION-MAKING PROCEDURES THROUGH A CONSENSUS PROCESS: Information/Clarification for Conference

## CAUCUSING

### a) **Calling for a caucus**

According to present procedures, calling for a caucus only relates to the convening of Te Taha Maori and Tauwiwi caucuses. However, interest groups can meet within the Tauwiwi caucus. If an individual or an interest group in the life of the Conference wishes to raise a process issue, they should approach their caucus facilitators and express their concern. The facilitators are:

- **Tauwiwi:** Sylvia 'Akau'ola-Tongotongo and Lani Tupu
- **Te Taha Maori:** Will choose their facilitators at their pre-conference meeting

The facilitators will then take what action they feel is appropriate

### b) **Steps for making Treaty partnership decisions**

In the process of making Treaty partnership decisions, we have discerned the following 5 steps:

#### • **Step One: Starting together**

Both treaty partners are present. Caucusing does not occur in this step. The report is received. A presentation is made outlining the contents of the report and the suggested decisions. Space is made for questions seeking clarification etc.

#### • **Step Two: Testing out how the Treaty partners feel about the issues under discussion**

- Focus is now upon the 'suggested decisions'. The President/Vice-President seeks the mind of Conference on 'suggested decisions' where there appears to be consensus, and these are processed. Where a consensus is not obvious on specific 'suggested decisions' there is clarification as to lack of consensus. For example, is it related to differences between the Treaty partners or within a partner? At this point either partner may request caucusing, or the President/Vice-President may suggest it. An initial time limit is proposed for the caucusing. The President/Vice-President clarifies for the whole Conference, what both caucuses will be addressing when they meet separately.

#### • **Step Three: Sharing responses from the caucuses**

When both caucuses are ready to report back, both sets of facilitators will meet with the President and Vice-President to share the responses. This is suggested for two reasons. Firstly, it will avoid the President/Vice-President having to react 'cold' to what is reported to the Conference. Secondly, the sharing will indicate if either or both caucuses need to give reasons as to why they have arrived at a particular point. For example, if both caucuses were in agreement, there would be no need to share reason.

If a caucus does not achieve a consensus, this will be reported to the whole Conference. It would not be appropriate for the other caucus to indicate its response at this point. If finally within a caucus there is no consensus to proceed, no decision by Conference can be made.

#### • **Step Four: Making a Treaty Partnership decision**

If there is agreement by both caucuses, Conference can make a decision. Conference can only make a decision if both partners agree.

If there is no agreement between caucuses, or within a caucus, the areas where there is a lack of agreement will be clearly identified. Some or all of the following questions might then be asked: Is more information required? Is it necessary to caucus again? Could an 'ad-hoc' representative group meet during Conference to address the areas of disagreement and seek a way ahead? If there is still lack of agreement between the two

partners, then no decision is made by the Conference, and the status quo remains. The President/Vice-President will define the 'status quo'.

- **Step Five: Moving on to the next business**

Before this happens, Conference is asked if there are any concerns/issues arising from the discussion that need to be addressed and reported back to Synods/Conference the next year. This is important where Conference members agree 'in principle' with a particular proposal, and expect that their concerns will have been addressed when the 'fleshed-out' principle returns to the next Conference for final endorsement. Consequently, a decision might read "We have agreed that ... and the following concerns/issues have been referred to ... for consideration and a report to Synods and Conference next year".

If any Conference member wishes to record their dissent from a Conference decision, they should put it in writing and hand it to the Daily Record Secretaries.

## **PROCEDURES TO ENABLE THE BUSINESS OF CONFERENCE TO BE TAKEN "EN BLOC":**

- (1) Committees of Detail of Conference will be asked to advise the Conference as to those reports/resolutions that can be presented to the Conference En Bloc. On the recommendation of the Committees of Detail they will be put to the Conference En Bloc. Reports/Resolutions to be taken En Bloc will be clearly marked on the papers distributed to the Conference.
- (2) In order to safeguard the rights of members of Conference to speak on any report/resolution, any member may by simple request to the Chair, have removed from the "En Bloc" procedures any report/resolution.

(Minutes of Conference 1978, Resolution 1, page 564)

### **FUNCTION – COUNCIL OF ELDERS**

The Council of Elders shall enable and assist the Church in its Bicultural Journey by seeking to model the equal partnership prefigured in the Treaty of Waitangi, and at Conference specifically will:

- (a) monitor and recommendations of all Conference Committees and Boards of the Conference, and
- (b) reflect and comment on the style, processes, work and priorities of all Conference Committees and Boards, Conference discussion and decision making, and
- (c) refer back for further consideration any report or recommendation which the Council of Elders considers will hinder or divert the Church from its Bicultural Journey, and
- (d) report each year to the Conference

# MEMBERS OF CONFERENCE 2003

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**Lynne Frith**

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- \* Fa'afuata, Iakopo
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  - Siulangapo, 'Inoke
  - Tregurtha, Paul
- Bryant, George
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  - \* Unasa, Uesifili
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- \* Taufa, Samiuela
  - \* Tufuga, Fatuatia
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  - Morunga, Christina
  - Dargaville, Anne
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  - Gibson, Mark
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Hill, Desmond A (R)

Hunt, P Anne (to '92)

\* Tregurtha, Rachel A

Cubin, Raewyn

Higham, B June (R)

Ramsay, B Anne (to '97)

Gibson, June L. (R)

Lawry, A Joan (R)

\* Barrow, Shirley-Joy

Hallam, Valma E

\* Hight, Dianne C

Reynolds, Elva M (R)

Reid, Rita J (R)

Unasa-Su, Piula (R)

Wicks, Kay

Bryant, David M (R)

Bryant, Margaret I (R)

Dalton, R Harvey (R)

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McInnes, Jean I (R)

Hunt, Stan (R)

Westaway, Francis

McLeod, Malcolm

\* Williams, Richard

Reeves, Marica

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\* Cavit, Jacqui

Drylie, John

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\* Hoggard, Trevor

\* Molineux, Alison

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\* Stephens, Barbara

\* Tema, Stephen

\* Tukuktau, Peseti Latu

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\* Devanandan, Prince

\* Le Roux, Andre

\* Singh, Godwin

\* Tuwere, Ilaitia Sevati

\* Webster, Alan

\* Whitehead, NancyJean

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\* Cunningham, Jim

\* Lane, Robin

\* Peill, John

\* Stewart, Pauline

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Ex Vice President of Conference - Heather Walls  
Past Vice President of Conference - Andrea Williamson

- (ii) Representatives of Circuits and Parishes

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Parish Name	Name
Northland District	Paterson, Diane

### AUCKLAND DISTRICT

Parish Name	Name
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Auckland Central Parish	Weston, Bruce
Auckland District	Thorne, Sheila
Mahurangi	Sharp, Annette
Northcote	Scott, Michael
South Kaipara Cooperating	Nagel, Gwen
Takapuna	Gust, Judith
Waitakere Parish	Glover, Richard
Whangaparaoa	Blundell, Ruth

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Howick Pakuranga Parish	Parker, Vivienne
Howick Pakuranga Parish	Taylor, Jackie
Mangere-Otahuhu Parish	Collis, Jean
Manukau District	Bennett, John
Papakura	Morkel, Paul
Papakura	Tupa'i, Magele Masua
Papatoetoe-Otara Parish	Shephard, Barbara

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Hamilton	Gibbison, Rhonda
Hamilton East	Lennox, Doreen
Kawerau	Speirs, Alan
Raglan Union Parish	Young, Peg
Tauranga	Whimster, Viv

Te Aroha Co-Op Parish  
 Te Awamutu  
 Te Puke-Mt Maunganui Parish  
 Waikato-Bay Of Plenty  
 Whakatane Anglican/Methodist

Luxton, Raewyn  
 Hardy, John  
 Warth, Geoff  
 Keightley, Vonnie  
 Rondon, Betty

**TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT**

**Parish Name**

**Name**

New Plymouth  
 Taranaki Wanganui District  
 Wanganui  
 Wanganui

Fawkner, John  
 Armitstead, Dawn  
 Humphrey, Joyce  
 Vucago, Fika

**HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT**

**Parish Name**

**Name**

Hastings  
 Napier  
 Palmerston North

Amani, Ieremia  
 Chisnall, Marion  
 Thornley, John

**WELLINGTON DISTRICT**

**Parish Name**

**Name**

Brooklyn Co-Operating Parish  
 Hutt City Uniting  
 Hutt City Uniting  
 Hutt City Uniting  
 Hutt City Uniting  
 Johnsonville Uniting Parish  
 Mana Parish  
 Ngaio Union Parish  
 Otaki  
 St Ninian'S Uniting Parish  
 Upper Hutt Uniting Parish  
 Wellington District  
 Wellington South Union Parish  
 Wesley Wellington  
 Wesley Wellington

Menzies, Francesca  
 Ellicott, Joan  
 Fepuleai, Hannah  
 Mo'unga, 'Ai'sea  
 Nicholls, Malcolm  
 Hay, Helen  
 McAdam, Barbara  
 Millar, Graham  
 Gibson, Ron  
 Gardenier, Rini  
 Malpass, Ron  
 Bolitho, Elaine  
 Halliwell, Barbara  
 Bower, Niko  
 Holland, Derek

**NELSON/MARLBOROUGH/WEST COAST DISTRICT**

**Parish Name**

**Name**

Blenheim  
 Greymouth District Uniting Parish  
 Picton Union Parish  
 St Johns In The City (Nelson)  
 Stoke

Wells, Elspeth  
 Efford, Thelma  
 Baird, David  
 Hopkinson, Fay  
 Hall, Robin

**NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT**

<b>Parish Name</b>	<b>Name</b>
Christchurch (Hornby/Riccarton)	Alexander, Jayne
Christchurch Mission	Russell, Nan
Christchurch North Parish	Teague, Pat
North Canterbury District	Peddie, Barbara

**SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT**

<b>Parish Name</b>	<b>Name</b>
South Canterbury District	Watson, Betty
Timaru/Ternuka Parish	Ramsay, Margaret

**OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT**

<b>Parish Name</b>	<b>Name</b>
Dunedin Parish	Bain, Olive
Dunedin Parish	Poultney, David
Invercargill	Fakatou, 'Anaise

**SINOTI SAMOA**

<b>Parish Name</b>	<b>Name</b>
Auckland Samoan Parish	Vaituutuu, Ben
Panmure Samoan Parish	Tuia, Feagaimaalii
Papatoetoe - Otara	Faleatua, Amelia Leungseu
Papatoetoe - Otara	Leituala, Utumau'u
Papatoetoe - Otara	Muliaina, Fo'epapa
Sinoti Samoa District	Fa'afuata, Rosa
Sinoti Samoa District	Tanielu, Olive
Sinoti Samoa District	Tupu, Lani
Waitakere	Lauaki, Motuopuaa Siaki
Wesley Wellington Parish	Toelupe, Isa-Uana

**VAHEFONUUA TONGA**

<b>Parish Name</b>	<b>Name</b>
Auckland Manukau Tongan Parish	Akoteu, Kalolo
Auckland Manukau Tongan Parish	'Alatini, Malakai
Auckland Manukau Tongan Parish	Eke, Sione
Auckland Manukau Tongan Parish	Fonua, Alifeleti
Auckland Manukau Tongan Parish	Kaifa, 'Aisea
Auckland Manukau Tongan Parish	Kaufononga, Moi
Auckland Manukau Tongan Parish	Manu, Isileli
Auckland Manukau Tongan Parish	Moa, Maaimoa
Auckland Manukau Tongan Parish	Tatafu, Tanaki
Auckland Manukau Tongan Parish	Tukutau, Siutaisa
Auckland Manukau Tongan Parish	Vea, Ikatonga

Christchurch South Parish  
Vahefonua Tonga  
Vahefonua Tonga  
Wesley Wellington Parish

Mainga, Saimone  
Fihaki, Kalolo  
Taumoepeau, Paula  
Finau, Tevita

## TE TAHA MAORI

### Parish Name

Te Taha Maori  
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### Name

Harrison, Rachel  
Hotere, Keita  
King-Lovett, Raima  
Laird, Gillian  
Lazarus, Lana  
Ngaha, Bella  
Waaka, Pari  
Whakaruru, Barry  
Whakaruru, Maisie  
Winikerei, Mary  
Winikerei, Ruby  
Wood, Rangi

## REPRESENTATIVES OF DEPARTMENTS

### Parish Name

Board Of Administration  
Board Of Ministry  
Board Of Ministry  
CCANZ  
Christchurch Mission  
Christian Education Commission  
Christian World Service  
Churches Broadcasting Com.  
Conference  
Council Of Elders  
Council Of Elders  
Council Of Elders  
Council Of Elders  
Dunedin Mission  
Dunedin Mission  
E.Y.Y  
Methodist Lay Preachers Network  
Methodist Trust Association  
Ministry Education  
Ministry Education  
Mission And Ecumenical  
Observer

### Name

Claridge, Frank  
Tasker, Jan  
Utting, Lesley  
Earle, Michael  
Knight, Michael  
Baskerville, Hilary  
Hawkey, Jill  
Moseley, Trish  
Malcolm, John  
Herbert, Judith  
Hesse, Violet  
Kingi, Evelyn  
Price, Neville  
Gibson, Colin  
Grundy, Nicola  
Samoa Saleupolu, Fuailalagi  
Sugrue, Rosalie  
Garlick, Hugh  
Brown, Robyn  
Wellm, Denise  
Hopner, Keith  
Manukia, Tangitangi

Observer	Tuipe'a, Fa'asega
Observer	West, Glenda
Official Observer	Moore, Dallas
Official Observer	Wakefield, Christine
Robert Gibson Trust	Hughson, Alan
Uniting Congregations Aotearoa Nz	Jones, John
Wasewase Ko Viti E Niu Siladi	Bolatagici, Dakai
Wasewase Ko Viti E Niu Siladi	Strickland, Susau
Wellington Mission	Hanna, David
Wellington Mission	Sanders, Jeff
Wesley College Trust Board	Faulkner, Ian
Wesley Historical Society	Laurenson, Helen
Wesleycom	Bilverstone, Ruth
Wesleycom	Buckley, Wayne
Womens Fellowship	Dickie, Catherine
Womens Fellowship	West, Mary
Youth Representative	Paulo, Peter
Youth Representative	Pope, "Ikilifi
Youth Representative	Savaiinaea, Frances
Youth Representative	Tupou, Tau'ataina
Youth Representative	Va'ai, Rebecca
Probationer	Donald, Margaret
Probationer	Fakatou, Motekiai
Probationer	Finau, Viliami
Probationer	Kinahoi-Veikune, Setaita
Associate Member - Student	Mangisi, Susan
Associate Member - Student	Ieli, Paulo

#### **REPRESENTATIVES OF OVERSEAS CHURCHES**

	<b>Name</b>
Official Observer	Drayton, Dean
Official Observer	Mone, 'Alifaleti M
Official Observer	Morrey, Vicki
Official Observer	Morrey, Will
Official Observer	Riti, Philomen
Official Observer	Riti, Nancy



**The Methodist Church of New Zealand**

**Te Hāhi Weteriana O Aotearoa**



**REPORTS FROM  
CONNEXIONAL COMMITTEES  
AND BOARDS**

**2003**

## **A. COUNCIL OF CONFERENCE**

- **Council of Conference**

## COUNCIL OF CONFERENCE

### Information and Reporting Back

#### Theological Reflection / Workshops

In the first meeting of the year, the Presidential Team led a theological reflection on the topic: 'What is the Spirit saying to the church?' They asked the questions, where is the church at and what do we want to leave behind?

This was the basis for the ongoing theological reflections and decision-making during this year's meetings.

Mission Resourcing staff led a workshop on the 'Theology of Stewardship'. It was fascinating to discover the multi-dimensional lenses through which stewardship is viewed reflecting the richness of diversity of cultures within Te Haahi Weteriana O Aotearoa. The workshop focussed on the definition of stewardship as per R Scott Rodin, which says, "stewardship is handling with integrity the resources of another." The helpful materials from the workshop are available from Mission Resourcing and are to be shared with the whole church.

#### Future Format of Conference

At the request of Conference the Council prepared a 'Direction Paper' on the 'shape' of Conference. As a result of the Council's work and the responses of Districts, Rohe and Hui Poari, the following proposal is brought to Conference for approval.

#### STAGE ONE

##### Introduction:

Conference 2002 asked the Council of Conference to explore the format of Conference during 2003. This paper is the result of that work.

##### What is Conference?

The Law Book (Section 7) says that 'The Conference is the governing body of the Methodist Church of New Zealand Te Haahi Weteriana O Aotearoa, meeting annually, which has vested in it final authority on all matters of the Church. Its decisions are accordingly final and binding on both the Ministry and Laity'. (Sect 7.1.1.)

'Its powers and privileges are exercised at every stage under the judgement of God. Presbyters, deacons and laypersons, meeting as Conference, are responsible to God, seeking to interpret the mind and will of God in every situation'. (Sect 7 Introduction)

##### How does Conference express this in its life?

- \* By enhancing the life of the connexion
- creating a safe environment
- giving expression to the diversity of the church
- supporting creative thinking
- making a difference
- providing time for in-depth theological reflection
- using various methods for the conduct of discussion of business

If Conference life is to be the things listed, then it must be by its very essence give expression to creativity, inclusiveness, safety, energy, faith, partnership, vision and time and constantly prepared to try new ways and listening to the Spirit.

##### How do we do this?

###### A new approach

- The Council of Conference recognises that the members of Conference, facilitated by the President/Vice President, order the business in the way members wish. So any proposed change must preserve this right.
- Friday ( before Conference) Tauwiwi meeting and Taha Maori meeting are held.
- Purpose:
  - 1) To prioritise the business, seek clarification, identify the issues.  
"Prioritise the priorities".  
Not all parts of a report are a priority; the meetings can decide that only one recommendation in a report is important
  - 2) To provide various ways for groups (regions/cultures/clusters etc) to discuss material and therefore the plenary can agree to the priority of any report or recommendation.
- Process: *Friday meetings.*
  - i) The facilitators ask the various report presenters to highlight the theology and the focus of their report (NOT present report)

- ii) Reports are not discussed, but issues are clarified, issues identified, key recommendations highlighted.
- iii) The facilitators can, if they choose, suggest various ways of dealing with the debate – small groups, regions, culture or theological clusters etc. Each group reporting back the issues, points for clarification and the priority of the report/recommendation.
- iv) The meeting agrees on the priorities to be taken by the facilitators to the meeting with President/Vice President.

*Saturday/Sunday*

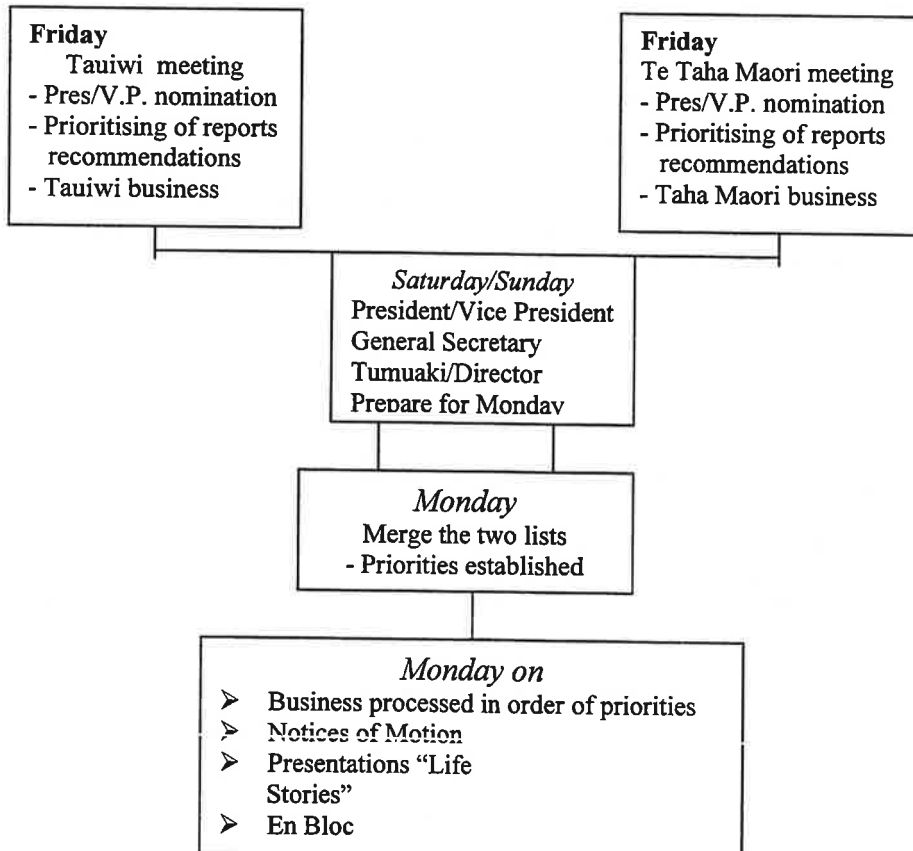
President, Vice President, General Secretary, Tumuaki, Director Of Mission Resourcing, facilitators meet and prepare an 'Introduction' to the priority lists of each meeting for the Monday morning meeting of the Conference.

*Monday*

- i) Reports and Agendas introduced by General Secretary/Tumuaki/Director
- ii) Bringing the two lists into one list of priorities
  - a) achieved in plenary or
  - b) Use various group discussions (and reporting back)
  - c) Identify obvious enbloc
- iii) Receive Questions 1-26 not already processed

*Monday onward*

- iv) Business begins following priority lists
- v) Presentation of 'life stories' during Conference
  - Taiwi
  - Taha Maori
  - Synods (so many a year)
  - Community groups
  - other individuals/organisations/groups
- vi) Notices of Motion & Memorials processed  
(as above) however decisions are
  - debate (theological issues)
  - Refer (to board/committee)
  - Delay (until the next Conference)
- v) En Bloc
  - All recommendations, not prioritised are received en bloc



## **STAGE TWO**

Council of Conference will bring to Conference a proposed structure for reporting to Conference. This report will address several issues:

1. The difference between 'reporting' to Conference and a 'presentation' to Conference. The first being an issue of governance and the latter is about vision and mutual care and support.
2. Who reports to Conference and when. Not all groups need to report every year, others must report every year and some should not report at all.

A discussion paper on this will be circulated early in 2004.

### **Nature, Role and Term of Presidency**

A Work Group began this task at the request of the Council of Conference. As Conference members will recall this was a commitment made by the Council in its report to Conference 2002. The work so far has noted the following:

- This matter has been a regular issue on the agenda of Conference for the past 30 years;
- The Law Book Section 7.5.2.2 offers a good definition of the role of President;
- The Law Book is helpful in allowing the President and Vice President considerable flexibility in conducting the business of the Conference.
- The Law Book has nothing to say about the term of office i.e. the number of years a President or Vice President may serve.

The Council wants to highlight the following key elements of the President:

- Respect
- Pastoral
- Leadership
- Executive Role

### **Notice of Motion 'K'**

Council of Conference considered "*Notice of Motion 'K' That Conference continues its commitment to Children and Young People by actively including them in the visioning and decision making processes.*"

Council of Conference affirmed the importance of the Church actively involving Children and Young People in all aspects of its life.

The Council of Conference noted there are already Young People involved in the following areas of work: Conference, Council of Elders, 4+4's, Hui Poari, and Council of Conference.

### **Budget**

At the March meeting the Connexional Budget was presented showing a \$100,000 shortfall. This was after reducing the asking groups' grants. Council of Conference was again unhappy that the Connexional Budget was a deficit. Mission Resourcing was asked to run a workshop on Stewardship during our July meeting.

A further report from the Budget Task Group was received at the September meeting and Council of Conference noted:

- 100% payout of allocation was made to all asking groups for the 2002-2003 financial year;
- That receipts from Methodist and Union Parishes achieved 99.5% of the promised giving;
- The assistance from the PAC Distribution Group and the Koha from Te Taha Maori;
- 2003-2004 projected budget deficit of \$100,000 will be met from a PAC grant;
- That the promised contribution from Parishes for the 2003-2004 year has been held at current levels. This is a pleasing response.

Council of Conference has been concerned about the burden of the budget deficit on parishes and rohe over the past few years and brings forward a recommendation for Council of Conference to tell a story to the PAC Distribution Group.

### **PAC Funds**

The theological workshop on Stewardship led the Council of Conference to reflect on the wise use of gifts.

In response to our review of the Connexional Budget, the Council of Conference agreed to explore the criteria for the distribution of PAC funds.

A working group has been established to prepare a discussion paper to assist the Council to make a recommendation to Conference on using the funds to resource church life creatively and effectively.

### **Connexional Appointments**

This year the Council of Conference has processed the following Connexional Appointments:

- Principal, Trinity Theological College;
- Superintendent/Director, Christchurch Methodist Mission.

and notes the partnership processes have been followed. The Boards, will, through Stationing bring the names to Conference.

The Board of Ministry has kept Council of Conference informed with progress on the position of Director, Mission Resourcing.

#### 4+4 Process

Council of Conference received a draft report about the 4+4 Connexional process. The report is to be considered by the December meetings of Hui Poari and February 2004 Tauwi Strategy and Stationing. The responses from these two groups will be discussed at Council of Conference in March 2004.

#### Reception Into Full Connexion

Council of Conference received the following names and approves the process has been followed. The names are brought for Conference approval under Question 6 – Who are now admitted as Presbyters in Full Connexion with the Conference? They are:

(a)

- Wallis Browne
- Ken Toomer

(b) from another church?

- Trevor Hoggard (British Methodist Church)
- Ruth Sandiford-Phelan (Uniting Church of Australia)
- Barbara Stephens (Church of Christ)

#### Looking Forward

During 2004, Council of Conference will continue to work on the following issues:

- The future use of PAC funds;
- Report on the 4+4 process;
- Nature, role and term of Presidency with particular focus on the role of Vice President. The Council of Conference will be seeking to develop a similar list of key elements as outlined for President. There is still work to be done on the term of office of Presidency and a report will be made available during the early part of 2004 addressing this in detail.

#### Suggested Decisions:

1. That the Report is received.
2. That Conference thanks John Salmon who completes his term on Council of Conference this year.
3. That the Budget Task Group for 2004 be the President, Vice President, General Secretary, Tumuaki of Te Taha Maori, Dina McCarthy, Pari Waaka, Frank Claridge, Paula Taumoepeau, Jan Tasker (for David McGeorge) with Connexional Office Staff in attendance.
4. That the nominee for the PAC Distribution Group for 2004 shall be Rangi Wood.
5. That Conference adopts Stage One of the proposal 'Future Format of Conference' to take effect in 2004.
6. That Conference asks Council of Conference to circulate a report on Stage Two of the 'Future Format of Conference' to Districts, Rohe, Hui Poari, Tauwi Strategy and Stationing by June 2004 with recommendations being brought to Conference 2004.
7. That Conference endorses Council of Conference telling a story to PAC Distribution Group, suggesting PAC give one year's Connexional budget allocation to the church as a Tercentenary Gift.
8. That Council of Conference continues to explore options on the future use of the PAC funds and circulates a report to Districts, Rohe, Hui Poari, Tauwi Strategy and Stationing by June 2004 with recommendations being brought to Conference 2004.
9. That Conference asks the Council of Conference to review the principles, procedures and membership of the 4+4 process, and to report to Conference 2004.
10. That Conference notes work will continue on the Nature, Role and Term of Presidency and a report to be brought to Conference 2004.
11. Conference thanks retiring Tauwi Elder Neville Price, for his work over the past three years.
12. That the Council of Conference membership for 2004 shall be: Te Taha Maori: Lana Lazarus (Co-Convenor), Mere Cassidy, Keita Hotere, Raima Kingi-Lovett, Gillian Laird, Rex Nathan, Diana Tana, Pari Waaka, Barry Whakaruru, Rangi Wood. *Substitutes*: Jim George, Rachel Harrison, Bella Ngaha and Ripia Rountree. Tauwi: Tovia Aumua (Co-Convenor), Mary Caygill, Kilifi Heimuli, Derek Holland, Jessie Kerr, John Murray, Susau Strickland, Andrea Williamson, Gloria Zanders (substitute for David McGeorge) and one other to be appointed by the Tauwi Meeting to be held on Friday 7 November 2003.

## REPORT ON THE CONNEXIONAL BUDGET

### SECTION A

#### 2002-2003 Connexional Budget

For the year to 30 June 2003 contributions from parishes toward the wider work of the church through the Connexional Budget totalled \$594,980 an increase of \$6,457 or 1%, over the contributions received during the previous year. This level of contribution allowed a 100% payment of allocations for the year which was also helped by:

- a higher level than anticipated distribution from the Forum of Cooperative Ventures Joint Mission Fund.
- an additional koha from Te Taha Maori.
- a slightly higher amount of other income from MTA distributions and the like.
- a small saving in some ecumenical grants that we pay.

The grants paid from the Connexional Budget for the year totalled \$716,114 compared with \$734,698 paid in the previous year. Of the total grants paid the parish contributions represented 83%, compared with 80% in the previous year. The gap between parish contributions and the grants paid was funded from a grant from the special account of \$46,853, Connexional legacies and donations of \$16,620, interest and sundry income of \$10,862 as well as a carry forward of \$66,172 of the PAC grant received in the previous year.

#### Budget Requests 2002-2003

	<u>Amount Requested</u>	<u>Net Amount Allocated</u>
Recipients of guaranteed funding	41,670	41,670
Recipients of non-guaranteed funding	<u>778,558</u>	<u>678,961</u>
	820,224	720,631
Fund administration	<u>20,000</u>	<u>19,000</u>
<i>Totals</i>	<u>\$ 840,228</u>	<u>\$ 739,631</u>

<b>To be funded from:</b>	<u>Net Amount Allocated</u>	<u>Actually received</u>
Connexional Budget from Parishes	448,061	445,626
Coop Ventures Joint Mission Fund	150,000	149,354
Grants – special account	25,500	46,853
Other Income.	25,505	27,482
<i>Surplus brought forward from last year</i>	<u>90,565</u>	<u>66,172</u>
<i>Total</i>	<u>\$ 739,631</u>	<u>\$ 735,487</u>

#### (i) Receipts from both Methodist and Union Parishes

	<u>Allocations</u>	<u>Contributions</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>%</u>
2002-03	598,061	594,980	99.5
2001-02	620,973	588,523	94.8
2000-01	617,725	622,297	100.7
1999-00	741,614	675,328	91.1
1998-99	782,303	677,862	86.7

#### (ii) Results from parishes

	<u>Fully Paid</u>		<u>Not Fully Paid</u>	
	Methodist	Union	Methodist	Union
2002-03	65	NA	7	NA
2001-02	67	NA	6	NA
2000-01	62	NA	8	NA
1999-00	60	NA	10	NA
1998-99	48	NA	25	NA

## (b) Percentage of Budget Allocation reached from Parishes:

	<u>Methodist</u>			<u>Union</u>		
	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Contribution</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Contribution</u>	<u>%</u>
2002-03	448,061	445,626	99.5	150,000	149,354	99.6
2001-02	455,973	445,753	97.8	165,000	142,770	86.5
2000-01	459,725	460,749	100.2	160,000	161,548	100.9
1999-00	581,614	499,113	85.8	160,000	176,215	110.1
1998-99	562,303	517,146	92.0	220,000	160,716	73.1

## (iii) Payments to Divisions and Committees

	<u>Guaranteed</u>	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Payment</u>
		<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>
Conference of Churches in Aotearoa		17,500	19,000
Programme on racism within NZ		4,900	817
World Council of Churches		4,400	4,400
Te Runanga Whakawhanaunga I Nga Hahi		2,720	2,720
WCC Central Committee - Travel		2,250	2,350
World Methodist Council		2,400	2,178
Christian Conference of Asia		1,000	1,000
Travel and Study Grants Fund		5,000	3,500
WCC Programme to combat racism		1,000	1,000
Churches Broadcasting Commission		500	500
		<u>41,670</u>	<u>37,465</u>
	<u>Non-Guaranteed</u>	<u>Allocation</u>	<u>Payment</u>
		<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>
Connexional Expenses		185,000	185,000
Board of Administration		150,000	150,000
Ministry Education		107,000	107,000
Mission Resourcing		117,000	117,000
Methodist Mission and Ecumenical		40,000	40,000
Touchstone		30,000	30,000
Forum of Cooperative Ventures		15,000	14,749
Evangelical Network		8,500	8,500
Vahefonua Tonga		9,750	9,750
Bose Ko Viti E nui Siladi		4,750	4,750
Budget Administration		19,000	19,373
Overseas aid – 2% of parish contributions		<u>11,961</u>	<u>11,900</u>
Total for Non guaranteed		<u>697,961</u>	<u>698,022</u>
GRAND TOTAL		<u>739,631</u>	<u>735,487</u>

## (iv) Payments to Divisions and Committees:

	<u>Guaranteed</u>	<u>Non-Guaranteed</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>Paid to Non-Guaranteed</u>
			<u>%</u>
2002-03	37,465	698,022	100.0
2001-02	38,428	717,093	99.8
2000-01	42,585	755,926	100.6
1999-00	40,464	775,268	101.1
1998-99	36,944	847,322	100.5

**SECTION B****2003-04 Year**

Members of the Connexional Budget Task Group for the current year are; Norman Brookes, Frank Claridge, Dina McCarthy David McGeorge, Diana Tana, Jill van de Geer, Pai Waaka, Heather Walls and Norman West with secretarial support from David White of the Administration Division.

The process that has been used for several years was followed again this year to establish the Connexional Budget for presentation to the Council of Conference. The Task Group realises that there is little opportunity for discussion and



dialogue at parish or congregational level. While it would be preferable to enable wider discussion on the proposed budget, the process of setting the budget cannot be started earlier as it commences soon after Conference, prior to Christmas which is more than six months prior to the commencement of the financial year, and the deadline to establish the final budget can not be moved.

It is pleasing to note that the contributions from parishes toward the work funded from the Connexional Budget is being held at current levels for the last two years after several years of declining contributions. However, the Task Group is still faced with the task of attempting to fund additional tasks requested through Conference when the Church is unable to fully fund its current work at a national level.

The Task Group is concerned that the Connexional Budget funds expenses of the Taiuiwi partner. The Connexional Budget should be used to fund Partnership & Mission expenses and Taiuiwi should be encouraged to find an alternative mechanism for funding those items that are solely the domain of Taiuiwi. For this reason the Task Group revised the layout of the Connexional Budget so as to more clearly identify those items that are solely Taiuiwi.

The task group continues to draw attention to the significant contribution which the Connexional banking arrangement makes to the budget and strongly urges any Methodist parishes or other Methodist church groups who operates an account outside of the Bank of New Zealand arrangement to transfer to the banking arrangement that the Church has negotiated with the Bank of New Zealand.

The Budget, which was adopted by the Council of Conference for the year for the year to 30 June 2004, was:

**Contributions from Parishes**

Northland	4,000	
Auckland	106,000	
Manukau	48,100	
Waikato – Bay of Plenty	61,146	
Taranaki – Wanganui	14,420	
Hawkes Bay – Manawatu	23,970	
Wellington	21,000	
Nelson	14,880	
North Canterbury	65,000	
South Canterbury	9,935	
Otago – Southland	11,500	
Auckland Manukau Tongan Parish	40,000	
Te Taha Maori	15,000	
Sinoti Samoa & parishes	9,000	
Forum of Cooperative Ventures	<u>125,000</u>	568,951
Special Account Grant		25,000
Connexional Legacies and Other		<u>20,000</u>
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$ <u>613,951</u></b>

**Allocations to Divisions & Committees**

	<u>Amount requested</u>	<u>Amount allocated</u>
<u>Guaranteed</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>
Conference of Churches in Aotearoa	19,000	19,000
World Council of Churches	4,850	4,850
Te Runanga Whakawhanaunga I Nga Hahi	2,720	2,720
World Methodist Council	2,000	2,000
WCC Central Committee – Travel	2,465	2,465
Christian Conference of Asia	1,000	1,000
WCC Programme to combat racism	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
	<b>\$ <u>33,035</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>33,035</u></b>

	<u>Amount requested</u>	<u>Amount allocated</u>
<u>Non-Guaranteed</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>
<b><u>Partnership &amp; Mission Expenses</u></b>		
Connexional Expenses	266,200	187,200
Board of Administration	200,000	133,000
Ministry Education	125,000	111,000
Methodist Mission and Ecumenical	40,000	31,000
Touchstone	36,000	32,000
Forum of Cooperative Ventures	12,500	12,500
Budget Administration	20,000	17,700
Christian World Service Overseas Aid- 2% of parish contributions	11,379	11,379

Tauiwi Mission & Expenses

Mission Resourcing	130,000	102,000
National Committees	33,800	33,800
Evangelical Network	7,000	6,200
Bose Ko Viti E nui Siladi	<u>4,000</u>	<u>3,500</u>
	<u>885,879</u>	<u>681,279</u>
Grand Total	<u>\$ 918,914</u>	<u>\$ 714,314</u>

The Task Group approached the PAC Distribution Group who have made funding available to meet the shortfall between the anticipated Connexional Budget income and the allocations made from the Budget.

**Connexional Budget Task Group**

This Task Group of the Council of Conference for 2004 will consist of; President, Vice-President, General Secretary, three person appointed by Taha Maori and three persons appointed by Tauwi. The Tauwi Strategy and Stationing Committee is to consider the Tauwi members of the Connexional Budget Task Group and will report to Conference.

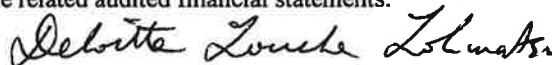
**CONNEXIONAL BUDGET ACCOUNT**  
**Financial Reporting Summary for the year ended 30 June 2003**

<b>STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE</b>	<b>2003</b> \$	<b>2002</b> \$
Contributions Received	594,980	588,523
Grants Received	63,473	163,851
Other Income	<u>10,862</u>	<u>15,130</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b><u>669,315</u></b>	<b><u>767,504</u></b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b><u>(19,374)</u></b>	<b><u>(20,653)</u></b>
<b>NET OPERATING SURPLUS</b>	<b><u>649,941</u></b>	<b><u>746,851</u></b>
Funds Distributed	<u>(716,114)</u>	<u>(734,698)</u>
<b>NET(DEFICIT)/SURPLUS</b>	<b><u>(66,173)</u></b>	<b><u>12,153</u></b>

<b>STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION</b>	<b>2003</b> \$	<b>2002</b> \$
Provisions	18,994	18,994
Accumulated Funds	<u>9,356</u>	<u>75,529</u>
<b>TOTAL ACCUMULATED FUNDS &amp; PROVISIONS</b>	<b><u>28,350</u></b>	<b><u>94,523</u></b>
Current Assets	207,593	267,778
Current Liabilities	<u>(179,243)</u>	<u>(173,255)</u>
<b>WORKING CAPITAL</b>	<b><u>28,350</u></b>	<b><u>94,523</u></b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b><u>28,350</u></b>	<b><u>94,523</u></b>

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**REPORT TO CONFERENCE**

The Connexional Budget is principally supported by monetary commitment by Parishes to service the wider outreach of the Church.

Total funds distributed during the year were \$716,114 compared with \$734,698 in the previous year.

**CONNEXIONAL EXPENSES FUND.**  
**Financial Reporting Summary for the year ended 30 June 2003**

<b>STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>
	\$	\$
Connexional Budget	185,004	187,000
Grant P.A.C. – Presbyters Disputes	-	200,000
Sundry Income	26,627	31,444
Conference income	48,914	48,652
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b><u>260,545</u></b>	<b><u>467,096</u></b>
Expenditure – President, Vice President, Committees etc.	297,699	209,817
Administration	19,689	15,135
Conference	73,256	72,540
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b><u>390,644</u></b>	<b><u>297,492</u></b>
<b>NET OPERATING (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS</b>	<b><u>(130,099)</u></b>	<b><u>169,604</u></b>
Funding provided from/(to) various Reserves	83,606	(137,054)
<b>TRANSFER TO/FROM ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>	<b><u>(46,493)</u></b>	<b><u>32,550</u></b>

<b>STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>
	\$	\$
Accumulated Funds	(46,164)	329
Various Reserves	148,525	232,131
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b><u>102,361</u></b>	<b><u>232,460</u></b>
Current Assets	121,838	250,162
Current Liabilities	(19,477)	(17,702)
<b>WORKING CAPITAL</b>	<b><u>102,361</u></b>	<b><u>232,460</u></b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b><u>102,361</u></b>	<b><u>232,460</u></b>

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<b>REPORT TO CONFERENCE</b>
The Connexional Expenses Fund is financed from the Connexional Budget Account to administer various Connexional commitments including the Annual Conference.

## **B(i) TAHA MAORI**

- **Taha Maori**
- **Wellington Charitable Trust**
- **Grey Institute Trust**

## TE TAHA MAORI

*Tuia, Tuitui Tuia!  
Tuia nga mineminenga  
Tuia nga roherohenga  
Tuia nga tini karangatanga  
o tenei waka Wairua o tatou,  
o here nei ki Aotearoa Niu Tireni.*

Nga mema o te Hui Toopu 2003, tena koutou katoa! Tena koutou i nga mate o te tau e pahure nei. Ko George Bennett, Basil Hilder, Henry Kelly, Ian Millar, Wesley Parker, Siosifa Uhi and Brian Underwood ko wai atu, ko wai atu, huri noa nga Pariha. E taea e te aha?

No reira, ko ratou ki a ratou, ko tatou i muri nei kia kaha i roto i te whakapono, me nga tumanakohanga o te wa. Kia u, kei taea te whakakorikori.

### **INFORMATION AND REPORTING BACK**

#### **The Importance Of Theology**

We recognise that “*every member is a minister and theologian*”. Our doing of theology and engagement of theology should always affect all of life. It is important that our theology should be reflected in our whanau (family), our communities whether it is schools, Marae, Hapu, Iwi, church, the workplace as well as the wider world of society.

**Hui Poari:** We have held Hui Poari this year on marae amongst Hapu and Iwi as well as our church centres. Theological sessions have explored the following themes:

- Reflections on Hui Toopu 2002;
- A presentation of our Weteriana Church history from a rangatahi perspective which also included the Commissioning of the National Rangatahi Worker, Keita Hotere;
- The Foreshore and Seabeds issues;
- God in the Tongan context.

We have learned of the stories about each area we have visited, the history of Wharenuui, tukutuku and kowhaiwhai and what they represent. The symbols and signs witnessed were about our link to God.

We spoke about taking the things of nature and incorporating them into words of prayer. We focussed on the way God touches people in their everyday lives and work.

#### **Education And Training**

The programmes that come under this heading are central to the life and work of Te Taha Maori. They include both national and rohe wananga sessions at Hui Poari, Enabling Ministry Team consultations, wananga for candidates training to be Minita-a-Iwi and Rangatahi events.

**Office Staff:** In January of this year, Te Taha Maori Office Staff held their annual orientation and Staff Day. This is an opportunity for the staff to ensure that their own programmes within the office are set in place and to make sure that programmes set by Hui Poari are actioned. Staff needs are also monitored through Supervision and they are able to undertake professional development courses.

**Enabling Ministry Team:** This group continues to meet to assist with the planning and implementation of Te Taha Maori programmes and activities on a regular basis throughout the year. The President Elect, Rev Dr Lynne Frith and Vice President Elect, Mr David McGeorge were present at the March consultation. The August meeting involved a meeting with a group of Korean Pastors held at the invitation of Director, Mission Resourcing, Rev John Murray.

We are mindful of the need to continually upskill our members particularly in the work that we ask of them in the journeys we take along the path to a more inclusive and integrated church.

**Minita-a-Iwi:** The annual national Minita-a-Iwi Wananga was held in early May at Whakatuora Centre. This was jointly facilitated by the Tumuaki, Rev Diana Tana, Rev Rua Rakena and Rev Morehu (Buddy) Te Whare.

**Rohe Hui:** Each rohe conducts their own wananga that focus on issues and concerns relevant to each rohe. Tamaki held one wananga on ‘stewardship of our resources’, looking in particular at the properties that are located within that rohe, whereas Taranaki has held several Minita-a-Iwi training wananga, one focussing on ‘tamariki education’ and another on ‘pastoral care’.

Wananga is the most effective way of developing our theology and providing an appropriate setting where we can think about what’s happening in and around us. These wananga provide opportunities where we can explore God and Gospel teachings alongside traditional and tupuna teachings involving sacred rites as well as traditions and understandings of our church. We recognise our context is Aotearoa. Our theological understandings provide the reason for all that we do.

#### **Rangatahi**

The rangatahi work for this year is ongoing, co-ordinating, facilitating and planning rangatahi events. Part of the ongoing work of rangatahi has been to ensure that local, regional, and national events take place. Rangatahi events concentrate on providing the strong foundation needed to learn about ‘being Weteriana’ in today’s Aotearoa context.

This year working with rangatahi of the older age group has been a sharper focus and there is work at encouraging a stronger system of regional rangatahi co-ordinators. Attendance at national events such as Waitangi, Ratana and the Young Maori Leaders Conference has also been important to the growth of Te Taha Maori rangatahi.

Rangatahi have also been active participants in the life of Te Taha Maori by serving on many of Te Taha Maori boards and committees, as well as attending some Connexional meetings.

Overall engaging in rangatahi work remains challenging and focussed, serving to meet the aspirations of Te Taha Maori.

### **Bicultural Journey/Partnership Issues**

Te Taha Maori remains committed to our Church's Bicultural Journey and works hard at maintaining that commitment at every level of our life and work. Working documents that are occasionally released from the Connexional Office asking for a response from Te Taha Maori as well as Tauwi sections of the Church provide us with an opportunity to present a Maori response.

Representatives from Te Taha Maori, Violet Hesse, Raima Kingi-Lovett and Rangi Wood accompanied the Tumuaki, Diana Tana in attending the Annual Conference of the Free Wesleyan Church of Tonga held in June. Also in attendance were Revs Sylvia 'Akau'ola Tongotongo and Epeli Taungapeau and members of Vahefonua Tonga 'O Aotearoa. We appreciate the opportunities to strengthen our relationships with our Pacific whanau and are grateful for the hospitality extended to us.

Earlier in the year, the Tumuaki, President Norman West and Dakai Bolatagici attended the Pacific Consultative Council meeting held in Fiji as representatives of the Methodist Church of New Zealand-Te Haahi Weteriana O Aotearoa.

### **Connexional Matters**

Te Taha Maori is represented on a number of Boards and Committees of the Church. These are the Board of Administration, Connexional Budget Task Group, Council of Conference, Grey Institute Trust, Investment Funds Board, Kurahuna Committee, Methodist Mission and Ecumenical, Pastoral Committee, Te Runanga Whakawhanaunga I Nga Haahi O Aotearoa, Wellington Methodist Charitable and Educational Endowments, Wesley College Trust Board.

During the year, Te Taha Maori has participated in the following Connexional 4+4 processes:

- Director, Mission Resourcing;
- Principal, Trinity Theological College;
- Superintendent/Director, Christchurch Methodist Mission.

Te Taha Maori continues to take seriously their involvement and participation in local District Synods and this has been appreciated.

### **Ecumenical Concerns**

*Te Runanga Whakawhanaunga I Nga Haahi O Aotearoa:* Te Taha Maori is represented at the monthly Advisors meetings held at the Church Offices. In March a Workshop was held at Whakatuora Centre, which included:

- History of Te Runanga and NCC Maori Section;
- Meaning of Social Analysis and the move to Political Analysis;
- Issues within each mema Haahi;
- Setting goals for Te Runanga;
- Commitment to keep Te Runanga going.

*World Council of Churches (WCC):* Lana Lazarus continues to be a member of the WCC Communications Advisory Group and will attend her third meeting in late September. A challenge for the WCC is how do they continue to communicate their work with reduced staff and financial resources.

### **Finance and Properties**

*Finances.* The Budget Working Group continues to meet and discuss the finances of Te Taha Maori. It is pleasing to report that we were within budget for the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2003 and also able to contribute to the Connexional Budget. We are grateful to Dina McCarthy, Finance Manager and Jo Preston, Financial Accountant for the work they do to ensure Te Taha Maori remains on target with financial and budgetary matters.

Te Taha Maori records its thanks and appreciation to the following Boards and Committees for their continued financial support: Grey Institute Trust, Kurahuna Committee, Margaret and Bruce Gordon Fund, PAC and the Wellington Methodist Charitable and Educational Endowments Trust. We are pleased to advise that fifteen people were recipients of the Women's Resource Fund; one person was a recipient of the Margaret and Bruce Gordon Fund; thirteen people received grants from the Kurahuna Fund whilst one person was a recipient of the Moutoa Scholarship Fund.

*Properties.* Finance and Properties Committee have met four times during the year. Te Taha Maori has been in discussions with interested parties who wish to lease *Kaero Farm*, *Pakanae* and *Te Huinga Centre*, *Te Kuiti* properties. Some have reached a conclusion whilst others are still ongoing. Extensive work has been carried out at *Te Rahui Centre* in Hamilton, which is becoming a focal point for a number of Te Taha Maori and Connexional meetings. Upgrading at *Whakatuora Centre* in Mangere East is to commence shortly with possible closure while this is being undertaken. Our thanks to Lana Lazarus, Administrative Manager who carries out the day-to-day work required on our properties.

## LOOKING FORWARD

In the next year, we look towards building up the rohe membership and strengthening those rohe that have had particular concerns with dwindling membership. A number of our members from all rohe will be travelling to Otautahi, Poneke and Te Rohe Potae in the next few months to support the work in these regions and offer training and education in areas where each rohe identifies need.

We will continue to develop and strengthen our ongoing relationships with our Pacific whanau and other groups within the church, where it is appropriate.

Hui Poari will also be reviewing the work and need for the Enabling Ministry Team.

## SUGGESTED DECISIONS

1. That the report be received.  
That the 2003 membership of Hui Poari be Diana Tana, Keita Hotere, Lana Lazarus, Tai Tokerau: Mere Cassidy and Rangiwihua Morgan-French, Tamaki: Gillian Laird and Ripia Rountree, Waikato: Pari Waaka and Evelyn Kingi, Taranaki: Aroha Houston or Frances Kingi-Katene and Jim George, Rangatahi: Rachel Harrison and Mary Winikerei and two members from Te Rohe Potae, Poneke and Otautahi-Te Waipounamu respectively to be nominated and appointed by the President
2. That the 2004 membership of Te Runanga Whakawhanaunga I Nga Haahi O Aotearoa be Keita Hotere, Gillian Laird, Lana Lazarus and Diana Tana.
3. That Te Taha Maori membership of the Investment Funds Board be Lana Lazarus and Diana Tana.

## THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS

The Board approved the following grants during the financial year ended 30 June - all grants are targeted for the benefit of children or youth.

		\$
Te Taha Maori - Moutoa Scholarship		20,000
Rangatahi worker		30,000
Educational Resource Work		10,000
Grants to: Te Kura Kaupapa Maori (5)	4,800	
Maori Immersion Programmes (15)	7,500	
School Principals (16)	<u>13,200</u>	25,500
Masterton Christian Childcare Programme		20,000
Johnsonville Terrace Centre Trust		3,500
Wesley Community Action – Porirua Youth Programme		35,000
Waiwhetu Uniting Church – Children’s Equipment		750
Challenge 2000		5,000
Wellington Joint Youth Ministry		3,000
		<u>\$152,750</u>

Grants this year were again more than the previous year’s total – being part of the Board’s policy to ensure that money allocated but unspent from a previous year is put to use when a need is identified. A grant was made to Waiwhetu Uniting Church as this has been the venue for Board meetings since 1993.

Following a presentation by Youth Workers of Wesley Community Action, a special grant was made to their work in an area of critical need, Porirua; their positions were quite precarious because of the uncertainty of funding.

Whilst the Grants to Schools have become a regular practice, but cannot be guaranteed to be repeated, the Principals of especially the Decile 1 Schools continue to express gratitude for relatively small amounts of money given to be spent at their discretion. The Board is reviewing whether to also make Grants to Decile 2 schools.

The Board’s farm at Moutoa, near Foxton, continues to be well managed. The triennial valuation of the farm increased from \$850,000 to \$1,460,000.

An interesting discovery was that a change of name for the Board (by an Act of Parliament in 1916) had never been officially registered – we now hold a correct certificate of incorporation.

We give thanks for the contribution of three Board members who resigned during the year – Te Rere George, Kirini Gordon, and Grant Bolitho. We will miss them. New members are being sought.

Barrie Woods, Chairperson  
Neville Price, Secretary



**Suggested Decisions:**

1. That the Report be received.
2. The membership of the Board for 2004 is: Nola Hanson, Diana Tana, Bunny Winnie, Murray Deadman, Owen Prior, Lani Tupu, Barrie Woods (Chairperson), and Neville Price (Secretary), plus others to be appointed.

**GREY INSTITUTE TRUST****SECTION A – INFORMATION AND REPORTING BACK****Moturoa Land**

Further to the report of last year, on 9 December 2002, the Maori Land Court made a vested order to gift the land owned by the current Trustees of the Grey Institute Trust. This land is known as Bayly Road Land (consisting of 3.58 hectares, legal description Lot 1, DP 18771) to the people of Ngati Te Whiti Hapu for a charitable trust to be formed pursuant to a further Order of the Court.

The land was transferred to the Trustees of the Bayly Road Trust on 1 January 2003.

**Rangiatea**

The construction of the Kura Kaupapa is well underway on the land at Rangiatea.

Discussions are also underway between Western Institute of Technology (WIT) and Te Kopae Tamariki Kia U Te Reo to relocate the Kohanga Reo from 5 Mission Street (a Trust Property) to the buildings which have been previously used by the Kura Kaupapa at Rangiatea. The Trust continues to be supportive of the continuing education of the young Maori people in the Trusts area.

**Assets of the Trust: Land and Investments**

The assets of the Trust continue to be effectively managed by the Trustees with \$13,000 per month being advanced to the Maori Division along with a top up payment at yearend if funds permit.

The remedial work performed by the Crown on the rogue well, known as Blenheim-1 well, was successful and completed on 24 April 2003. The well no longer leaks and has been plugged using modern oil field techniques to the satisfaction of the Crown and the Petroleum Inspectorate.

In May 2003, a valuation report was carried out to ascertain if the rental properties and other unused Trust land could be better developed to maximise a financial return to the Trust. The report was tabled at the Trustees meeting on 17 June 2003 and will be further discussed at the next meeting to be held on 17 September 2003.

One rental property became leasehold in January 2003 when a long-term tenant was offered the opportunity to purchase the property and accepted the offer.

**SECTION B - THE STRATEGIC PLAN**

To effectively and efficiently manage the considerable assets of the Grey Institute Trust to maintain the capital base and to ensure an adequate return to the Maori Division.

**Land**

To consult with the purpose of developing a strategy to deal with the rental reviews in 2006 and 2007 of the numerous 21 year leases over the land owned by the Trust.

**Investments**

To monitor the performance and security of the funds invested to ensure that the adequate returns are being received on these funds.

To review the use of Grey Institute Trust land to ensure the potential income for the Trust is maximised.

**Recommended Decisions**

1. That the report be received.
2. Members of the Grey Institute Trust for the 2003 year be: The Superintendent of the New Plymouth Methodist Parish (Chairperson), currently Rev Alan Upson, Diana Tana, Rev Moke Couch, Aroha Houston, John Honeyfield, Doreen Erueti, Edward Tamati, Ruby Fenton, Raima Kingi-Lovett and Juanita Bishop.

**TE TAHA MAORI**  
**Financial Reporting Summary for the year ended 30 June 2003**

<b>STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE</b>	<b>2003</b> \$	<b>2002</b> \$
Distributions Received	248,203	263,969
Other Income	<u>96,455</u>	<u>120,321</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b><u>344,658</u></b>	<b><u>384,290</u></b>
Te Taha Maori Expenses	148,031	177,117
Te Tari Expenses	<u>124,558</u>	<u>123,603</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b><u>272,589</u></b>	<b><u>300,720</u></b>
<b>NET SURPLUS</b>	<b><u>72,069</u></b>	<b><u>83,570</u></b>

<b>STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION</b>	<b>2003</b> \$	<b>2002</b> \$
Designated Funds	1,426,081	1,390,215
Reserves	275,305	273,014
Accumulated Funds	<u>323,833</u>	<u>245,751</u>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b><u>2,025,219</u></b>	<b><u>1,908,980</u></b>
Current Assets	44,820	63,925
Current Liabilities	<u>(9,026)</u>	<u>(12,931)</u>
<b>WORKING CAPITAL</b>	<b>35,794</b>	<b>50,994</b>
Non Current Assets	<u>1,989,425</u>	<u>1,857,986</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b><u>2,025,219</u></b>	<b><u>1,908,980</u></b>

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**REPORT TO CONFERENCE**

Te Taha Maori listens to and actions issues raised by members of Te Taha Maori, actions decisions of Conference and works in consultation with Tauwi.

Investments held in the Methodist Trust Association as 30<sup>th</sup> June 2003 totalled \$1,976,436.

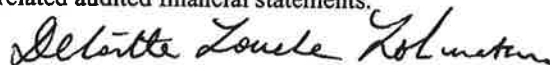
**TE TAHA MAORI INVESTMENT FUNDS BOARD**  
**Financial Reporting Summary for the year ended 30 June 2003**

<b>STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Rental Income	46,824	45,545
Distributions & Interest Received	152,888	152,308
Other Income	3,711	17,793
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b><u>203,423</u></b>	<b><u>215,646</u></b>
Property Expenses	34,875	40,328
Office & General Expenses	18,874	20,970
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b><u>53,749</u></b>	<b><u>61,298</u></b>
<b>NET SURPLUS</b>	<b><u>149,674</u></b>	<b><u>154,348</u></b>

<b>STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Designated Funds	3,313,049	3,093,492
Reserves	3,493,096	3,432,596
Accumulated Funds	2,704,077	2,624,403
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b><u>9,510,222</u></b>	<b><u>9,150,491</u></b>
Current Assets	54,172	74,092
Current Liabilities	(5,292)	(3,006)
<b>WORKING CAPITAL</b>	<b><u>48,880</u></b>	<b><u>71,086</u></b>
Non Current Assets	5,362,999	5,042,976
Fixed Assets	4,098,343	4,036,429
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b><u>9,510,222</u></b>	<b><u>9,150,491</u></b>

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**REPORT TO CONFERENCE**

Te Taha Maori Investment Funds Board is responsible for overseeing the majority of Te Taha Maori investments, including land and buildings.

Total rental income for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2003 was \$46,824 from the fourteen properties available for rent or lease.

Net income from Maungawhare Farm was \$3,211 with 60 stock on hand at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2003.

Investments held in the Methodist Trust Association at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2003 totalled \$5,116,374.

**THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON METHODIST CHARITABLE AND  
EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS**  
Financial Reporting Summary for the year ended 30 June 2003

<i>STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE</i>	<b>2003</b> \$	<b>2002</b> \$
TOTAL INCOME	156,670	159,567
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>(3,401)</u>	<u>(3,867)</u>
<b>NET INCOME FOR YEAR</b>	<b><u>153,269</u></b>	<b><u>155,700</u></b>
<b>DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME</b>		
Te Taha Maori	60,000	60,000
Grants to Schools	25,500	22,550
Masterton Christian Child Care Programme	18,505	18,445
Wesley Community Action	35,000	25,000
Other	<u>12,250</u>	<u>10,100</u>
	<b><u>151,255</u></b>	<b><u>136,095</u></b>
<b>SURPLUS BEFORE REVALUATION OF INVESTMENTS</b>	<b><u>2,014</u></b>	<b><u>19,605</u></b>
Revaluations	628,828	(39,988)
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) TRANSFERRED TO CAPITAL</b>	<b><u>630,842</u></b>	<b><u>(20,383)</u></b>

<i>STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION</i>	<b>2003</b> \$	<b>2002</b> \$
General Funds	1,722,406	1,698,642
Specific Funds:		
- Undistributed Income	24,900	46,650
- Capital Accretion – NZMTA	47,389	28,730
- Property Revaluation Reserve	1,451,771	841,771
-Estate J S Bennett	5,080	4,911
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b><u>3,251,546</u></b>	<b><u>2,620,704</u></b>
Current Assets	637,147	657,103
Current Liabilities	<u>10,066</u>	<u>9,498</u>
<b>WORKING CAPITAL</b>	<b>627,081</b>	<b>647,605</b>
Non Current Assets	1,164,465	1,123,099
Fixed Assets	1,460,000	850,000
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b><u>3,251,546</u></b>	<b><u>2,620,704</u></b>

The summaries above have been extracted from the audited annual financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2003. For a better understanding of the financial position and the result of operations for the year, these summaries should be read in conjunction with the related audited financial statements.

## **B(ii) TAUIWI**

- **Strategy and Stationing**

## TAUIWI STRATEGY & STATIONING REPORT TO CONFERENCE

### DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS GATHERING -

Following a pastoral concern from the President, District Superintendents (including Evangelical Network Superintendent, Superintendents of Sinoti Samoa, Vahefonua Tonga, Wasewas ko Viti Kei Rotuma) have taken seriously their need for education, collegial support and Resourcing. It is important for the District Superintendents to meet together each year so that we can work more effectively as Taiwi leaders. Our meeting in 2004 will follow a model of education, resourcing and collegial support and encouragement.

### REGIONAL MODELLING –

Following the March Taiwi Strategy & Stationing meeting, the District Superintendents and lay leaders (including Evangelical Network, Vahefonua Tonga, Sinoti Samoa and Wasewas ko Viti Kei Rotuma) began a conversation to consider ways in which they could respond to the decision of Conference

*'That the English speaking districts take seriously the need to reduce their number to five'*

Conversation began across the Connexion with districts responding in different ways, taking into account issues of retaining their own unique identity and culture. Work will continue over the next year including an early conversation with Te Taha Maori. The South Island has agreed to work towards modelling being a region.

In order to pursue this, there will be a requirement of some Connexional resourcing eg funding etc. Conversations have been held with the General Secretary and Director of Mission Resourcing and funding sources have been identified.

A progress report will be made to Taiwi meeting at Conference in 2004.

### SUPERINTENDENCY –

Superintendency is a critical concern, particularly at this stage of our history. It exists to give leadership and require pastoral, managerial and disciplinary expertise. We cannot reduce the number of Districts and deal with all the pastoral and other issues adequately without moving to some form of separated and focussed superintendency. We believe this applies both to District Synods and to our culturally based Synods. It may be that a variety of models could emerge during a period of transition perhaps with separated Superintendents and Associate Superintendents.

We noted that while Wasewase Ko Viti Kei Rotuma e Niu Siladi and the Evangelical Network also cover large areas; though their constituency is smaller, need some resourcing.

### FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF CIRCUIT MODELS –

The decreasing pool of trained available Presbyters;

The age structure of congregations;

The ability of parishes to meet costs;

these point towards the sharing of lay and ordained skills in new and creative models for ministry delivery.

The Diaconate model may be the future, and the development of circuit groupings of parishes, among others, is currently emerging as a helpful direction.

To establish strong circuit models, consideration must be given to:-

- \* a real willingness to work together
- \* an intentional sharing of financial resources
- \* the encouragement of lay and ordained people skills'
- \* intentional training to meet specific needs
- \* the use of lay and ordained pastoral skills to target pastoral needs
- \* real collegial support

### INTENTIONAL TRANSITIONAL MINISTRY –

Two years ago, Stationing Committee made a decision to be intentional about addressing issues within a geographically isolated, multicultural congregation. The result was the placement of two people as joint Presidential Commissioners to undertake Intentional Transitional Ministry.

The five main tasks were:

- Coming to terms with history – History plus Healing
- Discovering a new identity
- Changes in leadership styles/roles
- Renewing denominational linkages – *becoming more Connexional*
- Commitment to new directions

The interim report, after 18 months, indicated that this has been a very helpful process. There has been significant movement within the parish, a building of relationships between the cultures, a raising of awareness of power sharing, connexionalism and a new understanding of ministry involving lay, diaconal and presbyteral.

Strategy & Stationing have affirmed the value of this process and sees the benefits of engaging this gift of Transitional Ministry. One of the benefits of this model of ministry is that it is covenanted, has a clear process for proceeding and provides processes for evaluation and closure.

One of the learnings was that it was unhelpful for one of the team to also be Parish Superintendent as this gave rise to possible conflicts of roles. There needs to be clear lines of both accountability and authority, external to the parish and the Transitional minister/s. A suggestion would be that the District Superintendent could act as Parish Superintendent.

A plus about the team used was that it embraced both Diaconal and Presbyteral focus and functions.

We note that there are six Methodists in training for Transitional Ministry. Transitional Ministry is a special ministry and therefore requires that special consideration be given to costs, time out for the team members and some 'space' provided for the team after the closure of the process. The present stationing process, on a yearly basis, means that a two-year process is necessary.

A full report from the Transitional Ministry team has been presented to the President and to Taiwi Strategy & Stationing committee.

#### STATIONING PROCESS –

The shrinking pool of suitable presbyters for stationing creates serious implications for the stationing process. Unless the pool grows again it may be more beneficial to use a continuous stationing process and more flexible appointment procedures.

This may mean:

1. Less than full time appointments become supply appointments negotiated by Districts and Mission Resourcing, and no longer appear on the stationing sheet.  
NOTE: Part time presbyteral appointments still need to be confirmed at Conference.
2. Only full time matchings appear on the Stationing Sheet at Stationing Committee
3. Districts need to take more initiative in the selection, training and appointment of local and lay ministers.
4. Ministry training needs to focus more on multilingual presbyteral ministers.

#### LAY PREACHERS –

In response to questions raised by the Lay Preachers, Taiwi Strategy committee supported the Methodist Lay Preachers Network that the New Zealand Lay Preachers Association is not accountable to the Conference, therefore the Conference representative should be from the Methodist Lay Preachers Network.

The Network also raised questions regarding financial support for the professional development of Lay Leaders. The Taiwi Strategy committee supported this, and believes that the Board of Ministry is the appropriate body to assess the levels, frequency and qualifying criteria.

#### SUGGESTED DECISIONS:

- 1) Report is received
- 2) Conference encourages Taiwi Strategy & Stationing to continue work on
  - The circuit model
  - Intentional Transitional Ministry
  - Regional Church
  - Stationing process
- 3) The Board of Ministry in consultation with the Lay Preachers Network, explore the level, frequency and qualifying criteria needed from parishes for the professional development of Lay Preachers.
  - a) The Methodist Lay Preachers Network be entitled to one representative to Conference
  - b) The Law Book Section 7.2.2.3.2(h) have added Methodist Lay Preachers Network.

## **C. LAW REVISION**

- **Law Revision**



## LAW REVISION COMMITTEE

With the adoption by Conference 2002 of the Revised Laws and Regulations, including the new Disciplinary Code, the work of the Law Revision Committee has inevitably been less onerous during the past year. By and large the reaction throughout the Connexion to the new Law Book has been satisfactory, and no serious blemishes have been pointed out.

Inevitably minor editorial mistakes have been found – in the numbering of clauses, in an occasional duplication of words, in unchecked cross-references. A document setting out the necessary changes was submitted to the President for his authorisation, and is attached to this Report, so that in terms of 7.5.2.3 Conference may add its endorsement.

Other changes to the Laws and Regulations of a more significant nature have received attention, and the Committee offers the following amendments and additions to Conference for its approval:

### 1.7.3.1 (*Board of Administration*)

Additional wording: *Those being received into membership shall be given a document recording their reception into membership which they shall sign as a recognition of their new status as members of the Methodist Church of New Zealand*

### 1.10.7.3 (*Welfare of the Church*)

New: *The names of all those receiving initial accreditation as part of the Methodist Lay Preachers' Network shall be presented to Conference by the Methodist Lay Preachers' Network on behalf of the New Zealand Lay Preachers' Association.*

### 2.11.3 (*Board of Ministry*)

New: *Ministers shall enjoy all the rights and exercise all the responsibilities of ministry within the appointment in which they have been stationed. Any ministerial tasks and offices exercised in any other part of the Church shall be solely at the invitation of the appropriate Parish Meeting or other Connexional body.*

### 2.29.1 (*Board of Administration*)

New: *Without prejudice to the principles and procedures set out in the Disciplinary Regulations (Section 8), it shall be appropriate for the President, on advice, to relieve ministers of their tasks and responsibilities within their stationed appointments during the course of an action under the Disciplinary Procedures in which they are involved.*

### 4.5.1(f) (*Board of Ministry*)

New: *It shall be clearly understood that appointments under the Stationing Procedures are expressly limited by the process of matching ministerial and parish profiles. It shall not be appropriate for an appointment to be made which is seen to disregard the principle of matching.*

### 5.2.4.4.1 (*Board of Administration*)

New: *The Board shall have responsibility for overseeing the work of the Law Revision Committee, and for presenting to Conference the recommendation of the appointing committee (see 7.7.1) in respect to the nomination of the President's Legal Adviser.*

Appointments, in accordance with the process specified, have been made to cover all positions needing filling under the Disciplinary Code. Actions already initiated under the Code have worked most satisfactorily and have shown the processes to be fair and effective.

The High Court Judgement in the matter of the Otahuhu Tongan Methodist congregation was wholly in favour of the Methodist Church of New Zealand and others as defendants. Provisional leave to appeal having been made it is too soon for the Law Revision Committee to consider the implications of both the Judgement and of the wider issues raised during the trial. This will be an important task for the Committee during 2004.

In its report to Conference 2002 the Committee pointed out that the absence of any jurisdiction under the Disciplinary Code to deal with matters of a theological nature is a serious omission. No steps to remedy this have yet been taken, and the Committee asks Conference to initiate debate of the relevant issues.

G.H.Peak  
Convenor

Jill van de Geer  
Secretary

### **Suggested Decisions**

1. The report is received.
2. Membership of the Committee for 2003 is: Norman Brookes, Robyn Brown, Howard Lawry, Geoff Peak (Convenor), David Smith, Jan Tasker, Peter Williamson, General Secretary (Secretary)

## AMENDMENTS TO THE LAW BOOK

Approved by the President during the year.

The amendments listed below were editorial only and were approved by the President.

1.7.1.1

Delete second sentence - a duplication of what is already stated.

1.7.2.1

Additional wording: There shall be an Electoral Roll in a register *or other format approved by the Church...*

1.10.7

Renumber 1.10.7.1

1.10.7

Renumber 1.10.7.2

2.11.6(e)

Now to read: 'In the ninth (9) year of an appointment, or on attaining the age of sixty-five (65), [~~delete or in the fortieth (40) year of ministry as a presbyter,~~] the Synod Superintendent shall ask the Pastoral Committee to arrange a review. (refer 2.15.3; 5.7.7.2.3) Deletion to harmonise with clause in section on functions of the Pastoral Committee

Note: second cross-reference reads 5.7.7.2.3.

3.15.1-3

Now to be numbered 3.14.8.1-3

4.5.1(b)

Now to read: ' All Presbyters whose names appear on the Stationing Sheet of the region, *and all Supernumeraries who are normally resident in the region;*

5.1.4

New: *Where a Board or Society or other body of the Church is an Incorporated Board and holds title to, and administers property of, the Methodist Church of New Zealand, all such property shall be held on the same trusts as are contained in the Methodist Model Deed of New Zealand 1887.*

5.3.3(c)

Additional wording: after 'Connexional Funds *including Development Fund – Ministries*

7.7.1

Additional wording: add Tumuaki, so that the appointing committee for the President's Legal Adviser shall now read: President, Vice President, Ex-President (who shall act as Convener), *Tumuaki* and General Secretary.

7.11.2.28

add, with consequent renumbering: (a) Board of Administration

8.4(c)(ii)

replace 'Ethical Guidelines' with *Ethical Standards for Ministry.*

8.32(c)

delete all after 'facilitate the process.'

8.33(a)

Additional wording: 'The Complaints Review Committee shall review and consider the complaint and the accompanying report. *Normally such review and consideration shall be completed within 14 days ....*

8.33 (b) (I)

should now read: the complaint shall be taken *no* further

Section 8

Where the general phrase 'alternative dispute resolution' is used replace these words with *mediation* (refs. 8.33(b)(ii);

8.33(c)(ii) [twice]; 8.33(d); 8.34(a); 8.34(b); 8.34(c); 8.35(a); 8.35(b))

8.34, 8.35

Headings shall now read *Mediation Process*

8.35(d)(ii)

amend to read: the complaint shall be taken further and the *person accused against* be charged ....

9.2.2

New: *However title is held, all property of the Methodist Church of New Zealand shall be held on the same trusts as are contained in the Methodist Model Deed of New Zealand 1887.*

9.3.4.1

Amend: 'Ministry Resourcing Ministries Fund' should now read *Development Fund Ministries*

9.5.1

Renumber 9.5.1.1

9.5.1.2

New: *All property held by an Incorporated Board shall be held on the same trusts as are contained in the Methodist Model Deed of New Zealand 1887.*

9.8.1(a)

Additional wording: after 'New Zealand 1887', add '*and shall hold such property on the same trusts as are contained in the Methodist Model Deed of New Zealand 1887*', Note: this same additional wording should be placed at the end of clause 5.2.6(a)

10.7.1.1

Additional wording: after 'Mission Resourcing Fund, *which shall include the Development Fund Ministries.*

10.8.1.3

New: *The Fund shall include the Development Fund - Properties, established from Church Building and Loan Fund resources for the purpose of providing grants for Parish property development*

10.8.2.1

Additional wording: after 'Administration Division *except that in the case of the Development Fund – Properties, grants are made on the recommendation of the Board of Ministry*

11(A) 4.1.1 – 5.2

Renumber: **General** now 3.6.1-3

**Winding Up** now 3.7.1-2

11(B) 2.2.17(20)

Delete: 'Sector' – Fund name now 'Ministries Fund'

## **D. ADMINISTRATION**

- **Administration Division**
- **Methodist Provident Society**
- **PAC Distribution Group**
- **Financials**
- **Investment Advisory Board**
- **Methodist Trust Association**
- **PACT 2086**
- **Robert Gibson Trust**

## BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION

### INTRODUCTION

During the latter part of 2002, the Board commissioned a review of its organisation, structure, management and the staffing of the Administration Office. The Board were conscious that it is now required to provide services to a much smaller Church numerically and this brings new challenges as professional leadership particularly in the financial area is not available in many congregations. Legislative requirements are also becoming more of a burden to smaller groups and expert help and advice are essential tasks needing to be provided by the Division.

Consultants were asked to investigate, evaluate and prepare a written report on the Division's organisation and its management structure and its alignment to achieving objectives. Key recommendations were:

- *The position of Office Manager be changed to Connexional Office Manger with the focus being on services provided to the Connexion and the development of the human resource systems both in the Connexion and the office.*
- *The position of Chief Accountant be disestablished and a new position Financial Services Manager be created. This new position would involve hands on leadership and monitoring of accounting systems development resulting in an improvement in the cost effectiveness of delivery of accounting services to the Connexion.*
- *An office junior be employed. This was seen to be more cost effective as it would cut down the number of casual staff being employed. It was recommended that the Office Junior be selected from a scholarship programme that involves polytechnic study in office systems and procedures.*

The Board is able to report that these and other recommendations were all in place by August, 2003 and already the benefits of the new structure are being experienced. Throughout the Review process the Board has continued to take its bicultural responsibility seriously.

### STAFF

The Division acknowledges the commitment of its staff to the review and the willingness and cooperation displayed as changes have been made.

John Wilson Chief Accountant to the Division for the past eight years, retires on December 31, 2003. John has guided the Church through significant change and provided the Church with specialised, professional skills in some difficult situations and the Board wish to place on record their thanks and the thanks of the wider church.

Leah Scales has joined the Division as Financial Services Manager. Leah comes with a background of senior management in Deloitte Auckland and has already made her mark both in the office and the wider Connexion.

David White is developing his new role with a more Connexional focus.

Viki Forscutt is the new Secretary Administrator to the General Secretary and Jean Cameron has taken up the position of Office Junior. Gail Smith joined the staff in January as Fund Administrator.

### ARCHIVES

1. In 2001 the Board of Administration commissioned a review of Methodist Archives from Pauline Porteous, a professional Wellington-based archivist. The review report was produced in 2002 and was the basic document for a Consultation held in Wellington on Thursday 11 September 2003 at which the following were present: Marcia and Fred Baker, Elaine Bolitho, Judith Bright, Rosemary Collier, John Cookson, Jill van de Geer, Michael Greer, Frank Hanson, Helen Laurensen, Greg Morgan, Donald Phillipps, Pauline Porteous, Leah Scales, Hazel Simpkin, Barbara Stephens (Facilitator), Diana Tana, Susan Thompson, Jill Weeks and Rae Wilson.
2. The Draft Archive Policy set out in the review report was used as a discussion paper. A large measure of agreement was reached at the meeting in respect to the various clauses of this Draft. This document, with comments and amendments made during the Consultation, will be circulated by the Board throughout the connexion as a discussion document during 2004.
3. The Consultation gave significant time to the discussion of the larger issues relating to Methodist Archives, under the headings Management, Access and Location.

A group comprising Donald Phillipps, Greg Morgan, Judith Bright and Susan Thompson has been asked to complete a report for the Board including the Draft Policy and recommendations relating to Management, Access and Location.

4. It should be noted that there are financial constraints, and that Conference will need to (a) make provision within the Budget for the administration of the Archives, (b) authorise fundraising; or (c) approve a combination of (a) and (b).
5. It should also be noted that there is no intention of consolidating Methodist Archives in one repository. Existing archives at Te Taha Maori, St John's/Trinity College Library and Wesley College will remain. However, devolution of regional material into approved repositories, as already authorised by Conference, will continue to be considered under strict conditions.
6. The Board's time-line for this project is for all matters to be finalised during 2004, so that both the policy and its implementation may be put into operation following Conference 2004.

### **DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES**

The new code came into law immediately following conference 2002. The President appointed Rev Bruce Hanson as complaints officer and also appointed members of the Tribunal are Ruth Bilverstone, David Bush, Mervyn Dine, Rob Ferguson, Keith Hopner, Helen Laurenson, Howard Lawry, Valerie Nicholls, Ken Olsen, Jeff Sanders, Indira Sirisena and Sheila Thorne. The members of the Review Panel are: John Bennett, Wendy Conwell, Uesifili Unasa and Alan Upson

Five complaints have been dealt with during the year.

- one was resolved at mediation,
- two were judged to be of no substance
- one is to go to mediation
- the fifth is nearing a conclusion

The procedures have worked well although it is noted that it is difficult if individuals are reluctant to enter into the process.

There have been no complaints dealt with using the sexual harrasment procedures.

### **COMPLAINT REVIEW COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON REPORT**

The Chairperson of the Complaints Review Committee is required to report to Conference each year as to the work of Complaints Reviewers, and to make any suggestions as to amendments to the Disciplinary Code.

This year, there have been no complaints which have been considered by a Complaints Review Committee.

The Code has been in operation for one year. There have been some suggested changes to the Code which have been attended to – either because there were some clear drafting errors (and have been changed by the President where these have been minor changes) or will be considered by the Law Revision Committee for further changes to be effected.

### **STIPENDS**

From 1 July 2003 the stipend was increased by 2.5% in line the indicative formula adopted by Conference. The formula uses the increase in the Consumer Price Index for the year to 31 March 2003 as the basis of setting the new amount of Stipend.

At 1 July 2003 the basic stipend rose from \$34,044 to \$34,896 per annum. The standard reimbursing allowances increased from \$2,424 to \$2,485 while the maximum reimbursement of the book allowance increased by \$20 to \$826.

### **Allowance Survey**

Since 1996, as a result of amending legislation, the Church is not required to seek formal approval from the Inland Revenue Department to pay the standard reimbursing allowances to Ministers free of income tax. Every five years the level of payment is verified by surveying actual expenses incurred by Presbyters. As the last survey was conducted for the year ended 31 March 1999, a request has been sent to every Presbyter asking them to maintain detailed records of their Ministry-related expenses during the twelve month period ending 31 March 2004. After making any adjustment as determined by the survey the standard allowance payment is updated each year by the movement in the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

### **INSURANCE FUND**

The Insurance Fund has had a reasonable year given the very challenging conditions affecting the Insurance market.

### **Claims**

The Fund had one major loss during the year which involved the Church's insurers as well as a slightly greater than normal incidence of "everyday" claims.

Several Parishes, unfortunately, suffered from burglaries and thefts during the year although no losses were sustained in properties protected by operating alarm systems. Electronic equipment, particularly computers, are frequent targets and parishes need to consider secure storage for such equipment when not in use.

#### **Premium Rates**

The significant increase in insurance premiums following the terrorist attacks in September 2001 impacted on the Insurance Fund with the insurance premiums paid by the Fund rising 28% in May 2002 and by a further 46% in the year commencing May 2003.

The Fund moved to reduce the impact of these increases on the Church by absorbing nearly 50% of the increases during 2002/2003, 2003/2004. This means that the Fund has budgeted to make a loss of \$24,000 for the year to April 2004 if claims are at the long term average of \$140,000.

Even so the premium charge to the Church has had to increase by 16.6% in 2002/2003 and a further 20% in 2003/2004.

The Fund continues to provide very comprehensive cover at most competitive rates and with very modest excess deductions.

#### **Liability Covers**

The Fund also meets, from the overall premium, the cost of a wide ranging and inclusive suite of liability covers including Public Liability, Directors and Officers statutory liability, Employers Employment disputes, Bodily injury (punitive and exemplary damages) and criminal defence costs. Details of each cover are spelt out in the Insurance handbook published and sent to all parishes at each renewal.

The Insurance Fund invites District and Connexional leaders to a workshop each year to review and discuss the covers available to the Church both for physical property and legal liability.

#### **Accounting and Information System**

May 2003 saw the introduction of the new Insurance Fund information and accounting system. Parishes will have noticed that the insurance information and accounts are much more informative and understandable.

One benefit of the new system is straightforward invoicing of quarterly instalments and the Fund also offers the ability to have premiums paid by direct debit on the last non penalty day which has proved very popular with parishes.

#### **Future Activities**

The Insurance industry continues to see rising premiums and restricted covers. The Methodist Church of New Zealand has been well served by its existing insurance arrangements and given the Church's generally excellent claims record, this should continue.

Parishes and other insured groups can significantly assist the breadth of cover available and control premium cost by ensuring that buildings are properly secured, obvious fire risks removed and by contacting the Connexional Office whenever a potential legal liability claim arises.

One of the most significant property protection devices available has been the installation of a modest smoke and perimeter security system. The Connexion continues to provide grants assistance for approved systems.

The Insurance Fund expresses its appreciation to all involved in the maintenance and management of the Church's property.

#### **Standing Committee on the Connexional Financial Review (CFR)**

This CFR comprising Frank Claridge, Murray Clark, David McGeorge, Jill van de Geer and David White was set up by the Board following an increasing concern that the financial performance of connexional and other groups was not being sufficiently monitored through the Committee of Detail process at annual conferences. There were several secondary objectives as well.

The CFR received and reviewed financial statements from the Connexional groups from Synod level and above. Because of the timing, some statements were still in draft form. Other groups that the CFR consider should have presented statements for review where not made available until after the initial review date.

Following the review, the CFR wrote a general letter to all groups that submitted their statements. In addition, individual letters were sent to:

- Christchurch Methodist Mission
- Waikato-Waiariki District
- North Canterbury District
- Board of Administration

- Church Building & Loan Fund
- Methodist Mission & Ecumenical
- Ministry Education - Theological College

where specific matters had been identified by the CFR as requiring comment. As the CFR was acting on behalf of Conference responses to the queries raised will be submitted directly to the appropriate Committee of Detail.

The CFR is appreciative of the efforts made by the Treasurers who managed to send in the required statements. This was an additional task for them from previous years and most responded well. Attention will be given to the timing of this review next year.

Matters arising from the review are summarised here.

### Overall issues

1. There is a wide variation in the presentation of the information. Standard policies and templates would be useful to treasurers, auditors and reviewers alike.
2. There are still instances of funds that are held for particular purposes that do not appear to be progressing or to have progressed over several years. The income is generally added to the capital. Some PAC grants fall into this category.
3. There are different practices used to report accumulated funds. It is generally difficult to assess which part of those accumulated funds has already been spent (on the purchase of assets for example) and which part is still available as working capital or to meet planned or unplanned deficits.
4. There are different practices in regard to the use of the term "restricted funds". This leads to confusion as to whether the restrictions have been placed internally or externally.
5. There are instances of Boards or committees incurring significant deficits without any clear evidence of resources that will enable activities to be sustained. The CFR believes that where Boards and Committees that are subject to the review, plan to operate at a deficit in the forthcoming financial year, such Board and Committees be required to discuss the matter with the CFR.

While not the subject of comments to individual Boards and Committees, there are several other policy issues which need to be addressed. These include:

1. There need to be policies developed with regard to the investment of funds. Most long-standing Boards or committees have endowment or other investment-type funds. In some cases these are recorded on the balance sheets of the Boards, and the Board concerned shows an investment in the MTA or the GPTB. In other cases, funds are held directly in the MTA or GPTB (usually) with only the interest credited to the Board and included in that financial report. The first practice shows the total resources available to a particular Board, but may make it appear that the Board has more funds than otherwise is the case. The second practice shows the total actually received and spent by the Board, but does not show the source(s) that contribute. In some cases, there is a mixture of both practices. The CFR recommended to the Board of Administration that work be done this year to develop a standard policy and practice.
2. A further consequence of the different practices is that funds invested in the MTA through the GPTB carry two lots of costs and fees. One Board was then taking a further fee from the distributions before crediting the remainder to the restricted funds concerned. The CFR has recommended to the Board of Administration that policy work be done this year to assist maximise returns to the Boards concerned.
3. Districts continue to hold significant funds, with, in some cases, limited intentions or accountability.

### Other Issues

1. The CFR is aware of work being done on the Removal Fund to better match the programme of removals and the availability of funding, and supports the directions being taken. It is essential that a solution be found within the current financial period.
2. The CFR is also aware that the Board of Administration has started a review of the Church Building and Loan Fund, and assumes that the matters raised with that Board will be addressed during that review.
3. It is clear that there are increasing difficulties in finding experienced people to act as Treasurers of some Boards and Committees. The development of standard policies and reporting practices will help even if only in a small way. Further measures will need to be devised though, if the current trend continues.

In all of the contact that the members of the Financial Review team have had with connexional and district groups, strenuous efforts have been made to ensure that they see the review process as one that is helpful rather than just another compliance or monitoring requirement. As a consequence members of the CFR have spent considerable time talking to and working with individual groups. To date, the response from those groups appear to be positive and appreciative.

The Board should ensure that a similar financial review becomes a regular annual process. Part of the benefits to come from such a review lie in the opportunities it creates to talk issues through with individual Boards and Committees, and



the members of the CFR have seen this as part of their responsibility this year. The Board of Administration has appointed to the CFR for next year; Frank Claridge, Murray Clark, Jill van de Geer, David White with the power to co-opt and Leah Scales as a consultant.

## **PRESBYTERS HOUSING LOAN FUND**

The Board of Administration is currently undertaking a review of its lending facilities, in particular those offered by the Presbyters Deacons and Layworkers Loan fund and the Presbyters Housing Fund.

It is recommended a request be sent to the Tauwi Strategy and Stationing Committee for comment in regard to the necessity of lending facilities within the church. On receipt of this a proposal will be presented to Conference 2004 for approval.

## **SUPERNUMERARY FUND**

Along with most other supernumerary investment portfolios in New Zealand, the Fund suffered a significant reduction in value of \$4,413,684 during the year ended 31 January 2003, compared with \$2,474,105 reduction in the previous year. The loss of -19.6% for the year was principally due to the continued decline of international share markets. The value of the Supernumerary Fund as at 31 January 2003 was \$13,651,264.

The Trustee has been carefully monitoring these changes and continues to carefully scrutinise the performance of the Fund Manager. The Trustee has also carefully reviewed its investment instructions to the Fund Manager and continues to keep those instructions under close review. In such circumstances, the Trustee also seeks and values the regular advice of the Fund's Actuary.

However net investment returns for the 6 months to 31 July 2003 are already much improved with a profit of \$1,086,925 (8.1%) increasing the net assets of the Fund to \$14,249,565 at that date and we anticipate a similarly improved performance in the next quarter ending 30 September 2003.

On an ongoing basis the Fund is in actuarial balance with pensions payable at current levels. Nevertheless, because of the impact national and international investment performance has had upon such investment portfolios, the recommendation of the Actuary to the Trustee has been that pensions be held until such time as the Fund is in a position of adequate surplus as certified by the Actuary. The Trustee's responsibility is to act prudently and it has therefore adopted the Actuary's recommendation.

At 31 January 2003 there were 113 active members, a decline of 6 members during the year, while the number of Supernumerary members increased from 207 to 213.

## **METHODIST PROVIDENT SOCIETY LIMITED**

The Society has pleasure in presenting this, its Twenty Fourth Annual Report to Conference.

The total membership at 30 June 2003 was 230 compared with 233 at the 30 June 2002.

### **Annual Meeting**

The Board of Society has decided to continue meeting in Christchurch, and the meeting is scheduled for the 17 September, 2003. It is acknowledged that this may restrict the involvement of members who are out of the greater Canterbury area, however holding the meeting in association with the annual conference has proved restrictive because of the shortage of available time.

### **Interest Rates**

Interest rates during the 2002-2003 year have continued to vary quarterly based on a formula of 60% of the 90 day Bank Deposit rate at the beginning of each period. For the quarter commencing the 1st July 2003 the rate has been 3.46%.

### **GRANTS MADE BY THE SOCIETY**

The Annual meeting last September, recommended to Conference that the following grants should be made:

#### **General Grants**

Wainoni Avonside Community Services – Supervision Costs for Community Worker \$500

Deacons Task Group Travel costs to Task Group meetings \$1,000 Oamaru Union Parish – Breaking the Cycle  
Community Outreach \$1,000

Suiva'aia Te'o and others towards costs of South Pacific Area Seminar \$1,000

South Pacific Area Seminar – World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women \$1,500

### **Developmental Grants**

St David's Union Parish Carterton - Purchase of Computer for Outreach Programme \$450

Clarence St. Methodist Church Christchurch - Play Equipment for Community Mother's Group \$500

Blenheim Parish - Seeding Finance for Children and Family Outreach \$500

St Mary's Co-operating Parish Glen Innes Auckland – Funding to Assist with Music Tuition \$500

PILLARS, Christchurch. Strengthening families who have a loved one in Prison – Provide Training in Maori Cultural Framework to Strengthen the Treaty Partnership \$500

SPAN Charitable Trust – Assist with costs associated with necessary move \$590

Invercargill Parish – Provision of Tertiary Chaplaincy \$1, 000

The Community Church of St. John the Evangelist Great Barrier Island - \$1,100 establishment of Medland Haven to provide respite and recreational holidays for disadvantaged people.

### **Grants**

For the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2003 there will be \$5,000 available for distribution over and above the \$3,800 for Developmental Purposes, and recommendations will be brought to Conference following the decisions of the Annual Meeting.

### **Further Benefits of Society Membership**

#### Health Insurance Facilities.

The arrangement with Southern Cross Healthcare, continues to be offered to members

#### Mobil Card Facilities

Continues to be offered to members with deposits of at least \$100

### **The Future of the Society**

The Board has not been active in promoting membership of the Society over the past year, but there have been several enquiries from people wishing to take advantage of the facilities that the Society offers.

### **Board Membership**

The following has been the membership of the Board over the past year Mrs. Pat Teague, Chairperson, Mesdames Cheryl Brown, Elizabeth Cant, Ruth Bilverstone, and Revs. Jill Van de Geer, Donald Phillipps, Kenneth Smith, Messrs. Warren Hudson, Alan Bettany, and Murray Clark.

Rev. Donald Phillipps ceased to be a member of the Board from the beginning of the year as he retired as a member of the Board of Administration at the end of last year. Mesdames Pat Teague, Cheryl Brown and Mr. Warren Hudson have indicated that will not be available to serve on the Board after this year's annual meeting

Pat M. Teague Chairperson

Jill Van de Geer Secretary

Ruth M. Le Couteur Executive Officer

### **CHURCH BUILDING & LOAN FUND**

#### **District Property Advisory Committees.**

We again acknowledge the work being undertaken by the District Property Advisory Committees.

#### **Use of Architects.**

While it is generally acknowledged that the services of an Architect at least at the planning stages of a project is mandatory, it has been a matter of concern that there has been a number of developments which have been subject to Design and Build contracts. Recent problems in the building industry has emphasised the need to maintain a high standard of building and supervision of developments. The Board of Administration has asked CB&L to develop a specific guideline to be brought to Conference 2004.

#### **Procedure when Builder is Placed in Receivership**

This year 2 parishes have experienced difficulties while undertaking a building development with the contractor being placed in receivership during the construction of the building. In one instance an architect was involved and in the

other instance it was a Design and Build contract and there appears to have been significantly more problems in the latter case than in the former.

When a parish becomes aware that a contractor has been placed into receivership or there is any other evidence that the contractor is in financial difficulties it is important to immediately advise the Administration Division.

Legal advice must be sought through the Administration Division as to the appropriate action that should be taken. A meeting should be sought with the Receiver to ascertain their intentions regarding the completion of the contract.

Subsequent payments for the construction should only be made with the approval of the Administration Division. Each case must be considered on a case by case basis.

#### **Local Government (Rating) Act (2002)**

This Act came into force on 1 July 2003 resulting in significant changes in the issuing of rate demands. Local Authorities and Regional Councils had to clearly identify their separate charges and in many areas separate demands were issued. The Act also provided that local authorities could not provide partial or apportioned rate demands where rating units were occupied by a number of rate payers or there was a mixture of rateable and non rateable uses.

Nothing in the new Act however changed the Church's obligations or liabilities in respect of non rateable property. Treasurers should ensure that rate demands under the new Act do not include rates on previously unrated property.

#### **Retirement Villages Act (2002)**

This Act results in several important changes to the administration of Retirement Villages including compulsory registration of all such villages. The Bill defines a retirement village as "*any property or premises that contains 2 or more residential units that provide, or are intended to provide, residential accommodation together with services or facilities, or both, predominantly for persons in their retirement, their spouses or partners, and regardless of whether –*

- (a) a resident's right of occupation of any residential unit is provided by way of freehold or leasehold title, cross lease title, unit title, lease, licence to occupy, residential tenancy, or other form of assurances, for life or any other term; or*
- (b) the consideration for that right is a lump sum payment or deduction, a periodic payment or deduction, or any combination of such payments or deductions, whether made before, during, or after occupancy; or*
- (c) the resident makes an additional payment for any services or facilities."*

Accordingly, it is possible that a number of retirement / pensioner complexes built by parishes could be required to register.

If any Parish is involved in the supply of accommodation for retired people it should carefully consider whether or not the legislation impacts on their operations. To assist further Information Leaflet No.49 - The Retirement Village Act 2002, is available in the Church website or from the Connexional Office.

The Board of Administration has initiated an in depth review of the Church Building and Loan Fund to be undertaken by the Auckland members of the Board. The scope of the review is as follows:

#### **Review of the Church Building and Loan Fund**

##### **Scope of Review**

- To review current policies and practices;
- To evaluate and assess the policies and practises against the mission statement of the Fund and the Methodist Church;
- To assess the impact the Fund has on clients and their reaction to current policies and practises;
- To establish whether or not there are unmet needs among clients that could be met by changes to the policies and practises of the Fund;
- To review evaluate and assess the administrative effectiveness and staff efficiency for the operation of the Fund;
- To consider and recommend any changes that appear to be of relevance to the operation of the Fund;
- To consider the appropriateness of the name "Church Building and Loan Fund";
- To report to the Board of Administration no later than 30 June 2004.

#### **Donations and Bequests**

The Church Building and Loan Fund acknowledges the following distributions received during the year:

	\$
Barnett Estate	4,427
Buttle Estate	342
F. W. Walter Estate	6,246
Cardno Estate	2,018
Woodward Estate	1,740
M.B. Gilmour	<u>519</u>
	\$ <u>15,292</u>

### PAC DISTRIBUTION GROUP

#### **GIFTING THE FLAVOUR - Enabling the church to be salt within the community**

You shall not omit from your grain offering the salt of the covenant with your God; with all your offerings you shall offer salt.

*Leviticus 2: 13.*

*You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.*

*Matthew 5: 13.*

‘When the kitchen runs well, everything runs well’ – this saying, and the words of Diana Roberts’ *Kitchen Theology* in May’s Touchstone, inspired the PAC Distribution Group’s theme for the year: **Enabling the church to be salt within the community.**

Leviticus reminds us that salt is the symbol of the covenant relationship between God and God’s people. Jesus calls his followers to be the salt of the earth.

We asked ourselves what this meant in the context of the PAC gift to the Church.

As Methodists, we believe that the church is called to bring Christ’s love, compassion and justice to the whole community – to act as salt. Jesus explains that the reign of God is like salt – bringing the tang and zest of true life. We were reminded of part of Shirley Murray’s hymn:

Take the fruit that I have gathered  
from the tree your Spirit sowed,  
harvest of your own compassion,  
Juice that makes the wine of God;  
spiced with humour, laced with laughter –  
flavour of the Jesus life,  
tang of risk and new adventure  
taste and zest beyond belief.

As the PAC money was gifted outside the Church last year for its jubilee year, we looked for ways that it could be used for ministry **within** the Church community this year. We reflected on the passages from Leviticus and Matthew which talk about the value of salt and particularly, as the symbol of covenant between God and humanity.

Salt (tote, in Maori) enhances food. It is used globally as a preservative. Yet we are also aware that too much spoils the flavour.

We trust that our gifting, as with salt, would bring harmony to life, and act as an agent for growth and continuity in the reign of God. We pray that we might enable the Church to be salt, to gift flavour, to be faithful to our calling.

We sent an explanation of our theme to Districts and other groups within the Church, so that the criteria for considering applications could be known.

We received many stories from the Church – and it showed how the Church can be salt within the community. The breadth of those stories can be seen in the grants made.

An issue of concern needs to be expressed. We received applications from the Connexion for large amounts. We decided that it was not the task of this group to set Connexional priorities, and so in response to their requests, we allocated grants and left the decisions as to how grants would be used by each Connexional group to the groups themselves.

It meant that we must ask the question as to how should the Connexion allocate funding to unusual and necessary issues of concern, and whether it would be appropriate for the Connexion to direct the PAC Distribution Group to fund such issues. To do this would require the 'touchstones and guidelines' to be re-examined. When this group was set up, the Church was able to fund itself reasonably well, and this fund was seen as "extra". This is no longer the case – and so is there a need to reconsider the 'touchstones and guidelines'.

#### Next year's grants

We have decided to meet early in 2004, so that the theme of next year's grants may be communicated to the Church well before the closing date of 30 June.

### SUMMARY OF GIFTS

#### Archives Grant

Connexional Archives	<b>\$13,601</b>
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#### Education Fund:

Ecumenical Institute of Distance Theological Studies	\$3,000
Methodist Social Service Centre ("Choice Works") programme	\$3,087
Waikato-Waiariki Methodist District (Passing it On Training Event)	\$500
	<b>\$6587.00</b>

#### Main Fund:

Glen Eden Methodist Homework Centre	\$5,000
College House Institute of Technology (establishment of course for spiritual care)	\$2,400
Wainoni Avonside Community Services (church outreach into community)	\$5,000
Methodist Youth Conference	\$10,000
Vahefonua Tonga O'Aotearoa – establishment as a District	\$7,000
Auckland-Manukau Tongan Parish – Church choir visit to Tonga	\$5,000
National Tongan Women District Fellowship – two scholarships	\$2,000
Dunedin Methodist Mission – WesleyCare Helping Hands community project	\$6,000
Waitekere Methodist Samoan Parish – funding for parish/ministry parish	\$36,000
Wesley Wellington Mission (Wesley Community Action) youth worker programme	\$25,000
Methodist Social Service Centre, Palmerston North – community social work position	\$30,000
Dargaville Methodist Parish – abuse prevention work/annual public lecture	\$5,000
Wellington Methodist Synod – youth Ministry internship scheme	\$20,000
Auckland Samoan Parish – Ministry	\$20,000
Sinoti Samoa – rebuilding of work, youth programmes	\$30,000
Hastings Wesley Methodist Church Leaders – restoration of pipe organ	\$5,000
Hornby/Riccarton Methodist Parish – Petersgate Counselling Centre	\$10,000
Blenheim Methodist Parish – life skills programmes for children	\$10,000
Te Puke Methodist Church, Youth & Children's Ministry – salary for youth worker	\$7,800
Matamata Union Parish – playground equipment	\$3,000
Hamilton Methodist Social Services – projects for "at risk" in the community	\$10,000
Hornby/Riccarton Parish – expand Toys programmes	\$3,500
Meadowland Methodist Community – Church planting	\$36,000
Wesley Methodist Church, Samoan Youth Group –equipment for cultural performances	\$2,000
Waikato Rohe – Kitchen equipment and bedding	\$3,000
Districts Fiji Evangelical Network 14 x \$3,000	\$42,000
Connexional (Distributed by Budget Task Group	
- Connexional Budget	\$100,000
- Touchstone	\$100,000
- Budget Task Group for Stewardship Programme	\$60,000
- Removal Fund	\$50,000
- Translations – Board of Admin – Law Book & Information Leaflets	\$29,802
- Mission Resourcing – Parish Resources	\$10,000
	<b>\$349,802</b>

**\$690,502**

**TOTAL      \$710,690**

### **Group Members**

The life of the group is constantly renewed by the planned turnover of group members, representing the whole life of the Church. This year, there were 4 new members – Rex Nathan, Faleatua Faleatua, Neil Keesing and Carole Worley.

The PAC Distribution Group for 2003 was:

Pari Waaka, Rex Nathan, Faleatua Faleatua, Carole Worley, Lynette Green, Neil Keesing, Peter Williamson, together with Aso Samoa Saleapoulu and Jill van de Geer.

We acknowledge with thanks the work of Pari Waaka whose term has ended.

### **Suggested Decisions:**

1. That the report be received
2. Conference acknowledges the work of the Rev Michael Greer as chairperson, Board of Administration and wishes him well as he moves to a new position
3. Conference acknowledges the retirement of John Wilson, Chief Accountant of the Board of Administration, and thanks him for the commitment and care he brought to the task both in the office and throughout the Connexion. The Conference conveys to John and Jill the Church's best wishes for a long and happy retirement.
4. Conference notes that a full review of the structure and work of the Church Building and Loan Fund will be completed by June 2004.
5. That the Archive Draft Policy Document be circulated to Hui Poari and Tauivi Strategy Committee for comment.
6. That the Archives Consultation group take time during 2004 to discuss the various issues, and present a detailed report including a new policy document, business plan and funding proposal to Conference 2004 for approval.
7. That the members of the Disciplinary Tribunal Panel for 2004 be Hugh Rennie – Chairperson, Ian Gordon – Deputy Chairperson, Ruth Silverstone, David Bush, Mervyn Dine, Rob Ferguson, Keith Hopner, Helen Laurenson, Howard Lawry, Valerie Nicholls, Ken Olsen, Jeff Sanders, Indira Sirisena and Sheila Thorne.
8. The members of the Review Panel for 2004 be: Peter Williamson – Chairperson, John Bennett, Wendy Conwell, Uesifili Unasa and Alan Upson
9. That District Property Committees be thanked for the services that they have rendered over the past year.
10. That in any Church contract where the contractor is placed or likely to be placed in receivership the Administration Division be advised immediately.
11. That Conference notes the reappointment of Deloitte Touché Tohmatsu as auditors of the financial statements prepared by the Administration Division and authorises the Board of Administration to negotiate their remuneration.
12. Board of Administration membership for 2004: Kenneth Smith, Donald Biggs, Geoff Peak, Murray Clark, Jeff Sanders, Alan Bettany, Ruth Silverstone, Diana Tana, Michael Greer, Paula Taumoepeau, Peter Williamson, Pari Waaka, Frank Claridge and the General Secretary.
13. That the PAC Distribution Group be asked to prepare a discussion paper for the reconsideration of the PAC Distribution Group's 'touchstones and guidelines' and forward this to Council of Conference for further consideration.
14. That up to \$3,800 be distributed for Developmental purposes as recommended by the Annual Meeting of the Provident Society
15. That the distributed for general purposes be as recommended by the Annual Meeting of the Provident Society.
16. That the members of the PAC Distribution Group for 2004 are:  
Rex Nathan, Faleatua Faleatua, Carole Worley, Lynette Green, Neil Keesing, Peter Williamson and Rangitatau Wood

## INVESTMENT ADVISORY BOARD

### **SECTION I.**

The Investment Advisory Board has considered and approved several commercial property sale or purchase applications referred to it in terms of its delegated Conference consent authority from the Board of Administration's Church Building and Loan Fund Committee.

The Board was also asked for advice on and involvement in negotiations relating to land at Pakanae (Opononi) as well as providing assistance in the Otahuhu Court Case.

The Board continued its property management services in respect of property on behalf of the Pitt Street Trust and Papakura Parish.

### **SECTION II.**

#### **Section II.**

The Board continues to look to serve the Church in the application of its combined knowledge and skills in matters referred to it.

The Board particularly looks to be involved in ongoing discussions over the application of social principles to investment decisions.

#### **Suggested Decisions:**

1. Membership:

## NEW ZEALAND METHODIST TRUST ASSOCIATION

### **SECTION I.**

#### ***Market Overview.***

*World markets generally continued their poor performance during the year to 30 June 2003 even allowing for a significant recovery in international share prices from March 2003.*

The New Zealand share market over the year to 30 June 2003 held its value whilst the UK FTSE and Australian all ord indexes, even allowing for their growth in the last 1/3 of the financial year, recorded a 13% fall in value and the Dow Jones declined nearly 7.5% for the full year.

World interest rates continued to soften during the year with the American Federal Reserve rate falling to the lowest level since the second world war and interest rates in most other western economies also reaching historic lows.

Interest rates in the New Zealand economy continue to be higher than the international norm with the official cash rate rising from 5.5% in June 2002 to 5.75% in July 2002 before falling in June 2003 to 5.25% and a further reduction at the end of July 2003 to 5%. 90 day bill rates during the 12 months fell just under .75% (or by 13%) to close at 5.25% with 10 year government stock rates falling over 1.25% to 5.25% (19%).

*The New Zealand dollar continued to increase in value against other currencies rising 20.57% against the \$US, 11.73% against sterling and 1.1% against the Australian dollar in the year to 30 June 2003.*

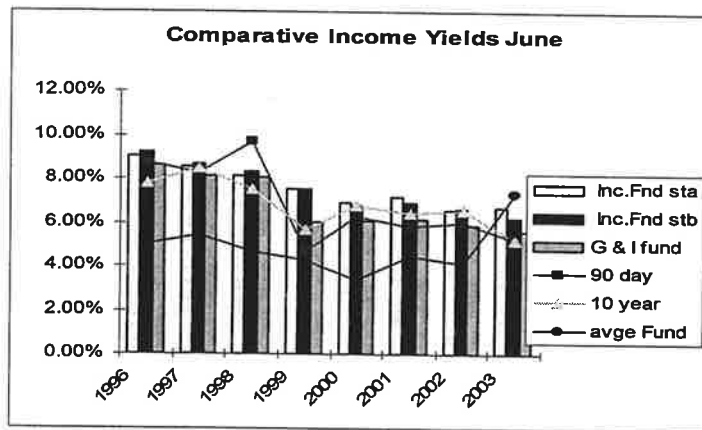
#### **Methodist Trust Association Investment Funds.**

Against the backdrop of subdued international markets and a generally flat New Zealand investment market (other than property) the Trust Association continues to provide good returns to the Church.

The average distribution rates for the Income Funds average 6.5% for the year whilst the Growth and Income Fund averaged income returns each quarter of 5.75% plus a capital accretion at the end of the financial year of 2.2%, giving an overall return for the Growth and Income Fund for the year of 8%.

The Equity Fund completed its first full 12 months of operation. The Equity Fund returned 5.81% for the year to 30 June 2003 as measured by the unit value which increased from \$1.00 to \$1.058.

**Income Fund.**



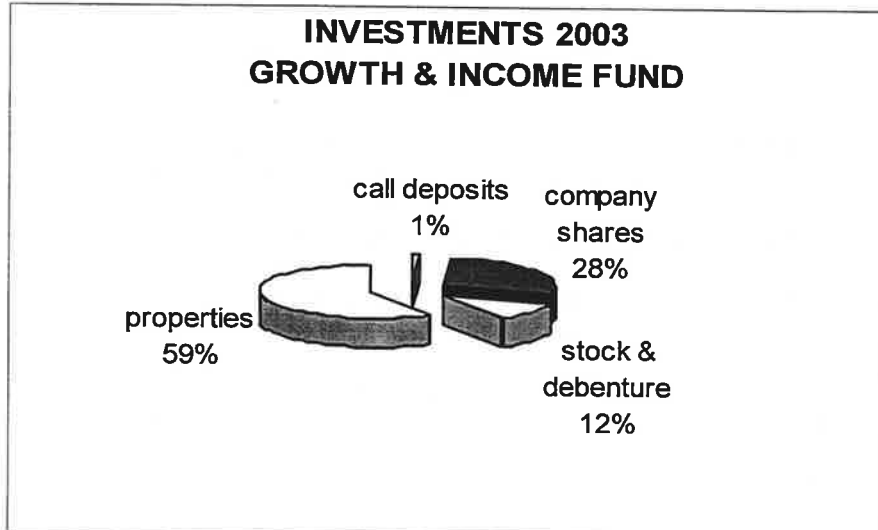
The performance of the two Income funds continues to be most satisfactory. The decision to lengthen the average maturity term of the Fund’s investments over the last few years has locked in attractive rates of return.

The Income Fund expects to continue to pay distributions in line with the market as well as ensuring excellent liquidity for depositors.

**Growth and Income Fund.**

The Growth and Income Fund returned an average income distribution over the four quarters of 5.75%. The Association considers this to be a very satisfactory income distribution given the increasing portion of funds held in shares which have a low income yield and the fact that the capital invested in the Briscoes development in Lower Hutt during the year, (\$4,962,637 as at 30 June 2003), has been non income producing for some months.

The Growth and Income Fund’s investments are held in a range of equity and fixed interest investments as set out in the following graph:



The Growth and Income Fund’s asset allocation model targets an investment mix of:

Cash and Fixed Interest	20%
Equities	30%
Property	50%

The allocation as at 30 June 2003 is skewed because of the ongoing development of Queens Drive, Lower Hutt. The Association will review the long term retention of the property in its portfolio on completion. If the Queens Drive property is retained other property will need to be sold to achieve the Association’s strategic asset allocation.

Approximately 57% of its shareholding is in New Zealand and Australian shares.

The property portfolio has performed particularly well during the year and the New Zealand share market has proved the least volatile of the world markets of interest to the Association.



The end of the financial year occasions the revaluation of the Growth and Income Fund's equity investments and that has resulted in an increase in value for the property portfolio of \$1,101,630 (+5.2%) whilst the share and trading fund portfolio decreased in value by \$195,801 (minus 1.5%).

The net capital accretion for the year was \$905,829 or 2.22% additional return to the Growth and Income Fund depositors for the year.

#### **Property.**

The properties other than Chrystall House Rotorua have all provided excellent results with virtually 100% occupancy and gross rental receipts slightly up on the previous year.

The redevelopment of the Association's land in Lower Hutt including the former Hutt City parish land purchased by the Association as a major retail site for Briscoes and Rebel Sports commenced in December 2002. The building will be completed in September 2003 and will provide a sound return on the Association's investment as well as delivering the retailing boost long sought by the Hutt City Council for the southern end of the Hutt CBD.

The Association continues to assess the place of each property holding in its portfolio to maintain a satisfactory mix of investments in the property sector.

*Full details of property revaluations and returns are included in the Association's Annual Report to Depositors.*

#### **Shares.**

*The Association holds a diverse portfolio of shares with the full portfolio included in the Association's Annual Report to Depositors.*

The Australasian company holdings are direct investments in companies selected to meet both the Church guidelines for ethical investment and the Association's expectations for return. In the main the Association is invested in major "blue chip" companies with a modest investment in smaller, second tier, companies which the Association believes have the ability to grow significantly. International companies are held through investment in either managed funds or unit trusts listed on the UK stock exchange. The Association does not consider it has the expertise to select or manage a portfolio of international companies.

Trading and hedge funds are held through selected Fund Managers with a proven track record of consistent, above market returns and mostly with a capital guarantee.

The share portfolio, given the market weakness during most of the year, has performed creditably.

#### **Annual Accounts.**

The annual accounts reflect the solid performance of the Deposit Funds during the year.

Gross Income (after property expenses) rose 3% to \$5,139,783 while expenses rose 2% to \$475,613. The Association's main expense is the Management Commission payable to the Board of Administration which is determined by income earned and funds under management. Distributions to depositors increased 3% to \$4,663,970 plus the capital accretion to Growth and Income Fund depositors.

Deposit funds rose by \$7.9m (10.5%) to \$8,315,466.

Of this amount

Income Funds increased by \$6.2m (20.4%) and

Growth and Income Fund by \$1.6m (3.8%).

The Association is mindful of the significant trust placed in it by the Church for the stewardship and management of its resources.

#### **Ethical Investment.**

The Association has continued its dialogue with the ethical investment groups associated with the Uniting Church in Australia and with the Central Funds Board of the Methodist Church in the United Kingdom.

The Association places great significance in the Methodist Church of New Zealand position on ethical investments and all of its investments are considered in the light of the Church's position as well as the investment's financial fundamentals. The Association does accept however, that in the case of some unit or group fund investments, the managers may from time to time, invest in companies that the Association itself would not choose to invest in. Such investments normally form a very minor part of the Unit funds investment and the Association believes that the advantages to the Church of investing in selected managed funds outweigh the possible shortfall in fully achieving the Church's guidelines.

### **Church Investment Requirements.**

The Association was established by Conference as a vehicle for pooling Church funds on which a commercial rate of return was required and to enable professional management and oversight to be applied to the investment of the Church's assets.

Investment in the Association is available only to groups within the Methodist Church of New Zealand or where the Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand is involved in the operation and oversight of groups such as Co-operating Ventures. The Association cannot accept investments from individuals, or from parties outside of the Church.

The Association would be pleased to discuss with all Church parishes and organisations the investment and management of the Church's funds for which they are responsible.

The operation of the Association has also enabled the Church to retain the services of specialist staff which has also been advantageous in the operation of the Church's accounting, insurance, banking and property services.

### ***Suggested Decisions:***

1. *The report be received*
2. *The Board for 2004 be:*

Rev Sylvia 'Akau'ola-Tongotongo  
Auckland.

Mr John Chittenden,  
New Plymouth.

Mr Vincent G Duffy,  
Christchurch.

Mr Hugh T Garlick,  
(Chairperson), Auckland.

Rev Michael Greer,  
Christchurch.

Mr Chris Gregory,  
Auckland.

Mr David Hunt  
Auckland

Mr Jack Jenner,  
Auckland.

Mr Norman Johnston,  
Auckland.

Mrs Kay Kendall,  
Auckland.

Mrs Lorraine Parker,  
Auckland.

Mr Geoff H Peak,  
Auckland.

Mr Ranjit Sinnaduray,  
Auckland.

Rev Jill van de Geer,  
(Secretary), Christchurch.

Rev Stan J West,  
Christchurch.

Mr Greg Wright,  
(Executive Officer),  
Christchurch.

## **PACT 2086 TRUST**

### **Section I.**

PACT 2086 Trust exists to manage the Lessors residual interest in the 100 year Queen Street lease expiring in December 2086 together with the investment of the original capital retained in the then Prince Albert College Trust plus reinvestment of income earned each year.

The Trust maintains a diverse investment portfolio aimed at long term capital growth to provide a significant sum to assist the Church in its decisionmaking when the Queen Street land is returned.

The Trust's investments are held:

Property	25.5%
Equities	34 %
Fixed Interest and Cash	19 %
Forestry	14 %
Lessors Interest Queen Street	<u>7.5%</u>
	100%

The Trust intends to continue its investment into equities, including international listed unit trusts, as market conditions dictate.

The properties and shares were revalued as at 30 June 2003 which resulted in an increase in value of \$487,706 (+12%) while surplus income and realised gain from the sale of investments realised a further \$869,859. Accumulated Funds increased by a total of \$1,357,566 or 13.6% to \$11,341,141.

**Forestry.**

The Trust's forest in the Kaweka Ranges, Hawkes Bay, continues to make excellent progress with the majority of the high level prune now having been completed.

Thinning towards the final stand density of 350-400 stems per hectare will proceed over the next year.

The silviculture programme should be completed by June 2004. Felling of saw logs is not expected before 2020.

The silviculture contracts have again been let to the Hawkes Bay Department of Corrections who report a continuation of the very good employment placements of trained forestry workers following the prisoners release at the conclusion of their sentences.

**Queen Street Leasehold Block.**

The development of apartments on the site has apparently met a ready market and the building of all 5 blocks is to be completed in quick succession. As previously advised the Trust has no input or management function in respect of the development.

**Section II.**

The Trust's commitment remains to manage the lessor's interest in the Queen Street property and to provide sound stewardship of the capital entrusted to it against the expiry of the lease in the return of the property to the church in 2086.

**Suggested Decisions:**

1. That the report be received.

## ROBERT GIBSON METHODIST TRUST BOARD

### Section A – The Past

The Trust continues to assist young people under the terms of our Trust Deed. In 1931 Mr Robert Gibson bequeathed his Manaia farm to the Methodist Church. We now have three highly productive dairy farms, with very capable Trustees distributing surpluses as bursaries and grants.

Management of our sharemilkers is done by efficient and experienced farmer-trustees. Our farms supply their milk to Fonterra and for 2002/03 the payout dropped from \$5.30 per kilogram of milk solids to \$3.60 kgms. For the next year the payout is projected to be \$3.80 kgms.

Total production for 2002/03 was 186,655 kgms, which was down from a record 199,302 kgms the previous year. Lowered payout and production reduced our income, but expenses were also lower, and grants and bursaries were less. Last year we reported a surplus of \$113,720. This year the surplus is \$50,724. Cash and reserves stand at \$332,084.

It is important that the Church understands how our Trust Deed requires us to dispense our funds.

- 1) Our three farms must be fully maintained.
- 2) We have a responsibility to ensure that the Robert Gibson Memorial Hall in Manaia is kept in good condition.
- 3) We are expected to make grants to students at Wesley College, to Child Care and to Methodist Youth Work. Our grant to Mission Resourcing Youth Ministry finances a large percentage of Methodist outreach to youth.
- 4) We have the authority to award individual bursaries to students. The Trust Deed stresses a preference for orphans, and Methodists or Presbyterians from Taranaki who wish to take an agricultural course, but we are not restricted to these groups. We always allocate on the basis of a proven need, and many students acknowledge that a bursary from us has enabled them to continue and complete their qualifications. For many others, our bursaries reduce otherwise crippling student loans.

Bursary Application Forms are available from the Public Trust, PO Box 445, Hawera. November 30<sup>th</sup> 2003 is the main closing date for 2004 applicants.

### Section B – The Future

The schedule below was approved at our Annual General Meeting in August 2003. It is not a strict budget, as we could be affected by exchange rates, weather, overseas markets, and the Fonterra payout etc.

#### Bursaries

	<b>Paid</b>	<b>Recommended</b>
	<b>2002/2003</b>	<b>2003/2004</b>
Tertiary Students	86,250	118,000
Other Schools	5,250	3,000
Wesley College	<u>45,000</u>	<u>45,000</u>
<b>Total Bursaries</b>	<b>136,500</b>	<b>166,000</b>

#### Other Grants

Robert Gibson Memorial Hall, Manaia	5,000	5,000
Masterton Christian Child Care	4,000	4,000
Mission Resourcing, Youth Ministry	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
<b>Total Bursaries and Grants</b>	<b><u>\$170,500</u></b>	<b><u>\$200,000</u></b>

This is the third year in which we have recommended grants and bursaries of \$200,000. In 2001/02 we paid out \$214,000, which included Tertiary bursaries of \$132,000. There was a lower level of suitable applicants in 2002/03, when we only paid out \$86,250.

All Trustees give of their time and skills to maintain the work of the Trust, which is a debt free asset of New Zealand Methodism. We see the Trust as practical evidence of Christianity at work in the community.

#### Suggested Decisions

- 2) That the Robert Gibson Methodist Trust report be received.
- 3) That Conference notes and approves the proposed bursaries and grants as detailed above, totalling \$200,000.
- 4) That the Trust Board Members for 2003/2004 be: -  
Preston Bulfin, John Chittenden, Alan Hughson, Reba Hunt, Geoff Marx, Vic Morgan, Christian Padrutt, Rev Margaret Springett, Rev Len Willing, Bill Yateman, Chairperson of the Taranaki-Wanganui Synodal District, the Manaia Cooperating Parish Presbyter and the General Secretary.

A T Hughson JP, ACIS  
Chairman

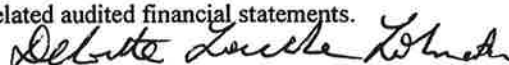
**BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION**  
**Financial Reporting Summary for the year ended 30 June 2003**

<b>STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE</b>	<b>2003</b> \$	<b>2002</b> \$
Divisional Income	1,438,563	1,408,077
Divisional Expenses	<u>(1,268,759)</u>	<u>(1,197,591)</u>
<b>DIVISIONAL NET SURPLUS</b>	<b><u>169,804</u></b>	<b><u>210,486</u></b>
Connexional Income	166,289	166,540
Connexional Expenses	<u>(183,014)</u>	<u>(197,871)</u>
<b>CONNEXIONAL NET DEFICIT</b>	<b><u>(16,725)</u></b>	<b><u>(31,331)</u></b>
<b>GOVERNANCE EXPENDITURE</b>	<b><u>(57,714)</u></b>	<b><u>(56,624)</u></b>
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATION SURPLUS</b>	<b><u>95,365</u></b>	<b><u>122,531</u></b>

<b>STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION</b>	<b>2003</b> \$	<b>2002</b> \$
Accumulated Funds	1,491,481	1,466,116
Asset replacement reserve	<u>190,000</u>	<u>120,000</u>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b><u>1,681,481</u></b>	<b><u>1,586,116</u></b>
Current Assets	268,574	208,152
Current Liabilities	<u>(193,401)</u>	<u>(158,374)</u>
<b>WORKING CAPITAL</b>	<b><u>75,173</u></b>	<b><u>49,778</u></b>
Non Current Assets	289,843	178,715
Fixed Assets	1,588,650	1,658,801
Non Current Liabilities	<u>(272,186)</u>	<u>(301,178)</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b><u>1,681,481</u></b>	<b><u>1,586,116</u></b>

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**Chartered Accountants, Christchurch**



**REPORT TO CONFERENCE**

The financial statements this year has been prepared in a different format, reflecting the actual results of the three different cost centres, Divisional, Connexional and Governance.

**Divisional** – responsible for the expenditure incurred in running the Auckland and Christchurch offices. Funding for this cost centre is mostly in the form of management fees charged for preparing and maintaining the accounting requirements for various funds and entities. For the year ended 30 June 2003, the cost centre reflected a surplus of \$169,804 compared to an expected budget surplus of \$59,886. The variance to budget is explained by maintenance expenses incurred this year but provided for in the previous year, and expenditure incurred on upgrades to the fittings of the Christchurch office that have been capitalized.

**Connexional** – responsible for the work of the office of the General Secretary and related Connexional activities. Funding for this division is via a Connexional Budget Grant, with any loss being covered by any surplus in the Divisional cost centre. For the year ended 30 June 2003 the cost centre reflected a loss of \$16,725 compared to an expected budget loss of \$35,736.

**Governance** – responsible for the expenditure incurred relating to the running of the Board. Funding for this cost centre is covered by Connexional Budget Grant with any shortfall being covered by any surplus in the Divisional cost centre. For the year ended 30 June 2003 the cost centre reflected a loss of \$57,714 compared to an expected budget loss of \$62,306.

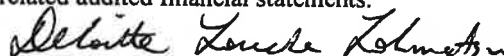
**BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION INSURANCE ACCOUNT**  
**Financial Reporting Summary for the year ended 30 April 2003**

<b>STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>
	\$	\$
Insurance Premiums	913,064	800,961
Other	<u>64,487</u>	<u>72,095</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b><u>977,551</u></b>	<b><u>873,056</u></b>
Management Fees	160,000	165,000
Insurance Claims	746,490	609,282
Other	<u>86,495</u>	<u>96,069</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b><u>992,985</u></b>	<b><u>870,351</u></b>
<b>NET (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS</b>	<b><u>(15,434)</u></b>	<b><u>2,705</u></b>

<b>STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>
	\$	\$
<b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>	<b><u>982,838</u></b>	<b><u>998,272</u></b>
Current Assets	1,143,935	1,200,805
Current Liabilities	<u>(161,097)</u>	<u>(202,533)</u>
<b>WORKING CAPITAL</b>	<b><u>982,838</u></b>	<b><u>998,272</u></b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b><u>982,838</u></b>	<b><u>998,272</u></b>

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**REPORT TO CONFERENCE**

The purpose of the Fund is to provide Insurance Cover for all Church Property against calamity, general material loss, damage and other risks.

The Insurance Fund accounts to 30 April 2003 disclose a loss of \$15,434 largely occasioned by higher than budgeted claims during the year including one major claim involving the Church's re-insurers following a fire in Paeroa.

The significant increase in insurance premiums following the terrorist attacks in September 2001 impacted on the Insurance Fund with the insurance premiums paid by the Fund rising 28% in May 2002 and by a further 46% in the year commencing May 2003.

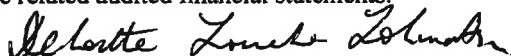
**CONNEXIONAL FIRE INSURANCE FUND**  
**Financial Reporting Summary for the year ended 30 April 2003**

<b>STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>INCOME</b>		
Interest Received	<u>109,818</u>	<u>113,768</u>
Management Fee	80,000	75,000
Other	<u>445</u>	<u>562</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<u>80,445</u>	<u>75,562</u>
<b>NET OPERATING SURPLUS</b>	<u>29,373</u>	<u>38,206</u>
Grants Advanced	(234,902)	(1,946)
<b>NET (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS</b>	<u>(205,529)</u>	<u>36,260</u>

<b>STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>	<u>1,657,278</u>	<u>1,932,594</u>
Current Assets	8,639	9,224
Current Liabilities	<u>(219,386)</u>	<u>(358)</u>
<b>WORKING CAPITAL</b>	<u>(210,747)</u>	<u>8,866</u>
Non Current Assets	<u>1,868,025</u>	<u>1,923,728</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<u>1,657,278</u>	<u>1,932,594</u>

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**REPORT TO CONFERENCE**

The fund's primary role is to provide financial support to the Board of Administration Insurance Fund, when required, however in the current year it has been used to support the Church Building and Loan Fund in meeting the costs related to the Otahuhu property ownership court case.

To balance date a total of \$230,447 had been supplied of which \$186,056 related to costs from the law firm of which a consultant is a member of the Board of Administration. There is a further contingent liability of up to \$269,523 for additional costs relating to the case.

**GENERAL PURPOSES TRUST BOARD**  
**Financial Reporting Summary for the year ended 30 June 2003**

<b>STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Investment Income	1,600,647	1,596,990
Trust Expenses	<u>(64,337)</u>	<u>(84,329)</u>
<b>Available for Distribution</b>	<b>1,536,310</b>	<b>1,512,661</b>
<b>Distributions credited to Trusts</b>	<b><u>(1,521,184)</u></b>	<b><u>(1,516,865)</u></b>
<b>NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b><u>15,126</u></b>	<b><u>(4,204)</u></b>

<b>STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Trust Funds	28,485,594	26,965,647
General Accumulated Funds	<u>40,721</u>	<u>25,183</u>
<b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>	<b><u>28,526,315</u></b>	<b><u>26,990,830</u></b>
Current Assets	42,745	27,498
Current Liabilities	<u>(2,120)</u>	<u>(2,000)</u>
<b>WORKING CAPITAL</b>	<b><u>40,625</u></b>	<b><u>25,498</u></b>
Investments Held on Behalf of Trusts	<u>28,485,690</u>	<u>26,965,332</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b><u>28,526,315</u></b>	<b><u>26,990,830</u></b>

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**REPORT TO CONFERENCE**

The General Purposes Trust Board acts as Trustee for individual Trusts and administers these funds in accordance with the terms of each Trust.

The total distributions credited to Trusts during the year increased by \$4,319 to amount to \$1,521,184.

Investments held on behalf of Trusts at 30 June 2003 totalled \$28,485,690 (2002: \$26,965,332).



**SUPERNUMERARY FUND**  
**Financial Reporting Summary for the year ended 31 January 2003**

<b>STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Investment Income	341,503	505,659
Changes in Net Current Assets	(3,652,775)	(1,914,181)
Investment Expenses	(142,307)	(156,202)
<b>Net Investment Revenues</b>	<b>(3,453,579)</b>	<b>(1,564,724)</b>
Membership Activities - Contributions	496,480	480,243
- Benefits Paid	(1,351,998)	(1,280,149)
Grants & Bequests Received	453	482
Other Expenses	(105,040)	(109,957)
<b>NET (DECREASE)/INCREASE IN ASSETS</b>	<b>(4,413,684)</b>	<b>(2,474,105)</b>
Opening Net Assets Available to Pay Benefits	18,064,948	20,539,053
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Assets	(4,413,684)	(2,474,105)
<b>CLOSING NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO PAY BENEFITS</b>	<b><u>13,651,264</u></b>	<b><u>18,064,948</u></b>

<b>STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Investments	13,658,370	18,076,980
Current Assets	6,578	4,299
Current Liabilities	(13,684)	(16,331)
<b>NET ASSETS AVAILABLE TO PAY BENEFITS</b>	<b><u>13,651,264</u></b>	<b><u>18,064,948</u></b>

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<b>REPORT TO CONFERENCE</b>
<p>The Fund suffered a significant reduction in value of \$4,413,684 (2002: \$2,474,105) during the year to 31 January 2003. The loss of -19.6% for the year was principally due to the continued decline of international share markets.</p> <p>The Trustee has been carefully monitoring these changes and continues to carefully scrutinize the performance of the Fund Manager. The Trustee has also carefully reviewed its investment instructions to the Fund Manager and continues to keep those instructions under close review. In such circumstances, the Trustee also seeks and values the regular advice of the Fund's Actuary.</p> <p>However, Net investment returns for the 6 months to 31 July 2003 are already much improved with a profit of \$1,086,925 (8.1%) increasing the net assets of the Fund to \$14,249,565 at that date.</p> <p>Because of the result, the Trustee has held the retirement benefit at the 1 February 2002 figure of \$373.28 for each year of membership.</p> <p>At 31 January 2003 there were 113 active members a decline of 6 members during the year, while the number of Supernumerary members increased from 207 to 213.</p>

**CHURCH BUILDING AND LOAN FUND**  
**Financial Reporting Summary for the year ended 30 June 2003**

<b>STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Interest Received	572,040	557,326
Grant for Legal Costs	290,246	-
Other Income	<u>15,292</u>	<u>16,941</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b><u>877,578</u></b>	<b><u>574,267</u></b>
Management Fee	203,000	203,000
Interest Paid	396,362	382,075
Legal Expenses	259,680	65,611
Other	<u>30,218</u>	<u>10,525</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b><u>889,260</u></b>	<b><u>661,211</u></b>
<b>NET (DEFICIT)</b>	<b><u>(11,682)</u></b>	<b><u>(86,944)</u></b>

<b>STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Accumulated Funds	2,048,693	2,026,608
Development Fund – Properties	475,930	466,721
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b><u>2,524,623</u></b>	<b><u>2,493,329</u></b>
Current Assets	12,390	117,730
Current Liabilities	<u>3,552</u>	<u>3,056</u>
<b>WORKING CAPITAL</b>	<b><u>8,838</u></b>	<b><u>114,674</u></b>
Non Current Assets	10,194,920	10,199,283
Non Current Liabilities	<u>(7,679,135)</u>	<u>(7,820,628)</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b><u>2,524,623</u></b>	<b><u>2,493,329</u></b>

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**Chartered Accountants, Christchurch**

*Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu*

**REPORT TO CONFERENCE**

**Loans and Finance** - The year ended 30 June 2003 saw 6 loans advanced to a total value of \$653,000 compared with 6 loans and a total value of \$754,510 for the year ended 30 June 2002. The maximum amount that the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee can advance without reference to the Board of Administration remains at \$100,000, still repayable over 10 years, however in the current financial year 2 loans were approved by the Board of Administration for greater amounts. The total value of loans at the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2003 was \$2,268,356 compared with \$2,198,927 at the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2002. Property Realisation Deposits from Parishes totalled \$7,679,135 compared with \$7,820,628 at 30 June 2002. Interest paid on the deposits, is at 75% of the rate charged on the loans.

The Fund has this year incurred a loss of \$11,682. As a result of a grant from the Connexional Fire Insurance Fund, legal and related travel costs incurred in the recent Otahuhu court case have been covered.

**Development Funds – Properties** - provides a significant resource from which grants can be made, on the recommendation of Mission Resourcing. The capital of the Fund now stands at \$440,437 with funds available for grants at balance date being \$35,493. Grants made during the year to 30 June 2003 totalled \$22,000 compared with \$91,000 last year. Applications for grants should initially be made to Mission Resourcing.

**BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION – SPECIAL ACCOUNT**  
**Financial Reporting Summary for the year ended 30 June 2003**

<i>STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE</i>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>
	\$	\$
<b>INCOME</b>		
Interest Received	<u>145,922</u>	<u>148,871</u>
Management Fee	12,640	12,640
Interest Paid	99,261	82,020
Other	483	459
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<u>112,384</u>	<u>95,119</u>
<b>NET SURPLUS</b>	<u>33,538</u>	<u>53,752</u>

<i>STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION</i>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>
	\$	\$
<b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>	<u>12,639</u>	<u>17,018</u>
Current Assets	2,391,630	1,519,912
Current Liabilities	<u>(2,378,991)</u>	<u>(1,502,894)</u>
<b>WORKING CAPITAL</b>	<u>12,639</u>	<u>17,018</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<u>12,639</u>	<u>17,018</u>

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*Deloitte Louise Robinson*

**REPORT TO CONFERENCE**

The Special Account is an Investment Fund which is able to benefit from Connexional banking arrangements of the wider Church.

During the year ended 30 June 2003, \$46,853 (2002: \$47,156) was paid by way of grant to the Connexional Budget.

**AUCKLAND OFFICE PARTNERSHIP**  
**Financial Reporting Summary for the year ended 30 June 2003**

<b>STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Rent & Opex Received	96,862	105,747
Other Income	3,455	4,257
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b><u>100,317</u></b>	<b><u>110,004</u></b>
Property Expenditure	54,087	54,594
Administration Expenditure	6,106	5,910
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b><u>60,193</u></b>	<b><u>60,504</u></b>
<b>NET SURPLUS</b>	<b><u>40,124</u></b>	<b><u>49,500</u></b>

<b>STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Partners Capital	678,000	678,000
Reserves	320,395	320,100
Accumulated Funds	<u>(63,108)</u>	<u>(45,631)</u>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b><u>935,287</u></b>	<b><u>952,469</u></b>
Current Assets	1,628	8,149
Current Liabilities	<u>(4,175)</u>	<u>(2,640)</u>
<b>WORKING CAPITAL</b>	<b><u>(2,547)</u></b>	<b><u>5,509</u></b>
Non Current Assets	47,230	45,824
Fixed Assets	969,198	970,230
Non Current Liabilities	<u>(78,594)</u>	<u>(69,094)</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b><u>935,287</u></b>	<b><u>952,469</u></b>

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*Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu*

**REPORT TO CONFERENCE**

The purpose of the Fund is to account for the income and expenditure relating to the property at 409 Great South Road, which is owned equally in one-third shares by the Board of Administration, Mission Resourcing and Te Taha Maori.

The net property income for the year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2003 was \$42,775.

**PRESBYTERS HOUSING LOAN FUND**  
**Financial Reporting Summary for the year ended 31 January 2003**

<b>STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>INCOME</b>		
Interest Received – Loans and Investments	<u>24,171</u>	<u>23,404</u>
Management Fee	3,250	3,250
Other costs	<u>1,340</u>	<u>476</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<u>4,590</u>	<u>3,726</u>
<b>NET OPERATING SURPLUS</b>	<u>19,581</u>	<u>19,678</u>
Capital (Decretion) / Accretion ex Methodist Trust Association	<u>(10,353)</u>	<u>3,291</u>
<b>NET SURPLUS</b>	<u>9,228</u>	<u>22,969</u>

<b>STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>	<u>530,565</u>	<u>521,337</u>
Current Assets	5,608	2,497
Current Liabilities	<u>(414)</u>	<u>(370)</u>
<b>WORKING CAPITAL</b>	<u>5,194</u>	<u>2,127</u>
Non Current Assets	<u>525,371</u>	<u>519,210</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<u>530,565</u>	<u>521,337</u>

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**REPORT TO CONFERENCE**

This fund provides loan finance to assist Presbyters in obtaining a home for future retirement needs, and also for relatively small loans to Supernumeraries who retired prior to 1995.

There were 15 loans to Presbyters at 30 June 2003, value of which totalled \$189,101.

**PRESBYTERS DEACONS AND LAYWORKERS LOAN FUND**  
**Financial Reporting Summary for the year ended 30 June 2003**

<i>STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE</i>	2003 \$	2002 \$
Interest Received	16,326	16,796
Grants	<u>3,728</u>	<u>3,860</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b><u>20,054</u></b>	<b><u>20,656</u></b>
Management Fees	15,000	15,000
Other	<u>4,672</u>	<u>4,476</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b><u>19,672</u></b>	<b><u>19,476</u></b>
<b>NET SURPLUS</b>	<b><u>382</u></b>	<b><u>1,180</u></b>

<i>STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION</i>	2003 \$	2002 \$
<b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>	<b><u>130,454</u></b>	<b><u>130,072</u></b>
Current Assets	109,440	93,884
Current Liabilities	<u>(334)</u>	<u>(322)</u>
<b>WORKING CAPITAL</b>	<b><u>109,106</u></b>	<b><u>93,562</u></b>
Non Current Assets	146,743	153,860
Non Current Liabilities	<u>(125,395)</u>	<u>(117,350)</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b><u>130,454</u></b>	<b><u>130,072</u></b>

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**REPORT TO CONFERENCE**

**Deposits:**

The purpose of the deposits is to provide a fund for future replacement of vehicles.

At present there are 58 depositors in the fund, of which 33 have deposits of more than \$1,000. Interest at 3% is credited monthly.

**'Deposit Supported' Car Loans:**

At 30 June 2003 there were 46 Presbyters with car loans of which 13 were interest free loans. Interest free loans are available when a student takes up their first appointment. All borrowers are expected to contribute to a deposit account. The interest bearing loans are subject to an interest rate of 9.155%. There continues to be a significant number of requests for topping up of loans to the \$6,000 maximum.

**METHODIST PROVIDENT SOCIETY LTD**  
**Financial Reporting Summary for the year ended 30 June 2003**

<b>STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Interest Received	21,461	21,783
Medical Insurance Premiums Received	152,120	128,952
Other Income	<u>8,666</u>	<u>7,224</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b><u>182,247</u></b>	<b><u>157,959</u></b>
Management Fees	11,230	11,230
Medical Insurance Premiums	152,120	128,952
Interest	8,637	7,468
Other	<u>1,920</u>	<u>2,858</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b><u>173,907</u></b>	<b><u>150,508</u></b>
<b>NET SURPLUS</b>	<b><u>8,340</u></b>	<b><u>7,451</u></b>

<b>STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Share Capital	230	233
Designated Development Fund	75,613	69,847
Funds Awaiting Appropriation as Charitable Grants	<u>24,159</u>	<u>30,625</u>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b><u>100,002</u></b>	<b><u>100,705</u></b>
Current Assets	11,459	8,890
Current Liabilities	<u>(987)</u>	<u>(955)</u>
<b>WORKING CAPITAL</b>	<b><u>10,472</u></b>	<b><u>7,935</u></b>
Non Current Assets	441,698	453,743
Depositors Funds	<u>(352,168)</u>	<u>(360,973)</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b><u>100,002</u></b>	<b><u>100,705</u></b>

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**REPORT TO CONFERENCE**

**Financial Results for the Year:**

The year ended 30 June 2003 saw the Society achieve a surplus of \$8,340. This includes the return on the Johnston Bequest Fund which is designated for Church Development Purposes and will be subject to specific allocations.

There has been a slight reduction in the number of members with ordinary Interest Bearing deposits, falling from 78 last year to 77 this year, while the value of the deposits have fallen from \$243,742 last year to \$239,684.

The Interest Free deposits have seen a slight decrease in members from 139 last year to 138 this year, with the value of their deposits having fallen from \$57,731 to \$51,984.

**Nominated Trust Advances:**

There has been a slight increase in the value of the Nominated Trust Advances to \$60,500 this year from \$59,500 last year.

**REMOVAL EXPENSES FUND**  
**Financial Reporting Summary for the year ended 30 June 2003**

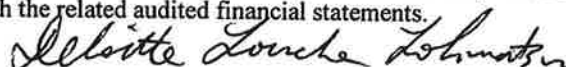
<i>STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE</i>	2003 \$	2002 \$
Contributions From Parishes	67,326	61,800
Interest	<u>1,726</u>	<u>1,881</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b><u>69,052</u></b>	<b><u>63,681</u></b>
Management Fee	14,500	14,500
Removal Costs	88,072	51,274
Other	<u>872</u>	<u>731</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b><u>103,444</u></b>	<b><u>66,505</u></b>
<b>NET (DEFICIT)</b>	<b><u>(34,392)</u></b>	<b><u>(2,824)</u></b>

<i>STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION</i>	2003 \$	2002 \$
<b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>	<b><u>(11,358)</u></b>	<b><u>23,034</u></b>
Current Assets	2,353	23,363
Current Liabilities	<u>(13,711)</u>	<u>(329)</u>
<b>WORKING CAPITAL</b>	<b><u>(11,358)</u></b>	<b><u>23,034</u></b>
<b>NET (LIABILITIES)/ASSETS</b>	<b><u>(11,358)</u></b>	<b><u>23,034</u></b>

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**REPORT TO CONFERENCE**

The fund has had 26 moves, costing \$88,072 while last year there was 21 moves costing \$51,274. The average cost of moves was \$3,387 compared with \$2,442 last year. The difference has primarily been due to there being 5 inter-island moves this year compared with none last year. This year Crown Worldwide Movers were again contracted to undertake the moves. Most of those who were moved were very satisfied with the quality of the move.

Contributions received from Parishes totalled \$67,326 compared with \$61,800 in the year to 30 June 2002. In the current year there was a deficit of \$34,392 which was probably the worst year the fund has ever experienced.

The fund is at present at the cross-roads having overdrawn its equity by \$11,358 and at the same time it is acknowledged that there is a limit that parishes can contribute to the fund by way of levy, which has been set at \$10 per member for the 2003-2004 year.



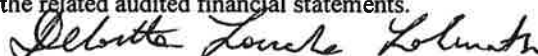
**METHODIST TRUST ASSOCIATION**  
**Financial Reporting Summary for the year ended 30 June 2003**

<b>STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Excess Property Income Over Expenditure	1,925,990	1,979,511
Interest & Dividends Received	<u>3,213,793</u>	<u>3,010,368</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b><u>5,139,783</u></b>	<b><u>4,989,879</u></b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b><u>(475,613)</u></b>	<b><u>(466,979)</u></b>
<b>NET SURPLUS</b>	<b><u>4,664,170</u></b>	<b><u>4,522,900</u></b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS DISTRIBUTED</b>	<b><u>4,663,970</u></b>	<b><u>4,521,214</u></b>

<b>STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Depositors Funds	81,732,431	73,853,001
Reserves	<u>1,427,035</u>	<u>1,371,920</u>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b><u>83,159,466</u></b>	<b><u>75,224,921</u></b>
Current Assets	547,290	641,196
Current Liabilities	<u>(169,819)</u>	<u>(143,667)</u>
<b>WORKING CAPITAL</b>	<b>377,471</b>	<b>497,529</b>
Non Current Assets	82,781,995	75,932,392
Non Current Liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,205,000)</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b><u>83,159,466</u></b>	<b><u>75,224,921</u></b>

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**REPORT TO CONFERENCE**

The Methodist Trust Association receives funds from groups under the general direction of Conference and on-invests these funds in selected commercial investments for the benefit of depositors.

Total Depositors funds held at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2003 were \$81,732,431, with a total of \$4,663,970 being distributed to Depositors during the year.

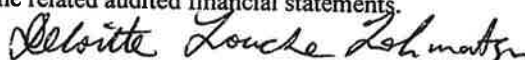
**PACT 2086**  
**Financial Reporting Summary for the year ended 30 June 2003**

<b>STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>
	\$	\$
Net Income From Property	284,928	455,026
Interest & Dividends Received	221,232	152,994
Other Income	438,286	<u>(7,695)</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b><u>944,446</u></b>	<b><u>600,325</u></b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b><u>(74,587)</u></b>	<b><u>(69,039)</u></b>
<b>NET OPERATING SURPLUS</b>	<b><u>869,859</u></b>	<b><u>531,286</u></b>
Unrealised Change in Value of Investments	<u>487,706</u>	<u>53,440</u>
<b>NET SURPLUS</b>	<b><u>1,357,565</u></b>	<b><u>584,726</u></b>

<b>STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>
	\$	\$
<b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>	<b><u>11,341,140</u></b>	<b><u>9,983,575</u></b>
Current Assets	1,221,814	538,828
Current Liabilities	<u>(24,406)</u>	<u>(30,183)</u>
<b>WORKING CAPITAL</b>	<b>1,197,408</b>	<b>508,645</b>
Investments	<u>10,143,732</u>	<u>9,474,930</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b><u>11,341,140</u></b>	<b><u>9,983,575</u></b>

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**REPORT TO CONFERENCE**

The purpose of PACT 2086 Trust is to hold and accumulate investments so as to provide for the redevelopment of the Queen Street property when it reverts to the Church in 2086, at the end of the 100 year lease.

Investments held at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2003 totalled \$10,143,732.

## **SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT**

### **Board of Administration**

#### **Volunteers in the Workplace.**

The issue of volunteers in the workplace was raised with the Board when the Government in 2002 made initial indications that volunteers were likely to be included in an Amendment to the Occupational Safety and Health Act. Subsequently the Act was Amended without the complete force of this coming into law. The immediate need of a Methodist Church view on the Amendment passed by quickly. As a workplace is the environment in which one works, everyone from the flower arranger at church to the person painting the roof would have been included. This may not have been such a bad thing as might first have appeared. Whatever one does for the Church: one should be safe.

The issue is more than just handing out the hymnbooks on Sunday morning. Since the inception of the Christian Church the gifting of time talent and treasure has been an accepted challenge and function of the Christian Life. The attitude we have to volunteers and how they are treated is important. In no way should people who are generous with their stewardship feel put upon or forced into situations that would be considered inappropriate or unsafe for anyone else including paid staff, even if volunteers offer so to do.

The attitude of the Church should be on the Principle that volunteers are equal to any persons engaged in work, and payment or non-payment for work will not affect matters of safety, health, and attitude to others in the work place. A useful thought is: "we would pay this person for this, if it were not a gift".

#### **Recommendations to Conference:**

1. That Conference reaffirm the vital place of volunteers in the life of the Church and the community and encourages everyone to consider creatively the stewardship of their resources.
2. The Church will use its best endeavours to ensure that all who work for the Church in any field will be treated equally in all matters, whether remuneration is involved or not.
3. The Faith and Order Committee be asked to prepare a paper on volunteerism and benefaction in church and community in today's world.

## **E. BOARD OF MINISTRY**

- **Board of Ministry**
  - **Mission Resourcing**
  - **Ministry Education (Trinity College)**
- **Churches Education Commission**
- **Uniting Congregations of Aotearoa NZ**
- **Deacons Task Group**
- **NZ Born/Raised Pacific Islanders**
- **EYY**
- **Inter-church Council for Hospital Chaplaincy**
- **Inter-church Tertiary Chaplaincy Council**



## **BOARD OF MINISTRY**

### **Part A: Information and Reporting Back**

#### **The Work of the Board**

2003 has seen the Board faced with replacing the Principal of Trinity Methodist Theological College and the Director of Mission Resourcing. The task of replacing two significant leaders within the church involved the Board in a major undertaking – which has only been partially fulfilled.

The Board will conclude its task in respect of the Principal by bringing before Conference the name of the Reverend Dr Mary Caygill. The Board believes Mary has a proven academic record with considerable pastoral gifts and experience. She has a strong commitment to bridging the gap between academic theory and parish life and mission. With encouragement from Council of Conference and Taiwi Strategy and Stationing, the Board continues to work towards a reviewed position description for the position of Director of Mission Resourcing and finding a person to fill the position. For 2004 we are recommending that Reverend John Murray be appointed Executive Officer Taiwi Strategy and Stationing in a half time position and that the other tasks of Director be contracted for the year.

#### **Mission Resourcing**

##### **THE PAST YEAR:**

The past twelve months have put the financial position of Mission Resourcing under considerable pressure. Considerable areas of investments are designated to specific areas of work, and in spite of lower returns, most areas of work or support have been well supported. Funds have been channelled intentionally to creative initiatives. Investments not tagged have been used or merged with other investments to create a better, more manageable fund – hopefully more accessible to the work of the church. Lesley Utting was appointed as Administration Officer and has moved into the position smoothly.

##### **PARISH:**

Parish grants have continued at a reasonable level. Applications with clear and strong supporting data and well prepared mission strategies have obtained good levels of financial support – conversely ‘maintenance’ applications have received limited (or no) funding.

The review processes provided are continually being refined. Input from parishes which have been through a review have contributed to the improved versions. Currently processes for internal reviews are being prepared and should be available by 2004.

##### **FUTURES GROUP:**

With the winding up of the Futures Group at last Conference, an amount of money was left over. This has been distributed to assist the church move into the future through regionalisation. The work of future church continues to progress and the Director receives reports on this project (which continues for another three years).

##### **CHAPLAINCIES:**

The Methodist Church should be proud of its involvement in chaplaincies. As a church we are well represented by dedicated ministers and lay people, and certainly contribute more than our share of finance.

##### **Hospital -**

Through the Interchurch Council for Hospital Chaplaincy we share with other churches in the work of the church in the Health Sector. The Council sets a high standard for chaplains and through their Executive Officer, gives support to the Local Service Providers. He also negotiates terms and conditions of chaplaincies with various Hospital Boards. For these reasons, the Methodist Church’s national funding will, from 2004, be directed entirely through the ICHC central ‘paymaster’ scheme.

##### **Interchurch Tertiary Chaplaincy Council -**

With the appointment of the Rev Dr Ken Booth as chair, the churches set out significant goals for the next year – professional standards, regular contact between the church representatives and supportive structures for chaplains. With this positive initiative the future of Tertiary Chaplaincy looks a little more secure than would first appear.

##### **Armed Services –**

We continue to be represented on the Chaplains’ Defence Advisory Council by Rev Mervyn Dine, but have no Methodist Territorial or Regular Force Chaplains serving at this time.

##### **CANDIDATURE AND ORDINANDS:**

Several districts have embarked on intentional recruitment of candidates for presbyteral ministry; this coupled with the work of the Deacon for Diaconal Development (Shirley-Joy Barrow) has seen an encouraging trend with more people offering for ministry. The Board believes that this is a good sign, particularly as we are seeking to select individuals who exhibit skills in leadership for the future. The Rev Mark Gibson, as National Assessment Convenor, with his team of assessors, has the full support of the Board for his professional standards of work.

There is an issue that Conference needs to be aware of. Because a candidate is required to complete study in the English language, the Board believes that the IELTS (International English Language Testing Service) should be used. A grade of 6.5 (six point five) has been trialed this year, and should now be adopted as part of the recommended procedure.

Ordinands' assessments have been facilitated by the Rev Desmond Cooper who has, with the Principal, developed a positive, pastoral and robust assessment process. Whilst this is conducted as a residential event it includes time for personal and spiritual reflection. With this in mind, and because of the increasing cost, the Board believes that there is no longer a need for the two day ordinands' retreat prior to the Conference and will be discontinuing this event – replacing it with a one day reflection and preparation for the ordination service.

#### EDUCATIONAL RESOURCING:

A primary task has been the systematic reshaping of *ministry reviews* so that they form a cohesive whole. The review process for a first year of ministry was given to District Superintendents in February for use this year. This year the focus has been on a review process for the final year of a given ministry and this resource will be available to districts for 2004. Alison Molineux's work has also involved educating groups about process and facilitating reviews.

Another focus has been providing resources and workshops on consensus decision-making and facilitation skills. This, plus a workshop shared with Diana Tana on treaty partnership has been Alison's main input into *bicultural resourcing* for this year. The final focus was a *theological resource on stewardship* for the church. Mission Resourcing staff shared a multi-faceted and multi-cultural presentation of the work so far at July's Council of Conference meeting. PAC has granted \$60,000 towards providing stewardship resources for parishes.

#### MINISTRY WITH CHILDREN WORK GROUP:

Members of the workgroup - Jeanette Boddy, Convenor; Yvonne Chittenden, Clare Lind, Doreen Lennox and Ruth Beeston - are an enthusiastic group who are passionate about promoting Children's Ministry throughout the churches. Clare Lind has been a very supportive and creative member of this workgroup but is finishing this year. We would like a membership of six so are seeking new, interested people. The Methodist Children's Art Exhibition has just completed its circuit of New Zealand. We have had excellent feedback from those churches that hosted this exhibition. While we sold insufficient calendars to cover our costs, the 2003 Children's Artwork Calendar was a successful venture as it raised the profile of the place of children in our churches. Thank you to those who supported this project. Fifty copies of "Handy Stuff" are sent out twice a year to people working with children. We continue to refine and enhance this publication and would appreciate your stories. If you don't receive a copy but would like to, fill out your details on the leaflet included in the conference pack. To enhance All Age Worship, our workgroup have produced a set of resources related to the church seasons plus a few others. These are available at conference at a cost of \$5 per pack. Ministry with children is a vital ingredient for today's church.

#### INTENTIONAL TRANSITIONAL MINISTRY:

The work of Mission Resourcing has been helped by the Intentional Transitional Ministry programme. Several presbyters and deacons have undertaken training in this model of ministry. ITM enables a parish to plan for future change through a structured enabling programme which does not presuppose the outcome. The programme helps people move through various phases of handling transition and own a future direction. Mission Resourcing has funded those undertaking the training for this programme.

### Ministry Education

#### PEOPLE TO HONOUR:

We congratulate

- Rev Dr Susan Thompson on having her PhD thesis on the history of Methodist theological education in this country acknowledged as one of the ten best theses at the University of Auckland last year.
- Setaita Kinahoi-Veikune and Motekiai Fakatou being awarded the University of Auckland Bachelor of Theology degree.
- Four students (including Margaret Donald and Paulo Ieli) who received the Trinity Methodist Theological College Diploma in Practical Theology (DipPTh) at the first graduation service for the Ministry Training Unit held at Pitt Street Methodist Church in May.

#### EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES:

The School of Theology in the University of Auckland was set up at the beginning of the year, with Dr Elaine Wainwright from Australia appointed as Professor and Head of School. The School (in which Trinity College is a partner, with three other colleges and the University) will ensure quality teaching and research in the theological disciplines, and a closer relationship with other aspects of the University. As signalled last year, new curricula are being developed, aiming to provide slimmer and more focused degrees. With the advent of the School, the Auckland Consortium for Theological Education (ACTE) went into voluntary liquidation. A very successful evening was held in August to recognise those who helped in its formation and have been part of its life for the past 20 years. Harold Pidwell, the first Dean of ACTE and later Dean of the Melbourne College of Divinity, was present, as were Jill van de Geer and Denise Wellm who, as employees of Trinity College, contributed greatly to ACTE's early years. John Salmon, as President of ACTE, presided over this final function.

During the year a new body to oversee tertiary education was set up by the Government. The Tertiary Education Commission (TEC) will co-ordinate tertiary activities and institutions, including Private Teaching Establishments (PTEs) like Trinity College. An early requirement has been the preparation of a charter, setting out the focus and special character of the College, and the way its programmes (and especially the DipPTh) fit in with Government strategies and social needs. There has been consultation with people and groups involved in the writing of the charter, which was presented to TEC by the due date of 30 September. We now wait to hear of its approval (hopefully) by the Minister of Education in December.

Trinity College has 16 students in training for ordination - four 2nd year probationers who will be ordained at this Conference, four 1st year probationers, and eight students in the Trinity Meadowbank (3), Trinity Ministry Training Unit (MTU) (4), and Homesetting/Dispersed (1) programmes. There are three independent fee-paying students studying for the DipPTh, and Trinity staff are involved in teaching and supervising a large number of students in the programmes of the School of Theology. As well, programmes primarily for lay people, including TELM and regional or local programmes of ministry development, continue to take place. Increasingly, the changes in ministry practice, theology, needs, and resourcing mean that lay leadership in ministry is becoming a more significant factor. Some further work has taken place in identifying courses and resources for dispersed or distance learning, and the LAOS material is gradually being re-written. Overall in ministry education, rather than having sets of specific programmes the approach is to construct learning programmes for individuals based on their needs and goals, their past experience, and the church's criteria and priorities. This is not as easy to appreciate as single programmes for, say, lay preachers or diaconal or presbyteral ministry, but it is more flexible and we believe is a more effective use of resources for a small college, and it matches the general directions taking place in tertiary education today.

#### **STAFF:**

All programmes of Trinity College are functioning well and this is a tribute to the quality of the staff we have. Early in the year Robyn Brown was appointed to the role of Ministry Educator, and Susan Adams continues as Director of the MTU. Lynne Wall spent a part of the year studying in Cambridge University (England), and John Salmon retired as Principal on 31 July, but has continued lecturing and doing other tasks on a contracted basis. An appreciation of John's gifts appears in the section "Record of Service". It is never easy for a College to go through the process of a Principal retiring and a new Principal being appointed, but the presence of Denise Wellm makes the process that much easier. We are grateful for who she is and what she contributes – and note that this is the third time she has been through this process!

#### **WELLSPRING:**

Conversations have taken place with the Orakei Parish and the property is now up for tender. A service of closure is being held on Sunday 26 October at 2.00pm. Details of the sale will be available at Conference.

## **Part B: Strategic Plan**

### **Strategic directions for Mission Resourcing**

Key areas for Mission Resourcing to address over the next twelve months are.

- The recruitment of a Director will be the highest priority.
- Continued development of the Review procedures.
- Encourage and support Synods in the identification of high calibre candidates for ministry.
- Division of tasks for the next twelve months will be important, with some being undertaken by way of 'contracts' and others on a part-time basis.
- Development of Stewardship resources.

### **Strategic directions for Ministry Education**

The general outline of the strategic plan for Ministry Education for the next year remains similar to that for last year, as many of the factors remain much the same. Details will need to be shaped in consultation with the new Principal.

The broad goal was expressed last year as “to consolidate and develop the different educational tracks and to work at their inter-relationships, in the context of the School of Theology, our existing partnerships, the changing profile of the student body, and wider educational movements”. It was noted then, and has become clearer since, that the School of Theology will focus on academic theology, meaning that other aspects of ministry preparation will increasingly need to be picked up in other ways. The DipPTh is one aspect of this, as is a Methodist Ministry Formation Course, and the various components might be brought closer together in the future.

A specific factor that has been added in the last year is the formation of the Tertiary Education Commission, and particularly its requirement that all tertiary institutions provide charters and profiles. Key aspects of Trinity College’s strategic direction for ministry education will be expressed through those documents. The Board has also noted the changes taking place in the understanding and practice of ministry in a changing church, and Ministry Education is seeking to ensure these are taken into account in shaping the way ahead.

#### **Suggested decisions:**

1. The report is received.
2. Conference, in acknowledging that the Reverend Dr John Salmon completed his term as Principal on 31 July 2003, places on record its deep appreciation of his outstanding service to the church in the field of Christian education, both as Co-ordinator Educational Ministry and latterly as lecturer and Principal of Trinity Methodist Theological College. Conference wishes John a rich and fulfilling retirement.
3. Conference acknowledges with gratitude the work of the Reverend John Murray as Director Mission Resourcing during the past eight years. Conference particularly notes his involvement in refining the stationing procedures and the systematic reshaping of ministry reviews. Conference thanks John as he completes this role and is grateful for his willingness to undertake the role of Executive Officer, Taiwi Strategy and Stationing, for 2004.
4. Candidates for ministry for whom English is a second language are required to attain a grade of 6.5 in the International English Language Testing Service tests.
5. The membership of the Board of Ministry for 2004 is: Jan Tasker (Chairperson), Shirley-Joy Barrow, David McGeorge, Jennifer Moor, Ken Olsen, Aso Samoa-Saleupolu, Kenneth Smith, ‘Eveli Taungapeau, Peter West, the Principal, the Director, and such other people as may be nominated to and appointed by the President.

### **REPORT OF THE CHURCHES EDUCATION COMMISSION**

*-the educational agency of member churches working together*

This has been a year of great blessings, and a few challenges. We have seen growth in our regions, adding a new King Country sub-region as a part of the Greater Waikato region.

We have also worked on raising our profile. The series of Radio Rhema advertisements was most successful, mainly seen in responses from those seeking information on chaplaincy. Copies of this promotional material are available on CD to use to promote our ministry to schools. We have used a professional designer to give “News Connection” and ‘Welcome to the Team’ a fresh look, and have taken the first step in producing a CEC Policy Handbook. Our website is next on the list for upgrading.

Funding for these projects and for chaplaincy costs comes from the generous provision of several donors: from member churches, from our individual or local church Partners in Development, the Reed Trust, the Ballentyne family, and the Winton and Margaret Bear Trust. The continuing generosity of the Association of Anglican Women allows us to provide classroom resources in areas where funds are short.

Police vetting has been far more time consuming than we had envisaged, especially at its peak, but its acceptance across our regions has signalled to schools our willingness to be seen as a safe, professional, Christian presence.

There is still a need to maintain strong links with our member churches. Much good work is done at local level, and regional funding from local churches resources much of our work. Perhaps this year, with our professional promotional material, we can give CEC Sunday a fresh boost in every district.

This year anxieties have surfaced both inside and outside CEC over appropriate religious education curriculum, interpretation of guidelines for religious education, and our role in increasingly multi-ethnic classrooms. For every school which is positive and open to our Christian ministry, there are schools which are unsure if what we offer will ‘fit’ the state curriculum, or values education.

This is an opportunity for us to reinforce the school’s values education programme from a Christian perspective. It is an opportunity for us to show we have trained, confident, well resourced teachers to do this, and the solid basis of a



curriculum which is devised with the secular classroom in mind, and yet based on sound doctrine, and sound educational principles.

But it is also a threat. There is a threat from some in a school community who may want to write a new replacement religious education curriculum. There is a threat that something woolly and more humanistic will replace us, in the name of 'global spirituality'. There is a risk that such programmes may not be acceptable to our member churches, or could alienate our volunteer teachers.

These concerns, and the need to recruit and train and retain good volunteers add pressure to the roles of our Convenors and regional leaders. For this reason our emphasis this year has been on leadership training for these people, our greatest asset and resource. I aim to spend more time in the next six months travelling to visit our regions.

I would like to pay tribute to the staff at Epworth Books for their helpfulness and efficiency as our resource distributors, to our National Executive, and our Chairman, Brian Pegler. It is a blessing to work with Helen McGhie as a wise and experienced colleague, our cheerful and efficient Office Manager, Janet Meehan, and with Peter Milne, our Treasurer, who spends more than his allotted hours on CEC finances and the systems that run them. Thank you all, and thank you to all our committed volunteers, our convenors, our regional leaders. And thanks be to God who has called us all to this ministry.

Hilary Baskerville  
National Coordinator

## **THE UNITING CONGREGATIONS OF AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND**

The 2003 Biennial Forum was held in Kaori Northland Uniting Parish, Wellington, July 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup>. This was attended by 135 representatives from 60 Uniting and Cooperative Venture Congregations. The theme for the gathering was 'Community Centred – Christ Focused'. This theme reflected the recognition by the 2001 Biennial Forum that the relationship with Partner Churches had matured and the possibilities had been created for a wider ecumenical mission. The Forum for Co operative Ventures was seen as being one expression of that ecumenism. The work of the Standing Committee leading up to the Forum concentrated on exploring the opportunities of the maturing partnership to resource local congregations to meet the challenges of being the Church in the local community.

The Forum business sessions endorsed the recommendation to change the name of the organisation from 'The Forum of Co-operating Ventures' to 'The Uniting Congregations of Aotearoa New Zealand'. Although some reservations were expressed the consensus was that the name be changed to reflect the fact that member congregations are not a United Church but are committed to the uniting process. The 2003 Forum agreed to a Chairperson being separately elected at the biennial meetings rather than having the Chairperson selected by the elected Standing Committee. The role of the elected Chairperson is seen as encompassing a leadership function in fostering the identity of collective congregations involved in the uniting congregations movement as well as being available as a pastor to the community of congregations in uniting ventures.

The Forum was informed that a considerable amount of work had been done over that last two years on developing the process for appointing ministers. The central issue has been the task to identify simple processes for ministry appointments acceptable to all Partner Churches. The fresh-shared approach being considered includes:

- *Identifying the best leadership to assist a Parish bring about its Mission strategy.*
- *Partner churches recognising that congregations need to be actively involved*
- *JRC should monitor not direct*
- *Shifting to a process of all Partners acting collaboratively*
- *Recognising that any new model must reflect the harmony between parishes, partners and the JRC.*

An essential ingredient in the process will be to recognise the mission journey of a parish and to identify their mission strategy targets before the taking steps to fill a vacancy. The aim of the process is to involve local Partners and assist the parish review its mission and define the appropriate ministry leadership required. The appointing denomination's responsibilities should include the oversight of the process to fill the vacancy while keeping in touch with the Partners as well as being conscious of the needs and desires of the parish. As part of the proposed amendment to the procedures the Wellington Joint Regional Committee is using a revised Consultation Pack.

The new Standing Committee's task, in conjunction with Partner representatives, will be to revise the Guidelines to Procedures in Co-operating Ventures to incorporate the name change and to include the more effective processes for appointing ministers in uniting parishes following submission to and approval of the appropriate Partner Courts.

The Standing Committee reported to the Biennial Forum meeting that Mr John Jones had been appointed as the Executive Officer to replace Dr David Ross who was retiring. John commenced duties on 7<sup>th</sup> July and was introduced

to the Forum. David Ross was warmly thanked for the sterling work undertaken for the CV movement over that last five years.

The Biennial Forum attendees, in keeping with the 'Christ Centred-Community Focused' theme, had the opportunity to attend seminars that focused on issues of interest to local communities. These were 'Connecting with families', 'Connecting with ageing populations', 'Connecting with the justice system' and 'Connecting with schools'. Joan Ross presented the findings of stage one of her research project on 'New Comers to New Zealand Presbyterian and Uniting Churches.' The Forum delegates also heard from CCANZ and CASI representatives.

The Forum elected Ray Coats of Alexandra as its Chairperson. The following were elected as the Standing Committee for the next two years: Stanley Barnes, Margaret Honore, Roy Hotter, Dave Mullan, Ian Omundsen, Ann Owen, Robert Robati-Mani, Clive Smith and Janet Taega.

Rev Dr Jim Stuart gave the keynote address at the opening of the meeting. He sketched an ecumenical journey and his own involvement of ministry. He told of his New Zealand experience of finding the ecumenical movement waning with institutional concerns overtaking the church union impetus. Dr Stuart spoke of the present time as a kairos movement, when amidst challenges God calls us to recover our true identity as people of God – time to act on the Uniting Congregations' mission statement, 'to vigorously go out on the commission of Christ to break new ground, to establish communities of hope, being set free to take risks for God....' What, asked Dr Stuart, 'would it mean if the Forum decided to be guided by the Holy Spirit and not be driven by the institutional need of the non negotiating partners?' A delegate asked the Forum if the lost vision of the Churches could be re-energised? The 2003 Biennial Forum was clearly focussed on dealing with issues of identity and procedures leading to strengthening the local mission in Uniting Congregations. The agenda for the Biennial meeting did not allow time to address wider ecumenical issues.

#### Section B

Progressing with procedure revisions for ministry appointments in conjunction with Partner Churches will likely continue to be the concern of the Standing Committee. The ongoing dialogue involving Partner participation in assisting congregations to develop specific mission strategies is seen as crucial in developing increased flexibility in stationing. The 2002 Conference endorsed the Executive Officer's involvement in co-operative venture training programmes for lay and ordained ministry education in the Methodist Church. Plans are in hand for a one-day training session for ministry trainees at Trinity College on uniting congregation procedures.

Contributions from uniting congregations to the CV Joint Mission Fund have declined over recent years and the Methodist Connexion Budget has consequently received decreasingly lower contributions. Parishes are being challenged to aim to contribute 10% of their total income to enable continued support for each of their Methodist and Presbyterian partner denominations. The task ahead for 2004/5 is for the Standing Committee of the United Congregations of Aotearoa New Zealand and Partner Churches to address the falling contributions to the Joint Mission scheme. This will present an opportunity to make mission resourcing and ministry education issues relevant to uniting congregations. Uniting congregation organisations and Partners at regional and national level will be challenged to review the whole issue of what 'being church' means to local congregations.

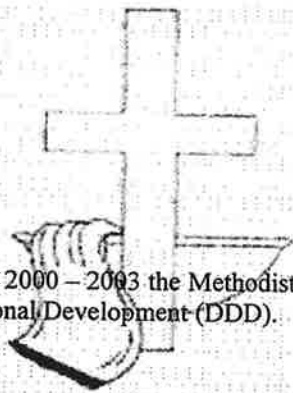
The Forum will no doubt be challenged by the phoenix that is arising from the ashes of the Plan for Union. How that will eventuate in the various opportunities that will arise to discuss and realise the dream of being one is unknown, but what we do know is that as living and breathing realities of at least a part of that vision, we as Uniting Congregations are uniquely placed to be in the forefront of an existing future together.

#### Suggested Decisions

1. That the report be received
2. That the conference affirms its continuing support of the Uniting Congregations of Aotearoa NZ in its efforts to build a meaningful unity among the Partners and other denominations in NZ

### DIACONATE TASK GROUP

The Methodist Church of New Zealand, Te Haahi Weteriana O Aotearoa has served the community by means of a strong and active diaconal ministry since 1893. The Church reaffirms its intention to continue this ministry and authorises the Diaconate Task Group to promote the continuance of Diaconal Ministry under the direction of Conference with responsibility to the Board of Ministry.



From 2000 – 2003 the Methodist Church support for the diaconal ministry funded a half-time worker as the Deacon for Diaconal Development (DDD).

The 2002 Conference agreed to the change of name to the Diaconate Task Group and that funding be found to support the work of the DDD until January 2004. This funding was found and the position will continue until January 2004.

The Diaconate Task Group wishes to acknowledge the dedication, passion and hard work of the DDD, Shirley-Joy Barrow, whose skills and expertise of networking have been invaluable.

We farewell John Thornley and thank him for his enthusiastic support, wonderful way with words and his invaluable support of the diaconal vision over the past year. The Diaconate Task Group thanks the Conference, Board of Ministry and Mission Resourcing for support and funding which enabled the Task Group to continue its work during the year. Two residential Retreat weekends, one in the Tauranga and one following Convocation, held in Rangiora have been held this year replacing four meetings held in other years local to the Waikato/Wairariki and Auckland areas. These two Retreats and the widening of the Task Group to include lay and presbyteral ministers has been important for maintaining morale, and keeping the diaconate moving forward.

The following statement on the place and importance of the 'Diaconate Ministry', within the total mission of the church, came from the February 2003 Retreat of the Diaconate Task Group and was sent to all Candidates Recruitment Convenors, District Superintendants, Director Mission Resourcing, Principal of Trinity/St Johns and the General Secretary.

#### **Ministry**

Our vision of church ministry has deacon, lay and presbyter working as a team, and supporting each other in a diversity of ministries. Diaconal ministry evolves and develops as it responds at the cutting edge to the needs of society.

#### **Recruitment**

There is an urgent need for recruitment to diaconal ministry. The recruitment process needs promotion and ownership by presbyters, deacons, parishes and synods.

#### **Candidating**

In the assessment and selection of candidates there must be diaconal representation. At the national level the Diaconate Task Group will offer support and advocacy for the candidate.

#### **Training**

The Diaconate Task Group needs to be closely associated with diaconate training and formation programmes. Training can take advantage of the diversity of courses available in the local setting.

### **DIACONATE TASK GROUP**

#### **OBJECTS**

The object of the Diaconate Task Group is to engage in the governance of Diaconal Ministry.

#### **FUNCTIONS**

The functions of the Diaconate Task Group shall be to:

- a) discern what God is calling the Diaconate to, and offer leadership and policy for the future;
- b) approve and regularly review the strategic direction and vision for Diaconal Ministry;
- c) report to Conference and make recommendations pertaining to Diaconal Ministry;
- d) provide oversight and administration of finances and designated Connexional Funds;
- e) oversee the selection, training, reception into Full Connexion, and ordination of candidates for Diaconal Ministry;
- f) oversee the appointment and review of a National Diaconal Coordinator and Diaconal Advocates.
- g) undertake other duties as required by the Conference.

#### **MEMBERSHIP AND MEETINGS**

The membership of the Diaconate Task Group shall be determined annually by Conference, and shall comprise nine (9), of whom five (5) will be Ordained Deacons, and two (2) be Lay and two (2) Presbyters. A quorum shall consist of four (4) of whom two (2) shall be ordained Deacons.

The Diaconate Task Group shall recommend a Coordinator from its own members for Conference approval, and have power to co-opt other persons as required.

The Diaconate Task Group shall meet on at least two occasions a year.

#### **ROLES AND DESCRIPTIONS**

There shall be a National Diaconal Coordinator, a Convenor and at least five Deacon Advocates and no more than eight (8). On all matters pertaining to their positions they shall be accountable directly to the Diaconate Task Group.

**The National Diaconal Coordinator shall:**

- a) be a contact point for the Diaconate as a whole
- b) be the National spokesperson as required
- c) co-ordinate Diaconate Advocates
- d) be the initial point of contact for the Connexion
- e) hold all files, covenants and attend to key administration tasks
- f) ensure that effective communication occurs eg. Diaconal Doings, Touchstone etc.  
(10 hours per week)

**The Convenor shall:**

- a) attend to administration tasks ie. letters, minutes, correspondence and mailouts

(2.5 hours per week)

**The Deacon Advocates shall:**

- a) advocate for deacons
- b) represent, where appropriate the Diaconate in matters pertaining to Deacons;
- c) be involved in recruitment for Diaconal Ministry and exercise oversight of deacons, to include those candidating, in training, Ordained and retired.
- d) undertake the annual reviews of Diaconal Covenants, including provisions for supervision and study leave, in conjunction with the District Superintendants.
- e) ensure correct information about Deacons be entered in the Questions of Conference;
- f) promote Diaconal Ministry, and an understanding of it within the Methodist Church and the wider community.

**2004 – 2005 PROPOSED BUDGET for a geographical and inclusive Task Group**

Diaconate Task Group	\$2,000.00
Retreats x 2	6,000.00
Mileage	2,000.00
Conference Fee	500.00
Phone/Tolls/Net	1,500.00
Diaconal Doings	700.00
Convenor @ 2.5 hrs per week (\$15.00)	\$12,700.00
Coordinator @ 10 per week (\$15)	\$9,750.00
	<b><u>\$22,450.00</u></b>

The Task Group recognizes the need to complete the research begun over the last three years and will apply for Research Funding (4 hours per week \$15.00per hour) \$5,000.00

At Conference 2002, one of the steps for diaconal ministry was to bring a resolution regarding Ordained Deacons being accepted into "full Connexion". The Diaconate Task Group consulted with the Faith and Order Committee. As a result of this consultation the DTG reports:

- i. We note the following from Section 7 Methodist Law Book Reception into full connexion 7:2.1. 'Reception of a Presbyterian into Full Connexion with the Conference confers membership of the Conference and involves acceptance of its polity and discipline with responsible mutuality within the Laws and Regulations of the church.'
- ii. The following response from Faith and Order Committee pg 18. During the last two years Faith and Order has listened to the case of the Diaconate Task Group for deacons to be received into Full Connexion with the Conference. We have come to the view that we would support this step. We see it giving deacons greater accountability to the church and reinforcing their acceptance not only at conference level but in Districts and Parishes.....Support this step.....and Parishes.)

**Suggested Decisions:**

1. That the report be received.
2. That the Diaconate Task Group Objects, Functions, membership, meetings and Role descriptions be accepted.
3. That the proposed budget be accepted as the cost of the Diaconate Task Group and funding sources confirmed.
4. That the Conference receive all ordained Deacons into Full Connexion.
5. That Conference requests the Board of Ministry to implement suggested decision [4] at Conference 2004.
6. That the Diaconate Task Group for 2004 will be: Rebecca Va'ai (Tauwi Youth), Deacons. Richard Williams, Edna Evans, Raewyn Cubin, Rachel Tregurtha, National Coordinator Shirley-Joy Barrow, Convenor Dcn Brenda Fawkner with a Presbyterian and a Lay person to be confirmed.

**NEW ZEALAND BORN/RAISED PACIFIC ISLANDERS**

Ministry for New Zealand Born/Raised Pacific Islanders continued to encounter more challenges as well as joys throughout the year but progress has been satisfactory and rewarding. So far the work in the last three years focused on identifying the issues relating to New Zealand born/raised Pacific Islanders and providing forums where these were addressed appropriately. The role of Resource Person for this specific ministry was reviewed earlier this year by the Management Group in consultation with the Board of Ministry and the recommendation was that the Resource Person continues in the role for one further year with a shift of focus to the next phase of this ministry. The year 2004 anticipates the focus to be on Educational Programmes for Adults addressing issues like generational differences and new ways of being and doing in the context of Aotearoa.

The work of this year includes the initiative to hold a Multi-cross cultural *Methodist Youth Conference* for 400 young people ages 16 -25 from all ethnic groups of the Methodist Church and the Co-operating Ventures where there are Methodists. This will be held from 15 to 18 January 2004 as a residential event held at Waikato University, Hamilton.

The details of registrations and programmes have been sent out to all districts and some are available here at Conference from the Youth Corner.

#### **Suggested Decisions:**

1. The report is received.
2. Conference affirms the Rev Sylvia 'Akau'ola Tongotongo continuing in the role of Resource Person for New Zealand Born/Raised Pacific Islanders until December 2004.
3. Conference endorses the proposed Methodist Youth Conference for 2004.

### **EMPOWER YOUR YOUTH REPORT TO CONFERENCE 2003**

#### **South Pacific Christian Youth Camp**

In December last year, the Methodist Church in Fiji hosted and organised the South Pacific Christian Youth Camp. It was held at the Davuilevu Theological College and was attended by other youth groups from the South Pacific. From Aotearoa New Zealand, there were thirty-nine delegates from both Taiuiwi and Taha Maori who attended. For most in the group, the exposure to an environment that was different in many aspects including culture, society, church, and theology was a new and challenging experience. It was also an exciting step in developing cross-cultural relationships within the group as representatives and as members of Te Hahi Weteriana o Aotearoa.

#### **Youth Trek 2003**

The Auckland and Manukau districts once again hosted Youth Trek this year held at Carey Park in West Auckland with the theme "Sacred Ground?" exploring the meaning of worship. Amongst the resource people for the camp were the President and Vice President, who were active participants in most camp activities, particularly the hike up Rangitoto Island. Next year in terms of a youth gathering, as an initiative of the New Zealand born/raised Pacific Islanders resourcing, there is a vision for a cross-cultural youth conference.

#### **Empower Your Youth Task Group**

Towards the end of last year, the E.Y.Y. Board discussed its future directions and evolved into a task group to explore this further. A meeting organised by Mission Resourcing shares the same focus of the task group in consulting with Taiuiwi groups to discuss Taiuiwi youth ministry. Held in September, the invitations for Taiuiwi representatives include: Bose ko Viti kei Rotuma e Niu Siladi, English-speaking, Sinoti Samoa, Vahefonua Tonga o Aotearoa, and Korean fellowships. Te Taha Maori have also been approached to attend the meeting. The two-fold purpose of the Taiuiwi Youth meeting is to discuss a way/s forward for national dialogue across Taiuiwi youth in the Methodist Church of New Zealand, and to explore the cultural diversity of Taiuiwi youth.

#### **Suggested Decisions**

1. Report is received.



## **The Interchurch Council for Hospital Chaplaincy**

#### **Methodist Involvement**

The Methodist Church is one of 9 denominations which make up the ICHC Trust Board. The **Rev John Murray** is the Methodist representative on the ICHC Trust Board and the Executive committee. He will complete his term at the end of 2003. There are currently seven Methodist Presbyters employed in the Hospital Chaplaincy Service. They are **Rev Roy Alexander** at North Shore Hospital, **Rev Don Prince** at Princess Margaret Hospital, **Rev Anne Dargaville** at Hawke's Bay Regional Hospital, **Rev Roger Hey** at Tauranga Hospital, **Rev Dr Jock Hosking** at Whangarei Hospital, **Rev Bob Short** at Waikato Hospital and **Rev Paul Tregurtha** at Dunedin and Wakari Hospitals. A number of Methodist people serve as voluntary chaplaincy assistants or on local chaplaincy support committees throughout NZ.

#### **General Overview**

At the start of the year ICHC was having to face up to the fact that the Government had extended its contract for 12 months to 31 July 2003 for the same amount of funding it had received since 1997. As the Government and the Churches were not able to provide extra funding, ICHC and its Local Support Provider Committees, were facing the need to start to reduce the size of some chaplaincy positions.

The ICHC Board called an urgent meeting with the leaders of the nine ICHC member denominations on 30 September 2002 to inform them at first hand of the situation. There was recognition by all church leaders that it was unlikely a 50

/ 50 funding arrangement with the Government would be able to be returned to while the chaplaincy service remained at its present size.

At the meeting, the leaders heard from the Ministry of Health, that the Minister of Health Annette King, wanted to raise the issue of the Government devolving its funding directly to DHB's so they could purchase chaplaincy services locally, thus by-passing ICHC. The Minister wanted feedback on this proposal.

The Minister of Health subsequently had a change of mind about cutting out ICHC at this point. On 27 March 2003 she advised she was willing to offer ICHC an extension to the existing contract for the present chaplaincy service, at the present amount of money until 30 June 2005. She would however want that money to be distributed to chaplaincies in a new way. That way, was a significant shift in the historical chaplaincy contracting arrangements of paying a subsidy toward each established position in individual hospitals, to contributing toward a chaplaincy service in each DHB area according to the size of the population covered by that DHB. She also wanted to provide DHB's with more detailed information on chaplaincy numbers and costs so they could be more involved in prioritising services which would encourage them to contribute some of their funds to help support the level of healthcare chaplaincy services they require.

### **2003 - 2005 a new system of distributing Government (Flexi) subsidies for Chaplaincy**

From 1 August 2003 Government funding has moved from being a standard subsidy of \$19,000 to each full-time approved chaplaincy position. Payments are now made through the ICHC on a new population based funding formula (PBFF) moderated by an Inter district flow (IDF) percentage. The result is that the present chaplaincy positions in the following DHB areas: Auckland, Counties-Manukau, Waitemata, Northland, Canterbury, Hutt Valley, Taranaki and South Canterbury should be able to maintain their present chaplains and some may be able to increase their services. Chaplaincy positions in all the other DHB's will face considerable change and receive reduced amounts of Government subsidy (flexi funding). To maintain as many existing positions in this latter group for as long as possible, the ICHC has decided to use its reserves to subsidise some positions until 30 June 2005. As a result of the change in Government funding, a full-time chaplain's position at Palmerston North Hospital and a part-time position at Waikato Hospital were the first casualties. They had to be disestablished on 31 July 2003.

Suggested decision:

That the Report be received.

The Rev John Murray be thanked for the significant contribution he has made to the work of the ICHC Trust Board and its Executive Committee, while the Methodist Church appointed Trustee, during his term as Director of Mission Resourcing.

Ron Malpass  
Executive Officer

## **INTERCHURCH TERTIARY CHAPLAINCY COUNCIL (ITCC)**

The future of the ITCC formed the major item for the agenda of the AGM of the ITCC held during August 2003 at Morley House, Christchurch.

There was a strong affirmation expressed at this meeting that tertiary chaplaincy in Aotearoa NZ continues to need a national forum and voice. The distribution of money and the receiving of reports from chaplains and chaplaincy committees is not the most critical function of the ITCC. Rather ITCC meetings provide valuable opportunity to discuss common policy and practice in what is challenging environment for all 40 or so tertiary chaplains (including six Methodist Presbyters) throughout Aotearoa NZ.

The AGM did three things: we drafted a statement of purpose for the ITCC, noted some key areas for action and planned an implementation schedule. We would appreciate being able to make progress with the full backing of the Methodist Church and other constituent churches and of the chaplains and their respective committees and boards. We would be grateful if Conference could discuss the following and forward any comments to me by 1 December this year.

### **Draft Statement of Purpose:**

The Inter-Church Tertiary Chaplaincy Council exists:

1. To channel our churches' commitment to resourcing and supporting tertiary chaplaincy in Aotearoa NZ.
2. To provide a national forum at which issues of common concern and practices and be discussed and policies developed.
3. To initiate, develop and maintain the links with the constituent churches, chaplaincy boards, chaplains' association and tertiary institutions.

**Key Areas for Action:** Five key areas for action were identified:

- 1) An AGM – for discussing reports, feedback, trends in chaplaincy, relationships, constituency, and determining policies and practices.
- 2) An advocacy role to be exercised nationally and regionally
  - a) national – chaplains’ association, students’ association, VCs’ meeting and the equivalent for other tertiary bodies, churches
  - b) regional – tertiary institutions that have chaplains
- 3) Secretariat, which would operate at three levels
  - a) mailing lists, agendas and minutes
  - b) liaison, linking trust boards, chaplains, churches and institutions
  - c) advice and guidance on protocols, policies and active advocacy
- 4) A finance/audit role – accounting for funding and auditing.
- 5) New chaplaincies – what is/will be the model(s) of chaplaincy to be exercised.

**Implementation:** the following is a summary of the arrangements made:

- Ken Booth was re-elected Chairperson for the ensuing year
- An Executive of the ITCC was established
- Those present at the AGM were formed as a Working Group to help develop the proposals
- Interim secretarial assistance was made available
- Ken Booth will attend the annual Chaplains’ Conference at Otago University, Dunedin in November and discuss relevant matters with the Chaplains
- In February 2004 the Executive will begin planning for next AGM
- The Executive will clarify the appropriate way for liaising with each of the constituent churches of the ITCC
- The Executive will devise an ongoing structure for the ITCC
- The Executive will prepare an annual report to the churches about chaplaincy and the work of the ITCC
- The chaplains and chaplaincy committees or boards will be kept informed of developing policy especially as it affects the budget items and funding.

The ITCC will continue to distribute available national funds on an agreed basis, but the primary work of the ITCC will be in developing a sense of national cohesion and commonality in tertiary chaplaincy. Some key areas of concern are standards, accreditation, conditions of service, chaplaincy in an increasingly inter-faith context, the relationship between chaplaincy, the institutions and the local churches etc.

The ITCC expresses it’s thanks to the Methodist Church of NZ for its annual grant to tertiary Chaplaincy and for the longstanding and ongoing administrative support of the ITCC’s finances and for the use of Morley House for its meetings.

There is a lot of work for the ITCC to do to assist chaplains in their positions. We take this opportunity of thanking you for the work the Methodist church does to assist this, and look forward any comments you may have on the arrangements we have now made.

There will no doubt be an opportunity for the tertiary chaplains present at Conference this year to speak to this report and to share details of their important ministries.

Yours sincerely

Rev Dr Ken Booth, Chairperson  
Rev Greg Hughson, Ecumenical Chaplain, Otago University.

**BOARD OF MINISTRY – MINISTRY EDUCATION**  
**Financial Reporting Summary for the year ended 30 June 2003**

<i>STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE</i>	2003 \$	2002 \$
Ministry Education	493,686	501,337
Property Income	<u>73,954</u>	<u>72,088</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b><u>567,640</u></b>	<b><u>573,425</u></b>
Staff Costs	268,558	244,718
Ministry Education	115,612	115,041
General & Admin Expenses	100,215	80,424
Property Expenses	<u>77,627</u>	<u>112,945</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b><u>562,012</u></b>	<b><u>553,128</u></b>
<b>NET OPERATING SURPLUS</b>	<b><u>5,628</u></b>	<b><u>20,297</u></b>
Sabbatical Leave	<u>(10,000)</u>	<u>(10,000)</u>
<b>NET (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS</b>	<b><u>(4,372)</u></b>	<b><u>10,297</u></b>

<i>STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION</i>	2003 \$	2002 \$
Accumulated Funds	1,148,145	1,140,517
Designated Funds	<u>5,170,728</u>	<u>5,113,746</u>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b><u>6,318,873</u></b>	<b><u>6,254,263</u></b>
Current Assets	335,467	317,997
Current Liabilities	<u>(33,388)</u>	<u>(34,747)</u>
<b>WORKING CAPITAL</b>	<b><u>302,079</u></b>	<b><u>283,250</u></b>
Non Current Assets	4,570,728	4,513,746
Fixed Assets	<u>1,446,066</u>	<u>1,457,267</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b><u>6,318,873</u></b>	<b><u>6,254,263</u></b>

**Auditor's Statement** – The summaries above have been extracted from the audited annual financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2003. For a better understanding of the financial position and the result of operations for the year, these summaries should be read in conjunction with the related audited financial statements.

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**REPORT TO CONFERENCE**

Ministry Education is part of the Board of Ministry of the Methodist Church of New Zealand. The unit provides theological training and ministerial education.



**MISSION RESOURCING**  
**Financial Reporting Summary for the year ended 30 June 2003**

<b>STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>
	\$	\$
Connexional Budget Income	117,000	120,000
Other Income	<u>246,840</u>	<u>242,309</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b><u>363,840</u></b>	<b><u>362,309</u></b>
Unit Costs	63,021	57,176
Office & Property Expenses	99,545	89,274
Mission Initiatives & Grants	222,056	235,133
Other Expenses	<u>15,368</u>	<u>13,916</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b><u>399,990</u></b>	<b><u>395,499</u></b>
<b>NET OPERATING DEFICIT</b>	<b><u>(36,150)</u></b>	<b><u>(33,190)</u></b>
<b>EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY NET SURPLUS</b>	<b><u>2,671</u></b>	<b><u>36,062</u></b>
<b>YOUTH MINISTRY NET SURPLUS</b>	<b><u>11,454</u></b>	<b><u>19,067</u></b>

<b>STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>
	\$	\$
Designated Funds	2,345,497	2,520,047
Accumulated Funds	191,014	223,913
Reserve	<u>601,852</u>	<u>647,465</u>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b><u>3,138,363</u></b>	<b><u>3,391,425</u></b>
Current Assets	73,973	133,824
Current Liabilities	<u>(8,406)</u>	<u>(19,920)</u>
<b>WORKING CAPITAL</b>	<b>65,567</b>	<b>113,904</b>
Non Current Assets	2,510,197	2,711,617
Fixed Assets	<u>562,599</u>	<u>565,904</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b><u>3,138,363</u></b>	<b><u>3,391,425</u></b>

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**REPORT TO CONFERENCE**

Mission Resourcing supports the Church by resourcing and strengthening existing Churches, parishes and faith communities, and encourages the development of new ventures.

On 1<sup>st</sup> July 2002 Mission Resourcing and Mission Resourcing Investment Funds Board were amalgamated into one entity, Mission Resourcing. The comparatives show the consolidated figures for Mission Resourcing and Mission Resourcing Investment Funds Board, and eliminate inter-entity transactions.

**DIACONATE TASK GROUP**  
**Financial Reporting Summary for the year ended 30 June 2003**

<i>STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2002</i>
	\$	\$
<b>Connexional Account:</b>		
Income	1,984	5,014
Expenses	<u>(1,831)</u>	<u>5,498</u>
<b>CONNEXIONAL NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<u><b>153</b></u>	<u><b>(484)</b></u>
<b>Betty Yearbury Educational Fund:</b>		
Income	666	1,196
Expenses	<u>(1,078)</u>	<u>(1,199)</u>
<b>BETTY YEARBURY EDUCATIONAL FUND (DEFICIT)</b>	<u><b>(412)</b></u>	<u><b>(3)</b></u>
<b>Publicity &amp; Travel Account:</b>		
Income	6,669	192
Expenses	<u>(5,525)</u>	<u>(266)</u>
<b>PUBLICITY &amp; TRAVEL ACCOUNT SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<u><b>1,144</b></u>	<u><b>(74)</b></u>

<i>STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2002</i>
	\$	\$
Publicity & Travel	1,353	283
Connexional Account	427	758
Betty Yearbury Education Fund	267	682
MTA Capital Deposit	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><b>12,047</b></u>	<u><b>11,723</b></u>

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## SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

### Empower Your Youth – Supplementary Report to Conference 2003

“Kua tae mai apopo”  
“Tomorrow has arrived”

Over the weekend of the 27<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> of September, representatives from Bose ko Viti kei Rotuma e Niu Siladi, English-speaking, Sinoti Samoa, Vahefonua Tonga o Aotearoa, and Korean fellowships gathered to discuss a way/s forward for national dialogue across Tauwi youth in the Methodist Church of New Zealand, and to explore the cultural diversity of Tauwi youth.

After the opening of the meeting, time was spent sharing the history, experiences, and stories of youth ministry journeys from each of the Tauwi groups, beginning with English speaking and the Empower Your Youth board. Members of Te Taha Maori were also present at the gathering and shared their experiences and vision for young people in our church.

Areas of discussion over the weekend included: identity – who are we as Tauwi Youth?, communication, working together, empowering youth, National Tauwi Resource Person Youth, and structural support. The meeting offers the following understandings of who Tauwi youth are and what it means:

#### “Tauwi Youth”

- ☺ A group of people who share common spiritual needs for personal growth within the Methodist Conference of NZ. Also share different ways of building relationships with Jesus.
- ☺ We are voices from different cultures between ages 13-25 coming together to provide for the needs of the Methodist youth, building and equipping them for Christian leadership.
- ☺ A group of youngsters  
Law book 13-25  
Under the NZ Methodist conference  
Who are non-Maori  
Culturally diverse  
And beautiful!
- ☺ Ethnicity  
Non-Maori “youth”  
Gender: male, female  
Youth culture  
Class  
There is no one “right” or “wrong” answer, Can do? Voice 4 Tauwi Youth

It was the mind of the meeting that a national Tauwi youth group would be established to take the place of the Empower Your Youth board/task group, and continue its vision for young people that includes the cultural dynamics of resourcing and supporting Tauwi youth ministry in te Hahi Weteriana o Aotearoa.

The group discussed the position of the Tauwi Resource Person Youth, and ongoing support was identified as a vital aspect of the position. A sub group will be established locally as a support network for the Tauwi Resource Person Youth. Specific tasks for the Resource Person were also set and prioritised. They include the provision of the following:

- ⇒ Workshop(s)/ training resources for youth leadership.
- ⇒ Workshop(s) for the wider church to look at issues around losing young people (the Resource Person would liaise and work with local teams to find/develop appropriate resourcing).
- ⇒ Workshop(s) for the older generation/s across Tauwi to raise the awareness of youth development in Aotearoa New Zealand (again, the Resource Person would liaise and work with local teams/youth leaders from other cultural groups).
- ⇒ Regular ongoing contact with youth leaders and youth workers.

As the journey of youth ministry continues in te Hahi Weteriana o Aotearoa, it is important to reflect and acknowledge the rich and fruitful history of English speaking youth ministry. Over the last twenty years or so, the journey of English speaking youth ministry has laid a foundation for Tauwi youth ministry to build on and develop. From the appointment of national youth co-ordinators, to the design and implementation of a national youth policy, and the

establishment of the Empower Your Youth board; Methodist youth ministry now faces a new bend in the road/path. "*Kua tae mai apopo*" meaning "Tomorrow has arrived" is a phrase that was offered by members of Te Taha Maori to encourage and empower the meeting to take up the challenge of change/s in our church and its impact on young people and youth ministry. Let us acknowledge the journey of English speaking youth ministry and look forward with hope, energy, and excitement to the colourful possibilities of a Taiuiwi youth ministry for te Hahi Weteriana o Aotearoa.

Recommended decisions:

1. Report is received.
2. Conference recognises that the Empower Your Youth Board is disbanded, and that national youth ministry will be done cross-culturally across Taiuiwi.
3. Conference acknowledges the fundamental work of the Empower Your Youth board/task group and thanks all key individuals (National Youth Co-ordinators, Board Convenors, Board members) who have contributed to its ministry.
4. Conference affirms the establishment of a Taiuiwi youth group whose name is to be confirmed, with a membership of 12 youth leaders representing the different cultural and regional groups of Taiuiwi (2 Fiji, 2 Samoan, 2 English speaking, 2 Tongan, 2 Korean, and 2 others to address any imbalance of gender, culture, and region), and the National Taiuiwi Resource Person Youth.
5. Conference encourages synods to make space for youth, and make available resources including funding for youth ministry.



## Board of Ministry Supplementary Report Two, 2003

### Director Mission Resourcing:

During 2003 the Board has been working with Te Taha Maori, Council of Conference and the President to appoint a Director Mission Resourcing but without success. As a result of further discussion between the Board and the 4+4 the Board brings to Conference two options.

- (a) Appoint a Director Mission Resourcing in 2004, to commence work on 1 February 2005, using the Job Description dated October 2003 as set out below for an initial period of three years with annual performance appraisal and review of Job Description and tasks.
- (b) John Murray be appointed Executive Officer Taiuiwi Strategy and Stationing in a half time supply position for two years and contract out other tasks to people who will carry them out in 2004 and 2005. The Job Description for this position was accepted by Taiuiwi Strategy and Stationing at their last meeting and is set out below.

Rationale for A: This is the present proposal contained in the Board's Report to Conference 2002 pgs E16-E20

Rationale for B:

- We were not able to find a suitable appointee as Director this year.
- This option would allow as much flexibility as possible for the future, recognising the changing face of the church and projected financial restraints in the Connexional budget.
- Taiuiwi are considering moving to fewer Districts. The South Island is trialing working as one District in 2004.
- Separated Superintendents are being discussed. Waikato/Waiariki is trialing this as a half time appointment in 2004. Superintendents are likely to cover some of the work currently overseen by the Director eg Parish Resourcing.
- Succession planning needs to take place for all appointments.
- Appointing someone to a position that is in the process of change will be difficult.

### Job Description: Director, Mission Resourcing

Prerequisites for this position are a commitment to the "transforming love of God", to the Methodist Church of New Zealand Te Haahi Weteriana o Aotearoa, and to a Treaty based partnership with Te Taha Maori.

ACCOUNTABLE TO: Board of Ministry

LOCATION: Penrose, Auckland

DATE: October 2003

PREAMBLE: Mission Resourcing, as part of the Board of Ministry, is responsible for assisting the church engage in Christ's mission in Aotearoa New Zealand. The Director and staff are available to parishes, districts and the Connexion for leadership and enabling the development of mission strategy. This means, therefore, that the Director has responsibility for significant sources of finance for the support of projects. The Director represents the church in many ecumenical discussions, and has oversight of recruitment for ministry and appointment of supply ministers.

As Director of Mission Resourcing there is a specific responsibility, as Executive Officer for Taiuiwi Strategy and Stationing, for the processes relating to Taiuiwi Strategy and Stationing. This involves all aspects of the stationing process.

The Director is a member of the Council of Conference as one of the Taiuiwi Ten.

Further responsibilities are to the President through the Pastoral Committee and the President's Committee of Advice.

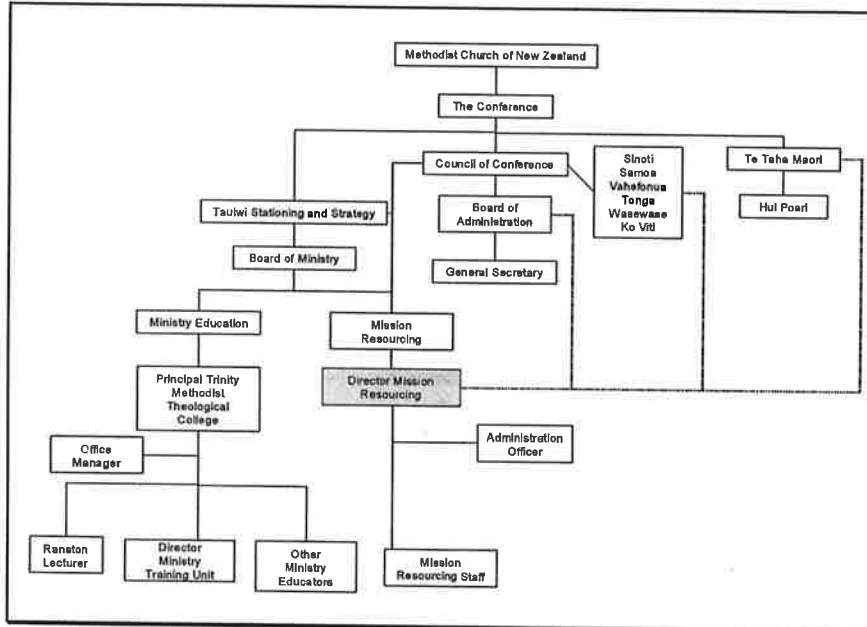
Housing is provided for the Director. He/she is expected to work well with the staff of Mission Resourcing and the other tenants of 409 Great South Road, Auckland, where the Director is based. Extensive travel in New Zealand is required and overseas from time to time.

The initial term of appointment will be for three years, with an annual performance appraisal and review of the job description and tasks.

**PRIMARY OBJECTIVES:** To assist the Board of Ministry to

- 1 provide a vision and strategy for how the Methodist Church's clergy resources and other development initiatives will contribute to the Board of Ministry's mission of assisting the church membership towards 'hopeful futures'.
- 2 ensure there are sufficient ordained and lay clergy available so that the Methodist Church (nationally, regionally and locally) can meet its mission of developing 'hopeful futures', and move towards a new way of being church;
- 3 encourage and support the development of new ventures that will strengthen churches, parishes and faith communities.
- 4 provide direction and support in ministry and stationing matters.

**REPORTING LINES OF ACCOUNTABILITY:**



**INTERNAL RELATIONSHIPS:**

- Te Taha Maori - Consults regularly and works co-operatively with the Tumuaki.
- Tauwi Strategy and Stationing - Member of Strategy Committee  
Accountable for Stationing
- Council of Conference - Member  
Resource person to Tauwi Ten
- Board of Ministry - Regular reporting  
Advice regarding direction of Methodist stationing and strategy
- Principal, Trinity Methodist Theological College - Strategic planning and Resourcing
- Resource coordinators - Programme development and delivery
- Financial controller - Regular budget monitoring  
Overview of property management and development

**WIDER METHODIST CHURCH RELATIONSHIPS:**

**Superintendents of:**

- Districts
  - Vahefonua Tonga O Aotearoa
  - Sinoti Samoa
  - Wasewase Ko Viti E Niu Siladi
  - Evangelical Network
- Presbyters

Resource person available for consultation on matters of supply, secondment and the pastoral care of presbyters and deacons

**CHALLENGES:**

- 1 Influencing the Board of Ministry and the Connexion to accept new forms and models of resourcing which will meet the challenges presented by changing demographic, social and cultural forces.
- 2 Maintaining focus on a range of diverse activities and projects whilst providing guidance and reporting to multiple connexional relationships within the Methodist Church and beyond to the wider Christian mission resourcing bodies.
- 3 Be able to move between multiple strategic issues, the delivery of development resources and specific projects as well as individual personal concerns.
- 4 To assist Tauwi Strategy with the vision of working with fewer Districts and resourcing parishes.

KEY ACCOUNTABILITY	EXPECTED OUTCOMES
<i>Mission resource leadership:</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide strategic advice, guidance and recommendations on future Mission Resourcing needs (as well as current issues) for the wider Methodist Church through a number of committees within the Church and beyond in relations with other faith bodies.</li> <li>• Work with the Board of Ministry and the Principal, Trinity Methodist Theological College, to develop a five year strategic plan that will meet the long term needs of the Church</li> <li>• Nurture the ongoing professional relationships with key partners and church connexional relationships within the church and beyond.</li> <li>• Resource person available for consultation with Sinoti Samoa, Vahefonua Tonga O Aotearoa and Wasewase Ko viti E Niu Siladi.</li> <li>• Promote the Board of Ministry’s vision within Mission Resourcing, Methodist Church bodies and beyond in the wider Christian church.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sound plans are developed that identify mission and financial resources required and the impact over the long term on the wider Methodist Church</li> <li>• Board of Ministry kept fully informed of impending changes and analysis of options.</li> <li>• Member of Council of Conference and President’s Committee of Advice</li> <li>• Relates to Te Taha Maori</li> <li>• Adviser to the President</li> <li>• Relates to Superintendents of Sinoti Samoa, Vahefonua Tonga O Aotearoa and Wasewase Ko Viti E Niu Siladi.</li> <li>• Mission Resourcing staff understand the vision and how their actions contribute to achieving objectives.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide advice to the Board of Ministry on how new forms and models of resourcing will affect the training and deployment of candidates for ministry.</li> <li>• Establish policies and processes for the performance management of ministers.</li> <li>• Develop criteria and strategies for recruitment of candidates for ordained and lay ministry.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Member of Tauwi Strategy and Stationing Committee</li> <li>• Candidates for ministry have the qualities needed to lead the church into the future.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide leadership in matters relating to Church Union, and oversight of cooperative ventures.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relates to the Uniting Congregations of Aotearoa New Zealand.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide leadership and advice to the District Superintendents and the Pastoral Committee on</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relates to the Pastoral Committee</li> <li>• Recommendations to District Superintendents</li> </ul>

clergy performance, career development and pastoral matters.	
<i>Mission Resource Management:</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with the Board of Ministry and Mission Resourcing staff to implement the vision, plans and policies.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual plan agreed with the Board of Ministry.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with the Financial Controller to develop an annual business plan which includes income and expenditure and which is agreed by the Board.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual plan agreed by December each year.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manage the recruitment and selection processes for candidates for ministry, lay and ordained: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- develop candidate criteria and recruitment strategies;</li> <li>- liaise with the Candidates Convenor</li> <li>- liaise with the Principal, Trinity College</li> <li>- make recommendations to the General Secretary;</li> <li>- appeals process</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Advise the Church in the deployment and performance of those in ordained or covenanted ministries within the Methodist Church.</li> <li>• Oversee the performance management process for ordained and covenanted ministers.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommendations to the General Secretary.</li> <li>• Successful appointments notified.</li> <li>• Liaison with the Convenor</li> <li>• Regular reports to the Board of Ministry</li> <li>• Best possible match between needs of parishes and presbyter appointments.</li> <li>• Regular reports to District superintendents and meeting with them.</li> <li>• Minimal performance problems escalated.</li> </ul>
<i>Staff management:</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recruit, train and monitor the performance of direct reports.</li> <li>• Provide encouragement to direct reports to increase their knowledge and skill base</li> <li>• Provide support to direct reports on work-related challenges.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feedback indicates that staff are seen as effective and competent to carry out their duties.</li> <li>• Performance reviews are completed, training and development plans are determined and resourced.</li> </ul>
<i>Mission Resourcing Liaison:</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensures that links are satisfactorily maintained and advises the Methodist Church <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- on its Interchurch Chaplaincy activities in the areas of direction and policy, financial reporting, chaplaincy and quality of service delivery;</li> <li>- in its resourcing of cooperating ventures;</li> <li>- in its activities in Life and Faith teaching and teacher training in primary schools;</li> <li>- in its activities in Tertiary Chaplaincy and in Defence Chaplaincy.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensures the Methodist Church is represented as appropriate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- on the Interchurch Council for Hospital Chaplaincy (IHC)</li> <li>- at the Uniting Congregations of Aotearoa New Zealand</li> <li>- on the Churches Education Commission (CEC)</li> <li>- on the Tertiary Chaplaincy Council and the Defence Chaplaincy Council.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<i>Management of special projects and/or resource delivery:</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitors the special projects and/or resource delivery that have been agreed with the Board of Ministry; eg Youth, New Zealand Born/Raised Pacific Islanders, Sexual Harassment; Bicultural Journey; Diaconal Ministry</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project objectives are delivered on time and to budget.</li> </ul>
<i>Reporting and communication:</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide timely and relevant information to Mission Resourcing staff and the Board of Ministry. This will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- presenting monthly management accounts to Board of Ministry through Financial Controller</li> <li>- briefing staff regularly on Mission Resourcing issues which affect them.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Provide reports to relevant bodies on agreed matters</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Management accounts are accurate and ready by the end of the month.</li> <li>• Staff know what is happening or proposed.</li> <li>• Deadlines met.</li> </ul>



and to agreed timeframes.

#### PERSON SPECIFICATIONS

##### Qualifications:

*Essential –*

Ordained presbyter in full connexion with the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

*Preferred –*

Tertiary qualifications an advantage, particularly in human resources management and/or finance.

##### Experience:

*Essential –*

Appropriate parish experience.

Familiarity with the structures, systems and Law Book of the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

*Preferred –*

Management experience.

Experience in human resources management or business management.

##### Competencies and skills:

Spiritual / Theological -	Is a highly regarded presbyter and spiritual leader, both within the Methodist Church of New Zealand and in wider church spheres.
Strategic leadership -	Influence the Methodist Church towards its vision through strategies and professional activities that translate vision into action; think and operate strategically.
Treaty partnership -	Display sound working knowledge and understanding of Te Tiriti O Waitangi and a commitment to and practice of the bicultural journey.
Cultural partnership -	Understand and value the different cultures and values within Tauwiwi; able to work cross-culturally.
Management -	Demonstrate ethical commercial acumen in decisions taken on behalf of the Board of Ministry and has a sound understanding of the fundamentals of managing an organisation.
People leadership -	Is a highly valued contributor to a team of resource personnel as well as a leader who builds links across the church (and beyond) and motivates staff to ensure collaborative and productive working relationships.
Personal effectiveness -	Maintain a professional attitude, effective time management and personal control in light of workloads, demands, conflicting and changing priorities, and challenges from the organisation.
Communication -	Has outstanding ability to express self articulately, thoughtfully and reflectively in any situation; excellent listening skills and ability to consult widely.
General computer skills -	Generic skills / initial competency with MS Word, Power Point, Excel spreadsheets and email.

#### **Position description: Executive Officer Tauwiwi Strategy and Stationing**

##### PURPOSE:

To ensure that the work of the Tauwiwi strategy and stationing Committee is carried out in a methodical and systematic way and fulfils the requirement of the Law Book section 6 4.3.

- ACCOUNTABILITY:** To the Taiuiwi Strategy and Stationing Committee
- FUNCTIONAL RELATIONSHIP:** President and Vice President  
General Secretary  
Tumuaki  
Taiuiwi Co-convenor of the Council of Conference  
Chairperson, Board of Ministry
- SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES:** To ensure the writing up and circulation of the agenda and minutes of the Taiuiwi Strategy and Stationing meeting;  
Between meetings ensure that tasks that are set are completed and to provide support to the wider work of Taiuiwi Strategy and Stationing.
- FUNCTIONAL TASKS:**
- To ensure that the multicultural relationship within Taiuiwi is maintained and enhanced;
  - Ensure that there is adequate time given to the meetings to discuss visioning and strategic planning;
  - Ensure that there is adequate time and focus given to stationing and deployment of Taiuiwi ministry;
  - Ensure that Taiuiwi report to Conference;
  - Undertake any other tasks as set by the Taiuiwi Strategy and Stationing group that fall within the parameters of the committee's responsibilities;
  - Regularly liaise with the Tumuaki of Te Taha Maori and support the General Secretary in all matters relating to Taiuiwi;
  - Ensure that the necessary reporting and liaising with the Council of Conference is carried out.

**Principal:**

The Board welcomes the appointment of the Rev Dr Mary Caygill as Principal of Trinity Methodist Theological College. The Board has full confidence in the experience and gifts that Mary brings to the task of Principal. We acknowledge with gratitude the work that Rev Mervyn Dine has carried out as Acting Principal during the last six months.

**Ministry Educator:**

It was with regret that the Board received the resignation of Robyn Brown as Ministry Educator from 9 November 2003.

Robyn has been the visible presence of lay ministry in our church for over 14 years. As an enabler, Robyn has worked with individuals, parishes and synods in many parts of the country, encouraging the hard questions about lay ministry to be asked. Finding some answers that work has been Robyn's passion, and the focus of her ministry within Te Haahi Weteriana. Whether it has been working at various Board meetings or Conference Committees or with students at theological training, or with parish councils, synods, leader's meetings, or with individuals, Robyn has been available to the church with unstinting energy. Many will know her through her work in TELM, some through other Trinity College programmes. Some will have been challenged by Robyn's uncompromising insistence that lay ministry takes its rightful place alongside forms of ordained ministry. Some have been encouraged by her perceptive mentoring. Some will have experienced Robyn's Wellspring hospitality and attention to detail. Some will have received letters of encouragement to carry on ministry in isolated places like the West Coast; some will have enjoyed Robyn's ability to have fun after the formal events have ended for the day. Robyn has served the church with energy, passion and insight at her local church, and for the national church, ecumenically and denominationally. Te Haahi Weteriana, Methodist Church of Aotearoa is the richer for Robyn's ministry and offers her thanks and bids her well for her future.

**Candidature:**

As a result of the National Assessment Candidates Convenor report to the Board, a number of changes are proposed to the candidating procedures and are now brought to the attention of Conference. The Board is putting the following steps in place.

- i. Applications to be filled in using a **black** ball point pen
- ii. The possibility of having the application forms available on the Website
- iii. Where applications are incomplete by the due date, a 'Year of Supervised Ministry' would be appropriate. The Registrar would then return the whole application to the District Recruitment Convenor.
- iv. The District Recruitment Convenor to discuss with each candidate the financial implications, if any, disclosed in the Statement of Financial Position report.

The Board of Ministry takes the role of Districts in the candidature process very seriously, and encourages districts to assist candidates in the clarity of call and readiness for national assessment. The Board therefore expects that any person presenting for national assessment is 'ready' for the rigour of this stage in their journey. Any candidates not perceived as ready should be told 'no' or encouraged to complete a 'Year of Supervised Ministry'.

The financial cost to the church of the national assessment event is too great to have ill prepared candidates sent by districts – this leads to a great emotional cost being borne by a candidate who is turned down at the national event. Another component to the national assessment event is the intense nature of the programme and the skill required by the assessors. It is the view of the Board that there be a maximum of either candidates for the assessment weekend. If the event is too large, the quality of assessment is reduced, and there is potential for bad decisions to be made and poor pastoral support offered to the participants. The Board therefore believes that a limit of eight (8) candidates for the event should be established.

#### **Diaconate Ministry:**

At Conference last year the Board of Ministry was asked to explore the continuation of funding of the position of Deacon for Diaconate Development at least until January 2004. The Board has funded this position as requested to the end of January 2004. The Board has indicated to the Diaconate Task group that they are able to provide \$2000 for the coming year.

#### **Ministry Strategy:**

The Board is becoming increasingly aware that Te Haahi Weteriana O Aotearoa is in need of a strategy for ministry for the whole church as we move into the future with fewer financial and leadership resources. During 2004 a hui on the Theology of Ministry would enable the Board in consultation with the wider church to form an effective strategy for the future.

#### **Travel and Study:**

The committee continues its work of providing financial support to lay and ordained seeking to further their skills for use in the church. It has been satisfying to see the number of worthwhile study projects focusing on the value of professional development. Of concern to the committee is the mixed quality of feedback from recipients – ranging from excellent to nothing. The committee therefore reminds recipients that the grants are provided not for the sole benefit of the individual, but in the hope that the learnings and experiences might be made available to the parish, district and national parts of the church.

#### **Wellspring:**

A successful closing was held on Sunday 26 October when approx 70 people met, reminisced and had tea together. The building at 320 St Heliers Bay Road and house at 12 Lintaine Place have now been sold to a developer for \$1,424,250 (GST inclusive). The proceeds will be shared equally between Orakei Parish and Board of Ministry.

#### **Suggested decisions:**

- 1 The report is received.
- 2 John Murray be appointed Executive Officer of Tauwi Strategy and Stationing, in a half time supply position for a period of two (2) years and other tasks identified by the Board of Ministry be contracted out to appropriate people for the period of 2004 and 2005.
- 3 Conference acknowledges that Robyn Brown has been the visible presence of lay ministry in our church for over 14 years and has served the church with energy, passion and insight at local and national level, ecumenically and denominationally. Te Haahi Weteriana O Aotearoa, Methodist Church of New Zealand, is the richer for Robyn's ministry and offers her our grateful thanks and wishes her well for her future.
- 4 Conference records its sincere thanks for the work of Rev Mervyn Dine as Acting Principal for the last six months of 2003.
- 5 Board of ministry requests the Conference to initiate through the President during 2004 a hui on Theology of Ministry for Te Haahi Weteriana O Aotearoa subject to funding being available through applications to various Church Trusts.
- 6 Unless decided otherwise by the Board of Ministry, there shall be a maximum of eight (8) positions for candidates for ministry at the annual National Assessment event.
- 7 a) The membership of Travel and Study Committee for 2004 be: Mary Caygill, Lesley Utting, Kiersten Boughen, Brian Peterson and John Murray  
b) The membership of the Scholarship Committee for 2004 be: as above, plus Director Ministry Training Unit (Susan Adams) and Denise Wellm

- c) The membership of the Board of Ministry for 2004 be: Jan Tasker (Chairperson), Mary Caygill (Principal) David McGeorge (on leave for 2004), Jennifer Moor, Greg Morgan, Ken Olsen, Aso Samoa-Saleupolu, Kenneth Smith, 'Epli Taungapeau, Peter West, the Director, and such other people as may be nominated to and appointed by the President.

## **F. FAITH AND ORDER**

- **Faith & Order**

## FAITH AND ORDER COMMITTEE

The committee has had a demanding year with the number of things referred for consideration. We are fortunate to have members who are willing to put in time and energy addressing subjects that are sometimes controversial and time consuming. Keith and Elizabeth Hopner's hospitality is appreciated by the committee each month when we meet. We have been grateful that Larry Tupa'i Samuel, Trinity College student representative, has accepted responsibility for taking the minutes this year.

### *Wesley Tercentenary*

The year 2003 marks three hundred years since the birth of John Wesley. Seeking to acknowledge the importance of this, the committee arranged for a United Methodist scholar from the Divinity School, Duke University, North Carolina, Professor Karen Westerfield Tucker to visit. In June she and her family spent a week in New Zealand after having been a visiting scholar with the Uniting Church of Australia, Victoria Synod. Karen visited Auckland, Hamilton and Christchurch, preaching at commemorative services and offering workshops on The Wesleyan Heritage Today. Districts and parishes took the opportunity to celebrate in a number of ways and it was good to see a feature centrefold in *Touchstone*.

### *The Diaconate*

Considerable time this year has been devoted to considering the place of the diaconate in the life of the church. Members participated in the deacon's retreat in February in Tauranga. Those attending became aware of disquiet among deacons about the lack of recognition of their ministry and concern about the future of the diaconate. Greater understanding is needed of the theology of the diaconate and the way in which it is evolving. Faith and Order is keen to listen to the experience and insight of deacons as they bring stories back from their engagement in ministry. We see value in schools of theology giving time to the ministry of the deacon and how that relates to the ministry of the laity and the ministry of the presbyterate. The committee wants to affirm the ministry of the deacon. It sees the ministry of the deacon focusing primarily, but not exclusively, on the community and in that sense complementary to the ministry of the presbyter. After discussion we have come to endorse the desire of the Diaconate Task Group that deacons be received into Full Connexion with the Conference. This would re-enforce accountability in their relationship to the church. It would also assist the perception that the church recognises the ministry of the deacon. There has been conversation about the relation of deacons to the sacraments and this will continue into the new year.

### *Conference services*

A joint working group has been established between the Faith and Order Committee representing Taiwi and Te Taha Maori to exercise general oversight of Conference services. The joint working group meets with the incoming president and vice-president during their year of preparation and offers the experience of previous Conferences and liturgies. The structure and central core of each service is in place and there remains scope for president and vice-president to incorporate dimensions of their theme.

### *Lectionary*

The new format of the lectionary is now well established and the production process, which involves consultation with the Presbyterian Church, worked well this year. The committee is interested to receive comments about this resource for the church and how it might be improved. We would like to record our thanks to the Reverend Tony Stroobant who accepted responsibility for preparing the lectionary.

### *Joint Liturgical Consultation*

This group meets twice a year in the central North Island and enables the Anglican, Methodist, Presbyterian and Roman Catholic Churches to consult on liturgical matters. The JLC ANZ is a member of the international English Language Liturgical Consultation. Bishop George Connor represented the JLC ANZ at the ELLC meeting in the United Kingdom.

### *Collaboration with Mission and Ecumenical*

This year has seen the development of co-operation and sharing of resources between the Faith and Order Committee and the Mission and Ecumenical Committee. John Roberts made a valuable contribution to our work on the statement of our relationship to people of other living faiths. The convenor of Faith and Order contributed to the writing of the Mission and Ecumenical document "To be Methodist is to be Ecumenical." This is a fruitful relationship between the two Auckland based committees and it is hoped that this can be developed.

### *Bilateral dialogue with the Roman Catholic Church*

This dialogue continues in its third phase. The international dialogue between our two communions has produced a document *Speaking the Truth in Love: Teaching Authority Among Catholics and Methodists*. This is forming the basis of part of the discussions in our context. At our most recent meeting time was devoted to exploring reasons why the Roman Catholic Church withdrew from CCANZ. A letter has been received from Walter, Cardinal Kasper, the President of the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity. He is enquiring about how Catholic recognition of the baptism conducted by other denominations is carried out in each country. The Vatican is interested in what model of recognition is employed and the various understandings of sacramental faith. We plan to respond to this in October.

Fr. Merv. Duffey, who will take leave of absence from the dialogue while he studies in Rome, introduced the rich Catholic tradition of art in a power point presentation entitled "Christ and His Cross." Sister Eleni Tapueluelu LSA and Raewyn Luxton continued to explore the place of music in our respective traditions. Members of the Methodist team are Tovia Aumia, Raewyn Luxton, Winifred Murray, John Salmon, Alan Upson, and Terry Wall.

#### *Bilateral dialogue with the Anglican Church*

Conference 2002 responded positively to an invitation extended by the General Synod to enter conversations on the unity of the church. This was prompted by an initiative between the Church of England and British Methodism to consider whether the time was right to consider closer relations. The document *An Anglican-Methodist Covenant* has subsequently been endorsed. A similar movement towards closer relations is being explored between the Uniting Church of Australia and the Anglican Church in a similar statement *For the Sake of the Gospel*. Three one day meetings are being held this year and one early in 2004 before we report to our churches. We have heard of a strong commitment to this process by the Anglican Standing Committee. The focus has been on telling our stories, identifying disappointments and seeing ecumenism in the context of mission. There has been a recognition that recent theological developments have made it possible to open up conversations again. A strong awareness is present that both of our churches have been profoundly transformed over the last twenty-five years. The Bicultural Journey is taken seriously by both churches working with different models. Recent ecumenical conversations have revealed a convergence in our understandings of the church as koinonia and in the key notion of apostolicity. There is greater appreciation in episcopal traditions of the exercise of episcopacy in non-episcopal traditions. The dialogue has resolved to take seriously our close historical relationship, our Pacific context and the bicultural nature of the church. We accept that there cannot be an authentic ecumenism without a commitment to the unity of the church: but neither can there be a commitment to the unity of the church without such unity serving the unity of creation. We search for a model of the visible unity of the church that will not require the sacrifice of spiritual and cultural identities. Members of the Methodist team are John Roberts, 'Epeli Taungapeau, Sheila Thorne, Terry Wall, and Gwenda White.

#### *Ministry of gay and lesbian persons*

In December 2002 the President, the Reverend Norman West, asked the committee to continue its work on ministry offered by gay and lesbian persons. The committee met with groups we believed had an interest in the issue. We listened to their concerns and contributions to the on-going conversation. The report entitled "Learning to Listen: Listening to Learn" seeks to represent faithfully the diversity within the church that exists at this time. The report was presented to the President by members of the committee at the Takapuna Methodist Church on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August. We discovered that no consensus exists within Tauivi on the issue. There is no common mind within the church. This may not mean that we cannot make progress on the issue. The United Methodist biblical scholar Walter Wink has written "We have not reached a consensus about who is right on the issue of homosexuality. But what is clear, utterly clear, is that we are commanded to love one another. Love not just our gay sisters and brothers who are often sitting beside us, acknowledged or not, in church, but all of us who are involved in this debate. These are issues about which we must painfully agree to disagree. Surely we don't have to tear whole denominations to shreds in order to air our differences on this point." (*Homosexuality and Christian Faith* Minneapolis, Fortress Press, 1999 p.49) The report to the President is printed here to allow members of Conference to be familiar with its contents.

#### **Learning to Listen: Listening to Learn.** Report to the President

##### **Our heritage**

"Every wise man will allow others the same liberty of thinking which he desires they should allow him; and will no more insist on their embracing his opinions, than he would have them to insist on his embracing theirs. He bears with those who differ from him ..." John Wesley, "The Catholic Spirit"

##### **Terms of reference**

The President, the Reverend Norman West, asked the Faith and Order Committee to continue its work during 2003 exploring whether there was a way in which the Methodist Church could ordain gay men and lesbian women. The committee over the years has given attention to the issue and has prepared a number of reports for the church. The Faith and Order Committee understood its task to first of all listen to various groups in the church with an interest in the issue. Letters were sent inviting conversation and responses were received. The Committee has been able to listen to a group of lesbian women two of whom are ordained, one ordained gay man, the executive of the Evangelical Network, the executive of Sinoti Samoa, and the executive of Bose ko Viti Kei Rotuma e Niusiladi. We have received a telephone communication from Vahefonua Tonga. The committee has not heard back from Te Taha Maori.

##### **Encouragement**

Without exception there has been appreciation from each of the groups that we have visited. Each made a point of thanking the Faith and Order Committee for visiting, praying and listening. Each group commented that this was the first time that the church had taken the trouble to listen to the views that they are so deeply committed to. There was the hope that such exercises in listening could happen again in the future.

### Sharing

Each group said that they felt safe sharing what was on their hearts. What we heard were stories of pain and grief, of hurt and alienation. There was a common theme in the sharing of not being heard or understood. Some spoke of their deepest convictions being trampled on. Others felt that their personhood was being denied. On this particular issue there is a legacy of suspicion and lack of trust within the church. We discovered a great need of healing and reconciliation.

### Committee's engagement

The Faith and Order Committee has been involved with this issue for many years. Each member has their own views on the subject. Some of their views are held very strongly. We have attempted to set these to one side and to listen with care. Through our listening we have learnt to appreciate that the diversity of views held within the church is held in good faith.

### Conflict fatigue

Another common experience that was articulated is that the debates of the last fifteen years have been de-energizing and exhausting. There was a common view that the way the disputes have been handled was destructive and that there has not been an authentic meeting of the other. There is a desire to avoid further conflict that diverts the church from mission and worship. This was expressed strongly. Given its current weakness the church cannot afford another round of debate with its attendant dangers of further fragmentation.

### Voices heard

During the nineteen nineties the church came to hear the voices of gay men and lesbian women in the conference. There was a demand that they should be taken seriously and that they should be accorded full rights of participation at every level in the life of the church. The church did not always find ways for dialogue about these issues to take place before crisis situations arose. In times of tension and pressure, meeting at depth did not happen. There is a continuing challenge to the church for justice and a theological appreciation of gay and lesbian experience.

### New voices discovered

In the last few years there have been some significant developments. One has been the establishment of synods for Samoans and Tongans. This has given these Pacific peoples in our church a sense of security and dignity that they had not enjoyed in the past. New leadership is emerging. Among other things they have, along with Bose ko Viti, discovered their voice. They are no longer afraid to give expression to their deeply held convictions. The church no longer expects Pacific people to remain silent when decisions are being made.

### Moving the goal posts

A recurring concern in our listening has been that the decision making processes of our church have not served us well. Time and again attention was drawn to decisions made in 1993, 1997 and 1999 that appeared to many of those we listened to, to involve manipulation. There is a perception that liberal agendas always benefit from these confusions. Certainly there is continuing concern that consensus is not applied evenly. With regard to dealing with controversial issues, Alyson Huntly who wrote an account of the United Church of Canada's struggles with these questions concluded, "It seems that the process by which decisions get made is, in the long run, at least as important as the outcome."

### An ethical church

Most Methodists want to belong to a church that seeks not only to worship God, but to live the gospel. That requires integrity in our common life and in our decision making processes. The end cannot justify the means. If we are committed to consensus as a decision making process, then when there is a consensus let it be declared. When there is not a consensus, let us recognise that and live with the implications. Consensus decision making is designed to take seriously weaker and as yet unacknowledged voices. Consensus decision making was commended to the church in these terms: 'Never again will the rights of minorities be ignored.' The church needs to be careful that this actually happens.

### Legal issues

Among the submissions that we heard one concerned the commitment to being a connexional church. This has implied that decisions made by the Conference are binding on all parts of the church. There has been a legal ruling that no person or group can stand aside from a decision of the Conference. Because groups are not permitted to stand aside on grounds of conscience they have no alternative but to oppose measures that they cannot support. This immediately sets up a conflict situation. It also does not allow each group to release the other to be their true and deepest selves. The other result is that groups find their theological integrity compromised by decisions of Conference that they cannot agree with but which are nevertheless binding on them. Sometimes this means that they have no alternative but to consider their loyalty to the church.

### Ordination

It is our tradition that ordinations, both diaconal and presbyteral, are held at the annual conference when the church assembles. Serious issues have been raised about the complexities of this when there is a clash of conviction. What



should happen, for example, if an evangelical president, opposed to the ordination of gays and lesbians, were presiding when a gay man or lesbian woman were to be ordained? An evangelical candidate may not wish to be ordained by a gay or lesbian president. Some have asked, should some who may be nominated for president not accept nomination because their presence would raise these acute issues?

#### Summary of various positions

1. Gay man. Believes himself to have received gifts from the Holy Spirit for ministry and believes himself called to exercise those gifts. He experiences pain over the issue but believes that there is a growing acceptance of gays. He does not see those who differ from him theologically as the enemy. Supports the ordination of gays and lesbians. Appreciates and feels indebted to the pioneering work of those who have gone before him.
2. Another ordained gay man declined the opportunity to meet but wrote to the committee. He regrets the issue being raised again. He believes that the 1993 and 1997 conference decisions confirm that the church has made a decision. He writes that an ordination at Conference that had certain groups opting out would breach Methodist connexionalism. Believes that homophobia is influencing attitudes. He challenges the church to engage in education.
3. Lesbian women. They do not experience the church as a safe place. Rather there is hurt and woundedness. The cost is huge. The pain must stop. This is our church! They strongly support the ordination of gays and lesbians. There is the experience of exhaustion in fighting for a place. Cannot sit on the fence when their place in the church is being challenged. They believe that processes are in place to protect those opposed to such ordinations.
4. Evangelical Network executive. There is regret that they cannot offer a clear solution. There is diversity on the issue within the network, but they remain opposed. They do not believe the Conference decisions of 1993 and 1997 constitute decisions to ordain gays and lesbians. Affirm celibacy in singleness and faithfulness in marriage. Are committed to advancing their mission priorities. Open to further conversation.
5. Bose Ko Viti Kei Rotuma e Niusiladi executive. Acknowledged hurt and anguish among their people. Diversity of views exist but most adhere to their understanding of the traditional teaching of the bible. There is a sense that the issue has dragged on too long. Some have gone on a journey toward acceptance of gay ministers in the church. Some are saying that they should hold to their convictions and let others travel down the path they are being led. It is a delicate issue – some will fight.
6. Sinoti Samoa executive. Considerable time and attention has been devoted to the issue at parish level this year. They are committed to accepting diversity. Sinoti remains opposed to the ordination of gays and lesbians. If the conference should decide in favour they would not want to stand in the way. But nor would they want their theological integrity to be compromised. In order to preserve such integrity Sinoti would “disassociate itself from such a decision and seek exemption from being bound by its implications.”
7. Vahefonua Tonga. The secretary of the synod drew attention to Vahefonua Tonga’s memorandum of agreement with the conference signed by the president in 2000. They adhere to that. The document recognises the Tongan Methodist understanding of human sexuality. It accepts that their position is “non-negotiable.” They are opposed to the ordination of gays and lesbians. They were not available for a meeting due to pressure of business.

#### Options that might be considered:

- a. Conference to say ‘yes’ to the ordination of gay men and lesbian women.  
This would be a strong endorsement of an inclusive approach to ministry and theology. It would protect gay and lesbian rights. It would be a stand that many would see as supporting justice. At the same time it would not represent a consensus. It would strain relationships. Some would feel that their biblical and theological understandings were being rejected and denied. Others would feel that they would have to leave.
- b. Conference say ‘no’ to the ordination of gay men and lesbian women.  
This would be to endorse the views of those opposed to the ordinations. It would support their interpretation of scripture and their understanding of morality. It would send a message of rejection to gays and lesbians. There would be hurt and pain and anger. Some would give up on the church, feeling that they were excluded from full participation.
- c. Conference say ‘yes’ to ordinations and provide safeguards and assurances.  
This is the position that the Tongans have negotiated. Their spirituality and theology is recognised and accepted by a church negotiated agreement. They will not have something that they cannot endorse imposed upon them. Perhaps other groups could negotiate similar agreements. But does our polity allow this when legally all decisions of conference are binding on all individuals and groups within the church?

d. Do nothing.

A fourth option would be for the church to take no action, to do nothing. This would mean that no one would be satisfied. The present status quo is variously interpreted by different people. Some would expect that gay men and lesbian women who offered as candidates for ministry would be asked to wait: others would see them proceeding through the assessment and training process to ordination. Again the implications of such different interpretations give rise to confusion that is not desirable. The potential for individuals to be hurt is considerable.

e. Conference declare a moratorium on decision making on the issue.

The church could consider a moratorium for say three years. This would allow time for further healing of pain and reconstruction. During this time the church could consider the legal issues related to decision making processes and polity raised in this report. There would be difficulties associated with this. Obviously gay men or lesbian women preparing for ordination assessment would be disadvantaged. Pastoral care would need to be provided for them through respective District Superintendents.

## Conclusion

We are aware that none of these options is without its pitfalls. There is no perfect and obvious solution. The polity of the Methodist Church of New Zealand Te Hahi Weteriana O Aotearoa is not well suited to resolve an issue such as this where there are strongly held views on different sides of a debate. The Uniting Church of Australia recently resolved at its National Assembly that it would not introduce legislation to prevent gay men and lesbian women being ordained. They have the advantage of leaving decisions to local presbyteries. Much the same thing happens in the Anglican communion with decisions essentially being made at diocesan levels. The debate surrounding the recently elected Episcopal bishop of New Hampshire suggests that not even a decentralized diocesan system answers all questions.

The two problems that we have relate to our decision making processes and our Conference polity. The first problem is that we have resolved to make decisions by consensus. It is clear from our listening that no such consensus exists in Tauwi. What does this mean for the church? Does it mean that in the light of no such consensus existing, the church cannot proceed? Does it mean that other decision making processes need to be considered? Would it be wise to proceed and alienate a significant portion of the church? Would it be wise not to proceed?

The second problem is related to our polity. We have a well established understanding that decisions of Conference are binding on all individuals and groups. If this is the case, then individuals and groups who are opposed to certain directions, feel themselves obliged to protest against and seek to prevent measures they cannot endorse passing through Conference. There is an appeal from Sinoti Samoa for the church to find creative ways to enable them to stand aside should a decision to proceed with ordinations be made. This would mean a departure from our polity. It would require a reconsideration of our understanding of connexionalism. But this is precisely what the church decided was not possible when the proposal for an Evangelical Synod was being considered.

The decision making processes of the church and the polity of our church need to be considered further. Such an examination of structures so central to the life of our church cannot be undertaken quickly. The discussions need to be held in the context of recognising the presence of legitimate diversity while maintaining strong bonds of unity. At stake is the full participation of gay men and lesbian women in the life of our church for theological reasons. Also at stake is the recognition of genuinely held views that have biblical backing that oppose this. The committee is prepared to continue this work in the areas of faith and order to serve the church's fidelity to the gospel and the unity of the body of Christ.

## Appendix

John Salmon, a member of the Faith and Order Committee, forwarded the following reflection indicating the way in which the polity of the church has evolved recently: "The Church inadvertently changed some aspects of connexionalism and provided for greater diversity of group voices in Conference when 'ethnic Synods' were formed. These do not conform to the previous pattern of Synods in the Methodist connexion, in that they have a direct relationship with the Conference, including reporting to Conference – which District Synods intentionally do not. In this sense they tend to function more like Boards of the Church. So we might well be moving in a new direction, which would pay thinking about. Further, Conference has tended to agree to a range of types of decisions, some of which relate to parts of the Church only (eg. re 'ethnic Synods' or the work of particular groups), and some of which are more properly 'management' rather than policy-setting for the direction of the whole church. So further thought on the role of Conference decisions within the church might be valuable. In any case, we have always made a distinction between decisions to ordain (based on criteria for ordination) and decisions about deployment (based on 'matchings' and on the wishes of parishes and groups). So there are some ways where Methodist connexional polity might be shifting, and deeper consideration could suggest ways forward."

## *Methodist Understandings of Other Living Faiths*

Conference 2001, meeting after the attack on the World Trade Centre in New York, encouraged parishes and synods to engage in dialogue with people of other religious traditions. Faith and Order was asked to prepare a statement on

Methodist understandings of other living faiths and to provide study resources. This has been a major task which the committee has undertaken during 2003. We are happy to present here the first step in our response to that request. The following statement was prepared to help the church reflect on our relationship with people of other living faiths. We are aware that within our church there is a number of approaches taken to the other great religious traditions. The committee would welcome reactions to this paper, which we hope will provide an introduction to this issue. The committee wishes to record its gratitude that Doug Pratt was able to join John Roberts, Tony Stroobant and Terry Wall in the preparation of this statement.

## **Statement on Methodist understandings of inter-faith relations**

### **I. Introduction**

Of the many challenges that face the church in our day, one that cannot be ignored is that of our relation to people of other faiths. In the past, for the most part, we lived in isolation from other great religious traditions. Their adherents, and centres of worship, were to be found on other continents. Today that is not the case. The world seems to have shrunk. Migrants have come to our shores from many lands bringing their language, their culture and their religions. People of other faiths are now our neighbours. How can we best be their neighbour?

The disturbing events surrounding the attacks on the World Trade Centre in New York on September 11 2001 have propelled religion to centre stage. We find ourselves asking, What role does religion play in our world? Are there healthy forms of religion and corrupt forms of religion? Is it possible for a religion to be hijacked by a political ideology? How might we answer these questions? There can be no doubt that religion in its many forms continues to be deeply important to the vast majority of people around the world.

Does Christian faith help us to relate generously to people of other faiths? Does our faith put barriers in the way of our meeting them at depth? The German theologian Hans Kung has claimed that "There will not be peace in the world until there is peace between the great living faiths". A vision of harmony and shalom, justice and community lies at the heart of each of the great religious traditions. It is something that we have in common to varying degrees. The truth is that we have not always lived by these visions.

A careful examination of the history of the Christian Church shows that our tradition contains both treasures and toxins. The church over the centuries has contributed in many ways to the well-being of society, and for this we can be grateful. At the same time our history is riddled with accounts of Christian faith relating in destructive ways to people of other faiths and cultures. In recent years we have become acutely aware of this as we have heard the stories of indigenous peoples, Jews and Muslims. There have been moves towards repentance and the search for new and just forms of relationship. Will this require us to abandon some of the claims that we have made? Or will it ask us to express the claims with greater care and humility?

Certainly our encounter with people of other faiths demands grace. Why should we have reverence for people of other faiths? Rabbi Abraham Heschel comments, "The human is a disclosure of the divine. . Many things on earth are precious, some are holy, humanity is the holy of holies. To meet a human being is to sense the image of God, the presence of God." Here is a universal ground that calls for reverence in our relationships with people of other faiths. Adopting this approach provides a strong basis for an authentic encounter. The environment for true meeting will also be cultivated by our letting go of attitudes of superiority and triumphalism.

### **II. Range of theological perspectives and the Wesleyan tradition**

In Christian thinking three broad theological responses to inter-faith relations have emerged. These are the **exclusivist**, the **pluralist** and the **inclusivist** positions. There are many expositions of these positions. This one draws in particular from work carried out by Keith Rowe for the United Church of Australia (*Living with the Neighbour who is Different* 2000).

The **exclusivist** option says that salvation comes only through Jesus Christ (or the church), so followers of other religions need to be converted to Christianity. This approach has dominated missionary strategy till recent times. It reflects the view "that outside the church there is no salvation". Verses from the Christian scriptures such as: "There is salvation in no one else [i.e. Jesus Christ]" (Acts 4:12); "I am the way and the truth and the life, no one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6); are used to back this exclusivist view. We now know that we need to understand such words in their original context which was one of bitter rivalry within Judaism between the newly emerging Christian community and what was to become Rabbinic Judaism. It would be wrong to take such verses out of context and read into them understandings that were not intended. Those writers of the Christian scriptures had no awareness of the other great religions.

The **pluralist** approach is at the other end of the scale. It holds that no one can ever fully understand the meaning of God. So we should accept all faiths as having only partial knowledge of God. Basic to this view is that Christians should set aside received views about the uniqueness of Jesus Christ. By doing this, it is said, we can more readily

appreciate the truth within other religions. This way of thinking is essentially God-centred rather than Christ-centred. By treating all religions as equal in providing a path to salvation, the pluralist perspective poses a problem for Christians who find their essential identity in the person of Jesus Christ. It also tends to undermine dialogue as a conversation of those committed to their particular religious convictions.

The **inclusivist** position tries to hold together the best of both the exclusivist and pluralist approaches. In this way of thinking the activity of God in other religions is affirmed while still holding to the centrality of Jesus Christ. Some even talk of the Christ they see reflected in other faiths. This approach is often seen to be a more loving and hence more Christian response to religious diversity. Those adopting the inclusivist approach point to such scriptural verses as: "Anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him" (Acts 10:35), "In past generations he allowed all the nations to follow in their own ways; yet he has not left himself without a witness" (Acts 14:16). Christians who adopt this approach, seeing something of Christ in other religions, tend to separate Jesus the Christ from Jesus of Nazareth. Their critics question whether this separation can so easily be made.

### **A Methodist perspective**

What might a Methodist perspective on inter-faith relations be? Is there anything we can learn from John Wesley? The 18<sup>th</sup> century world of Wesley's time was not only full of doctrinal conflict between Christian groups, but also a new awareness of non-Christian religions. British imperialism meant people were more aware of Muslims, Hindus and Buddhists, as well as native Americans and Africans. Wesley was remarkably open in his attitude to their religions. He believed it was possible to be tolerant towards those of other religious convictions, while being convinced of the truth of Christianity and its mission. In the face of religious bigotry Wesley felt Christianity must be seen as a religion of love, a love that extended even to those we disagree with. In 1790 he wrote, "I have no authority from the Word of God to judge those who are without. Nor do I conceive that any man living has a right to sentence all the heathen and Mahometan world to damnation. It is far better to let Him leave their mark upon them, who is the father of the spirits of all flesh, who is the God of the heathens as well as the Christians and who hateth nothing that he hath made." (Sermon on 'Living with God')

In his sermon on the 'Catholic Spirit' Wesley strove to hold tolerance and conviction together when dealing with the issue of diversity in the church. The same attitude can be useful in relating to other faiths. Wesley's understanding of prevenient grace bears this out. This holds that God reaches out to all people before they reach out to God. This suggests that wherever we go, and whomever we meet, God's Spirit has gone before us, so there is no place and no person in whom the Spirit has not already been at work. God's work of prevenient grace enables us to see the work of the Spirit in other cultures and religions. But this is not to deny the centrality of Jesus Christ in Wesley's theology. For him God has acted in Christ and shared the divine life intended for all people. Christ's purpose was not to limit or restrict the love of God but to demonstrate the very life of God in a mission reaching out to all humanity. So it is that as Methodists we seek to hold tolerance and conviction together in our attitudes towards others, because the source of both is a God-centred love.

### **What can we affirm?**

First, the freedom of God to act in whatever way God determines, without our trying to predetermine what that will be. Christians do not present themselves well when they say who it is that God accepts and rejects. Secondly we can affirm the centrality of Jesus Christ. Our witness as Christians is to him in word and deed. We take that with us when we engage in inter-religious dialogue. Thirdly we can affirm that the Holy Spirit blows where it will, and so is at work more widely than we can ever know. We can never rule out the possibility that the Holy Spirit is at work in other faiths.

### **III. Religious plurality and inter-faith dialogue**

Plurality is a fact of our time. But of course it has always been a fact: difference, diversity, many-ness – in whatever sphere of human life – has always been the case. Religion is no exception.

Inter-faith dialogue is a blanket term that, in fact, includes four arenas of engagement

First, most would say that dialogical interaction really begins with everyday type of encounters: the *dialogue of life*. We encounter and interact with our neighbour, co-worker, fellow-student who belongs to another religion. People often interact with each other knowing that each is of a different faith, perhaps taking that into account as appropriate, but the arena of actual engagement is in respect of day-to-day ordinary affairs, not an intentional encounter between different faiths as such.

A second arena is the *dialogue of action* where religious otherness is recognised and acknowledged yet transcended in the context of a shared project of mutual benefit or concern. The dialogue of action refers to cooperative engagement to achieve an outcome that is regarded as of value to the common good, irrespective of, but not against, religious allegiance and views.

A third arena is the *dialogue of experience* or, sometimes more specifically, of *religious experience* where, in response to a particular situation, be it negative or positive, people of different religious allegiances come together for what is really a shared liturgical purpose. It may be as simple as in the well-known day of prayer for world peace; it may be in

the shared anguish of a community disaster; it may be in the context of sharing a celebration of communal significance. Whatever the originating purpose, the focus is some form of shared religious experience or coping strategy.

The fourth arena is the **dialogue of discourse**. Usually dialogue is associated with an intellectual discussion. However it is often the last arena of inter-faith engagement to attend to, and it most naturally arises out of, and interacts with, the other three modes of inter-faith relationship. In the dialogue of discourse the focus is on talking with one another for mutual learning, sharing, and understanding.

A threefold set of principles can be seen as applying across these four modes of inter-faith dialogue. They can be summarised as:

- Dialogue should lead to greater mutual respect and better understanding of each other
- Dialogue should lead to a deepening and renewal of spirituality.
- Dialogue should lead to common practical responsibilities.

#### **IV. What might 'mission' mean in a pluralist world?**

The present-day pluralist context has caused many, right across the church spectrum, to re-evaluate the whole idea of mission.

For example, upon taking office, former Anglican Archbishop George Carey refused to become patron of the CMJ (the Anglican Church Mission to the Jews). Billy Graham no longer supports the 'Jews for Jesus' organisation. While at the popular level much anti-Judaism still exists, at least at an 'official' level, over the past half century, the church's view of Jews and Judaism has changed hugely, as has the church's mission agenda that was previously taken for granted.

The church's changed relationship to Judaism is part of the church's general re-thinking of its relationship with other faiths. These days, most mainline denominations and ecumenical agencies have adopted formal statements reflecting a very different view of other religions from that of only a few decades ago and dialogue is actively promoted via a variety of inter-faith forums from local through to international level that not only promote mutual understanding, but consciously reject proselytising. When interfaith relations are working well, there is not merely tolerance of one another's position, but a cherishing of difference, and a genuine desire for mutual enrichment free from any agenda - either overt or covert - to 'convert' the other to one's own point of view.

As Christians, we witness to the truth we have encountered in Jesus Christ. But if dialogue is truly such, we remain open to an engaged listening to the truth that others have discovered.

Many have found their personal spirituality enriched by what are often called 'Eastern' religions (for example, Buddhism).

Others find the beliefs and practices of the other main monotheistic traditions (Judaism and Islam) particularly relevant, sharing with Christianity as they do a common spiritual Abrahamic heritage.

Nor can contemporary context be ignored. Inter-faith relations take place in concrete settings. Awareness of such realities as historical experience, geographical place, economics, and political ideology is essential. Further, differences in identity such as culture, gender, generation, race, and ethnicity also make an important impact on the nature and style of interaction. Where indigenous spirituality was once ignored or treated with contempt by the church's mission, there is now increasing recognition that faith sharing can be - indeed should be - a two way dialogue if Christianity is to become truly rooted in a new context.

But if a converting agenda is no longer appropriate for the church, what might mission now mean?

#### **A new paradigm for mission in the context of plurality**

British theologian, Helen Fry, says that Jesus' understanding of mission has relevance for Christians today. "It is agreed in scholarship that Jesus' mission was centred on Israel. He had no overt mission to the Gentile world - that was a post-resurrection development". Jesus' mission, Fry contends, was "a call for Jews to turn to God through faithfulness to Torah."

Being true to the central figure of Christianity, Fry argues, means a mission in terms of helping Jews to be better Jews through faithfulness to Torah, not through converting them to Christianity. Likewise mission means enabling Christians to be better Christians through faithfulness to Christ.

Taking this as an example of a new paradigm for mission, in our present-day context of religious plurality, mission might now mean people of good faith working alongside each other, first, encouraging each other just to 'be themselves' and, secondly, in the mutual task of making a world of justice and peace under God.

**One proposed response: 'collaborative partnership'**

A view of mission to the world which involves collaborative partnership between the great faiths, rather than competition between them, is by no means a novel idea. The following, from the United Methodist Church (USA) 1996 statement on Jewish-Christian relations, has parallels in many other mainline church statements:

“It is our belief that Jews and Christians are co-workers and companion pilgrims who have made the God of Israel known throughout the world. Through common service and action we jointly proclaim the God we know.”

Such sentiments are also expressed in, for example, a statement from a group of Jewish scholars:

*Jews and Christians must work together for justice and peace.* Jews and Christians, each in their own way, recognise the unredeemed state of the world as reflected in the persistence of persecution, poverty and human degradation and misery. Although justice and peace are finally God's, our joint efforts, together with those of other faith communities, will help bring the kingdom of God for which we hope and long. Separately and together, we must work to bring justice and peace to our world.

**What is the purpose of inter-faith mission?**

The Swedish theologian, Krister Stendahl, however, sounds a warning. Even in the new co-operative context, it is important to be aware of what our motives might be. We must be careful, Stendahl insists, of making co-operative mission just another “banding together in an alliance against all the others”. Having overcome some inter-faith barriers, we must still beware of an arrogance that continues to insist that 'we have the truth' and seeks to impose that upon others.

French theologian, Geniviève Comeau, speaking of the three great monotheistic faiths working together, argues that while a common mission that is ethical (working for justice, peace, etc.) is very laudable, the emphasis should be primarily *theological*:

“Monotheistic faith tells us there is only one God, Creator of heaven and earth, and that every human being is created in God's image. This is the foundation of the equality of all human beings and of our common responsibility.”

Putting it another way, Helen Fry speaks of the joint mission of Christians and Jews (and others might well be included) as:

“providing space for the holiness of God to sanctify the ordinary things of life... in a secular and materialistic society”.

**SUGGESTED DECISIONS:**

1. That the report be received
2. Membership of the Faith and Order Committee for 2004 is .....

## **G. SOCIAL SERVICES**

- **WesleyCom**
- **Christchurch Methodist Mission**
- **Wesley Wellington Mission**
- **Methodist Mission Northern**
- **Dunedin Methodist Mission**

## BREAKING THE CYCLE BUILDING STRONGER COMMUNITIES

### **Introduction**

This report aims to consolidate the annual reports provided by different regions to provide an overview of activities during the 2002/2003 financial year. It is not intended to replace the individual reports but to provide an easy to read summary that demonstrates the key milestones achieved nationally by the Methodist Church of New Zealand, *Te Hahi Weteriana O Aotearoa*.

It has been separated into four sections –

1. Guiding Principles/Strategic Direction
2. Service Delivery
3. Financial
4. Decisions

This report incorporates the documents received from:

- WesleyCom Aotearoa (Social Services Standing Committee)
- Methodist Mission Northern (Auckland)
- The Employment Generation Fund (Auckland)
- Methodist City Action (Hamilton)
- Tamahere Eventide Home (Hamilton)
- Methodist Social Service Centre (Palmerston North)
- Wesley Community Action (Wesley Wellington Mission)
- Methodist Mission South Island (Christchurch)
- Methodist Mission South Island (Dunedin)

WesleyCom thanks those from the Districts and Parishes who have supplied material for inclusion in this report.

### **1. Guiding Principles / Strategic Direction**

#### **'Breaking the Cycle'**

- In all regions progress is being made in terms of implementing the "Breaking the Cycle" policy.
- The "Breaking the Cycle" model takes a community development approach to helping people and as such is a move away from offering a "hand out" to a "hand up".
- It is a service model that empowers people to move to dependence through independence with people and communities being enabled to achieve the goals they chose rather than those that are imposed on them.

### **Introduction**

The effects of this strategic direction are starting to be being felt in all areas of service delivery including services for youth and families, the unemployed and older adults. Through the delivery of education, budgeting, recreational, social work and community development programmes which in some regions are being delivered in partnership with other government bodies or other community organisations.

- Methodist Missions in all regions are still experiencing demands for more traditional "charity" and crisis assistance in the form of food banks, night shelters, goodwill stores, budgeting assistance and volunteer services.
- "Poverty" and its many faces is a strategic priority for many and there needs to be continued discussion on the most appropriate forms of debate and action.
- Promoting social justice and responsibility is another strategic priority that is gaining momentum with WesleyCom seeking to fulfil its mandate as a forum through which Parishes, Methodist Missions, the Connexion and Conference can work.
- Methodist Missions are also looking inward to their organisations own ways of working, guiding principles and human resources practices.

**Wesley Action Community Action** has adopted the following guiding principles:

*Wesley Community Action is a part of the worldwide Christian Church and of the Christian tradition. This tradition is based on the conviction that our experience of God is that God is intimately connected with the world and its people. We believe that as Christians we are called to be engaged with the world and its people.*

*Wesley Community Action's guiding principles are based on Methodist tradition and ethos. They shape how we work and are our mark among social service agencies.*



#### Uniqueness of People

- We have a conviction that all people have intrinsic value and our relationships must reflect that.
- All people are on a journey toward meeting their full potential and this is only possible through supportive and caring relationships and communities.

#### Social Justice

- We are called to work for a just society for all people where inequality and poverty are challenged.
- Our relationships with people will be respectful and empowering.

#### Transformational

- We are committed to supporting transformation at a personal, social, economic or political level.

#### Actions Speak

- Meaning is found in doing, as opposed to only thinking or talking about doing.
- We work with people in whatever way is necessary to empower them.

**Methodist Mission Northern** has been going through a period of significant restructuring. This was the result of a strategic planning project to ensure its long-term survival and to set out the necessary changes required to ensure this objective was met. Strategic planning began in April 2002 and set out a three-stage restructure of Methodist Mission Northern. These are referred to as the 'Pillars of Change'. Pillar One of the strategies embraced the past 12-month period and included the following major initiatives:

- *Management restructure:* At the end of 2002 a new Lead Team was recruited. This included the appointment of a Human Resources Manager to establish an HR and employment relations framework and consistent HR practices throughout the organisation
- *Self-sustaining Services:* Some services had become a significant financial drain on Methodist Mission Northern and initiatives were established and are under way to materially lower the costs while lifting revenue levels.
- *Various site redevelopments:* These have been undertaken during the year to modernise our facilities for older persons and make them more desirable and lift utilisation levels.

**Methodist Mission South Island (Dunedin)** has a plan to develop sustainable, socially transforming initiatives that acknowledge the diversity of the people they work with. They are committed to action that breaks the cycle of poverty and need, disadvantage and dependence. The organisation's two strategic goals for the 2003 to 2006 period:

1. To achieve maximum value from our resources by delivering services that are effective and efficient.
2. To operate as a financially sustainable organisation for the long-term benefit of the socially and economically disadvantaged.

## 2. Service Delivery

- There have been exciting highlights in all Methodist Missions and WesleyCom has acknowledged the extensive social service activity that has been happening in Missions, Parishes and Districts around the country.
- Work is continuing with the New Zealand Council of Christian Social Services both at national and regional levels. In 2002/2003 there has also been a special project "Building Partnerships" between the Methodist Women's Fellowship and the Association of Presbyterian Women. Each Mission has agreed to develop and work with Parishes to fulfil the concept of "building partnerships" at their local level and there is expected to be enhanced benefits for all.

Highlights from the Methodist Missions and regions are listed below followed by highlights from the Parishes.

#### *Methodist Mission Northern*

**The Inner City Ministry Budget Service** was identified as having significant management control issues resulting in a complete restructuring of the Service with the final result being the need to close this financially unsustainable service. The transfer of our budget service clients to two preferred providers had a very positive outcome. Many of the budget clients continue to relate to our Airedale Street Community Centre for ongoing support.

### **Residential Services for Older People**

This past six months has been an extremely important period for the Mission and, indeed, has been pivotal in the development of a stable and equitable future. The new Lead Team was challenged by an annual deficit of \$2.6m with decreasing occupancy rates and funding in our services for older people. As a result, all services were assessed to identify opportunities for growth. The outcome of the assessment was a decision to close some services and reconfigure those that remained. In the past six months the new Lead Team has identified a number of new opportunities, including:

- **Assisted Living** (supported independent accommodation) This has been identified as an area of significant need for older persons on a benefit who are still fit and active and want to remain independent. Two of our residential facilities have been made available to accommodate people in assisted living. The response to this new service has been extremely positive.
- **Respite Care:** With the reduction of rest home referrals a focus on respite care has been introduced into the activity mix. This is in response to a growing need from caregivers in the community.
- **Wesley Homecare Service**  
During the past year this service has expanded significantly and now provides both private and subsidised care for approximately 1,600 clients in the Central Auckland region. While the majority of our clients are older people, the service also includes people with disabilities. Wesley Homecare also provides 24 hour and overnight care.

### **Pacific Policy Group**

During 2002 the Board established a Pacific policy-working group to shape policy for our engagement with primarily Methodist Pacific Congregations and communities in the Auckland region. The first stage of this project is to capture the demographics of Pacific congregations associated with the Methodist Church and to identify congregations who are engaged in community projects.

### *Regional Boards and Trusts*

### **Employment Generation Fund (Auckland)**

The fund has now completed its 12<sup>th</sup> year of operation, creating employment by assisting small businesses through funding advances. Key points achieved during the year were:

- A major milestone was passed this year when the total number of jobs created reached 300 (actual total 303 full time equivalents).
- Loans totalling \$80,000 were made to 12 ventures.
- Small grants for special purposes totalling \$9129 were made.
- Mentoring assistance has been provided to 31 of the fund ventures.
- A new three-year funding programme has been agreed with the Tindall Foundation to assist with mentoring costs.
- In association with Enterprise Northland, Enterprise New Zealand Trust and others, the fund has set up the pilot Young Entrepreneur Programme (YEP) in Northland. This is an extension of the established high school Young Enterprise Scheme (YES) and a world first for this type of support for young adult business development. Two ventures have been supported with loans in the first year of the pilot.
- The Trustees and Management Committee will continue to work with interested parties to replicate the fund in other areas.
- The Management Committee will actively promote the objectives of the fund and continue to seek out ventures needing financial support.

The Management Committee acknowledges and is grateful for the ongoing support it receives from not only the Community Employment Group, but also The Tindall Foundation and Methodist Mission Northern. Without this generous support the fund could not operate.

### *Methodist City Action (Hamilton)*

This past year, the Board has both consolidated the financial stability of the agency and spent considerable energy to strategically position the agency for the future. This can be demonstrated in our new operating name, **Methodist City Action**. Our new name underpins our commitment to - working towards giving expression to radical inclusion; holding together 'belief', 'passion' and 'action' (inspired pragmatism); valuing the Methodist story and its emphasis on the bi-cultural journey; working within the 'Breaking the Cycle' Theology; creating and nurturing community networks and being open to breaking open new and risky possibilities.

Our context is Hamilton city, and we have moved to strengthen the links between the Parish and the City. For example, our Nightshelter appeal enjoyed widespread community support. We are also committed to working closely with the social service activities of other Churches of Christian faith, particularly Anglican Action.

The following is an analysis of the activities and services we undertake and some of the results we have been able to achieve.

1. Foodbank.
  - Emergency food, budgeting, advocacy and support
  - 392 food parcels to families and individuals for year end 30 June 2003.
2. Computer School
  - Training and support for Community/Not-for-profit sector; vocational training for people living with mental and/or physical impairment; homework school to Tongan youth; Parishioner Support; Upgrade of Parish computers;
  - 610 students supported this year.
3. Recreational Activities
  - Mental health consumers living in the community and supported by Malcolm House and Mahi Tahī participate in sporting/recreational activities here. The activity is facilitated by mental health consumers also.
  - Programme for up to 30 people twice weekly.
4. Governance
  - We are members of Boards of Hamilton Christian Foodbank Trust, Hamilton Christian Nightshelter Trust, Hamilton Council of Social Services, Hamilton Council of Christian Social Services, and WesleyCom.
5. Community Support
  - We partnered Enderley Community Centre in the establishment of their computer lab. We continue to support this community by providing IT technical and tutor support. We produce the Hamilton Council of Social Services monthly newsletter which goes out to over 150 community/not-for-profit organizations. We co-ordinated the Nightshelter's Winter blanket appeal.
6. Monday Lunch
  - Low cost community lunch (\$1.00) for those most at-risk in our community.
  - 2,016 meals served; 996 volunteer hours and \$1,019.40 returned to the Parish.
7. Students
  - Provide work experience placements and supervision of both Counselling and Social Work students from Waikato Institute.
  - 2 students x 100 hours each.

#### *Tamahere Eventide Home (Hamilton)*

The results of the last year or two demonstrate that our policy of quality care and quality buildings and environment is correct with good occupancy rates enabling sufficient surpluses for further development.

- The home was one of the first in Australasia to gain ISO 9001 certification and gain one of the first in New Zealand to gain Ministry of Health certification under the New Health and Disability Service Act.
- Seven bedrooms have been refurbished and three new rooms added bringing the total to 74. A new lounge funded by a bequest from Mr Keith Amy was completed in the second half of the year and the dining room was enlarged and refurbished.
- A number of retirement villas have been completed and licensed to occupy sold.
- Supported housing is proving popular and the board has plans to construct a building with 17 rental units to meet the community demand. Discussions are under way with the local authority and plans have been submitted to the Church Building and Loan Fund.
- Staff and management are supported by a team of volunteers who give many hours of their time. In addition, Chaplain Deacon June Highham continues to visit the home two or more days a week for services and pastoral work. She is supported by a team of six including a Roman Catholic priest who attends each Saturday.

#### *Methodist Social Service Centre (Palmerston North)*

- *Manager*  
Gail Munro left this year after eight years at the helm. She is replaced by Michelle Lee who has a long involvement with Workbridge and the Brain Injury Trust.
- *Education*  
It has been a busy year for education services, with the development of new programmes for both adults and children. The children's programmes, which include a parallel programme for parents, are proving very successful, in line with our commitment to 'Breaking the Cycle' and working with people's/families strengths.

- *Counselling*  
Two paid Counsellors and one Trainee work a total of 46 hours per week. One counsellor has particular strengths and experiences in working with children and young people, thus complementing our education focus in this area.
- *Foodbank*  
For the fourth year running, there has been a small but steady decline in the numbers of people presenting for assistance with food. 1547 parcels (191 less than last year), assisting 4854 people, 2496 of which were children.
- We continue to be part of the nation wide NZCCSS Poverty Indicator Project. Although there has only been a small decline in need, there have been some noticeable changes in process and attitude on the part of Work and Income staff. It appears that feedback is being taken seriously, with staff being better trained and as a consequence people are getting a better service from their Case Managers, in terms of entitlements.
- Foodbank staff are finding that people are presenting with more complex issues than ever before e.g. custody, mental health issues, problems with CYFS, parenting issues and budgeting etc. This puts a lot of pressure on the Foodbank staff who, while committed to their work, can find themselves faced with problems that are outside their area of expertise.
- *Community Social Work*  
After trying for several years, funding for a new Community Social Work position was secured earlier this year. This position is particularly significant for the Centre as we will now be able to provide a more holistic range of services, with the Social Worker picking up specific clients/families from the Foodbank, Education and Counselling services. We will also be working with people who have been referred by external agencies such as schools, Midcentral Health and others.
- *Goodwill Operation*  
The Goodwill operation has had an excellent year, generating sales of over \$203,000, with a surplus of \$78,228, which supported the activities of the Centre's other operations. This is a direct reflection of the standards and efforts of the Goodwill Staff and Volunteers.
- *Volunteer Support*  
Most importantly we acknowledge the value of the contributions made by our volunteer workforce. It is impossible to put a value on their contribution, but we know that without it, we would struggle to survive, and certainly would not be able to offer the range of services we do. Some 300 people volunteer their time regularly for the Methodist Social Service Centre each year.

#### *Wesley Community Action (Wellington)*

##### *Policy Advocacy*

Being Wellington based means Wesley Community Action is involved in working with Government and Government Departments in the development and consultation of policy. The Director ensures that where possible the membership of WesleyCom is fully informed on these issues.

- During the year, Wesley Community Action has actively contributed to:
  - The review of the Department of Child Youth and Families.
  - Ministry of Social Developments Working Party on the establishment of preventative programmes for Families/Whanau and Children.
  - New Zealand Council of Christian Social Services (Executive and Policy Groups)
  - Family Violence Group
  - NZ Association of Adolescence Health and Development
  - Association of Child and Family Support and Community Services
  - Child Poverty Action Group
- *Commitment to a Strengths Based Approach*  
Wesley Community Action continues its commitment to a Strengths Based Approach to service provision. The *Strengths Based Approach* includes:
  - Ensuring positive attitudes about individual's dignity, capacities, uniqueness and rights.
  - Emphasising an individual's ability to be their own agent of change by creating conditions that support this.
  - Enabling people to identify and mobilise their own strengths and resources.
  - Building on existing strengths and resources rather than compensating for deficits.
  - Addresses power imbalances between staff and client through information sharing, communication and advocacy.
  - Recognises and acts to address organisational power imbalances and structural barriers.

- All staff and volunteers are expected to use this approach. They are supported through ongoing training and the inclusion of the Strength Based principles in organisational policies.

#### *Services for Youth*

##### One to One Specialist Foster Care programme:

- Funded by the Department of Child, Youth and Family this service provides for up to nine young men and women who have complex behaviours often caused by abuse and neglect as children.
- This intensive programme provides for 24-hour support both by Foster families and Wesley Community Action Social Workers.
- During the year two young people have successfully completed the programme. One has returned home and one to independent living. Both have made major changes in their lives and behaviour to enable this to happen.

#### *Lifewise*

- Wesley Community Action, with Barnardo's and Youth Horizons Trust, received a one-year contract from Child Youth and Families for a Pilot Project supporting the transition of young people from services to independent living.
- At the end of the year the pilot was stopped and services established in Auckland.
- This was a disappointment as the service was just starting to produce results for young people in the Wellington region.
- We are currently in consultation with CYF for its continuation.

#### *Wesley Porirua*

- Funding from COGS (Community Organisations Grants Scheme) allowed the training of 18 new volunteer community advocates to assist the people of Porirua achieve the outcomes they want.
- They will work primarily in benefit advocacy.

#### *Wesley Otaki – Social Worker in Schools*

- When Wesley Community Action gained the Social Worker in Schools contract the tangata whenua, Te Runanga O Raukawa expressed concern that they had not been given the contract.
- Recognition of their tangata whenua status lead to an agreement that Wesley would withdraw from the Contract at 30/6/03 and Te Runanga O Raukawa taking it.
- However the Runanga has requested that Wesley Community Action continue to provide the service.
- The bi-cultural and Treaty position of Te Haahi Weteriana has been a key in this decision.

#### *Wesley Care Services for Older People*

##### Community Based Services for Older People

- Wesley Community Action provides social support for older people living in their own home.
- The aim of the service is to support older people to stay in their own homes and community for a long as they wish and can cope.
- Support issues include loneliness, isolation, grief, and emotional or mental distress such as depression and circumstances of self-neglect.
- This is an important service because it helps address issues related to an aging population in a just way.
- During the year Wesley Community Actions contract with the Ministry of Health has been extended so the service is now provided in Wellington City, Porirua City, Kapiti and the Hutt Valley.

#### *Wesleyhaven Village*

- Last year the Board made the decision to sell Wesleyhaven village as a going concern.
- During the year we have had some interest from prospective purchasers but have not yet sold the complex.
- Wesleyhaven management and staff continue to provide excellent services from what are now very tired buildings.

#### *Methodist Mission South Island (Christchurch)*

- Aratupu Preschool & Nursery brings a high standard of early childhood education to all those entrusted to its care. The long awaited playground development was officially blessed and then opened by the Hon. Lianne Dalziel.
- ChildWise have successfully completed the transition from the Warrior Kids programme identity to the new name of Wise Up. Therapy services are now also providing Grief Counselling.
- The Aged Care Facilities in Harewood Road were re-named WesleyCare. An afternoon tea was held in the new club lounge to celebrate the occasion and it soon became 'standing room only'. The name is all encompassing and includes the 4 storey building formerly known as Fairhaven. This building was originally opened in November 1969 and houses both rest home and hospital residents. A significant upgrade has been approved and this work is now being done.

A further (and final) 4 Licence to Occupy units are nearing completion in Wesley Village, bringing the total number to 12. The area has also been partially landscaped with completion of this work scheduled for spring.

A brief study was conducted into the possibility of providing Dementia Care. Based solely on financial restraints, this has been deferred but not forgotten.

- The 4C advocacy programme, including 'in work' placements in partnership with WINZ, has continued throughout the year and is attracting interest from other areas and agencies. It is envisaged that a "where to from here" meeting will be held in October with a view to renewing present contractual arrangements with WINZ for a further period.

ER (Emergency Relief) successfully launched a 'Support a Family' campaign. Family profiles were given to sponsors and donors, initially to provide food and gifts for children to be enjoyed in their own homes at Christmas. Support was received both in money and in kind.

- Goodwill now operates from one remaining store in Christchurch, known as 2ND EDITION. The rented premises have received some attention in terms of layout and this has raised the profile and public awareness.

#### *Methodist Mission South Island (Dunedin)*

##### **Achievements and developments:**

To a certain extent this year has been one of consolidation and we have concentrated on setting the strategic direction for the future of the Methodist Mission in Dunedin. Some of our achievements and highlights over the past year include:

- Board and Staff working together in developing a comprehensive strategic plan and business plan for the 2003 to 2006 period
- Recognition that our strategic direction is dependent upon a close relationship with our communities and especially parishes. This has meant some intentional work building a closer relationship with parishes, community agencies and groups within our region
- Initiating a conversation with Te Runanga Otakou, acknowledging our long bonds of friendship, seeking to learn more about the direction and aspirations of the Runanga and the potential for us to work more closely in a way that suits the capacities of both organisations
- Working with the Dunedin City Council towards a collaborative approach to a South Dunedin Community Centre comprising commercial interests and social service delivery
- Reviewing the terms of our involvement with Anglican Methodist Family Care
- Sale of Forsyth Barr House
- Creation of a Community and Economic Development unit within the Mission
- Development of Walk Tall Tamariki programme in Dunedin, and developing this in rural communities
- Creation of Venture Tourism as part of an Employment generation programme and working towards an Employment Generation Fund in partnership with community organisations.

#### *Service Delivery - Parishes*

##### *Auckland District*

- Parishes on the North Shore including Beach Haven, Birkenhead, Devonport and East Coast Bays are involved in a huge variety of community activities ranging from care and craft, opportunity shops, garage sales to food parcels and other charity work and community activities including child care, drama classes and girls' brigade.
- In Glenn Innes a community network lunch has been formed incorporating people from playcentre, the local police and Red Cross and social welfare staff. Information, concerns and ideas are shared.
- There is also a programme of hospitality for new migrants to help them become accustomed to life in Glenn Innes. Practical advice and English lessons are highlights.
- Lynfield have a range of programmes including pre-school, caring and sharing for retirees, conversational-English for migrants and second-hand clothing.
- Mt Albert is very active with a range of programmes including a community club for people with mental disorders, a school breakfast scheme, food parcels, conversational English, alcoholics and overeaters anonymous, hospital chaplaincy and much more.
- Onehunga has a food bank and opportunity shop in addition to garage sales and fairs and classes ranging from yoga to pre-school lessons.
- Orakei has chapel services, bed pushing duties, craft, migrant support services, youth and community programmes.
- South Kaipara has a toy library, music groups, community dinners, op shops and a drop-in-centre.
- Whangaparaoa is involved in love link which provides food parcels, transport to hospital and other services, cooking and a social concerns group.

#### *Hawkes Bay and Manawatu*

- Fielding Oroua has two main areas of social support – Manchester House that has been operating for over 30 years and Te Mara Marie Garden Project.
- The gardening project gives unemployed people the opportunity to learn life skills.
- A new family centre was opened in the old Sunday School hall on 28 February which was the culmination of many months of work.
- The family centre offers programmes and activities for children and families including GAIN (Getting Alternative Information Now).

#### *Wellington District*

- Most Parishes are actively involved as a church group or through individual members in some form of community support work.
- Specific examples include working alongside Church agencies in Goodwill / Opportunity Shops, supporting local issues including refugee settlement, downtown ministry, counselling and child support services.
- Pastoral care is provided for local rest homes and hospitals.
- Venues are provided for a variety of community groups servicing a wide range of community support services including counselling, skills development and entertainment.
- Individuals are involved at looking at issues that affect the community and how changes could be implemented.
- Some Parishes are now determining what support work is being carried out in their area and other congregations are looking at ways of meeting the needs they have identified.
- Recognition of the wide variety of work being carried out by Parishes within the District now needs to be acknowledged by the Synod.
- Synod now needs to follow through to help Parishes address areas in their work where 'Breaking the Cycle' initiatives are now considered necessary.

#### *Blenheim*

- A joint programme between Blenheim and the Presbyterian Support Services (Upper South Island) called PAMS has been initiated.
- PAMS is an op shop to provide low cost clothing for people and to generate income for community programmes.
- John's Kitchen was started in 2000 as a gift to the local community. It offers a weekly meal for a koha and is proving to be "more than food" by offering a chance for interested people to raise theological questions if they desire.
- John's Patch Storyroom is a story-telling and creative craft-making session for children to share values. On the opening day there were 28 children and since then a steady 15 children have attended ranging from 4 to 12 years old.

#### *Nelson Marlborough West Coast District*

- Richmond Waimea has held a gold coin collection for Victim Support, helicopter services and food for the needy. Other activities include care and share craft groups, Hospital, Rest Home and community funeral support.
- St Lukes has a partnership with the YMCA and runs holiday programmes and OSCAR after school programmes for children. Other services include training programmes, food basket, hospital help, school liaison and two home units.
- St Johns is involved in person to person listening services, hosting and accommodating various community groups, food basket and advocacy support, two workplace chaplaincy support programmes and an on-call chaplaincy service. It is also involved with the Nelson Action Group and the Nelson Enterprise Loan Trust.
- Stoke Parish has a range of different programmes and services including an opportunity centre, food bank, monthly market, bowling club and chaplaincy support. It has House 44 East Stoke Community House offering grants and practical support. Relationships include involvement with Habitat for Humanity, rest home support, East Timor Forces weekly parcels for tour of duty and community concerns committee.

### **3. Financial**

In the financial arena many Methodist Missions have needed to focus on the long-term sustainability of their organisation to ensure ongoing service to the community. This section records the issues that have significantly impacted on the financial result of the last financial year and the main points of difference included within the budget 2003/04.

Highlights from the reports submitted are below:

**Methodist Mission Northern**

<b>Financial Performance</b>	<b>Actual 2001/2002 \$</b>	<b>Actual 2002/2003 \$</b>	<b>Budget 2003/2004 \$</b>
Surplus/(Deficit)	(573,125)	(2,666,705)	(355,029)

The financial performance for the year ended 30 June 2003 is a net deficit of \$2,666,705. This is a significant deterioration when compared to the previous year's performance. Significant issues arose throughout the year with remedial action taken to ensure Methodist Mission Northern met its objective of long-term financial sustainability.

Major contributing factors to the deficit are:

- Wesley Village occupancy significantly below capacity for the full year. The full year net deficit for Wesley Village was \$881,000
- Budget Services management issues that resulted in significant legal fees, accounting fees and provisions for unrecoverable loans. The full year net deficit for Budget Services was \$420,000
- Airedale Community Centre management issues that resulted in an unstable service for a short period that resulted in increased cost of service, increased security costs and unplanned labour costs. The full year net deficit for the Airedale Community Centre was \$601,000
- Restructuring costs were considerable. These costs were made up of redundancy and consultancy costs made necessary by the process of sustainability that did not provide the required results. This was followed by a reconfiguration of services late in the financial year.

The remedial action taken resulted in the following:

- Closure of Copeland House Counselling Service on the North Shore. This service was identified as one where the service could not be sustained in its current format and could not be easily reconfigured toward break-even
- Closure of the Budget Service
- Closure of the Inner City Ministry Furniture Bank
- Reconfiguration within Aged Care Services to ensure they breakeven
- Hospitality (Laundry and Catering) outsourced with a reduction in cost and an improvement in quality
- A focus on fundraising by services as a means to cover deficits where either funding from other sources was inadequate or non-existent

This could be seen in a very negative light however this exercise focused the new Lead Team onto the critical factors that drive the Mission's finances. A reconfiguration of services was undertaken, fundraising was reconfirmed as a key to supporting some services and a team approach was put into action to ensure an understanding of the need to breakeven and for future budgets to be met. The reconfiguration undertaken in the last months of the financial year has resulted in a budget surplus before interest for the 2003/04 year.

The Board has approved an operating budget surplus before interest of \$40,971 with an after interest deficit of \$355,029.

- This budget has been prepared from the bottom up with the full support and involvement of staff at the services. This is a new approach at the Mission and reinforces our current thinking of involving staff in the decision making process.
- The agreed objective established during the planning phase in 2003 was "To achieve and maintain a positive margin by 2007". The 2003 target was to break even.
- Financial sustainability and organizational reconfiguration have been key in the six months prior to setting the budget and bringing the services to break even has been the objective. This budget reflects the plans in place to achieve this end.

**Employment Generation Fund**

<b>Financial Performance</b>	<b>Actual 2001/2002 \$</b>	<b>Actual 2002/2003 \$</b>	<b>Budget 2003/2004 \$</b>
Surplus/(Deficit)	12,701	26,490	(Yet to be finalised.)



- The net operating results generally reflect the level of grants received each year.
- Loans totalling \$80,000 were made to 12 ventures.
- Small grants for special purposes totalling \$9,129 were made.

***Hamilton Methodist Social Services***

<b>Financial Performance</b>	<b>Actual 2001/2002 \$</b>	<b>Actual 2002/2003 \$</b>	<b>Budget 2003/2004 \$</b>
Surplus/(Deficit)	41,729	29,064	25,000

***Tamahere Eventide Home Trust (Hamilton)***

<b>Financial Performance</b>	<b>Actual 2001/2002 \$</b>	<b>Actual 2002/2003 \$</b>	<b>Budget 2003/2004 \$</b>
Surplus/(Deficit)	262,667	221,300	47,563

***Methodist Social Service Centre (Palmerston North)***

<b>Financial Performance</b>	<b>Actual 2001/2002 \$</b>	<b>Actual 2002/2003 \$</b>	<b>Budget 2003/2004 \$</b>
Surplus/(Deficit)	21,157	(3,768)	2,330

Methodist Social Service Centre has ended the year with a small deficit of \$3,768 which is considerably lower than was forecast.

The budget for 2003/2004 year is a surplus of \$2,330.

***Wesley Community Action (Wellington)***

<b>Financial Performance</b>	<b>Actual 2001/2002 \$</b>	<b>Actual 2002/2003 \$</b>	<b>Budget 2003/2004 \$</b>
Surplus/(Deficit)	(515,081)	385,883	(250,000)

The financial performance for the year ended 30 June 2003 is a net surplus of \$385,883.

This reflects an improvement in the overall financial performance of services. In particular:

- The growth of Wesleycare services to older people in their own homes and the increased level of occupancy in the residential care facilities at Wesleyhaven.
- Investment income and revaluations are significantly ahead of last year.
- There has been an increase in income from legacies.

For the financial year 2003/2004, Wesley Community Action has budgeted for a deficit of \$250,000, before allowing for any income from contingent sources, such as revaluation of investments or legacies.

***Methodist Mission South Island (Christchurch)***

<b>Financial Performance</b>	<b>Actual 2001/2002 \$</b>	<b>Actual 2002/2003 \$</b>	<b>Budget 2003/2004 \$</b>
Surplus/(Deficit)	(2,464,156)	224,205	90,563

Methodist Mission Christchurch has reported a net surplus of \$224,205 for the year compared with a deficit of \$2,464,156 for the previous financial year.

More than 60% of the income has come from aged care fees with the second largest source of income being sales including the Doonan contract, sales from the Goodwill store and sundry sales.

The budget 2003/04 includes a significant increase in depreciation due to the building upgrade.

**Methodist Mission South Island (Dunedin)**

<b>Financial Performance</b>	<b>Actual 2001/2002 \$</b>	<b>Actual 2002/2003 \$</b>	<b>Budget 2003/2004 \$</b>
Surplus/(Deficit)	(77,253)	2,727,824	(41,000)

The financial performance for the year ended 30 June 2003 is a net surplus of \$2,727,824 after including a non-operational gain on sale of property of \$2,806,320. The result before this gain is a \$78,496 deficit. With respect to this surplus particular points to note are:

- The surplus reflects the Mission Board’s actions to ensure it has a financially sustainable future.
- All capital from the sale of Forsyth Barr House has been placed in a diversified portfolio of investments and an investment strategy has been developed to ensure these funds maintain currency in terms of value.

The Board has approved an operating deficit budget of \$41,000.

- The budget does not include any provision for donations and funding from fundraising.
- It is anticipated that, with the assistance of the professional fundraiser, funding from grant applications will be in excess of \$100,000.

At the time of writing the Mission still faces the possibility of litigation resulting from the sale of Forsyth Barr House. The connexion has been kept informed of this matter and all information passed on to the church insurers.

**Decisions**

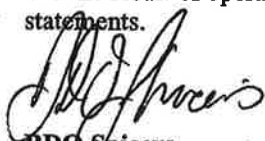
1. That the report be received.
2. Conference expresses it’s thanks to David Bromell, for six years of Ministry and leadership of the Christchurch Methodist Mission and during that time his membership and considerable contribution to WesleyCom Aotearoa.
3. Conference expresses it thanks to Gail Munro who served for eight years as Manager at Methodist Social Service Centre Palmerston North.
4. That the 2004 Methodist Membership of New Zealand Council of Christian Social Services (NZCCSS) be: Keith Taylor and Jeff Sanders.
5. That the 2004 Methodist Membership of the Refugee and Migrant Service be: Myra Tautua.
6. That the 2004 Membership of WesleyCom Aotearoa be: Ruth Bilverstone (convenor), Wayne Buckley, Michael Greer (Christchurch Mission Superintendent), Nicola Grundy (Dunedin Mission Superintendent), Jeff Sanders (Wellington Mission Director), Keith Taylor (Methodist Mission Northern Superintendent). (Additional members to be tabled at Conference.)
7. That the 2004 Methodist Mission Northern (Auckland) Board membership be: (To be tabled at Conference).
8. That the 2004 Employment Generation Fund (Auckland) Trustees be: Maurice Copeland (Chair), John Fraser, Brian Gauld, Ken Seal, David Smith and Ralph Witten.
9. That the 2004 Methodist City Action (Hamilton) Board membership be: Susan Thompson (Chairperson), Hilda Schroeder, Keith Taylor, Violet Hesse, Margaret Henshaw and Karen Morrison-Hume.
10. That the 2004 Tamahere Eventide Home (Hamilton) Board be: Neville Jack (Chairperson), Pat Littler, June Higham, Chad Chibnall, Don Sim, B Attrill, Cath Dickie, George Diprose and Ken Olsen.
11. That the 2004 Methodist Social Service Centre (Palmerston North) Board be: (Board membership to be tabled at Conference.)
12. That 2004 Wesley Community Action (Wellington) Board membership be: David Hanna (Chair), Jeff Sanders (Director), Peter Glensor, Nola Hanson, Fletcher Thomas, Fatuatia Tufuga, Kathy Stirrat, Loma Uliviti and Stuart Bruce. (Additional members to be tabled at Conference).
13. That 2004 Methodist Mission South Island (Christchurch) Board membership be: Carol Bellette, Garth Nowland-Forman, Maurice van de Geer, Michael Greer (Superintendent), Jenny Keightley, Sally Thompson and David Toh. (Name of Chairperson and names of additional members to be brought to Conference.)
14. That 2004 Methodist Mission South Island (Dunedin) Board membership be: Colin Gibson (Chairperson), Melanie Bunce (leave of absence until Feb 2004), Joy Clark, Edward Ellison, Murray Farley, John Gallaher, Nicola Grundy (Director), David Polson, Edie Pont, Lauren Semple and Uesifili Unasa.

**METHODIST MISSION NORTHERN**  
**Financial Reporting Summary for the year ended 30 June 2003**

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE for the year ended 30 June 2003	2003 \$ 000	2002 \$ 000
<b>Income:</b>		
Income from Services	14,248	14,377
Property Rental	<u>2,347</u>	<u>2,467</u>
	<u>16,595</u>	<u>16,844</u>
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Expenses from Operations	<u>20,111</u>	<u>18,910</u>
<b>Operating Deficit for the Year</b>	<b>(3,516)</b>	<b>(2,066)</b>
Donations, Bequests, Government Capital Subsidies	844	1,133
Gain on Sale of Assets	<u>5</u>	<u>360</u>
<b>NET DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b><u>(2,667)</u></b>	<b><u>(573)</u></b>

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION as at 30 June 2003	2003 \$ 000	2002 \$ 000
<b>Equity:</b>		
<b>Accumulated Funds</b>	15,861	18,528
<b>Endowments and Reserves</b>	629	674
<b>Land and Building Revaluation Reserves</b>	<u>21,207</u>	<u>19,369</u>
<b>FUNDS &amp; RESERVES</b>	<u>37,697</u>	<u>38,571</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>	1,372	1,233
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	<u>(3,732)</u>	<u>(3,126)</u>
<b>WORKING CAPITAL</b>	<u>(2,360)</u>	<u>(1,893)</u>
<b>Investment Properties</b>	14,140	14,385
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	31,797	28,899
<b>Non Current Liabilities</b>	<u>(5,880)</u>	<u>(2,820)</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<u>37,697</u>	<u>38,571</u>

**Auditor's Statement** – In our opinion the summaries above have been correctly extracted from, and are consistent with, the audited annual financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2003. For a better understanding of the financial position and the result of operations for the year, these summaries should be read in conjunction with the related audited financial statements.



**BDO Spicers**  
**Chartered Accountants, Auckland**  
**11 September 2003**

REPORT TO CONFERENCE
The financial performance for the year ended 30 June 2003 is a net deficit of \$2,667,000
Major contributing factors to the deficit are:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wesley Village occupancy significantly below capacity for the full year. The full year net deficit for Wesley Village was \$881,000</li> <li>• Budget Services management issues that resulted in significant legal fees, accounting fees and provisions for unrecoverable loans. The full year net deficit for Budget Services was \$420,000</li> <li>• Airedale Community Centre management issues that resulted in an unstable service for a short period that resulted in increased cost of service, increased security costs and unplanned labour costs. The full year net deficit for the Airedale Community Centre was \$601,000</li> <li>• Restructuring costs were considerable. These costs were made up of redundancy and consultancy costs made necessary by the process of sustainability that did not provide the required results. This was followed by a reconfiguration of services late in the financial year. This necessary reconfiguration has resulted in a budget surplus before interest for the 2003/04 year</li> </ul>

**WESLEY COMMUNITY ACTION**  
**Financial Reporting Summary for the year ended 30 June 2003**

<b>SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE</b>	<b>2003</b> \$	<b>2002</b> \$
Fees and Services Income	4,996,218	4,268,165
Non-operating Income	<u>783,637</u>	<u>235,968</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b><u>5,779,855</u></b>	<b><u>4,504,133</u></b>
Personnel Expense	3,762,335	3,498,602
Other Expense	<u>1,631,637</u>	<u>1,520,612</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b><u>5,393,972</u></b>	<b><u>5,019,214</u></b>
<b>NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b><u>385,883</u></b>	<b><u>(515,081)</u></b>

<b>SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION</b>	<b>2003</b> \$	<b>2002</b> \$
Funds and Reserves, 1 July	7,501,176	8,017,247
Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	385,883	(515,081)
Disbursements from Accumulated Funds	<u>(31,306)</u>	<u>(990)</u>
<b>Funds and Reserves, 30 June</b>	<b><u>7,855,753</u></b>	<b><u>7,501,176</u></b>
Current Assets	1,176,930	1,106,866
Current Liabilities	<u>(855,471)</u>	<u>(1,003,239)</u>
<b>WORKING CAPITAL</b>	<b><u>321,459</u></b>	<b><u>103,627</u></b>
Investments	3,416,462	3,416,976
Fixed Assets	4,332,527	4,356,681
Non Current Liabilities	<u>(214,695)</u>	<u>(376,108)</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b><u>7,855,753</u></b>	<b><u>7,501,176</u></b>

<b>SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS</b>	<b>2003</b> \$	<b>2002</b> \$
Net Cash inflow/(outflow) from Operating Activities	220,848	(284,970)
Net Cash Inflows from Investing Activities	263,675	213,817
Net Cash outflows from Financing Activities	<u>(140,886)</u>	<u>(4,125)</u>
<b>Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash Held</b>	<b><u>343,637</u></b>	<b><u>(75,278)</u></b>
Balances as at 1 July	<u>264,564</u>	<u>339,842</u>
<b>Balances as at 30 June</b>	<b><u>608,201</u></b>	<b><u>264,564</u></b>

This financial reporting summary has been taken from the full audited financial report of Wesley Community Action for the year ended 30 June 2003 for which a qualified audit opinion was issued. In common with organisations of a similar nature, control over the income from donations and bequests prior to being recorded is limited, and there are no practical audit procedures to determine the effect of this limited control. The audited financial report was authorised for issue by the Board of Trustees on 8 August 2003. This financial reporting summary cannot be expected to provide as complete an understanding as provided by the full financial report of the financial performance, financial position and cash flow of Wesley Community Action. Copies of the full financial report are available from Wesley Community Action.

<b>REPORT TO CONFERENCE</b>
Non-Operating net income comes from investments, grants, donations, legacies and net surplus on sale of assets. Investments can include equities, securities and short term deposits. In the statement of Cash Flows, cash is defined as cash at banks, cash on hand and cash equivalents.

**AUDIT REPORT**

**To the Readers of the Financial Reporting Summary of Wesley Community Action**

The financial reporting summary of Wesley Community Action has been extracted from the audited financial report for the year ended 30 June 2003 on which we expressed a qualified opinion dated 8 August 2003.

**Board of Trustees' Responsibilities**

The Board of Trustees are responsible for preparing the financial reporting summary.

**Auditor's Responsibilities**

We are responsible for reporting whether the information contained in the financial reporting summary has been correctly extracted from the audited financial report.

**Basis of Opinion on the Financial Reporting Summary**

We have undertaken procedures to provide reasonable assurance that the amounts set out in the financial reporting summary have been correctly taken from the audited financial report of Wesley Community Action for the year ended 30 June 2003.

Other than in our capacity as auditor, we have no relationship with or interests in Wesley Community Action.

**Qualified Opinion on the Financial Reporting Summary**

In our opinion the amounts set out in the financial reporting summary for the year ended 30 June 2003 have been correctly taken from the audited financial report of Wesley Community Action from which it was extracted.

In common with organisations of a similar nature, control over the income from donations and bequests prior to being recorded is limited, and there are no practical audit procedures to determine the effect of this limited control.

For a better understanding of the scope of our audit for Wesley Community Action's financial report and of Wesley Community Action's financial position, financial performance and cash flows for the year ended 30 June 2003, this report should be read in conjunction with Wesley Community Action's audited financial report for that period.

Our examination of the financial reporting summary was completed on 12 September 2003 and our qualified opinion is expressed as at that date.

*Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu*

**Chartered Accountants  
Wellington, New Zealand**

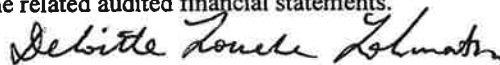
**CHRISTCHURCH METHODIST MISSION**  
**Financial Reporting Summary for the year ended 30 June 2003**

<b>STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE</b>	<b>2003</b> \$	<b>2002</b> \$
Operating Income	5,137,538	5,208,970
Direct Expenses	<u>(5,031,830)</u>	<u>(5,251,716)</u>
<b>OPERATING SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b><u>105,708</u></b>	<b><u>(42,746)</u></b>
Investment Income	418,545	262,809
Depreciation Expense & Audit Fees	<u>(368,427)</u>	<u>(373,738)</u>
<b>NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b><u>155,826</u></b>	<b><u>(153,675)</u></b>
Asset Transactions ( Including Revaluations )	<u>68,379</u>	<u>(2,310,481)</u>
<b>TOTAL SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b><u>224,205</u></b>	<b><u>(2,464,156)</u></b>

<b>STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION</b>	<b>2003</b> \$	<b>2002</b> \$
Accumulated Funds	8,326,419	8,204,543
Asset revaluation reserve	3,787,549	3,787,549
Specific Funds	<u>3,918,285</u>	<u>3,406,733</u>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b><u>16,032,253</u></b>	<b><u>15,398,825</u></b>
Current Assets	10,219,005	9,631,511
Current Liabilities	<u>(4,118,287)</u>	<u>(4,123,743)</u>
<b>WORKING CAPITAL</b>	<b><u>6,100,718</u></b>	<b><u>5,507,768</u></b>
Non Current Assets	11,111,962	11,001,507
Non Current Liabilities	<u>(1,180,427)</u>	<u>(1,110,450)</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b><u>16,032,253</u></b>	<b><u>15,398,825</u></b>

**Auditor's Statement** – The summaries above have been extracted from the audited annual financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2003. For a better understanding of the financial position and the result of operations for the year, these summaries should be read in conjunction with the related audited financial statements.

**Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu**  
**Chartered Accountants, Christchurch**



<b>REPORT TO CONFERENCE</b>
Current Assets include Properties intended for Sale totalling \$4,305,355 Current Liabilities includes Deferred Revenue totalling \$3,305,355
These two items relate to Marina Cove Village, Picton, being the asset book value and the monies received for the issue of "Licence to Occupy Units" respectively.
Non Current Assets comprise Fixed Assets of \$9,469,678 ( 2002 \$9,375,000 ) and Long Term Investments of \$1,642,284 ( 2002 \$1,626,507 ).

**DUNEDIN METHODIST MISSION**  
**Financial Reporting Summary for the year ended 30 June 2003**

<i>STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE</i>	2003 \$	2002 \$
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	4,860,837	1,395,354
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<u>(2,133,013)</u>	<u>(1,472,607)</u>
<b>NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<u>2,727,824</u>	<u>(77,253)</u>

<i>STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION</i>	2003 \$	2002 \$
Sir Alfred Reed Fund	10,777	10,417
Lillian Lane Fund	22,174	20,763
Family Support Trust Fund	907	-
Accumulated Funds	<u>5,968,648</u>	<u>3,240,824</u>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<u>6,002,505</u>	<u>3,272,004</u>
Fixed Assets	398,570	2,274,672
Investments	5,530,117	1,047,012
Current Assets	<u>220,952</u>	<u>141,976</u>
	<u>6,149,639</u>	<u>3,463,660</u>
Current Liabilities	(147,134)	(191,341)
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<u>6,002,205</u>	<u>3,272,004</u>

**Auditor's Statement** –The summaries above have been extracted from the audited annual financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2003. For a better understanding of the financial position and the result of operations for the year, these summaries should be read in conjunction with the related audited financial statements.

**Polson Higgs & Co**  
**Chartered Accountants, Dunedin**

<b>REPORT TO CONFERENCE</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The extent of this years surplus reflects the Mission Board's actions to ensure it has a financially sustainable future</li> <li>• All proceeds from the sale of Forsyth Barr House have been placed in a diversified portfolio of investments and an investment strategy has been developed to ensure these funds maintain currency in terms of value</li> </ul>

## **H. MISSION & ECUMENICAL**

- **Council for Mission and Ecumenical Cooperation**
- **World Methodist Council**
- **CCANZ**
- **Christian World Service**
- **Churches Agency on International Issues**
- **Christian Conference of Asia**
- **World Council of Churches**
- **Methodist Consultative Council in the Pacific**





# Mission and Ecumenical Committee

## Information and reporting back

A strategic plan was finalised in January and became the focus of the committee's and the secretary's work during 2003. Specific points set out in the plan have been achieved. Those matters relating to the building of relationships are subject to ongoing discussion and development on an annual basis, with substantial progress already made.

### Working papers

The committee has two areas of work: mission and ecumenical. In our work we seek to hold these two areas together and let them interact with each other. Both are integral to the life of the church. We affirm that:

- mission is most credible when approached ecumenically;
- the purpose of ecumenism is to serve the cause of mission.

In working to promote mission and ecumenism in the life of the Methodist Church we need a sound theological base.

To this end Mission and Ecumenical has worked on two papers which hopefully will provide a renewed commitment to the mission and ecumenical activity of our church.

**"Transforming Mission"** This paper takes a broad approach to mission. It was developed by the Mission and Ecumenical Secretary, Superintendent of Mission Northern, Director of Mission Resourcing; and the Principal of Trinity Theological College. The essence of the paper is:

Transforming mission - seeking change so that we might have the world the way God intended it to be. Mission is:

- gospel shaped;
- advocacy and action;
- engaging society;
- focused on social justice;
- local and global;
- seeking hopeful futures.

The Mission and Ecumenical Committee has accepted this as a working paper providing a theological base for the committee and secretary to work from.

**"To be Methodist is to be ecumenical"** This paper is a response to a decision of the 2002 conference and is wide ranging Methodist response to ecumenical matters. It is a challenge to the church to keep its ecumenical commitment active. The paper was circulated to District Synods, Vahefonua Tonga, Bose ko Viti, Te Taha Maori and the Evangelical Network. The committee expresses its appreciation to those individuals, parishes and synods who responded. Overall the replies were positive. Some additions have been made to the paper in the light of these replies. The committee has accepted the paper as a working document providing a theological base and background information for its work from in dealing with ecumenical matters.

### Communication

Communication is primarily through:

- newsletters – issued monthly through the connexional e-mail network;
- occasional papers - issued through the connexional e-mail network;
- articles in 'Touchstone';
- personal correspondence, phone calls, speaking to groups, and preaching engagements.

### United Church of the Solomon Islands

These are difficult times in the Solomon Islands. Social and economic insecurity has not only impacted on the nation, it has also affected the life of the church, presenting it with many challenges. In this context we are looking forward to the visit of, and discussion with, the Moderator of the UCSI Philemon Riti and his wife Nancy, who we hope will be present at the Methodist Conference in November. We have provided financial assistance for a timber dressing project at Munda, on the site of the UCSI Assembly office. This project will not only provide timber for local building projects,

it will also generate employment, inject money into the local economy, and raise funds for the church. There has also been discussion about assistance for a copra producing project on Vella Lavella Island. Christian education material (surplus Epworth Books stock) has been dispatched for the use of the church in the Solomon Islands. A quantity of educational books, from a publishing house closing its warehouse in New Zealand, have been boxed ready for dispatch to the Solomons for use in primary schools. The UCSI on Vella Lavella Island celebrates its centennial in March 2003. New Zealand missionaries who have served on Vella Lavella have generously contributed to a 'love-gift' toward the cost of the celebrations. Rev Jim and Meriel Cropp will be attending and will be taking a gift from the Mission and Ecumenical Committee. The committee has agreed that the Cropps be recognized as official representatives of our church at the celebrations.

### **Helena Goldie Hospital**

Connie Cann, the British Methodist serving as HGH secretary, returned home in June. Her replacement is Dr Ronald Ziru. Chris Leve who received a nursing degree from Manukau Technical Institute while on a Council for Mission and Ecumenical Cooperation scholarship returned to the Solomon Islands and took up the position of Chief Nursing Officer at HGH in January. Mission and Ecumenical is meeting the cost of his salary. During the past year we have also contributed to other staff salaries and provided money for water tanks and pumps. A major project this year has been the building of a new dining hall funded by a PAC grant administered by Mission and Ecumenical

### **United Church of Papua New Guinea**

We continue to be in discussion with the UCPNG regarding funding for a new administrative facility for the church on Bougainville. Plans and costings to meet our budgeted amount are awaited. Keith Carley (St John's Theological College) visited Rarongo Theological College this year and provided an informative report on plans for upgrading facilities at the college.

### **Scholarships**

Timothy Talasivo from the Solomon Islands is on a three year Mission and Ecumenical scholarship to study dentistry at the Fiji School of Medicine in Suva. He will return to work in one of the hospitals of the UCSI. Rev Milton Talasasa, a minister of the UCSI, is studying for a Master of Theology Degree at the University of Auckland on a scholarship from the Council for World Mission. He is here with his wife and three children. Mission and Ecumenical has been able to provide some assistance to the family in settling into life here. A scholarship for Samuel Suseve to train for ministry in the UCPNG at Rarongo Theological College is being processed.

### **Disaster responses**

A disaster relief fund inherited from the Council for Mission and Ecumenical Cooperation has been used to respond to:

- the devastation of Cyclone Zoe on Tikopia Island in the Solomons - \$1000 channeled through Christian World Service;
- famine relief in Southern Africa - \$5000 channeled through Christian World Service;
- the Bali bombing - \$2000 to the Protestant Christian Church of Bali;
- the Iraq war - \$5000 channeled through Christian World Service.

### **Annual appeals**

The 2002 appeal for mattresses for Helena Goldie hospital exceeded the target of \$7000. Surplus money went to the fund for general purposes at the hospital. The 2003 appeal for books for the library at Rarongo Theological College has been meeting with a steady response. Dr Keith Carley (St John's Theological College) has offered to assist Rarongo in the purchase of the books they seek.

### **Joint Partnership Group**

This was a means established by the transition work group from the Council for Mission and Ecumenical , to Methodist Mission and Ecumenical and Presbyterian Global Mission, for the two churches to continue to relate to each other. It is now considered that a more informal structure is most appropriate. Accordingly the JPG has been dismantled to be replaced by meetings of the convenors and secretaries, where matters of mutual concern will be discussed. This new arrangement recognizes that the two secretaries are in relationship with other on an almost daily basis. General and disaster relief funds held in common have been split 50/50 for each agency to use as they deem appropriate.

### **Ecumenical relationships**

**Conference of Churches of Aotearoa New Zealand.** Currently CCANZ is working its way through change, brought about by a variety of factors including a diminishing funding base. The General Secretary, Michael Earle, is not seeking a renewal of his contract beyond February 2003. The executive meeting in June 2003 discussed at length the future of CCANZ and realised the need for significant change. The Decade to Overcome Violence programme, launched this year, is going well and has generated much interest and support, but will not be sufficient to ensure the future of CCANZ. Methodists on the CCANZ executive (Dale Peach and John Roberts) together with CCANZ President Garth Cant, are committed to working for a national ecumenical body that is light on structure and institution, and high on energy and creativity. It is envisaged that there will be a replacement secretary as CCANZ works its way through a

transition to something new. If this is to be achieved, then the Methodist Church will need to provide ongoing financial support. To what extent, is not yet clear. The CCANZ Annual Forum in September will be addressing these matters. Methodist representatives to the annual forum were: Norman West, Keith Hopner, Alison Kane, Fika Vucago, Richard Biddle and Garth Cant. The CCANZ General secretary has presented a separate report.

**Christian World Service.** Mary Caygill has completed her term as the Methodist representative on the National Council of CWS and has been replaced by Alison Cable. The CWS Director has presented a separate report.

**Churches Agency on International Issues.** John Roberts and Andrea Williams represent the Methodist church on the Oversight Group of this agency which has a two year pilot programme. In this first year the focus has been on producing a resource on the Israel/Palestine conflict. In the second year the focus will be on several smaller resources on a range of "hot topics" in the international affairs arena. As the mandate for Methodist funding of this agency runs out at 30 June 2004, a suggested decision to continuing funding is being brought to conference. The conference 2001 decision was that funding be "for each of the next two years, of \$5,000 maximum, \$3,000 minimum." \$4,000 was allocated in each of those years. A separate report on the work of the agency is being presented to conference.

**Christian Conference of Asia.** Fuailalagi Samoa Saleupolu continues to serve on the Central committee of CCA. Her report is presented separately. CCA have advised that its next General Assembly will be held 31 March to 6 April 2005 at Payap University, Chiang Mai, Thailand, with the theme "Building Communities of Peace for All".

**World Council of Churches.** John Roberts continues to represent the five member churches in New Zealand on the Central Committee of the WCC. He attended a meeting of the Central Committee in Geneva in August/September this year. The general secretary, Konrad Raiser completes his term as general secretary in December. His replacement has yet to be announced. A Commission for World Mission and Evangelism conference is to be held in Athens in May 2005. Consultation with the Travel and Study Fund committee indicated that we would not be able to fund a participant, as well as send representatives to the CCA General Assembly in the same year and the WCC Assembly in February 2006. The two ecumenical assemblies will accordingly have priority for funding. The WCC Assembly will be held in Porto Alegre, Brazil 14-23 February 2006. A separate report on WCC activities has been prepared.

The discussions over the three days were both gracious and lively as we touched upon different theological, political, and cultural understandings of social responsibility within the context of the Gospel as related to the global and local contexts we knew well. Current issues of global concerns were raised with passion no more so than the ongoing war in Iraq and the AIDS crisis in Africa and other parts of the world.

### **Secretary's position**

This year the Mission and Ecumenical Committee has sought to have the secretary's position become full-time, to reflect the amount of work required in the position. In July Council of Conference was asked to initiate a review of the position. In August the General Secretary informed the committee that after a consideration of Mission and Ecumenical funds administered by the connexional office, the Connexional Financial Review Committee was satisfied that it had sufficient funds to finance a full-time position for the secretary. A suggested decision enabling a full-time position from 1 February 2004 is being brought to Conference.

### **World Methodist Council**

The World Methodist Council - Social and International Affairs Committee (SIAC) Consultation held in Nashville-Tennessee in August 2003, brought together 12 members of this committee from varying parts of the Methodist global family. Rev Jill van de Geer as a WMC Executive member and also of SIAC was unable to attend so Mary Caygill, the second New Zealand executive member was asked to go as she was already in the USA on sabbatical leave.

The major work of the consultation consisted of clarifying the Declaration of Purpose for SIAC whilst establishing also a number of guidelines for the committee's work. The Declaration of Purpose sees the existence of SIAC within the World Methodist Council as being entirely consistent with Wesleyan mission praxis. Within such a mission framework no dualism exists between evangelism and social responsibility. Much time in the consultation was spent discussing how SIAC might more effectively serve in facilitating role, establishing networks and acting as a channel of communication and co-operation between Wesleyan connexions across the globe in relation to issues of justice, peace and reconciliation.

# Strategic plan 2004

## Vision statement

*To support and strengthen the mission and ecumenical understandings and activity of the Methodist Church of New Zealand Te Haahi Weteriana O Aotearoa.*

## Plan

- Working to further develop effective communication with parishes, rohe and co-op ventures, through monthly newsletters, occasional papers, information leaflet and articles in "Touchstone".
- Developing ecumenical understandings and commitment throughout the connexion using the "To be Methodist is to be Ecumenical" paper.
- Using the "Transforming Mission" paper as a working paper that provides a theological base for the work of the committee and secretary.
- Strengthening partnership relationships with the United Church of Papua New Guinea, the United Church of the Solomon Islands, through personal visits, regular correspondence and sharing of resources.
- Strengthening relationships with ecumenical agencies of which the Methodist Church of New Zealand is a member: Conference of Churches of Aotearoa New Zealand, Christian World Service, Christian Conference of Asia, and the World Council of Churches.
- Producing resources (study and liturgical) on ecumenism and mission, suitable for use in parishes and rohe.

## Suggested Decisions

1. That the report be received.
2. That Conference commends the Mission and Ecumenical Committee for its work in producing the "Transforming Mission" and "To be Methodist is to be Ecumenical" papers and requests the committee to make these available in a form suitable for use in study groups in parishes.
3. That Conference affirm the direction of the "To be Methodist is to be Ecumenical" paper and commends it to the church.
4. That Conference reaffirms the mission partner relationship of the Methodist Church of New Zealand with the United Church of the Solomon Islands at this time, and commits itself to ongoing assistance to that church through financial and personal support, as well as its prayers.
5. That Conference sends greetings to the United Church of the Solomon Islands assuring it of our ongoing prayers and support as the country works through a process of social, economic and political recovery.
6. That Conference urges the New Zealand Government to work with the Australian Government as well as the Government and people of the Solomon Islands to address a range of issues as part of the intervention mission. These include: the need for registration of customary land; rebuilding the judiciary; provision of free primary and secondary education; consolidating the police force; reconstructing Rove Prison in Honiara; training programmes for unemployed youth; creating a new economy; and meeting transport and communication needs.
7. That Conference approves of the disbanding of the Joint Partnership Group (Methodist/Presbyterian) and its replacement by regular joint meetings of the two secretaries and convenors.
8. That Conference thanks Michael Earle for his work as General Secretary of the Conference of Churches of Aotearoa New Zealand and wishes him well as he moves on.
9. That conference commends the Churches Agency on International Issues for producing its resource for churches on the Israel/Palestine conflict and commends the resource for study in parishes.
10. That conference approves ongoing funding from the connexional budget for the work of the Churches Agency on International Issues at \$4,000 p.a.
11. That Conference thanks Rev Dr Konrad Raiser for his skilled leadership as General Secretary of the World Council of Churches over recent years, and wishes him well as he returns to an academic career.
12. That conference welcomes the appointment of Rev Sam Kobia as the new General Secretary of the World Council of Churches and assures him of its ongoing prayers and good wishes as he takes up the position.
13. That conference approves of the secretary's position becoming full-time from 1 February 2004 on the understanding that the additional costs will be met from the Mission and Ecumenical Committee's own funds.
14. That the committee membership for 2004 be: Keith Hopner (convenor), Ian Faulkner, Kilifi Heimuli, Alison Kehely, Lana Lazarus, Fuailalagi Samoa Saleupolu, Shanti Sinnaduray, Diana Tana, Kerry Taylor, and John Roberts (secretary).

## Appendix

# To be Methodist is to be Ecumenical

### **Introduction**

Conference 2002 asked the Mission and Ecumenical Committee (MM&E) to make a policy statement on the church's position on ecumenism and how this relates to the Methodist Church's current relationship with the Conference of Churches of Aotearoa New Zealand. A working group was formed to begin the task, This group saw the need for a wide ranging statement that captured the significance of the ecumenical movement over time to the Methodist Church of New Zealand, Te Hahi Weteriana o Aotearoa. This statement is about ecumenism in its widest sense, and not church union or bilateral dialogues, although reference is made to these as aspects of ecumenism expression.

### **What is ecumenism?**

Ecumenism acknowledges division in the Christian Church and seeks a restoration of unity based on the principle of the oneness of the people of God. But ecumenism has meant different things for different churches. The Roman Catholic Church uses the term for the various efforts to promote the unity of the church. The Orthodox churches tend to focus on a recovery of the apostolic tradition as a basis for coming together. Protestant Churches variously use the term ecumenism for relationships with distant churches; the coming and being together of local churches; and concern for a world community where justice and peace will prevail. Evangelicals often advocate a confessing ecumenism which gathers together "true believers" from among the churches. The Central Committee of the World Council of Churches in 1951 offered a useful understanding. It stated that the term ecumenism should be used "to describe everything that relates to the whole task of the whole church to bring the gospel to the whole world. It therefore covers ... both unity and mission in the context of the whole world." Konrad Raiser (General Secretary of the World Council of Churches) offers a similar comprehensive understanding of ecumenism. He says, "Churchly and worldly, spiritual and missionary-social dimensions belong together in a comprehensive understanding of ecumenism. ... Ecumenism is a relational, dynamic concept which extends beyond the fellowship of Christians and churches to the human community within the whole of creation." Ecumenism now has not only to do with the unity of the church but also the unity of the whole of creation. This is in keeping with the Greek word 'oikoumene', from which our word ecumenical comes. It means the whole inhabited earth, or living household of God.

### **Towards a theology of ecumenism**

#### ***Biblical basis***

The Scriptures of the First Testament affirm God as creator who has a passionate interest in the well-being of creation. Diverse experience of God's grace is witnessed to in traditions of covenant and liberation, law and prophecy, wisdom and apocalyptic. God's concern for the unity of humankind and all living creatures is seen in the covenant with Noah. (Genesis 8:9) Through Abraham all nations will be blessed. (Genesis 12:3) At the same time the Scriptures acknowledge that God has called Israel to a special vocation to be "a light to the nations." (Isaiah 49:6) The prophets spoke of God's vision of shalom when nations will "beat their swords into ploughshares." (Micah 4:3) In God's new creation the "wolf and the lamb will feed together." (Isaiah 65:25)

In the New Testament God's love for the world in all its confusion and brokenness is focused in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. He proclaimed the reign of God (Luke 4:21) and the disciples acknowledged him saying "Truly you are the Son of God" (Matthew 14:33) and testified that in him "the Word became flesh." (John 1:14) As the followers of the Way reflected on the significance of Christ they came to see that the Good News was to be shared with Gentiles. Paul wrote of our being given a ministry of reconciliation: "in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself ... and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us." (2 Corinthians 5:19) In John's gospel Jesus prays for his followers: "...that they be completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me..." (John 17:23)

#### ***Theological foundations***

God does not give up on the vision of shalom proclaimed by prophets and embodied in Jesus. God continues to search for ways in which this damaged world might be healed and find its fulfillment. The church is the first fruits of God's new creation. If we have been reconciled to God through Christ, then we are called to show forth this reconciliation. We are aware that our life can deny the gospel we proclaim. The church is a koinonia - a community, a communion of those who have been drawn into the life of God through Christ. In this koinonia our relationship with God is nourished and our relationship with other members of the Body of Christ is characterised by faith, hope and love. The church keeps alive the disturbing memory of Jesus. The unity of the church serves the unity of humankind.

This dynamic koinonia in the Holy Spirit rejects injustice in God's world and within the church as contrary to the divine intention. The unity prayed for by Christ is not a bland or regimented uniformity. Because God's creation is multiform and God's own life is characterised by relationship, God's purpose celebrates diversity. The church welcomes the rich variety of gifts that all peoples bring to the koinonia of Christ. If unity is experienced as oppressive or violent it cannot

be the unity of Christ. Visible unity does not require the extinguishing of any particular identity. Our task is to find models of this *koinonia* that witness to a unity that preserves freedom. Examples of such models are 'reconciled diversity' and 'conciliar fellowship'.

### ***Spiritual experience***

Under the impulse of the Holy Spirit the last century saw Christians, Catholic, Protestant and Orthodox, become aware of the scandal of division, bigotry and isolation. Through ecumenical encounter we have discovered that what we hold in common is greater than what separates us. Prayer is the basis of ecumenism because it calls us to be open before God and our sisters and brothers. We have come to see that self-sufficiency is alien to the gospel. A new humility has been born among us that rejects the spirit of triumphalism. We embrace the insight that each ecclesial tradition though valid is partial. We have gifts to offer the wider church and we are enriched through our willingness to receive. The ecumenical spirit nurtures a catholicity in which we come to know each other, respect each other and cherish each other. We believe that a unity in diversity is possible where no spiritual treasure is lost.

As pilgrim people we are given companions for the Way not of our own choosing. Some have a very different experience of God's grace in different locations. But we read the same Scriptures and recognise our common baptism. We long to gather around the same table. We have reached the point in our ecumenical journey where we know that "we are not out of communion but share an existing though imperfect communion." The challenge now is to recognise the apostolic faith in the life of those from whom we are separated and to assist them to see the same faith in our common life. Ecumenism calls us to be prophetic housekeepers of God's creation especially in our own social and historical context. In the Eucharist we express gratitude and offer the life of the world to God to be renewed and transformed.

### **What does ecumenism call for?**

One of the current Co-moderators of the World Council of Churches, Aram I of the Armenian Apostolic Church, has offered some useful insights. He offers five learnings arising from his own experience of ecumenism:

- Ecumenism calls us to *openness to the other* by moving out of our own isolated circles.
- Ecumenism calls us into a *living encounter and dialogue* with people of other traditions, to our mutual enrichment.
- Ecumenism is a *learning process* that leads to better understandings of each other.
- Ecumenism is *mutual challenging*, a growing together through critical engagement.
- Ecumenism is a *pilgrimage towards unity* – the *raison d'être* of the ecumenical movement.

Aram I sums it up by saying, "Ecumenism implies both hopes and risks, sacrifices and full engagement. This is the ecumenical way. ... Once you are part of the ecumenical movement, it becomes part of you."

### **Forms of ecumenical contact**

Mostly the ecumenical focus has been on unity, chiefly the unity of the church, although in recent years it has extended to inter-religious dialogue. In the 20<sup>th</sup> and into the 21<sup>st</sup> centuries ecumenical contacts have been along the following lines.

- Efforts to bring Christians and churches together at the international level, culminating in the formation of the World Council of Churches.
- The formation of regional ecumenical bodies such as the East Asia Christian Council/Christian Conference of Asia.
- The emergence of national ecumenical bodies such as the National Council of Churches/Conference of Churches in Aotearoa New Zealand.
- Church union movements such as that initiated in New Zealand in 1950 with the forming of the Joint Standing Committee on Church Union.
- Ecumenical chaplaincies in hospitals, schools, tertiary institutions, prisons, the workplace, etc.
- Combined churches social service ventures at the local level, and the New Zealand Council of Social Services at the national level.
- Local initiatives such as religious instruction in schools, ministers associations, councils of churches.
- Ecumenical educational and training initiatives such as the Churches Education Commission, Youth Ministries Association, Ecumenical Institute of Distance theological Studies, Trinity/St John's Theological Colleges.
- A combined churches approach to wider national and international issues, through agencies such as Christian World Service (overseas aid and development), the Churches Agency on Social Issues (public questions) and the Churches Agency on International Issues
- Bilateral dialogues such as those between the Methodist and the Roman Catholic and Anglican Churches in New Zealand.
- Interfaith dialogues such as those that have led to the formation of a Council of Christians and Jews, and a Council of Christians and Muslims in New Zealand.

These forms of contact are only intended to illustrate the range of ecumenical activity in which churches are engaged in. It should not be seen as a definitive list.

## Cooperative ventures

The first Co-operative Venture (CV) formed in New Zealand was the Raglan Union (1943). It brought together Congregational, Methodist and Presbyterian congregations. Over the next ten years four more Union Parishes were established. (Taita & Corstorphine 1947, Marchwiel 1952, Wainuiomata 1953).

The five initial Union Parishes illustrate two of the compelling reasons why C.V's are formed. One, they ensure that the presence of the church remains in rural communities. Two, they establish the church in new housing areas, where the resources of individual denominations are insufficient to purchase land, build churches, halls and parsonages, and there is not a sufficiently strong 'people base' to sustain separate congregational life. In the years that followed these pioneering Union Parishes, other Co-operative Ventures were formed. Some reflected the factors mentioned above, others were formed not because of expediency, but by the desire to give expression to the theological conviction that visible unity is an expression of the Gospel. Some of the C.V's that were established in the late 1960's and the early 1970's, did so because they believed in the imminent possibility of organic Church Union between the Five Negotiating Churches. They wished to anticipate locally, what they believed was going to happen nationally!

Currently there are some 196 Methodist Parishes in New Zealand. Of these 116 (59%) are Co-operative Ventures involving a partnership with one or more of the other 'partner' churches. A breakdown of the partnerships reveals the following configurations;

Methodist – Presbyterian.	82 Parishes	70.68%
Anglican – Methodist – Presbyterian	15	12.93%
Anglican – Methodist	10	8.62%
Associated Churches of Christ – Meth - Pres.	5	4.31%
Associated Churches of Christ – Methodist	3	2.58%
Congregational – Methodist – Presbyterian	1	.86%

Co-operative Ventures contribute to ecumenism in a variety of ways:

- C.V's are the visible evidence that ecumenism can work at the primary level of the life of the Church, the worshipping congregation. They have to cope with far more ecclesiastical bureaucracy than denominational parishes do. The fact that C.V's continue to exist is a tribute to their determination to rise above the divisions of denominationalism.
- C.V's break down the mystic of denominational integrity and the 'glamour' of ecumenical unity. The shortcomings of denominational rules and regulations are quickly exposed when C.V's strike difficulties and the journey towards unity is revealed for what it is in part, a costly and frustrating experience.
- C.V's are living proof that differences in theology and practice are not insurmountable. They provide an invaluable context where the unity and diversity of the church are constantly tested. Their existence is a constant reminder to their partner churches that the agenda of ecumenical co-operation will not go away!
- C.V's in New Zealand are a sobering reminder of the failure of the five 'Negotiating Churches' to achieve organic union. But that very failure highlights another important truth. Ecumenism is not an end, but a journey!

## An ecumenical timeline

History shows that there have been many divisions among Christians; there have also been many and various attempts at overcoming differences. The timeline focuses on the more recent phase of bringing churches closer to one another. It is by no means an exhaustive timeline. Its purpose is to indicate the extent of the growth in ecumenism over this period.

1844	Formation of Young Men's Christian Associations.
1867	Lambeth Conferences instituted.
1875	World Alliance of Reformed Churches formed.
1881	World Methodist Council formed.
1885	Formation of Young Women's Christian Associations.
1895	Formation of World Student Christian Federation.
1896	The Wesleyan, Free Methodist and Bible Christian Churches in Australia and New Zealand united under the umbrella of the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Australasia.
1903	Bible in Schools League formed in New Zealand.
1907	World Christian Education Conference in Rome leads to formation of World Council of Christian Education.
1913	An autonomous New Zealand Methodist Church was formed and a union with the Primitive Methodists achieved, to form the Methodist Church of New Zealand.
1910	World Missionary Conference in Edinburgh leads to formation of the International Missionary Council.
1920s	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity launched.
1924	The New Zealand Council of Religious Education formed – Methodist Church a member.
1925	World Life and Work Conference in Stockholm.

- 1927 World Faith and Order Conference in Lausanne.  
National Missionary Council formed in New Zealand following the visit of John R Mott – Methodist church a member.
- 1928 New Zealand church representatives attended International Missionary Council conference for the first time.
- 1937 New Zealand church representatives attended World Faith and Order, and World Life and Work conferences for the first time.
- 1941 National Council of Churches (NCC) formed in New Zealand with Methodist membership – Revs M A Rugby Pratt and J H Allen, and Mr Charles Francis the Methodist representatives.
- 1943 First union parish formed in Raglan – Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational Churches.
- 1945 First NCC Christmas appeal.  
Inter-Church council on Public Affairs formed with Methodist membership.  
NCC Conference on Christian Order – later conferences went under the name of Life and Work.
- 1947 NCC Maori Section formed – Revs G I Laurenson, Eruera Tutuhi, H Darvill and Sr Heeni Wharemaru the Methodist representatives.  
First NCC Faith and Order conference.
- 1948 World Council of Churches (WCC) formed in Amsterdam - Methodist Church of New Zealand a founding member. Rev Raymond Dudley and Mr A B Cochrane represented the Methodist Church of New Zealand. Methodist Conference that year made the following decision: “That the Methodist Church of New Zealand send fraternal greetings and express gratitude to God at the Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Amsterdam.”  
First NCC Youth Conference held.  
Vote on Church union – Methodist and Presbyterian.
- 1950 Joint Standing committee on Church Union set up - Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational Churches.  
New Zealand Council of Churches on International Affairs formed with Methodist involvement.
- 1952 Lund Principle from WCC Faith and Order conference: Churches should ask themselves “whether they should not act together in all matters except those in which deep differences of conviction compel them to act separately.”  
First WCC Youth Conference in Travancore – Rua Rakena attended.
- 1959 East Asia Christian Conference (EACC) officially constituted with Methodist Church of NZ a founder member – Rev Ashleigh Petch the Methodist representative to the first meeting.  
Commission on Mission and Inter-Church Aid formed – an agency of the NCC.
- 1960s New emphasis on and surge of interest in bilateral ecumenical dialogues.
- 1965 Joint Commission on Church Union (JCCCU) formed - Anglicans, Associated Churches of Christ, Congregational Union, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches.
- 1966 Act of Commitment by the five JCCU churches.  
Joint National Committee on Church Extension (JNCCE) formed.
- 1967 World Council of Churches and the Roman Catholic Church hold inter-faith consultation in Kandy (Sri Lanka) – a landmark in the development of interfaith dialogue.  
Methodist-Roman Catholic international dialogue begins.
- 1969 Christian World Service formed – agency of the NCC.
- 1973 EACC becomes Christian Conference of Asia (CCA).
- 1975 First consultation on Union and Cooperating Parishes.
- 1977 Methodist-Lutheran international dialogue begins.
- 1981 Methodist-Roman Catholic Dialogue began in New Zealand.
- 1982 Te Runanga Whakawhanaunga I Nga Hahi formed - with Methodist membership.
- 1983 Conference of Churches of Aotearoa New Zealand formed - successor to the NCC.
- 1984 Negotiating Churches Unity Council (NCUC) formed – combining JCCU JCCCE.
- 1985 First Methodist-Reformed international consultation held.
- 1994 Second round of Methodist-Roman Catholic Dialogue begins.
- 1995 Forum of Cooperative Ventures formed to replace NCUC.
- 1996 One-off Methodist-Anglican conversation on the interim report of the Anglican-Methodist International Commission “Sharing in the Apostolic Communion”
- 1998 Discussion with Anglican Church on the re-ordination of Methodist Presbyters.
- 2001 Third phase of Methodist-Roman Catholic Dialogue begins.
- 2003 Methodist-Anglican Dialogue begins in New Zealand.

### **Recent Methodist ecumenical involvements**

Te Hahi Weteriana o Aotearoa, the Methodist Church of New Zealand has been actively involved in ecumenical endeavours through the 20<sup>th</sup> and into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. It has both contributed to and benefited from the ecumenical movement in many ways. The timeline below indicates some of that involvement. The list is not by any means complete.

- 1990s Mark Gibson active in Taura Here i te Rongomau a programme of CCANZ.  
Terry Wall convened CCANZ Unity Programme.



- Margaret Hamilton and others active in CCANZ Justice Peace and Service Programme.  
Barry Jones convened CCANZ Evangelism Programme.
- 1991 Te Rua Winiata appointed Joint Administrator of CCANZ and Te Runanga Whakawhanaunga I Nga Hah o Aotearoa.  
Te Rua Winiata and Barry Jones Methodist Church delegates to the World Council of Churches Assembly in Canberra (Australia). Te Rua appointed to the Justice Peace and Creation Advisory Group. Te Taha Maori sent a group of ten as accredited visitors.
- 1993 Jill Hawkey appointed Director of Christian WorldService.
- 1995 Paewhenua Nathan Methodist delegate to the Christian Conference of Asia Assembly in Colombo (Sri Lanka). Tara Tautari also attended. Paewhenua was appointed to the General Committee.  
Rua Rakena appointed Interim-administrator of Te Runanga Whaka-whanaunga I Nga Hah o Aotearoa.
- 1997 Matthew Roberts attended CCA course on "The Bible through Asian Eyes" in Taipei (Taiwan).
- 1998 John Roberts, Lana Lazarus and Alison Cable Methodist delegates to the WCC Assembly in Harare. John was appointed to the WCC Central Committee and Lana Lazarus to the Communications Advisory Group.  
David Bush attended the CCA Ecumenical Course in Chiang Mai (Thailand).
- 1999 Mark Gibson elected to CCANZ Presidium for a three year term.  
Barry Jones attended CCA Ecumenical Enablers Programme "Bible through new eyes" in Bangkok (Thailand).
- 2000 Uesifili Unasa attended CCA Ecumenical Course in Tomohon (Indonesia).  
Ruth Bilverstone, Uesifili Unasa and Mark Gibson (CCANZ) attended CCA General Assembly in Tomohon.  
Fuailagi Samoa Saleupolu was appointed to the General Committee.
- 2001 Forum of Cooperative Ventures biennial meeting in Hamilton. John Murray and Helen Hay represented the Methodist Church and continue on the standing Committee.  
Kumi Asiata attended CCA Skills for Ecumenical Leadership Formation course in Chiang Mai (Thailand).  
CCANZ Evangelism Conference in Porirua - Barry Jones Convenor
- 2002 John Roberts attended WCC consultation on Violence, Peace and Religions in Geneva.  
John Roberts, Jill van de Geer, Margaret Hamilton, Dale Peach, Mark Gibson and Jill Hawkey (CWS) attended a special meeting to consider the future direction of CCANZ.  
Ian Faulkner, Lynette Green, Alison Kane, Nicola Grundy, Fika Vucago, Dale Peach, Margaret Hamilton, Mark Gibson, Fuailagi Samoa Saleupolu attended the CCANZ Annual Forum in Dunedin. Dale Peach and Margaret Hamilton represent the Methodist Church on the CCANZ Executive.  
Sylvia 'Akau'ola-Tongotongo attended CCA Ecumenical Enablers Programme "Bible through new eyes" in Bangkok (Thailand).

### **Statements on Methodist ecumenical commitment**

The following decisions were located in a search of minutes of conference 1970-2002. They indicate the range and extent of the ecumenical commitment of Te Hahi Weteriana o Aotearoa the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

- 1976 That the Methodist Church of New Zealand continue its membership of the World Methodist Council for a further five years. At the same time we reaffirm our commitment to the ecumenical movement through the World Council of Churches and the Christian Conference of Asia.
- 1978 Conference reaffirms its commitment as a member of the World Council of Churches.
- 1979 Conference reaffirms its commitment to Christian World Service as the official ecumenical aid and development agency of the Methodist Church.  
Conference approves the establishment of Te Kaunihera Whakawhanaunga I Nga Hahi o Aotearoa as outlined in the proposed constitution.
- 1980 Conference accepts the invitation from the Roman Catholic Church to take part in bilateral dialogue on matters of common interest.
- 1981 That our priorities as a church in overseas relationships continue to be the World Council of Churches, Christian Conference of Asia and Pacific Conference of Churches, then the World Methodist Council and that the financial contributions reflect these priorities.
- 1985 Conference reaffirms its commitment to the wider church world family through involvement in the life and work of the following bodies and reaffirms the priority concerning financial allocations as i) World Council of Churches; ii) Christian Conference of Asia and Pacific Conference of Churches; iii) World Methodist Council.
- 1986 Conference accepts the invitation to membership of the Conference of Churches in Aotearoa on the basis of the [proposed] constitution.
- 1989 Conference notes Te Runanga wakawhanaunga I Nga Hahi concerns relating to prison chaplaincy and expresses its support as it continues to seek a resolution of these concerns.
- 1990 Conference affirms the work of the Methodist-Roman Catholic Dialogue and gives encouragement to members of both Roman Catholic and Methodist teams in moving into a new phase of work.  
Conference commends Te Runanga Whakawhanaunga I Nga Hahi for its creative initiative in relation to the
- 1990 General election: "Don't Vote – Register Te Tino Rangatiratanga".

- Conference commends the proposal of Te Runnga Whakawhanaunga I Nga Hāhi for a constitutional conference between the Crown and Iwi to resolve Treaty of Waitangi issues and establish the rights of each party to the treaty.
- 1991 Conference expresses its solidarity with and support for the Conference of Churches of Aotearoa New Zealand and Te Runanga Whakawhanaunga I Nga Hahi o Aotearoa and wishes these bodies well as they seek to interpret and extend the ecumenical spirit in Aotearoa.
- 1994 Conference confirms the decision by the Council for Mission to develop networks of accountability involving Christian World Service and member churches and ways of raising the profile of Christian World Service within the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches.
- 1996 Conference affirms the membership of the Methodist Church of New Zealand, Te Hahi Weteriana o Aotearoa, in the World Methodist Council.
- 1998 Conference affirms the work of the Conference of Churches of Aotearoa New Zealand.  
Conference encourages church members to participate in the Year of Ecumenical Learning initiated by the Unity Programme of CCANZ.
- 1999 Conference affirms the Conference of Churches of Aotearoa New Zealand as a vital network of unity in ecumenical mission both within Aotearoa New Zealand and globally.
- 2000 Following on the work relating to the Methodist-Catholic Dialogue 1995-99, and recognizing its value, Conference recommends a third phase of the dialogue be constituted.  
Conference supports the proposal to participate in the Methodist and United Churches Consultative Council of the Pacific, and refers oversight to the Methodist Mission and Ecumenical Committee.
- 2001 Conference welcomes the beginning of a third phase of the Methodist-Roman Catholic Dialogue.
- 2002 Conference affirms the work of Christian World Service and continues to encourage parishes to support the Christmas Appeal and emergency appeals. Conference asks the Mission and Ecumenical Committee to prepare and submit to CCANZ by January 30<sup>th</sup> 2003, a policy statement on the church's position on ecumenism and how this relates to the Methodist Church's current relationship with CCANZ.  
In response to the May 2002 resolution of the Anglican general Synod, Te Hinota Whanui, which called for their Council of Ecumenism to initiate fresh dialogue with the Methodist Church, Conference welcomes the opportunity for renewed conversation about the unity of the church.

## Tensions in ecumenism

There are several tensions we often have to deal with in the course of our engaging with the ecumenical movement.

**Local versus global involvement.** It is easy to see the ecumenical movement as being removed from the grass roots and the local church members. Comparatively few can travel to participate in ecumenical gatherings at international, regional and sometimes even at the national level. So it would be tempting simply to engage in ecumenism at the local level. But to do that would be to cut ourselves off from something significant. While it is important to be involved ecumenically at the local level, it is just as important to be open to what we can learn from ecumenism at other levels. In these days when global forces constantly impact on the local scene we need to engage ecumenically at both the local and international levels if we are to further the mission of the church and create a more just, peaceful and loving world.

**Asia versus Pacific regional involvement.** For some people there is a tension as to whether we identify with Asia or the Pacific when we engage ecumenically at the regional and international levels. The Methodist Church of New Zealand (MCNZ) has been a member of the Christian Conference of Asia (CCA) since it was invited to join at the time of its inception. It has been active in both contributing to and benefiting from the life of that body. The MCNZ is not a member of the Pacific Conference of Churches. It has not been invited to join, nor has it sought to join on the basis that we are identified in the eyes of the Pacific as a nation that has had a colonial influence in the Pacific which at times has sought to exercise a large power influence in the region. As Methodists we have preferred that the churches of the Pacific Island nations work together ecumenically without our agenda as a church from another context having to be reckoned with by them. Yet we can still stand in solidarity with Pacific churches and their concerns without being involved in their ecumenical structures. Also being a member of CCA does not preclude MCNZ members of Pacific Island origin from being involved in the life of CCA. Currently Fuailalagi Samoa Saleupolu serves on the General committee of CCA. Several others have attended and contributed CCA ecumenical formation events.

**Methodism versus ecumenism.** There is often a tension between being Methodist and being ecumenical. Sometimes our membership in the WCC is played off against our membership of the World Methodist Council (WMC). On several occasions the Methodist Conference has given the WCC and the CCA a higher priority than the WMC. But this need not be seen as downgrading our loyalty to our Methodist tradition. We need not put the two in opposition to each other. The World Alliance of Reformed Churches and the Lutheran World Federation are strong bodies which work cooperatively with the WCC and have located their headquarters in Geneva alongside the WCC. The WMC seeks to do the same by having a secretary based in Geneva in the WCC headquarters building. The WCC is always seeking build close relationships with the various Christian World Communions. So we do not need to play Methodism off against ecumenism as each has its role and contributes to the life of the other. Then as this paper argues, to be Methodist is to be ecumenical.

We should not see the local and the global, Asia and the Pacific, Methodism and ecumenism, as opposites in constant tension with each other. In each case we benefit from both.

## **Our Methodist heritage is ecumenical**

Being ecumenical is an essential part of our Methodist heritage. Theodore Runyan in his book "The New Creation: John Wesley's Theology for Today" says that, "John Wesley emerges from the eighteenth century as a surprisingly ecumenical figure. He was the offspring not just of one church and one tradition, but was influenced by no fewer than five heritages."

John's forebears on both his father's and mother's sides were Puritans. While his parents both (independently) left Puritanism to become Anglicans, they continued to hold onto Puritan piety with Puritan writings of the day being read at family devotions. When Wesley published his "Christian Library" for the use of lay preachers, more than half the writers he included were Puritans. Wesley himself was an Anglican who described himself as a high churchman. His loyalty to the Anglican Church remained strong throughout his life. He had no intention of forming a separate church, instead seeing Methodism as a lay renewal movement within the Anglican Church. Wesley also drew from the Lutheran tradition he encountered through the Moravians. It was the Moravians who convinced him of the centrality of justification by faith alone. His heart-warming experience of May 1738 probably took place at a Moravian sponsored meeting in Aldersgate Street, London. As a young person Wesley was exposed to the writings of the Roman Catholic mystics as his parents included their writings in family devotions too. As a man Wesley continued to value this tradition, including some of the writings of these mystics in his "Christian Library". It was Wesley's reading of Thomas a Kempis' "Imitation of Christ" that led to his development of the doctrine of 'Christian perfection'. Finally Wesley spent time studying the writings of the fathers of the Eastern Orthodox Church. From their writings he came to see that human beings become partners in God's own enterprise of renewing a fallen creation. So sanctification had to be placed within the larger context of cosmic renewal as the Eastern Fathers acclaimed.

Wesley's ability to accept and draw on these various traditions is reflected in his sermon on "The Catholic Spirit". Here he states: "Every wise man, will allow others the same liberty of thinking which he desires they should allow him; and will no more insist on their embracing his opinions, than he would have them to insist on his embracing theirs. He bears with those who differ from him, and only asks him with whom he desires to unite in love that single question, 'Is thy heart right, as my heart is with thy heart?' I dare not therefore, presume to impose my mode of worship on any other. I believe it is truly primitive and apostolical; but my belief is no rule for another. I ask not therefore, of him with whom I would unite in love, Are you of my church, of my congregation? Do you receive the same form of church government and allow the same church officers with me? Do you join in the form of prayer wherein I worship God? I enquire not, Do you receive the supper of the Lord in the same posture and manner that I do? Nor whether in the administration of baptism, you agree with me in admitting sureties for the baptized; in the manner of administering it; or the age of those to whom it should be administered. Nay, I ask not of you, whether you allow baptism and the Lord's supper at all. Let all these things stand by. We will talk of them if need be, at a more convenient season. My only question is this, 'Is thine heart right, as my heart is with thy heart?' Runyan sums the matter up by stating, "Wesley would seem to demonstrate that the richness of the Christian gospel cannot be exhausted by any one denominational tradition, but we appropriate this variegated richness as we share in the resources ecumenism makes available to us."

It should then come as no surprise then that Methodists have been active in the ecumenical movement that emerged in the twentieth century. Amongst notable Methodists who have contributed significantly to this movement would be: John R Mott (USA) who was active in the formation of the World Student Christian Federation, the International Missionary Council, and the World Council of Churches; Philip Potter (West Indies) and Emilio Castro (Uruguay) who provided significant leadership as General Secretaries of the World Council of Churches; D T Niles (Sri Lanka) who served with the World Student Christian Federation, the Young Men's Christian Association, and later as General Secretary of the East Asia Conference of Churches; and in our own country, J J Lewis, Ashleigh Petch, Ruawai D Rakena and Phyllis Guthardt who played significant roles in the development of ecumenism both locally and internationally.

Our roots as a church are both Wesleyan and ecumenical. Yet we live at a time when there is less interest in ecumenism. A renewed sense of denominationalism is abroad. In this setting we do well to heed the words of William Slane Coffin, a churchman in the USA, who says we need "to seek a unity that ... recognizes the need for roots, while insisting that the point of roots is to put forth branches." Branches reach out to touch others as with trees in the bush, or they shelter or support other forms of life. So it will never be enough just to nurture and treasure our roots as Methodists. We must, if we are to be true to our origins, reach out to churches and people of other traditions through the ecumenical movement, as we seek the unity for which Jesus prayed, a unity not just for the sake of the churches, but for God's world and a renewed creation.

## **The Aotearoa New Zealand challenge**

Ecumenism to be effective has to be contextual. Just as Methodism in this country is not the same as in Britain or elsewhere in the world, so the shape of ecumenism will not be uniform around the world. Our Aotearoa New Zealand context must influence the shape of ecumenism in this land.

One of the learnings we can bring to our ecumenical involvements comes from our Methodist bicultural journey and our grappling with the implications of the Treaty of Waitangi in our church life. This has contributed to the bicultural goal of the Conference of Churches of Aotearoa New Zealand (CCANZ). It has contributed to the recognition of two national ecumenical bodies in this country, CCANZ and Te Runanga Whakawhanaunga I Nga Hahi o Aotearoa. Both have an associate relationship with the WCC.

Maori in the churches have been ecumenical for many years. The Maori Section of the National Council of Churches (NCC) was formed in 1947, six years after the NCC came into existence. Methodist members were active in the Maori Section from the outset. For many years members of the Maori Section referred to the NCC as the parent body. In the late 1970s they decided to exercise the tino rangatiratanga (power and authority) guaranteed them in the Treaty of Waitangi and move out from being under the NCC to establish an autonomous ecumenical body. In 1982 Te Runanga Whakawhanaunga I Nga Hahi came into being. From the outset the Maori response to ecumenism has focused on seeing society through Maori eyes, and has embraced cultural, economic, and political, as well as the religious and spiritual spheres of life.

While this bicultural journey is a source of concern to some in the MCNZ, it need not be played off against relationships with people of other ethnic groups in the life of our's or other churches. The Treaty of Waitangi is for the benefit of us all, wherever we come from and belong now. Indeed the Treaty of Waitangi is a surprisingly ecumenical treaty. Not only did four faith traditions play a key role in the signing of the treaty (Anglican, Methodist, Roman Catholic and traditional Maori); a fourth article agreed to verbally by those present and recorded by an observer, William Colenso, (though not written into the wording of the treaty at that late stage) gave freedom of religious expression to those four particular traditions. Today the fourth article could be taken to include the right of all faiths, Christian and other, to exist in this country. This, more than a hundred years before the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. If the treaty gave us freedom of religion in Aotearoa New Zealand, it behoves us to take that treaty seriously and to act ecumenically as we seek to address the key issues facing our society and nation today.

Sometimes we benefit from seeing ourselves as an outsider sees us. Professor Jane Kelsey of the University of Auckland did that for Methodists at their annual conference in 1999. She pointed out that by and large the churches were now marginal to the discussion on national and world issues and the emerging debates about alternatives. Institutional survival, she said, had become the priority, with a downgrading of commitment to social justice and treaty issues. In the face of all the pressing social, economic and political issues that face us, Jane Kelsey said we have adopted a defeatist stance, but if we want to, we can make an impact by organising and adopting sophisticated strategies for engaging with the issues.

Our context in Aotearoa New Zealand raises a number of challenges we as a Methodist Church can bring to the ecumenical scene here both locally and globally, at the outset of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

### **Ecumenical space**

In recent ecumenical discussion some significance has been attached to the concept of ecumenical space. This refers to the setting in which, even in a state of division, churches witness to their common allegiance to Jesus Christ and cooperate together to further the visible unity of the church. It is in this space that our common Christian identity is affirmed. It is here we can talk together in a new way, with a greater opportunity to discern together Christ's will for the church, in ways that are not possible in isolation from one another. This is a space where there is commitment to overcome former divisions and search for unity. It uses the process of dialogue that can lead to transformation and renewal in the light of our common quest. In the midst of divergent affirmations, ecumenical space encourages us to seek to maintain fellowship with each other. This is the space where frank and serious discussion that embraces questioning and listening, searching and discovering, takes place. In this space no church is required to deny its identity or heritage. Here we refrain from judging one another as churches. The opportunities of ecumenical space include reconciliation of memories, renewal of the churches, common witness, guidance into the will of the Spirit, and discernment of what will advance the visible unity of the church. There are certain obligations that go with being together in this ecumenical space. They include: compatibility of attitude and behaviour within and outside the space; making sure our actions are consistent with brotherly and sisterly relationships; and a fostering of mutual support, forbearance and accountability. We need more, not less of these ecumenical spaces at this time.

### **Reconfiguring the ecumenical movement**

Is the ecumenical movement suffering from institutionalism? Can it be a dynamic movement for mission in the world? There is always a danger that ecumenism becomes institutionalized. It's true role however is to be a living body responding to new challenges brought about by changing times and an ongoing discernment of the ecumenical calling.

The majority of the churches embrace "churchly ecumenism", the search for the visible unity of the Christian church. Yet reality often suggests something different. For churches seem now to be more concerned with maintaining and defending their own identities and integrity, rather than strengthening unity and fellowship between churches. This must be challenged so that ecumenism and denominationalism are held together in creative tension. Neither should the

ecumenical goal be seen solely in terms of the visible unity of the church. It must also include engaging together for common witness and service, for justice and peace, and for the integrity of creation.

Konrad Raiser says, "The time has come to recognize that the ecumenical movement and the ecumenical agenda have outgrown the institutionalised churches. In fact, the ecumenical movement is too precious to be left to the churches and their leaders alone! The ecumenical movement is an affair of the whole people of God and it must regain its original vocation of being a renewal movement of and in the churches."

Raiser goes on to reflect on a new configuration for ecumenism. It should be the objective of a new ecumenical configuration to so interlink the different levels of conciliar ecumenism, that a genuine sense of fellowship emerges between the churches from the local to the global level. Their structures of governance must be simplified and interlinked. He goes on to suggest that that what might be emerging is a configuration of interlinking circles representing the three classical foci of the ecumenical mandate: unity, mission, and justice/service. The issue then becomes one of how these different circles can be so inter-related that a more coherent, dynamic and responsive configuration of the ecumenical movement can emerge.

## **Methodism and Ecumenism – A way ahead**

During the last decade The Methodist Church of New Zealand, Te Hahi Weteriana o Aotearoa, has experienced sharp conflict. So deep has the discord been that the Church has experienced schism. Three groups have broken away: one to form a network of Grace Fellowships, a second to form The Wesleyan Methodist Church and a third to form The Samoan Evangelical Wesleyan Methodist Church. It is likely that in the next decade the Church will need to give as much attention to questions related to internal unity as to relations with other churches.

With its origins as a renewal movement within the Church of England, Methodism has been torn between loyalty to its heritage in that historic church and its impulse to be an evangelistic movement proclaiming the gospel. Methodism has always seen itself as part of a greater whole. In our history, concern for unity has seldom been absent.

Through ecumenical encounter we have come to cherish our roots and our distinctive way of being church. Participation in ecumenical bodies and dialogue with sister communions has immensely enriched the life of our Church. We have not yet received all that is offered. Nor have we exhausted what we have to give from our tradition.

We believe that the unity of the church is not incidental to God's purpose. The unity of the church demonstrates God's ability to reconcile through Christ and supports the mission of God. The unity of the church serves the unity of creation. We understand visible unity to involve mutual acceptance of faith, sacramental life and ministry, a common witness to the gospel, solidarity with the oppressed and the defence of creation.

Aware of our fragmentation, lack of understanding of each other and the prayer of Christ that we be one:

- We recognize our need of God's grace, of prayer and healing
- We confess our failure to love our sisters and brothers in Christ
- We repent our lack of appreciation of other cultures
- We acknowledge our limited experience and vision.

In our ecumenical journey there can be no turning back. As New Zealand Methodists we renew our commitment to ecumenism.

- We express our willingness to witness with partner churches to justice and peace through ecumenical bodies such as the World council of Churches, the Christian Conference of Asia, the Conference of Churches of Aotearoa New Zealand, Te Runanga Whakawhanaunga I Nga Hahi; and our world confessional body, the World Methodist Council.
- We confirm our readiness to continue bilateral dialogues with the Anglican Church and the Roman Catholic Church
- We reaffirm our openness to exploring new ecumenical configurations and models of the visible unity of the church in this land that embrace unity, mission, service, justice and the integrity of creation, while at the same time honouring spiritual and cultural identities.
- We declare our resolve to reform our common life and structures to allow sister communions to see more clearly the apostolic faith and mission among us.

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## Conference of Churches in Aotearoa New Zealand

### Background

The Methodist Church of New Zealand is one of 13 member churches in this country that have committed themselves to each other to create ecumenical space and resources through the Conference of Churches in developing national responses to Jesus' prayer "to be one" (John 17.20-23). These churches embrace mainstream Protestant traditions of the West, the Orthodox churches of the East and the small Liberal Catholic church. While the Spirit unites our fellowship, our diversity is such that we can't even say 'Happy Easter' and 'Christ is Risen' on the same day as Christians still use different calendars! The challenge is getting to know each other, valuing our differences and trusting how we can witness together, for Christ's sake.

### Appreciation

CCANZ gratefully acknowledges your church's financial support this year (\$19,250 to 31/3/2003) as well as the gifts, time and wisdom of those who have served as your representatives during 2002/3: Dale Peach, Margaret Hamilton/Barry Jones/John Roberts on its Executive, Mark Gibson and Stan West on its Personnel committee, Sue Spindler, Margaret Hamilton and Barry Harkness on its Justice Peace and Service (JPS) programme. Thanks also to those Synods and Trusts around the country that have been generous in providing grants to produce the board game. Finally, our thanks to Paul and his colleagues on *Touchstone* for the articles, stories and photos taken about CCANZ activities during the year

### Section A: Main news and highlights to report from this past year :

- **Orthodox President.** Father Ilyan Eades (Antiochian Orthodox) was elected to the Presidium last Forum and provides a critical bridge between the churches of the East and West in this country. He is the first Orthodox priest in this role and only the second such appointment since CCANZ started in 1987.
- **DoVe appointment:** Revd Robyn Cave has been appointed as the Programme Coordinator of the member churches' ecumenical programme on the Decade to overcome Violence (DoVe) with the responsibility to 'coordinate and stimulate ecumenical involvement at local, regional and national levels in the member churches.' CCANZ has used up its reserves to create this full time appointment, which started on February 17<sup>th</sup> and will continue at least until 30/9/2004 or until the funding dries up. Do contact her at [robyn@ccanz.net.nz](mailto:robyn@ccanz.net.nz).
- **Making the DoVe fly.** DoVe Forums, seminars, discussions and talks have already been held with different parish groups and church courts in the four main centres, as well as a number of regional areas. Posters, kits and bi-monthly DoV email newsletters are being prepared. An emphasis being given to creating DoVe resources for children and making these available to parishes and community groups.
- **Board game *The Incredible Journey/ Te hikoi Whakamiharo*:** After three years of creative development, piloting and marketing, the JPS group were delighted that the Governor General came to an inner city primary school on June 20<sup>th</sup> to launch this game in front of the children and local church, business and community leaders. It's an indigenous educational board game designed for 8-10 year olds and emphasizes non-violent behaviour in everyday situations. The initial production run of 2,000 copies are now for sale from the national office (PO Box 22-652, Christchurch) at a cost of \$25 each, including GST and postage. Buy one at Conference so we can achieve our objective of giving one free copy to each interested primary school in the country (2,000 in all). Any additional donations from parishes, church trusts or individual parishioners would be most welcome.
- **New website ([www.ccanz.net.nz/dov](http://www.ccanz.net.nz/dov)).** CCANZ's main medium of communication is now through our new interactive website to put parishes in touch with DoVe initiatives and resource material being developed by a wide variety of church and community groups around the country and overseas. We welcome your feedback on how useful these resources have been to your parish. Please share with us what you are doing about DoVe in your local parish so others can be inspired. Contact Robyn on her email address above.
- **Funding:** It's pleasing to report a modest surplus for the second year running, thanks to careful management and use of part-time staff. However, CCANZ's financial viability looks more than precarious next year with one of the key funding churches indicating substantial reductions and no church willing to commit funding beyond the next Forum in September 2004. Half the members still pay either a nil or minimal contribution.

- **Networking:** I continue to talk and network around the country using my God-given gift as an enthusiastic bridge builder to try to reconnect and strengthen the fragmented links that mark the ecumenical movement here. This national role provides a unique opportunity to cut across our silos of denominationalism, break through walls of distrust and discover how much larger God's Kingdom is than we ever imagine in the comfort zones of the particular faith community we belong to. I encourage you all in your outreach and mission at the local level.

I've talked to nearly all the church courts now, plus dozens of other national/ecumenical groups and continue to act as a conduit of information between Christian Conference of Asia and our member churches. I've tried to build closer relationships with our Orthodox clergy as well as non-member churches and their networks. Sadly I don't see many direct outcomes if the expectation is to increase our membership, but I have no doubts that the God of Surprises remains at work. One initiative brought together for the first time all those people carrying ecumenical portfolios for their church to share their ecumenical priorities for the year.

- **New office:** In September we joined Christian World Service and the Student Christian Movement in creating a new ecumenical centre on two floors at 159 Manchester Street, Christchurch. There is much goodwill and untold spin-offs. Do call in to see us. The CCANZ office is open 9-2pm Monday to Friday.
- **Resignation.** The Serbian Orthodox Church have resigned after their only priest left NZ. The Associated Churches of Christ have a motion to withdraw their associate membership at their Forum in November. This would reduce our current membership to eleven.
- **Membership:** Executive have followed up motions from the last Forum asking member churches to clarify their position on ecumenism, to consider more explicit expectations of membership, and to invite them to re-covenant to each other. Your church has as usual been more than supportive but with more than half not responding, it is clear that there is an urgent need to review once again the vision of a connected Body of Christ against the realities of our denominational brokenness and separateness in NZ.
- The survival issues facing our institutional churches, the empty chairs at our meetings, the lack of commitment to make ecumenism a core priority in all our churches' programmes and funding, the lack of relationship with churches and ecumenical networks outside our membership, all these factors impact on CCANZ's viability and relevance. What can we learn from Wesley's experiences of doing something different? What can we learn from this new model of Uniting Congregations of ANZ? Or the Churches Together model overseas? How can we sail against the institutional winds of our times? Where is the Spirit leading us?

#### **Section B (strategic plan)**

- **Annual Forum 2003:** Your church delegates will be joining others on September 26-28 when the main business will be an open discussion on the future structure and style of the national ecumenical movement in this country. A back ground paper has been written by the Presidium highlighting the critical issues. Your key staff and office bearers will have copies to share. Please pray for your delegates as they prepare for this important hui and report back to your church. Whatever, the outcome, I trust that the vital ecumenical work of the DoVe programme and Christian World Service can continue to rely on the prayerful and practical support of your members.
- **Treaty partnership:** As the ecumenical Treaty partners have not met formally for many years, I am inviting all our member churches this year to discuss with their own Treaty partners how they might revive this ecumenical partnership. Robyn and I appreciated meeting earlier this year with Rua Rakena, Diana Tana and others to talk about the DoVe initiative and partnership realities.
- **Personal:** It's been a privilege to serve in this national ministry as an Anglican layman for the past three years and I shall miss it when my contract ends in February 2004. With no certainty that member churches want to fund a future national appointment even on the existing part-time basis, I've decided not to seek a further contract and will leave them to decide at this coming Forum how they wish to address the serious issues facing them, as well as the opportunities to witness together in new ways in this country.
- My thanks to your church for its unfailing commitment to ecumenism, to your President Norman for his part in the energetic public advocacy given by the church leaders this past year, to your General Secretary Jill for her thoughtful support over the years, to your Mission and Ecumenical Secretary John Roberts for his ecumenical wisdom and thoroughness, and to all of you at Conference for showing what it means to be one church in all its diversity. With your commitment and grass-root experiences of everyday ecumenism, you have much to teach and share with many of your colleagues within CCANZ. May the God of Hope, Peace and Justice continue to inspire our hearts to become more like the Easter people we are called to be.

**Michael Earle, General Secretary**

5th August 2003

**Suggested decision:** That the report be received



## CHRISTIAN WORLD SERVICE

### Section A: Reporting Back

#### 1: Introduction

*Christian World Service is the development, justice and aid programme of the Conference of Churches in Aotearoa New Zealand. It undertakes the following work on behalf of its member churches, which includes Te Haahi Weteriana:*

- (1) supporting development programmes which work for long term change
- (2) responding to emergencies
- (3) education within Aotearoa New Zealand
- (4) advocacy and campaigning for change

#### 2: 2% Grant for Overseas Development Assistance

For many years Te Haahi Weteriana has set aside 2% of its national budget for overseas aid and development work through Christian World Service. In the 2002-2003 financial year, this was allocated as follows:

<b>Grant received</b>	<b>\$ 11 808</b>	
Less 20% as agreed, to be used for general administration	2 362	
<b>Payments Made:</b>		
Malaysia	Integrated health, nutrition and sanitation programme	\$ 1 000
Sri Lanka	Rural community development programme	\$ 1 000
Sri Lanka	Women's Centre in Free Trade Zones	\$ 2 000
India	Human Rights Advocacy and Research Foundation	\$ 1 200
India	Protection of livelihoods and environment on coast	\$ 1 246
Bangladesh	Income generating for rural women	\$ 1 000
Nicaragua	Development programme of Nicaraguan churches	\$ 1 000
Brazil	House of Passage programme for street children	\$ 1 000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 9 446</b>

#### 3: William Walters Trust (No 3)

The Methodist Church has asked Christian World Service to manage the distribution of part of the William Walters Trust fund and to report each year to Conference. The following allocations have been made this year:

Bougainville	Literacy programme	\$ 2 190
Brazil	House of Passage programme for street children	\$ 2 000
Uganda	Support to families affected by HIV/AIDS	\$ 3 328
Sri Lanka	Literacy programme for children	\$ 2 000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 9 518</b>

Christian World Service receives a block grant subsidy from the New Zealand Government under the Voluntary Agency Support Scheme (VASS). The above funding from Te Haahi Weteriana and the William Walters Trust was able to attract \$56 328 VASS, therefore enabling \$75 292 to be sent to project partners.

In addition to this, the Methodist Women's Fellowship raised \$25 128 for Las Dignas in El Salvador (CWS's partner who has a nationwide programme to eradicate violence against women). \$100 512 of VASS will be added to the MWF funding.

Methodist Parishes and Cooperative Ventures continue to be strong supporters of the Christmas Appeal; the average donation from all Methodist parishes to the Christmas Gift Appeal was \$1 072 while for Cooperating Ventures it was \$489.

Christian World Service is extremely grateful for the ongoing commitment that Te Haahi Weteriana has to its work.

### 3: Financial Report



2003 has been a record year for CWS with income exceeding \$3 million for the first time. The total income for the year was \$3 612 080, an increase of almost \$1 million on last year's total. While much of this increase can be attributed to significant grants being received from NZAID for emergency relief, there was growth in almost all income areas including:

- 14% increase in the VASS grant
- 7% increase in Christmas Appeal
- 27% increase in donations from regular contributors (via direct debit)
- 12% increase in direct mail appeals

This growth in income resulted in a significant increase (45%) in funding for development projects and emergency assistance. Expenditure for the year was as follows:

▪ Funding for Community Development Projects and Emergency Relief	\$2 914 302 (80.5%)
▪ Education and Advocacy	\$ 218 024 ( 6 %)
▪ Coordination and Administration	\$ 296 939 ( 8.1%)
▪ Fundraising and Promotion	\$ 199 065 ( 5.4%)

CWS is committed to keeping administration costs as low as possible and ensuring that a high proportion of funds are allocated to projects and emergency relief so we are extremely pleased with this result.

### **3: Supporting Development Programmes**

CWS supported 30 different development programmes in 21 countries in the past year. These programmes range from an HIV/AIDS awareness and training programme in Uganda to a literacy programme for adults and children in Bougainville. CWS greatly appreciates the strong relationships of trust that we have with the groups implementing these programmes.

### **4: Emergency Response**

With major crises such as floods, food shortages and war threatening the lives and livelihoods of so many people, CWS applied to NZAID for emergency funding. Significant grants totalling \$1 339 844 were received for Southern Sudan, Uganda, Zimbabwe, Sri Lanka, Afghanistan, Iraq and Palestinian refugees. CWS also launched major appeals to the churches for the food crisis in Southern Africa and victims of war in Iraq.

### **5: Education and Communication**

#### **5.1: Youth Programme**

One of the most exciting developments has been support for the youth programme. *Youth Topics* is receiving excellent reviews from young people and youth group leaders. Many young people raised funds for projects in CWS's first *Wipe Out Poverty* week in September 2002 and we look forward to growing support for this year's event (August 31-September 6 2003). In January, a CWS Youth team inspired hundreds of young people to get involved in the Fair Trade campaign at the Christian music festival, Parachute.

Two copies of *World Watch*, the magazine for children aged 7-13 were also produced during the year.

#### **5.2: Adult Study Programme**

CWS produced two video study programmes this year. *Making Change: Economic Challenges in Nicaragua* focuses on the work of CEPAD while *Make Peace* looks at the People to People Peace Process in southern Sudan. The monthly newsletter *Update* continues to provide regular information on CWS's partners and the issues impacting on their lives. At the request of CWS Council members, a CWS email newsletter (one page) will also be sent to all churches updating them on significant events/ news in the life of CWS.

#### **5.3: Women at Work Report**

A major report *Women at Work* supported the Christmas Appeal, highlighting the fact that 70% of the world's poor are women and girls. The report was launched at Parliament by Hon Ruth Dyson, Minister of Women's Affairs and Bimla Chandreseka, our partner from EKTA in India.

#### **5.4 @World Magazine**

With the appointment of a Communications Manager, CWS launched the *@World* magazine in September 2002. We have had a great response to this publication which carries stories of our partners, emergency relief programmes, campaigns, youth activities and Parish Link programme. Two editions have been produced during 2003 (May and September) and three will be produced during 2004.

### **6: Campaigning for Change**

Work has started on the fair trade campaign: *Trade for People, Not People for Trade*. This builds on the campaign to cancel Third World Debt. CWS continues to monitor the situation in southern Sudan and produce *Sudanews*. With war in Iraq looming, CWS also issued a public statement opposing the war as illegal, unjustified, immoral and hypocritical.

### **7: Moving Premises**

In the midst of all this work, the national office moved into new premises. This was a major disruption to our year but it is great to be in new premises and sharing the space with CCANZ and SCM. In preparation for moving, we took the opportunity to send 150 boxes of archived material (dating back to the first Christmas Appeal in 1945) to the Alexander Turnbull library.

## **8: Fundraising**

CWS recognises that different people like to financially support our work in different ways. For some, giving once a year to the Christmas Appeal is the preferred method. For others, supporting 3 times a year in response to the *@World* magazine, or monthly via direct debit is preferable. Recognising that some churches or church groups wish to have a closer relationship with one particular CWS project, we have established the *Good Neighbours* programme. Supporters of *Good Neighbours* receive specific feedback on their particular project.

## **9: Parish Link Programme**

CWS now has over 260 Parish Links throughout the country who promote the different appeals, encourage their church to use Christian World Service's educational resources and become involved in campaigns. The Parish Link programme is proving to be a very successful way of keeping the work of Christian World Service before parishioners. While there has been an increase in the number of churches with a Parish Link, more than half of all Methodist parishes and Cooperating Ventures have yet to appoint one. Our hope is that parishes without a Link Person will appoint one this year.

## **10: Methodist Representation on Christian World Service Committees**

Alison Cable is the new representative for Te Haahi Weteriana on the Christian World Service Council. A number of other Methodists participate in Christian World Service's Working Groups.

## **Section B: Strategic Plan**

### **CWS Strategic Direction**

CWS is now half way through its 4 year strategic plan and priority areas are well on the way to being implemented. Last year's Conference Report outlined these:

- 1: increasing our funding to partners through allocating a greater share of CWS's income and obtaining more government funded VASS (see section 3 above)
- 2: continuing to fund the youth programme (seeding funding was obtained from the Council for World Mission). We are now funding this out of our core education budget.
- 3: developing a stronger campaigns and advocacy programme through having a staff member solely dedicated to this work. This work is gradually developing.
- 4: gaining a higher public profile through the employment of a Communications Manager. The increase in income would tend to indicate that our profile is gradually increasing.

### **Ongoing Challenges**

While CWS is currently in a strong position, both financially and organisationally, there are a number of challenges facing us.

- 1: The need to increase our income if we are to maintain our current level of funding to partners and other programmatic activities. For the next 2-3 years we will be operating deficit budgets and using a small reserve fund to meet the extra costs involved in implementing the strategic plan.
- 2: Churches ownership of CWS: with an increasingly globalised world, parishes can decide to find and fund their own development programmes in third world countries. Our hope is that churches will continue to recognise the expertise that CWS has developed over the past 50 years and our ability to access government funding. We are committed to working in partnership with parishes and for them to own us as "their agency".
- 3: Moving beyond the Churches: While our primary constituency will always be the churches, there are those outside the church who would also be interested in supporting our work....if they knew about us. This raises the ongoing issue of increasing CWS's profile.

### **Suggested Decisions**

- 1: That Conference affirms the work of Christian World Service and continues to encourage parishes to promote and support the Christmas Appeal and emergency appeals.
- 2: That Conference encourages every Methodist Parish and Cooperative Venture (with Methodist connections) to appoint a Christian World Service Link Person.
- 3: That Conference encourages parishes to participate in the youth programme.
- 4: That Conference encourages parishes to participate in the *Trade for People, Not People for Trade* campaign and the campaign for cancelling Third World debt.

Jill Hawkey  
National Director

## CHURCHES AGENCY ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES

### **Section A: Reporting Back**

The Churches Agency on International Issues (CAII) has now been operational for one year. CAII is a two year pilot project which aims to resource churches to respond appropriately on international issues. Four participating churches (Methodist, Presbyterian, Anglican and The Salvation Army) comprise the Oversight Committee and the work is contracted to Christian World Service to manage.

#### **CAII's aims are as follows:**

- (1) *that participating Churches have access to accurate information and analysis on international issues*
- (2) *that each participating Church is resourced adequately so that it is able to make its own response to international issues*
- (3) *that people at all levels of the church structure (ie: from leadership to church attenders) have a greater understanding of international issues and are able to relate them to their faith*
- (4) *that participating Churches are enabled to make a joint response on international issues where appropriate.*  
*(The focus is on 1-3 with 4 being a secondary aim).*

#### **Budget**

CAII had a total budget of \$16 000 for the 2002-3 year, of which the Methodist contribution was \$4 000. Due to the size of the budget, CAII focused on a few achievable activities.

#### **Production of Resources**

A major resource has been produced titled *Israel/Palestine: Understanding Conflict in the Holy Land*. This topic was chosen in recognition of the ongoing conflict in Israel/Palestine and the diverse viewpoints which exist amongst Christians. The resource, which is accompanied by study questions, aims to help New Zealand congregations get a greater understanding of the conflict's complexities and to hear a variety of voices. The resource is available on the web-site or printed copies can be ordered.

#### **Establishment of a Database**

The Oversight Committee recognises that there are many people within the Church with extensive knowledge and expertise on international issues. A database has been established with these contacts so that their knowledge can be drawn on as the need arises.

#### **International Crisis Situations**

CAII issued a statement on Iraq prior to the war starting. Church leaders also issued a statement which led to some discussion on the role of CAII in making statements. It was decided that any of the participating churches can ask for a statement to be written and that if at least three wish to participate, a statement can go ahead. However the statement will be made in the name of the member churches and not CAII. In this way, CAII takes on the role of resourcing the churches. To date, no requests have been received for a statement to be written.

#### **Promotion of CAII**

A postcard introducing CAII was sent to every Ministry Unit of the four participating churches. With a limited budget, it is not easy to promote the project but we are hopeful that the distribution of the Israel/Palestine document will lead to the project being more widely known.

### **Section B: Looking Forward**

#### **Hot Topics**

The second year of the pilot project will be shaped slightly differently. Rather than produce one major study resource, a number of shorter resources will focus on "Hot Topics", ie: countries or issues that are topical and where some background information and Christian perspective would be useful. Hot Topics will be designed with church congregations in mind and for study groups to use. They will also highlight inter-faith issues where appropriate.

#### **Promotion and Evaluation of Israel/Palestine Resource**

It is hoped that this resource will be widely used over the next year. There is a video from the World Council of Churches which can be used in conjunction with the written material.

Jill Hawkey for Oversight Committee

#### **Suggested Decisions**

- 1: That this resource be received
- 2: That the resource *Israel/Palestine: Understanding Conflict in the Holy Land* be endorsed and recommended for their study.
- 3: That parishes be encouraged to use the *Hot Topics* which feature significant international issues.



## CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE OF ASIA

As you may be aware, the severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) outbreak has greatly affected some areas of the Asia region. This had an impact on the CCA programmes that were scheduled to take place early this year. Therefore, the programmes and meetings were either changed or postponed. The General Secretary has given assurance in his recent quarterly report, that with the office based in Hong Kong, staff have taken the necessary precautions for the outbreak.

The next General Committee meeting is scheduled to take place in October this year, in Thailand. However, the Executive committee who meet between General committee meetings, met in November last year in Malaysia, and recently in June this year in Indonesia. This meeting coincided with the Joint Programme Area Committee (JPAC) meeting, who met to evaluate and monitor the current CCA programmes.

The Personnel Committee also met at this time and made the following appointments:

Joint Executive Secretary for Faith, Mission and Unity – Dr. Hope S. Antone (Phillipines)

Joint Executive Secretary for Ecumenical Formation, Gender Justice, and Youth – Rakesh Peter Dass (India)

Communication Consultant – Phillip Mathew (India)

The following positions are currently vacant in the hope to make an appointment by the end of the year.

Joint Executive Secretary for Justice, International Affairs and Development and Service, and the Associate General Secretary for Finance

The Justice, International Affairs, Development and Service (JID) programme area have been involved addressing issues such as HIV/AIDS focusing on basic rights of those with HIV/AIDS and also joint collaboration of churches in working on HIV/AIDS issues in Asia. Human Rights Training programmes have taken place in Indonesia and Myanmar, and recently in March this year, a consultation of people with disabilities was held in Thailand to discuss issues around participation and active involvement.

The FMU programme area jointly organised a Leadership Building Capacity Programme in January this year with the Igreja Protestante Timor Leste in Timor Leste. It was a training programme with the theme 'Affirming Fullness of Life for All'. Meetings were also held in preparation for the Congress of Asian Theologians (CATS), that is currently taking place (4 – 10 August) in Thailand.

The Ecumenical Formation, Gender Justice, Youth Empowerment (EGY) programme area have been involved in the Asian Church Women's Conference General Assembly, Annual meeting of International Committee of the Fellowship of the Least Coin, joint meeting of Kampuchea Christian Council Women's Desk, South Asian Youth Empowerment for Transformation programme, Asian NCC Youth Secretaries meeting, that was attended by Mo Mansill (Presbyterian National Youth Co-ordinator) representing Aotearoa New Zealand, and the Ecumenical Asia and Pacific Students and Youth Network. Planning meetings have also taken place in preparation for the upcoming School for Ecumenical Leadership Formation (SELF) programme to be held in September in Indonesia for youth participants, and also for the Asia Ecumenical Academy focusing on ecumenical leadership in Asia that is currently taking place (3 – 23 August 2003).

All the CCA staff of the three programme areas have been actively involved in a number of visits, organising of meetings, producing written resources, attending and/or presenting at various consultation and joint meetings throughout Asia.

CCA are currently preparing for the next General Assembly, which has already been communicated to member churches and councils. The theme for the 12<sup>th</sup> General Assembly is 'Building Communities of Peace for All', and will be held in Chiang Mai, Thailand from the 31 March – 6 April 2005.

Fuailalagi Samoa Saleupolu  
CCA General Committee Member  
August 2003



## WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

### *Report of Central Committee member - John H Roberts*

#### **Programme structure and organisation**

In the past year the WCC has undergone considerable restructuring, largely due to declining income. The new structure has four components:

**Management:** including human resources and technical services; finance; budgeting and planning.

**Programmes:** including faith and order; mission and ecumenical formation; justice peace and creation; international affairs, peace and human security; diakonia and solidarity; publications and research; public information.

**Special focuses:** including inter-religious relations and dialogue; decade to overcome violence; ecumenical focus on Africa.

**Ecumenical relations and training:** including ecumenical institute Bossey and church and ecumenical relations.

In this way the number of staff teams has been reduced. The indigenous peoples programme has been relocated to Bolivia, and two regional desks are to be relocated to the regions – Pacific and Middle East.

#### **Staff reductions**

The WCC staff has been reduced by 21 full-time equivalent positions (FTEs), bringing the total number to 136 FTEs or 150 persons on the core staff of the WCC.

#### **Financial matters**

The large deficits of the past are being addressed. In the first four months of 2003 there was a surplus of SwFr500,000 compare to a deficit of 2.8 million for the same period in the previous year. However there has been a steady decline in contributions income of 5% a year. Membership contributions will now be considered compulsory and will be calculated on the basis of an easily understood, transparent and rational formula. Subsidies will be withheld for members of governing and consultative bodies whose churches are not contributing financially to the WCC. Orthodox churches will be encouraged to make significant increases in their contributions to the WCC.

#### **Special Commission on Orthodox Participation in the WCC**

There has been follow-up work on the report of the special commission presented to the 2002 Central Committee meeting. The report is to be sent to member churches for study, discussion of recommendations, and report back to the WCC. There has been ongoing work in setting out the basis for consensus decision making in the life of the WCC. Further work has also been done on criteria for membership of the WCC, which will also be sent out to member churches for comment.

#### **9th Assembly**

This will be held 14-23 February 2006 at the Pontifical Catholic University, Porto Alegre, Brazil. The number of delegates is not to exceed 700, 85% of whom are to be appointed by the churches and 15% by the Central Committee. 25% of the 85% are to be Orthodox. In addition the goal is to have 50% women, 5% lay and 25% youth. A minimum of one delegate for each member church is a goal, provided that can be accomplished within the other established goals of representation for the assembly. There are 304 member churches of the WCC. The theme of the assembly is still being worked on. Some principles to guide planning for the assembly have been established. Given the limitation of time a key question has become: What is it absolutely necessary to do? There is likely to be a programme for assembly visitors.

#### **Reconfiguring the ecumenical movement**

A process of analysis and reflection on different ecumenical configurations for the future, taking account of present structures and emerging trends impacting the churches around the world, is underway with a report to go to the 9<sup>th</sup> WCC Assembly.

#### **Public issues**

The WCC has responded to and been involved in various situations of international tension, but especially military action in Iraq. Work on the document "The protection of endangered populations in situations of armed violence" is ongoing.

#### **Decade to Overcome Violence**

The focus for 2003 is Sudan – Healing and reconciliation.

More information on can be found at the WCCs website: [www.wcc-coe.org](http://www.wcc-coe.org)

## METHODIST CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL IN THE PACIFIC

Fiji 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> April 2003

The Methodist Consultative Council In the Pacific (MCCP) is a meeting of Church leaders from the following Churches:

- The Methodist Church of Fiji and Rotuma
- The Free Wesleyan Church of Tonga
- The Methodist Church of Samoa
- The United Church of Papua New Guinea
- The Uniting Church in Australia
- The Methodist Church of New Zealand Te Haahi o Aotearoa
- The United Church in the Solomon Islands

We met as guests of The Methodist Church of Fiji and Rotuma at Davuilevu and were treated to very generous hospitality.

There was a need for sensitivity toward cultural practices and protocols and so we were very pleased to have Dakai Bolatagici with us in Fiji. He provided good support and made valuable contributions in the discussions focussed on issues.

The Consultative Council provides a place for worship together within a particular cultural setting and for business sessions.

### **Key-note Address:**

By The Rev'd Professor James Haire, President of The Uniting Church, "Emerging challenges for the Pacific Churches in the new millennium"

### **Reports from each Church:**

Considerable time was given for each Church to report and to be questioned. In some instance there was considerable vigour given to the conversation and questioning, especially where decisions of other churches has an effect in another country. A challenge to face up to issues. We presented a paper concerning our Methodist Church in Aotearoa New Zealand, providing historical data, evaluation of where we are at and a look at the future.

Considerable differences emerged during the Consultation about:

- Human Sexuality and Ordination
- The use of the Bible
- Styles of worship, with virtually no use of contemporary hymns.
- Black and white view of issues
- "One Methodist people in New Zealand/Australia" etc.

### **Workgroups:**

The following issues were dealt with:

- Human sexuality, human and family relations, HIV AIDS, domestic violence, child and sexual abuse and family stress and breakdown.
- How we respond ,to rapid change; crime, drug abuse, mental stress, communal conflict.
- New Religious movements
- Unemployment and under employment, income generation projects:
- Contextual theology
- Ministry and mission to pacific Islanders in the Diaspora
- How do we strengthen and develop leadership in our churches to cope with the changing world?

**The "Objectives and Purpose" of the MCCP were updated**

- Diana Tana – Tumuaki
- Dakai Bolatagici – Bose ko Viti.
- Norman West – President

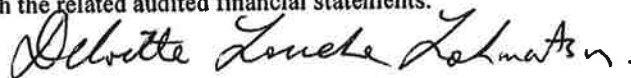
**METHODIST MISSION AND ECUMENICAL BOARD**  
**Financial Reporting Summary for the year ended 30 June 2003**

<b>STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Interest & MTA Income	3,104	482
GPT Distributions	49,642	29,529
Other	<u>21,365</u>	<u>14,691</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b><u>74,111</u></b>	<b><u>44,702</u></b>
Secretariat	56,211	24,267
Other Expenses	<u>13,075</u>	<u>4,809</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b><u>69,286</u></b>	<b><u>29,076</u></b>
<b>NET SURPLUS</b>	<b><u>4,825</u></b>	<b><u>15,626</u></b>

<b>STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Designated Funds	1,109,725	982,319
Accumulated Funds	788,843	761,134
Equipment Provision	274	2,366
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b><u>1,898,842</u></b>	<b><u>1,745,819</u></b>
Current Assets	51,461	104,109
Current Liabilities	<u>(6,035)</u>	<u>(13,020)</u>
<b>WORKING CAPITAL</b>	<b>45,426</b>	<b>91,089</b>
Non Current Assets	1,853,416	1,654,730
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b><u>1,898,842</u></b>	<b><u>1,745,819</u></b>

**Auditor's Statement** – The summaries above have been extracted from the audited annual financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2003. For a better understanding of the financial position and the result of operations for the year, these summaries should be read in conjunction with the related audited financial statements.

Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu  
Chartered Accountants, Christchurch



**REPORT TO CONFERENCE**

The Statement of Financial Performance reflects the income derived from the Board's own investments.

The Statement of Financial Position sets out the designated funds that the Board manages.

The following funds while shown as designated funds, are outside the direct management and control of the board and therefore should be recognized as separate funds held on behalf of other entities: Helena Goldie Hospital (\$196,028) and United Church in the Solomon Islands (38,548).

## SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

### Conference of Churches of Aotearoa New Zealand and the future of the national ecumenical movement

#### Methodist representatives

The annual forum of CCANZ met in Christchurch 26-28 September. The Methodist representatives were: Norman West, Garth Cant, Keith Hopner, Dale Peach, Fika Vucago, Alison Kane, Richard Biddle and John Roberts. Present in other capacities but included in the Methodist caucus were Jill Hawkey, Ron Malpass and Trish Moseley. Garth Cant was appointed to the Presidium to serve alongside Gaynor Larson and Fr Ilyan Eades. Dale Peach and John Roberts will continue to serve on the Executive.

#### Matters handled at the forum

The forum had three major items before it:

- The Decade to Overcome Violence focus
- Dealing with annual business
- Consideration of the future of CCANZ and the national ecumenical movement.

This report deals with the last item.

#### The future of CCANZ and the national ecumenical movement

Consideration of this matter was carefully facilitated by Jim Stuart and Elizabeth Mackie.

In our denominational caucus we were asked to consider three questions:

- What are the most significant problems Methodists perceive in the present shape of the ecumenical structures?
- What do Methodists want as the new expression of ecumenism?
- What will Methodists commit to?

The responses and two additional points are listed below.

#### What are the most significant problems Methodists perceive in the present shape of the ecumenical structures?

- Restricted participation – participation has been limited to the churches with no space for ecumenically minded individuals and groups.
- The growing sense of denominationalism and congregationalism leading to a decline in the churches ownership of CCANZ.
- Declining energy in the programme areas – as people have relinquished convenorship of programme committees, no-one else has been willing to take up the task resulting in their folding.
- Loss of the primary means of communication, “Ecustics”, so that many people have no longer known what’s happening.

#### What do Methodists want as the new expression of ecumenism?

We stated our openness to exploring new ecumenical configurations and models of the visible unity of the church in this land of Aotearoa New Zealand, that provide an ecumenical space where unity, mission, service, justice, the integrity of creation, diversity, inclusiveness, and recognition of the Treaty of Waitangi are embraced in some structure that will enable communication and facilitate ecumenical responses.

#### What will Methodists commit to?

- Ongoing discussion about the future of the national ecumenical movement in Aotearoa New Zealand.
- A more representative ecumenical body – not just involving churches but also making room for groups and individuals with ecumenical passion.
- Continuation of the treaty partnership with Te Runanga Whakawhanaunga I Nga Hahi.
- Ongoing funding of CCANZ or any other accepted structure, which will depend on our own church’s resources and the ongoing requirements of CCANZ or any other ecumenical body.

#### Two additional points

- We do not want to see the creation of an ecumenical void. Therefore CCANZ should continue till such time as any alternative national ecumenical body comes into being.
- We see the need for early formal dialogue on the future of the national ecumenical movement in Aotearoa New Zealand with CCANZ’s treaty partner, Te Runanga Whakawhanaunga I Nga Hahi, before any decisions are made about the future of CCANZ and any alternative ecumenical structure. Accordingly we urge this forum to request the incoming CCANZ Executive to seek to open up such a dialogue as soon as possible.

#### Denominational reporting back

In the reporting back all member churches present at the forum indicated either an openness to, or a strong desire for, a new expression of the national ecumenical movement.



A spokesperson for the Baptist Church indicated that the Baptists would not seek membership of any national ecumenical body.

A spokesperson for Vision New Zealand (a network of evangelical churches) indicated that evangelical churches were in a similar position to the Baptists and would be most unlikely to seek membership of any national ecumenical body.

### **Decisions of the forum in plenary**

These followed discussion on ecumenical values and goals and reports from three regional forums as well as the denominational caucuses.

- Recognizing that something new (other than CCANZ) is wanted, this forum calls for a new expression within the ecumenical movement in this country.
- The gifts from this forum to be brought into an unconditional dialogue with others to look at a future shape for the national ecumenical movement.

The CCANZ executive will:

- Immediately offer to dialogue with Te Runanga Whakawhanaunga I Nga Hahi o Aotearoa about the matters discussed and decisions made at the forum.
- Set up with others a process/facilitating group to work through other options for a new national organisation.
- Establish an open process of dialogue for one year at the end of which it will be known what the shape of the future ecumenical body will be.

CCANZ is to start the process but then step back and allow the new group to continue the discussions.

The results will be reported to the CCANZ Forum 2004 at which time any decision to close CCANZ will take place.

*John Roberts*

*Mission and Ecumenical secretary*

### **Suggested decisions:**

1. Conference affirms the work of the Conference of Churches of Aotearoa New Zealand and states its openness to exploring new ecumenical configurations and models of the visible unity of the church in this land of Aotearoa New Zealand, that provide an ecumenical space where unity, mission, service, justice, the integrity of creation, diversity, inclusiveness, and recognition of the Treaty of Waitangi are embraced in a structure that will include ecumenically minded groups and individuals as well as churches, and that will enable communication and facilitate ecumenical responses to key issues.
2. Conference express its support for Garth Cant (president), Dale Peach and John Roberts (executive) as they participate in CCANZ's involvement in this process.
3. Conference reaffirms the position that the church expresses its commitment to ecumenical relations through the Mission and Ecumenical Committee (Law Book section 5 4.1.1), with the Mission and Ecumenical Committee being the body to appoint Methodist representatives to the unconditional dialogue on the future shape of the national ecumenical movement in consultation with the President of the Methodist Church.
4. That the financial contribution of the Methodist Church to CCANZ be kept at the current level as the process toward forming a new ecumenical entity is worked through.

# **I. SINOTI SAMOA, VAHEFONUA TONGA & WASEWASE KO VITI**

- **Sinoti Samoa**
- **Vahefonua Tonga 'O Aotearoa**
- **Wasewase ko viti kei Rotuma e  
Niusiladi**

## SINOTI SAMOA EKALESI METOTISI I NIU SILA

### **Report to Conference-2003.**

O le viiga, o le Faafetai, o le Faamanu ma le Faane'etaga, e mautu atu lea i le Atua ona o lona alofa ma lona agalelei, e tusa ai ma ana faamanuiga e pei ona to'ia ai le Sinoti Samoa ma ana galuega fai i le sefulu ma le lua masina ua tuana'i. We are thankful to the Lord for the Love and Mercy and in particular for all the blessings, leadership and growth of the Sinoti Samoa Ministry within the Methodist Church of New Zealand in the last twelve months.

This report comes with the blessing and well wishes of the Sinoti Samoa to the President, Vice President and all members of the 2003 Methodist Conference.

### **A.**

#### **Introduction:**

The 2002-2003 year for the Sinoti has been a time of both challenge and hard work. The Sinoti has been operating very well under its present structure with some significant things have happened in its life since our last Conference. These include the establishment of the National Samoan Advisory Property Committee, the successful National Youth Camp at the end of December 2002 at Haskel Park, Auckland, the excitement of the National General meeting of the Mafutaga Tama'ita'i (*Samoan Women's Fellowship*) at Silverstream in Wellington, the Sinoti Samoa Review, the purchasing of the Waitakere Samoan Parish Parsonage, the proposed Waitakere Samoan Parish alongside the Waitakere Parish and the busy life in the six (6) Regions (*Itumalo*) in organising and running the various educational programmes for their local congregations and regional combined activities.

Sinoti Samoa only meets once a year and in the intervening period, the Executive Committee meets three times a year and sometimes four when required to deal with matters concerning the overall life of Sinoti Samoa. It also deals with issues referred to by Conference from time to time. The most significant part of our work this year was the major review of our total Samoan Ministry which is currently being undertaking.

#### **Review of total Sinoti Samoa Ministry:**

In 1994, a review was carried out on all our Samoan congregations in order to gather information for the purpose of assisting us in setting up our Sinoti Samoa which had its inaugural service in January 1996. When Sinoti Samoa came into being, it was always its intention to carry out a review of its total Ministry in three years. The Sinoti Review was due in 1999 but at that time Sinoti Samoa was not able to do its review as it went through a very difficult time trying to grapple with other important issues which had affected its life and Ministry. This year Sinoti Samoa saw fit to launch its major review of its total Ministry.

The review includes:

- Structure and Ministry of Sinoti Samoa
- Election and Responsibilities of the:
  - Sinoti Superintendent,
  - Sinoti Secretary
  - Sinoti Treasurer
  - Regional Leaders
  - Congregational Lay Leaders
  - Leader of Samoan Regional Lay Preachers Association
- Structure/Line of Communication and roles of various Committees within the Sinoti
- Election and roles of Committee Convenors.
- Process and Procedures of making decisions.
- Finance
- Youth Ministry.

The review team has had four meetings so far and it intends to continue its work during the ensuing year until it is completed. It is hoped that the final review report will be submitted to conference once it is finalised sometimes in the future. The Review Team: Rev Aso S.T Saleupolu (Convenor) Rev Iakopo Faafuata, Mr Lani Tupu, Mr Motuopua'a Lauaki, Rev Faleatua Faleatua (Secretary), Rev Suivaia Te'o, Mrs Rosa Faafuata and Mrs Olive Tanielu, Youth Representative: Patisepa Unasa Saleupolu

#### **Sinoti Samoa National Advisory Property Committee:**

Conference last year gave approval for the establishment of a Sinoti Samoa National Advisory Property Committee to work alongside with the existing District Property Committees for the purpose of having an oversight and responsibility in looking after the Church's Properties under their use and management. While its primary aim is to assist and give advice to the Samoan local Parishes and congregations concerning any projects regarding purchasing of parsonages or any other building projects, it also seeks technical advice and expert opinions from the existing District Property committees in the Connexion who have greater experience and know how on these matters. With the assistance of the Auckland District Property Committee early this year, Sinoti Samoa completed its first task in assisting Waitakere Samoan Parish to purchase its new parsonage.

*Members of the Sinoti Samoa National Advisory Property Committee:* Lani Tupu (convenor) Mrs Olive Tanielu, Mrs Rosa Faafuata, Rev Nomani Noa, Rev Iakopo Faafuata, Mrs Leungseu Faleatua, Rev Tovia Aumua and Ronnie Matafeo. Youth representatives: Filo Tu and Frances Savai'inaea.

#### ***National Samoan Youth Camp:***

One of the excitement of all the activities for our Samoan people this year was the annual Youth Camp held at the end of December 2002 at Haskel Park, Auckland. The Theme of the Camp was "**Ia e manatua Le na faia oe i ona po o lou taule'ale'a.**" ***Remember your Creator in the days of your youth***" There were more than 800 people attended including young children and adults up to the ripe age. It took two years to plan and it was the most exciting time for all where talents were experienced and shared amongst the attendees of the camp. Activities like Bible studies, Seminars for different age groups, singing competitions, evangelical plays based on Bible stories, sports and Samoan cultural activities such as dancing and feasting and many more. Outside guest speakers were Marina Davis and Oscar Kightly; other invited speakers didn't turn up.

The focus of the camp was to explore ways of looking at how we can design programmes which would encourage and stimulate greater interests and participation among our young people so that they can take a leadership role in all our youth work and other Church activities.

At our last Sinoti Samoa meeting, two of our young people were appointed by their peers and approved by Sinoti Samoa to take on the role of Co coordinators until a decision is made on the appointment of a full time Youth coordinator. They are: Jayme Fuli-Roache and Siniva Limu Isaia. They will take the lead in organising youth programmes and activities and will work very closely with Rev Tovia Aumua in the meantime.

#### ***Mafutaga Tama'ita'I (Samoan Women's Fellowship)***

This year has been a busy year for the Mafutaga Tama'ita'i in that they launched a major drive for fund raising for a National Centre for their work. While the Mafutaga Tama'ita'i has its own main national body who relates directly to it, (The New Zealand Methodist Church Women's Fellowship) it has a special relationship with Sinoti Samoa for their work amongst the Samoan local congregations as well as on the national level. Sinoti Samoa is assisting Mafutaga Tama'ita'i in promoting its fund raising drive and hopefully by working together we will be able to achieve our objective in a not too distant future.

#### ***Conference proposal to ordain Gay and Lesbians into full connexion:***

This issue was raised at our last conference and the Faith and Order Committee was charged with the responsibility to gather information from around the connexion and prepare a report to this conference. Sinoti Samoa duly discussed this important issue during the year and at their annual Sinoti meeting in July this year. They concluded that its stance since this matter was raised in 1997 has not changed. Sinoti Samoa is strongly objecting to the ordination of Gay and Lesbians and appointment of such people to position of leadership in the Church.

In expressing this view Sinoti Samoa is seeking an assurance from conference of this fact so that should Conference decides to go ahead with its decision to ordain Gay and Lesbians into full connexion, we would *not be part of that decision or be penalised as a result.*

#### ***Workshops:***

As reported in our report to conference last year, one of our major tasks was to conduct educational workshops in the six (6) Districts ( Itumalo) for the purpose of advising and educating our Samoan people within our local congregations and Parishes on the structure of our Methodist Church in New Zealand, the handling of Church finance, our Church's Bi Cultural journey, the Treaty of Waitangi and its relevance within the structure of our Church, encouraging our work amongst our young people and many other issues including social issues of the day.

The response received from these workshops had been very positive and this year we conducted two more workshops in Auckland and Manukau Districts.

Educational programmes through workshops and seminars will be part of our continuing work in our six (6) Districts (Itumalo) during the coming year and beyond.

#### ***Clarification of the Relationship of Sinoti Samoa Congregations in Mix-Parishes:***

In our report presented to conference last year, it highlighted two models as a guide for Parishes who have mixed congregations and especially those Parishes where Samoan Congregations are linked to Sinoti Samoa. Conference decided to refer the matter to all Parishes, Boards and Synods and asked for their comments on the issue.

Sinoti Samoa wishes to thank all those Parishes, Boards and Synods who sent in their responses which enabled Sinoti Samoa at its last annual Sinoti meeting to decide on the matter.

The responses received indicted very clearly about the complexity of the issue as not one Parish or congregation has the same structure or system in which they relate to each other and to Sinoti Samoa. In view of the difficulty experienced by the various mixed Parishes in the connexion. Sinoti Samoa decided that the two models presented last year can be used as guidelines plus any other models that mix-parishes may see applicable in clarifying the relationship of Sinoti Congregation not only to the Parish, but to the District Synod as well as to Sinoti Samoa.

### **The proposed Waitakere Methodist Samoan Parish.**

The Henderson Samoan Congregation has been with the Waitakere Methodist Parish for almost twenty years. The Waitakere Methodist Parish has contributed very much towards the building up and the development of the Samoan ministry in Henderson. Likewise, the Samoan Congregation has contributed to the on going work of the Waitakere Methodist Parish. It has been for some years now that the demand for presbyterial and lay leadership in the operation of their affairs, management and pastoral care has been increased. In the last two years the Congregation with the Presbyter had to identify and define their needs and explore ways of optimising the available resources in order to meet their needs. A fresh look at pastoral care, deliverance of social services and a fuller participation in the life and mission of Sinoti Samoa within the Methodist Church of New Zealand, drive their desire for a Samoan Parish.

The Samoan Congregational Leaders' meeting has decided favourably for a Samoan Parish. The proposal for a Samoan Parish to set up alongside the Waitakere Methodist Parish has been supported and approved by the Waitakere Methodist Parish Council. This probably the first time in the life of the Methodist Church of New Zealand to have two parishes operating alongside each other under one set of property. This is a vivid picture of our true unity in diversity as well as partnership in a different form. We are looking forward to the beginning of this new model and hopefully will happen in a very near future.

### **B.**

#### ***What we hope to achieve during the coming year.***

- There is a lot of work to be done especially amongst our youth ministry and as now have appointed two young people as Co coordinators in this area, we hope to make good progress in designing suitable programmes to cater for different levels of our work in future. Most of the work will be carried out in the six (6) Regions (Itumalo) under the leadership and guidance of the Regional Leaders (Ta'ita'i Itumalo)
- Our educational programmes as highlighted through workshops and seminars will continue to be the main part of overall strategy within our Samoan Parishes and local congregations.
- The Mafutaga Tama'ita'i fund raising for the centre will be another major project for us during the next few years but we are encouraged by the strong will and determination of our people to succeed in finding a permanent centre for our work.

#### ***Sinoti Samoa wishes to extend our Thanks to:***

##### ***Rev John Murray: Superintendent of MRU***

Sinoti Samoa has a long association with John Murray over a long period of time, and particularly of his work and sensitivity towards the issues and work of Sinoti Samoa and its people. We value his contributions to Sinoti Samoa and indeed to the whole Methodist Church of New Zealand.

Sinoti Samoa wishes to thank John for his work amongst the Samoan people.

##### ***Rev John Salmon***

John Salmon also has a long association with the Samoan people and especially the students through his work at the Theological College. We appreciate his leadership, his sensitivity and many other ways in which he assisted in the fostering and the development of the Samoan Students during his time with Trinity Theological College. Sinoti Samoa extend to John Salmon our sincere thanks for help and assistance for our Samoan people.

#### ***Suggested recommendations:***

1. That the report be received:

### **VAHEFONUVA TONGA 'O AOTEAROA**

Vahefonua Tonga has seen many changes throughout the year including change in leadership. President Rev Norman West and Vice-President Heather Walls inducted the Rev 'Epeli Taungapeau as Vahefonua Superintendent, Rev Sylvia 'Akau'ola Tongotongo as Secretary and Paula Taumoepeau as Treasurer at Wesley Church, Taranaki St, Wellington at the Vahefonua meeting, February 2003.

The passing of the late Rev Siosifa Latu Uhi, presbyter at Hutt City Uniting Congregations, with responsibility to the Petone Tongan Fellowship was a great loss to Vahefonua this year. His work and contribution to the church, especially in the Wellington District has been greatly appreciated and is remembered with love and our love is also extended to the widow, Mrs 'Ataile Latu Uhi and the family. It was also a sad occasion when Mr Suliasi Kakau Tolu, a former Conference Representative from Christchurch and Candidate for Ministry passed away during the year.

The vision and strategy as per the Vahefonua report to Conference 2002 has begun its journey of implementation.

#### **New Parishes:**

Vahefonua rejoices in the establishment of the new Papatoetoe Tongan Parish declared open by the Director Mission Resourcing, Rev John Murray in June 2003. The progress and growth of this newly established parish in the last few months is seen as encouragement for other Tongan congregations to take the next step in becoming independent parishes, especially in Auckland. Work is continuing in this direction although there have been some difficult times and issues to work through.

#### **Property Committee:**

A property Committee has been elected. The following names are being recommended to Conference as the members of the Property Committee.

Secretary: Paula Taumoepeau

Assistant Secretary Mafua Lolohea

Other members: 'Epeli Taungapeau, 'Uha'one Metuisela, Moi Kaufononga, Kalolo Fihaki, Tae Tu'inukuafe, Kilifi Heimuli, 'Inoke Taukolo, Tomui Kaloni, Tamata'ane Tupou.

#### **Other Church Committees:**

The following names are recommended to Conference 2003:

Board of Administration: Paula Taumoepeau

Council of Conference: Kilifi Heimuli (Sub: Sylvia 'Akau'ola Tongotongo)

Board of Study: 'Epeli Taungapeau

Board of Ministry 'Epeli Taungapeau

Strategy & Stationing 'Epeli Taungapeau and Moi Kaufononga (lay rep)

Faith and Order To be advised

#### **2003 Achievements:**

- Opening of the New Lynn Church
- An Easter Camp for Tongan Youth in McQuarrie University Campus, Sydney.
- Establishment of Papatoetoe Parish.
- Women's District Convention in Lotofale'ia, Mangere, Auckland.
- Court's decision on the Otahuhu Property Case – 23 July 2003.
- School of Theology and Ministerial Synod – August.
- The releasing of St Johns Church and associated property, Christchurch South Parish to be used solely by the Tongan Congregation in Christchurch.
- Continuing Conversations with Te Taha Maori and other District Synods where there are Tongan fellowships.

#### **Other ministry matters:**

Work is continuing with the Auckland/Manukau Parish and its 17 congregations to be converted into multiple parishes. This is seen as a positive strategy to ensure the parishes are manageable in their sizes and are more effective in their ministries and mission. Tongan congregations outside Auckland and their relationship with the parishes that they are currently part of, are being looked at. Youth Programmes, Sunday School Curriculum, Women's Fellowship activities are being developed and implemented.

#### **Development:**

Development for Vahefonua Tonga has been problematic due to its 'national' geographic spread and lack of resources. The nature and role of Superintendency and Administration are different from that of normal District Synods. The financial implications, the time involved and also the implementation of the development calls for the financial support of the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

#### **Suggested Decisions:**

1. The report is received.
2. Conference approves the establishment of the Papatoetoe Tongan Parish.
3. Conference approves the appointment of the Vahefonua Tonga Property Committee and membership.
4. Conference approves Vahefonua representations to the Conference committees as reported above.
5. The Methodist Church of New Zealand fund Vahefonua development in the next three years.
6. Conference affirms that Superintendent for Vahefonua Tonga be a full time job.
7. Vahefonua meeting dates for 2004 – Ministerial School of Theology, 26 February 2004; Annual Meeting Friday 27 to Sunday 29 February 2004 in Auckland.

### **WASEWASE KO VITI KEI ROTUMA E NIUSILADI**

Ni sa bula vinaka, Noa 'ia e mauri. Greetings to all in Christ.

#### **SECTION A: LOOKING BACK**

The AGM of the Wasewase ko Viti kei Rotuma e Niusiladi at the Auckland whakatuora marae on March 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> 2003 was attended by the President Reverend Norman West and Vice-President Heather Walls.

The meeting was chaired by Superintendent Rev. Mikaele Yasa. In attendance was Rev. Dr Ilaitia Tuwere and representatives from 7 congregations in Aotearoa.

***Also present at this meeting were:***

Rev. David McGeorge (Vice President elect) from Evangelical Network, Terry Wall, Trevor Hoggard and Tony Stroobant from Faith and Order and Elizabeth Hopner of the Auckland District Synod.

The meeting commenced with reflections from Rev. Yasa followed the traditional welcome ceremony (Sevusevu) to the President and Vice-President of the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

***The new office bearers for the Wasewase ko Viti kei Rotuma are:***

Interim Superintendent	:	Reverend Dr Ilaitia Sevati Tuwere
Co convenors	:	
Auckland Fijian circuit	:	Dakai Bolatagici
Rotuma	:	Susau Strickland
Fiji Indian	:	Absent
Lower North & South Is.	:	Fika Vucago
Secretary	:	Vilisoni Munivai
Treasurer	:	Suliasi Naulivou

Susau Strickland is to deputise for Reverend Tuwere on certain meetings.

**CONGREGATIONS REPORTS:**

**AUCKLAND FIJIAN CIRCUIT:** (3 congregations)

They have quarterly meetings where weekly prayer meetings, bible studies and combined services are organised. There has been fund raising activities, the aim of which is to purchase a property which would accommodate spiritual, cultural and educational activities of the circuit.

Social activities of the group include hosting visiting tour groups from Fiji, visiting and caring for the sick at the hospitals, visiting the elderly in the community and caring for the Fijian students here on training or further studies.

Hamilton has been included into the preaching plan and monthly visits have been organised.

**ROTUMAN CIRCUIT:**

The group has a membership of 13 families and 38 members and worship every Sunday at 11:30am at Kingsland Church.

The members receive Holy Communion every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month in Rotuman language. It has a youth group of 9 young people and Sunday school age group of 12. In the year we had the funeral of a member, witnessed 2 marriages and hosted relatives who have come to NZ on medical grounds.

We have combined services with the morning congregation of Kingsland on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of a month and on the 15-16<sup>th</sup> March this year we celebrated the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Kingsland Church.

The congregation has 2 candidates (Mrs Savika Oakley and Mr Sukamanu Etika) for ministry this year. The group has contributed at least \$6,000 to the Auckland Central Parish, this last financial year.

Easter camp was enjoyed by all who attended. We request the re-licensing of Susau Strickland to perform Holy Communion in 2004.

The members would like to extend our sincere thanks to the Auckland Central Parish for the support during the year.

**INDIAN FELLOWSHIP:**

No reports available

**WESLEY WELLINGTON FIJIAN CONGREGATION:**

A membership of 20, under the direction of Niko Bower and 3 other lay preachers. There is a youth/Sunday school group and a women's group. We meet every Sunday for worship at Taranaki Methodist Church. Bible studies and choir practices are weekly events. We have monthly camp (every 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of the month) where we have had the privilege of learning from Rev. Yasa and lay preachers in bible studies and this we find helpful and uplifting in our spiritual walk.

The Wesley congregation seek resources and guidelines to further their upbringing in the church.

A couple represented Taranaki St. Fijian congregation to the youth rally at Davuilevu (Fiji) at the end of year 2002. An awesome feedback and with documentations on video allowed remaining youths to learn from.

The women's group have had a wonderful and fruitful year of hosting especially with groups from Fiji. Of note is the lack of communication from the women's council in regards to visitors of women's fellowship who were in Christchurch year 2002.

Would need further dialogue in regards to a Fijian presbyter for the lower North Island and South Island.

**TRINITY WANGANUI FIJIAN CONGREGATION:**

A church roll of 21 (4 families) meet every Sunday at 3pm. Choir practice happens after church service. Holy Communion is every second Sunday hosted by our parish presbyter Reverend Maureen Calman.

Combined services with 3 other congregations of the parish is every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday.

Combined services and bible studies with other Fijian Christian congregations in our dialect is uplifting as we do not have a Fijian presbyter available.

Reverend Calman pays visits to our families – a big vinaka vakalevu to you Maureen.

Our group have been invited to sing in our hospital chapel services on some Sundays and help entertain at Women's fellowship fundraising events.

More dialogue is needed for a Fijian presbyter for the lower North Island and South Island.

#### **CHRISTCHURCH FIJIAN CONGREGATION:**

A membership of 13 (6 adults and 7 children) worship twice a month in the Fijian language. Reverend Peter Williamson has been a pillar in our midst – a big Vinaka vakalevu to you Peter. Holy Communion is again observed on the first Sunday of every month. Choir practice is every Saturday.

Our main activity is hosting Fijian families who come visiting.

#### **SECTION B: LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE**

There is a need for a presbyter in the lower North Island and South Island, but due to small numbers financial support would be difficult. Further dialogue is needed. Dr Tuwere will be visiting the region in the near future to discuss ways of having this ministry.

We look forward to continuing dialogue with our Fiji Indian brothers and sisters and close relationships in the future.

#### ***Representatives to boards and committees:***

Board of Ministry	:	Jioji Tikodei
Mission Resourcing	:	Dakai Bolatagici & Konusi Lagi
Wesley College Trust	:	Suliasi Naulivou
Faith and Order	:	Voi Muaror
Taiwi Strategy & Stationing	:	Rev. Dr Tuwere & Akisi Renner
Committee of Detail	:	Fika Vucago

#### ***Acknowledgements***

We thank Rev. Mike Yasa for his contribution and hard work given to the Wasewase ki Viti kei Rotuma.

We extend our hearty vinaka vakalevu to Dr Tuwere for accepting the position as our interim superintendent.

A big thank you to all parishes who have helped our Fijian families in NZ

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. That the report be received
2. That the name "Wasewase ko Viti kei Rotuma e Niu Siladi" is adopted by Conference in place of Bose ko Viti kei Rotuma e Niusiladi.
3. That Susau Strickland be authorised to administer the sacrament of Holy Communion – 2004.
4. That Susau Strickland deputise for Rev. Tuwere on certain meetings.
5. The office bearers for this committee are:

Interim Superintendent	:	Reverend Dr Ilaitia Sevati Tuwere
Deputise for interim Superintendent in Meetings	:	Susau Strickland
Auckland Fijian Co convenor	:	Dakai Bolatagici
Rotuman Co convenor	:	Susau Strickland
Indian Co convenor	:	Bal Karan
Lower North & South Is. Co convenor	:	Fika Vucago
Secretary	:	Vilisoni Munivai
Treasurer	:	Suliasi Naulivou
6. That the members of the Wasewase ko Viti kei Rotuma e Niu Siladi are as in the updated Law book
7. The annual meeting date be 6-7<sup>th</sup> March 2004
8. The executive meeting date be 7<sup>th</sup> July 2004



## **J. COMMUNICATIONS / ORGANISATIONS**

- **Communications Committee**
- **Churches Broadcasting  
Commission**
- **PAC Communications Fund**
- **Wesley Historical Society**
- **Wesley College**
- **New Zealand Methodist  
Women's Fellowship**
- **Methodist Publishing Board  
(Touchstone)**
- **Epworth Bookshop**

## CHURCHES BROADCASTING COMMISSION

As well as our regular meetings, there have been sub-committee meetings to devise policy and procedure on the Freedom of Speech initiative, Digital TV, Youth TV opportunities, Radio NZ Amendment Bill submission, and the CBC Scholarship

Through the year support was sought and given to a number of media organisation who have promoted Christian programs or programs that clearly promote Christian values. These included the Christian Broadcasting Association, Shine TV, and Cloud 9 productions. Two coopted members of the Commission are RadioNZ and TVNZ representatives and they regularly report on the status of religious programs in those two public media and support has been given them when required.

### Highlights-

1. A considerable amount of work to include into the TVNZ Bill a requirement of the public broadcaster, in fulfilling program objectives, to "feature programs that contribute towards.....(the) spiritual and ethical development that reflects the diverse beliefs of New Zealanders..." was rewarded when these words finally made it into the TVNZ Act 2003 (Section 12 (2) (b) (ii)). This was a significant breakthrough following the success of the Commission in 2000 when we lobbied to have similar words included in the Broadcasting Act (as a requirement of NZ on Air). This further step forward now gives us legislative authority with which to hold TVNZ to account for any prosed diminution of such programs and, indeed, it also gives authority to encourage TVNZ to increase such programs.
2. Towards the end of last year we promoted an alternative to what was described as "dying regional TV". This was by way of digital TV via satellite but, unfortunately, despite a very comprehensive report, the Minister of Broadcasting's office was seemingly unimpressed. We have not let this go entirely and the paper is awaiting another opportunity to represent it.
3. A CBC website was installed but has only developed minimally.
4. A proposal to encourage Christian youth organisations to be more proactive in promoting and producing TV programs for young people was widely publicised. Through our contacts and considerable expertise of some members, we try to 'open doors to smooth the way' for such proposals when the initiators got to the point of looking for funding. One organisation is very interested and we are working closely with them.
5. Richard Davis – recently returned from the USA on a Kettering Institute Scholarship, has continued his paper, which would give a much clearer guide on the definition and application of "free speech" as it applies to electronic media in the widest sense. A comprehensive survey was distributed to gain clarification on perceptions and understanding etc of "freedom of speech" and is currently being assessed. The results of this will enable this project to be taken to the next step.
6. A further submission was made to the Select Committee on the Radio NZ Amendment Bill reminding them of the requirements in the RNZ Broadcasting Act of "spiritual and ethical beliefs of New Zealanders" and should be included in the RNZ Charter. This Amendment is due to go back to the House before the end of this year.
7. A CBC Scholarship was announced for 2004. In brief, this is a long-term investment in secular broadcasting done by way of offering up to 4 scholarships for young Christians who are intending studying broadcasting at tertiary level and eventually working in the secular electronic media. While the initial funding will come from the Commission's accumulated funds, we anticipate making approaches to Christian trusts etc, to help fund the scholarship over the next 4 years.

### Future –

- continue with the Freedom of Speech charter with the aim of having it with churches and other interested parties by 2004.
- progressing the CBC scholarship so that there are four students awarded the scholarship in 2004 and continuing into 2005.
- continuing to lobby TVNZ and RadioNZ through legislation and directly to the executive to encourage the reversal of the downward trend in allocation of program time to religious/Christian content.
- continuing to promote our willingness to help in any way we can, other than financial, young New Zealand Christian groups who have ideas and proposals for programs that reflect their society and church, on radio or TV.
- continuing to support in any way we can, those organisation that properly and effectively promote Christian values and beliefs, on all electronic media, especially as practiced by New Zealanders.
- upgrading our website

### Conclusion –

Trish Moseley has been re-elected as Chair of the Commission for a further term.

While all members of Commission are privileged to represent their various denominations on CBC and to contribute to the lobbying and promotions of things Christian in our media, we are also very mindful that the church leaders themselves continue their support of CBC by their churches remaining members and supporting our efforts financially. We are most grateful to the churches and trust that this report, though necessarily brief, gives church leadership both encouragement and confidence that the Commission is an effective and progressive representative of their interests in matter pertaining to the wider electronic media.

Trish Moseley  
 Chair  
 Churches Broadcasting Commission.

**Recommendations**

1. The report be received.
2. Trish Moseley continue as the church's representative on this Commission.

**PAC COMMUNICATIONS FUND**

**Although the numbers of applicants were fewer this year than in previous years, the total amount of money requested was once again far more than funds the Committee had to allocate.**

1. Kaiapoi Cooperative parish	\$2600	publishing book on 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary for their Co-operating parish & 150 <sup>th</sup> of the church
2. Panmure Methodist Church	\$1100	Portable microphone system
3. Stoke Parish	\$700	new overhead projector
4. Trinity – Howick-Pakuranga	\$2000	microphone, transmitters & receivers(hand held & lapel)
5. Auckland Samoan Youth and Parish	\$5000	datapjector, screen & whiteboard
6. Waikaria-Waikato District	\$4000	Towards administration costs for new District Superintendent postion
7. Chaplain Service, Otago University.	\$2500	Amending & Reprint of Chaplaincy Prayerbooks
8. Wesley Church, Hawera	\$700	costs towards new photocopier
9. Fiji Methodist Circuit	\$4200	towards cost of producing & distributing newsletters
10. Waiata Artists Inc. Trust	\$4000	Media costs for continued Tongan Radio work
11. NZ Women's Fellowship	\$3600	Ongoing administration costs, newsletters etc.
12. Churches Youth Ministry	\$2700	Producing newsletters and its costs
13. Wesley Historical Society	\$1800	Towards publication of Thesis on the History of Theological Education
14. Boys Brigade New Zealand	\$1200	costs towards updating website and leaflets, booklets etc.
15. Hawera Parish	\$1000	towards upgrading of sound system

**Recommendations:**

1. Report be received

## WESLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY (NZ)

### SECTION A – Information and Reporting Back.

The Wesley Historical Society (NZ) continues in its task of recording, interpreting and understanding the history of Methodism in Aotearoa/New Zealand and the South Pacific. As Rev Dr Trevor Hoggard stated in a recent lecture 'Why Methodism?', 'unless [as Methodists] we take the historical context of our theological roots seriously, we cannot hope to understand our present situation and the influence we might have on our future. We are where we are today because of countless decisions, both great and small, made by thousands of people in past generations'. The WHS (NZ), Te Roopu Hitori o Te Haahi Weteriana o Aotearoa affirms the particular significance of the history of Methodism in this land, for we are committed to a journey which recognises and is sensitive to the early established and continuing relationship of Te Haahi Weteriana and the Tangata Whenua.

Reflecting that interest and commitment, the Society has a current individual and institutional membership of 245. Newsletters were issued during the year, with *Journal 2002*, published in September as No.76 of the Society's *Proceedings*. This contained Rev MA Rugby Pratt's diary of his trip to Tonga during August and September 1922, just eighty years earlier. Originally appearing in the *Methodist Times*, this personal account was reprinted with the family's permission and was preceded by an excellent introduction written by Rev Dr Allan Davidson, setting the material in its historical context: *Journal 2002* also contained Rev Mareta Tahu's story that had not been ready for inclusion in *Ever-widening Circles: Stories of Some Influential Methodist Leaders in Solomon Island and Bougainville/Buka*. We record our appreciation of Bernie Le Heron, who has contributed his editing experience and skills to the Society, supported by the Publications Sub-Committee under Convenor, Rev Dr Susan Thompson. We congratulate Susan on receiving a best doctoral thesis award, one of only ten granted by the University of Auckland for 2002. Her PhD thesis *Knowledge and Vital Piety*, deals with the history of Methodist ministry training in New Zealand. We also record our warmest congratulations to Rev Dr Frank Hanson, awarded a Doctorate of Theology by the Melbourne College of Divinity for his thesis *The Relationship between Sunday School and Church in the History of New Zealand Methodism*.

Financial assistance for postgraduate and other students who are undertaking historical study is offered by the Gilmore Smith Memorial Fund. The Executive of the WHS (NZ) accepts grant applications for research related to Methodist history in New Zealand and the South Pacific, which might result in publication by the Society. During the year, Deacon Shirley-Joy Barrow was awarded \$1000 for her ongoing work on the history of the Diaconate.

The Annual General Meeting of the Society was held at Upper Riccarton Methodist Church, on Friday evening, 1 November 2002, before the opening of Conference on the following day. The Annual Lecture followed dinner, with Rev Fred Baker presenting an informative and illustrated response to the question 'Who Were the Bible Christians?'

During the past eighteen months the deaths of several valued members have been recorded, including that of Rev Graham Brazendale, an Honoured Member and a past Secretary, who gave generously of his considerable gifts as an historian in the service of the Society. Rev Robert Thornley's wise and gracious support of the Society and its work will long be remembered and honoured, as will that of Rev Wesley Parker, and Alan Armitage.

The resignation of Executive member Audrey Bruce, upon her marriage to Peter Matthews, was received with regret, and we wish them both much happiness in their future together. We welcomed Rev Terry Wall, who brings his gifts and expertise to the Executive, and to the Publications Committee.

### Section B – Strategic Planning

- The assembling of information resources for the construction of a web-page for the Society is proceeding.
- The WHS (NZ) continues to participate in and contribute to the discussion about planning for the future of Methodist Archives.
- A planning group has been meeting in Auckland to begin shaping an Oceania Conference provisionally titled: *Weaving the Unfinished Mats: Wesley's Legacy: Conflict, Confusion and Challenge in the South Pacific*, to be held in late January 2005. This will coincide with the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the WHS (NZ). The last Oceania Conference was held at Wesley College, Paerata, in 1987. The Society is contacting people and groups in the South Pacific and Australia, as well as those further afield, who may be interested in presenting papers, leading workshops or attending. Effort is being made to ensure that this conference is as widely publicised as possible.
- The Society is hoping to arrange the future publication of Rev Dr Susan Thompson's award-winning thesis *Knowledge and Vital Piety*, which will enable its insights and information to be shared throughout the Connexion.

Thanks are expressed to the members of the Executive, the Publications Committee, The Oceania Conference Planning Group, Secretary Rev. Barry Neal and Treasurer Rev. Phil Taylor, Honoured Members, and to all those who have supported the work of the Society during the past twelve months. Together, we look forward to the year ahead.

Helen Laurenson,  
President

**Suggested Decisions:**

1. That the Report be received.
2. That the Oceania Conference with the theme *Weaving the Unfinished Mats: Wesley's Legacy: Conflict, Confusion and Challenge in the South Pacific*, proposed by the Society for January 2005, be endorsed by the Connexion.
3. That Rev Dr Susan Thompson's PhD thesis on the history of Methodist Theological Education in New Zealand be published with the support and encouragement of the Connexion.

**WESLEY COLLEGE TRUST BOARD**

**INFORMATION AND REPORTING BACK.**

**PERSONNEL**

The College moves into a new era with the retirement of the Principal and a number of key administrative people and the appointment of new personnel.

The appointment of Mr Ian Faulkner, J.P, M.A. (Hons), Dip Tchg. as the new Principal was the result of a careful process of consultation and selection by the Board of Trustees. The calibre of those applying for the position was extremely high. The consultation within the wider Methodist Church ensured that the selection process had the support of the church. An advisor with considerable experience in similar educational appointments assisted the Board in this important task.

Ian Faulkner, a former pupil of Wesley, who has also held positions on a number of Connexional Committees and Boards, was previously Principal of Reporoa College in the Bay of Plenty, which is a school of similar size to Wesley College.

The College community has warmly welcomed the new Principal, who has already introduced some important policy changes. These reflect the changes required by the Education Review Office in its last report and reflect the inclusiveness in the Church's statement to enable the College community to participate in the decision making process.

**FINANCIAL**

The influence of the substantial fall in the value of equities and the declining returns in farm income from the sale of milk acted adversely on the Board's operational income. With the construction of two new hostels, capital works at the College in the last nine years have taken over \$15 million from income earnings assets. The Board recognises that while it is important to preserve the income earning base as a source of ongoing financial grants to assist economically disadvantaged students, it is also equally important to continue the programme of replacement of older school and hostel buildings and build additional new facilities. This will ensure that Wesley pupils experience an environment which provides the maximum advantage in enabling students achieve to their full potential. The Board has provided grants at record levels to assist disadvantaged students. There has been a particular recognition of the obligation to assist Maori students in terms of the original Fitzroy grants and significant numbers have been enrolled from the Far North and the East Cape regions.

A break even budget has been set for the current year.

The Board has sold a substantial property that it has held in Newmarket for many years and reinvested the proceeds in two new properties at Botany Downs, Manukau City. These should provide significant growth in rental income and capital gain.

In addition the Board has purchased two farms adjoining the Paerata property which will increase in value as this part of Auckland expands. The Board is continuing to farm these as part of the town milk supply farm, but in the future it is possible that small parcels of land could be sold off to provide funding for additional capital works at the College. The additional increase in herd size that has followed the further land acquisition has necessitated a review of the total farm operation as the Board is currently operating out of two milking sheds. The economies arising from a single shed operation are currently being examined.

**STUDENT SUPPORT**

The current cost of maintaining a Boarder at Wesley College is \$10,289 and these costs will continue to grow as more facilities and staff provide ongoing improvement to the standard of hostel accommodation.

There has been no increase in the base boarding fee for many years and every student now receives a subsidy of over \$4,600. In addition the current year the Board will provide a further \$900,000 for grants to financially disadvantaged students. Mapihi Pounamu Scholarships and the Robert Gibson Trust provide additional assistance. The loss of Government funded O.D.A. (*Overseas Development Aid*) and Aotearoa scholarship funding has placed a significant burden on both the Trust Board and the Board of Trustees as the college seeks to provide ongoing assistance to students from the Pacific Islands. There is a requirement not only to provide substantial boarding subsidies to Pacific students but also to pay the foreign student fees plus government charges. This means an effective cost to the college of nearly \$20,000 per student for those Overseas Students who are fully subsidised. The Board is reviewing the number of students from the Pacific Islands as the current level of subsidy is not sustainable.

The Board acknowledges its obligation to assist students from the Pacific and it is pleasing to note that with the number of New Zealand born and overseas students with domestic residency numbers remain high. The Board is very grateful for the ongoing assistance given by the Robert Gibson Trust.

### **PRESIDENTIAL VISIT**

The President of the Methodist Church of New Zealand, Te Haahi Weteriana o Aotearoa, Rev Norman West attended the Service of Beginnings / welcome to the new Principal, Ian Faulkner, and the opening of the new dormitory accommodation on the 1<sup>st</sup> of February 2003. This function proved to be extremely successful with strong support from the Wesley community. Over 800 meals were served in the dining room. Although this was a particularly special occasion for the College the ongoing annual visits by the President to preach at the service of beginnings provides a valuable link with the wider church.

### **ROLL**

The College roll on 1 March 2003 was 395. Of these 348 were male and 47 female; 366 domestic students and 29 overseas students. The boarding roll was 38 female and 298 male. The male boarding roll is the largest the school has had. The Trust Board and the Board of Trustees have agreed in principle that the Trust Board seeks an extension of the maximum roll to 450 domestic students. Together with overseas students this extension would create a roll of approximately 500 students.

### **EDUCATIONAL**

During the last twelve months the College has concentrated on the introduction and implementation of the National Certificate of Educational Achievement (N.C.E.A). This method of assessment focuses on providing teaching and learning experiences directed towards standards that are attainable for each student.

The Board of Trustees has formed a Curriculum Committee to provide continuous review of the curriculum and the content of the teaching programme so that the College offers a curriculum that challenges the students and provides them with the opportunities for success. The desired increased roll would allow for greater flexibility in programmes being offered.

The Trust Board operates a town milk supply farm and a horticultural block. Consideration is being given to the use of these to enhance pupil experiences in agriculture and horticulture.

### **SCHOOL CULTURE**

The 2002 Education Review Office Report drew to the attention of both the Trust Board and the Board of Trustees to several matters where they felt there could be improvement to the physical and emotional environment of the students. These comments have been viewed positively by the Boards and steps taken to address the areas for improvement identified. Of particular significance is the decision of the Boards to become part of the Ministry of Education Eliminating Violence (E.V.) programme. This is a programme that challenges how schools operate and it has been the basis of positive change in a number of schools. All staff (teaching and non-teaching) attended a two day workshop to explore issues related to the culture of a school. At the conclusion of the workshop a core group, representative of all staff, was formed to continue the impetus created by the course.

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

The Trust Board wishes to acknowledge the contribution to made the life of Wesley College by the employees of both the Trust Board and the Board of Trustees. Staff are often seen going the 'extra mile' working with and encouraging students in their academic work, on the sports field, in their cultural and spiritual pursuits.

The Trust Board also wishes to acknowledge the strong working relationship between themselves and the Board of Trustees. This relationship is enhanced through the Trust Board appointees to the Board of Trustees: Revs Diana Tana and John Murray, Trust Board members; the General Secretary, Mr Norman Johnston; and Mr Eric Laurensen, who the Board of Trustees has elected as their Chairperson.

## LOOKING FORWARD

### STRATEGIC PLAN

#### Liaison Group

A group consisting of representatives of both the Board of Trustees and the Trust Board has been established to create a development plan to take Wesley College into the future. There have been significant changes in education over the last few years, particularly with the introduction of the National Certificate in Educational Achievement (N.C.E.A). Both Boards are determined to ensure that pupils at Wesley College receive an education that assists them in achieving their vocational, spiritual and social goals as they move into adult life. It is important that necessary educational programmes, quality teachers and physical resources are available to further these objectives.

#### Hostel Developments

The two new dormitory blocks which were completed on the eastern side of the College will be supplemented, when finances permit, through the construction of a further two blocks to improve boarding accommodation for male students. In addition the plans made in 1985 for the expansion of the existing Te Paea site are being reviewed with the aim of increasing the number of girls at the College. The capital works programme is currently being reviewed to reflect the strategic planning decisions that the forward planning liaison committee will be making.

### SUGGESTED DECISIONS

1. That the Report be received
2. That the following be the Wesley College Trust Board for 2004:  
Mervyn Dine, Violet Hesse, Barbara Lawrence, Lana Lazarus, Wesley Mansell, John Murray, Audrey Mathews, Suliiasi Naulivau, Jack McCoskrie, Harvey O'Loughlin, Jack Paine, Diana Tana, Colin Telford, Gillian Telford and Mara Tupaea.

John Murray  
Chairperson

Norman Johnston  
General Secretary

## NEW ZEALAND METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The 10 months (October 2002 – August 2003) in which the Executive has been in office have presented many challenges and a considerable amount of work over and above that which had been anticipated. This is the result of important decisions that were made at Convention 2002 held in Otaki.

The Executive have a wide range of experience and expertise that has been invaluable as we faced the 15 recommendations we were charged to address before the NZMWF Council meeting to be held in Hamilton in October 2003.

#### **Highlights for 2003**

The South Pacific Area Seminar of the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women was held at Lincoln University in January 2003. The World Officers attended, Rosemary Wass World President (U.K.), Cynthia Pozzo Vice President (Zimbabwe), Janice Clark Secretary (Mozambique, now U.K.) and Thelma Johnson Treasurer (U.S.A.)

Rev. Judith Parkes is the South Pacific Area President, we are proud of you Judith. The keynote Bible study leader was Rev. Dr. Heather Morris from Ireland. Heather encouraged us to look at our 'Do not Disturb' signs that we so often put around us. This may cause us to be taken out of our 'comfort zones', especially when it relates to our Faith.

480 women attended from the 7 South Pacific countries of WFM&UCW.

The World officers held a 2-day Weaving Together programme prior to the main seminar. This was for Unit Leaders ie Presidents from the countries represented. Elaine Diprose and myself attended. This was an in depth learning experience, as we became aware of the significance of the WFM&UCW

#### **Special Experience for President Mary**

The one visit that I have made this year has been to the Tongan District. At Convention 2002 the Tongan Women's fellowships became the 19<sup>th</sup> District within NZMWF.

I visited the 3 days Seminar held at Mangere in July on the Saturday evening. I enjoyed an excellent dinner, afterwards I was able to encourage the members and listen to the exciting choir competition. Congratulations as you incorporate your style of meeting structure within the NZMWF guidelines.

#### **Challenges**

Convention 2002 members were made aware of the financial position of the NZMWF Investments; data related to this was circulated prior to Convention. This enabled members to come with ideas / concerns as to the best way these concerns should be addressed. A Financial Review committee was selected, 6 members +Ruth Le Couteur as adviser /

resource person. This committee met over 2 days for 11 hours. Thank You for your involvement and commitment, you missed so much of Convention.

**15 Recommendations were presented by the committee and passed by the members of Convention. I have reported on a selection of particularly significant matters.**

- That a suggested budget be presented to the Incoming Executive DONE. The Executive has acknowledged the importance of this, and has worked within the guidelines to ensure the budget is realistic.
- That an increase in the Annual Subscription fees be 'flagged.' MWF and APW aim to have the same subscription fees. This is to assist Co-operative Venture Parishes to fairly support each parent organisation. APW increased their fees at their April 2003 Conference from \$3.00-\$6.00. MWF members have been asked to consider a voluntary increase. This is a recommendation to Council 2003 for ratification at Convention 2004. 2/3 of the subscription comes to National Executive and 1/3 remains within the relevant District. Income from subscriptions has not been sufficient for many years to correspond with rising costs of administration.
- That the Districts be asked for a realistic contribution towards the Presidents Travel fund. I include the example from the 2002 Financial report

**INCOME \$681.60 EXPENDITURE Presidents travel within NZ \$3,130.11. This shows a deficit of \$2,448.51 in this fund.**

Planning has commenced for visits in 2004 to enable me to visit several Districts within a reasonable geographical area consecutively. This will reduce travel costs and where ever possible I will be able to visit Districts who otherwise would not be able to afford a President's visit.

- That financial grants be requested from local and National trusts. DONE Applications to the Tidd foundation of Hamilton resulted in a grant of \$4,500 Thank you. Applications have been forwarded to the PAC distributing committees.
- An offering be taken at Convention. This resulted in over \$1,100.
- The Presidents letter be sent to the Districts by email, Districts then to relay the letter to Fellowship groups, by email whenever possible DONE. At present other mail outs are in 'hard copy' to the Districts, which arranges local distribution.

#### **Remit from Convention 2002**

It was requested that the Constitution be reviewed to allow 'Flexibility' in particular for the Samoan and Tongan Districts. This was to enable any District to incorporate their traditional systems of selection for Executive committee members within the NZMWF Constitution.

The NZMWF Constitution and Guidelines have been carefully reviewed and updated. The draft Constitution will be discussed at Council 2003. When agreed to, it will be sent to the Legal Advisor of the Methodist Church of New Zealand Te Haahi Weteriana o Aotearoa, to ensure that the document is accurate and acceptable. The updated Constitution will be presented at Convention 2004 and then to Church Conference 2004.

#### **Finance**

- 2002-2003 Special Project Income \$31,000+

This will be shared equally between the 3 areas that were supported by the Special project—People to People Peace Programme of the New Sudan Council of Churches: Our Families with Presbyterian Support: Our Communities with Methodist Mission (Wesleycom)

**Stamp Money** \$8,837.62

**Medical and Educational Fund** \$2,768.65

Many Districts supported the Mattress appeal on behalf of the Helena Goldie Hospital. Donations that were received by the National Treasurer for this appeal totaled \$4,444.00. Some Districts contributed directly to the Mission and Ecumenical Office and these amounts are not included. This request renewed the sense of supporting a specific Mission need to which many Fellowships responded to generously. Thank you.

To Edith Sealey National Treasurer, Thank You seems insufficient to express all the work you have done. The National Executive are delighted that Edith has allowed her name to be forwarded as a possible member of the PAC Distribution Committee nomination is from the Waikato / Waiariki Synod.

#### **Smethurst Trust.**

Due to Veronica Lowe's illness I have assumed the responsibility of Smethurst Trust Acting Convenor. Thank you Veronica for your involvement with the Smethurst committee.

A total of \$16,280 has been distributed as Grants and Koha's during the year.

**Kurahuna and Friendship** scholarships have been awarded. Does your Presbyter know the criteria for these grants? And have application forms? Addresses of the convenors are available from the NZMWF Corresponding secretary if required.

#### **Aims of the NZMWF**

I include the first of the 3 aims-

To unite all in **Prayer, Study, Fellowship and Service** enabling a Christian witness at Home, Church and in the Community.

As many Fellowships and Districts seek to explore ways of interesting more of our Church women in the fellowship that MWF offers, we need to actively promote the Aim that I have quoted.

Younger women have different needs and interests. We who have been members of MWF for many years, and in previous groups from which MWF was created; also need to learn the new word which has been a key focus of the revised draft Constitution that is **FLEXIBILITY**.



The National Executive Thank you for your patience as we have taken you into the technology of the 21st century. I am aware that this has not always been easy, for you or the Executive! I thank you for the encouragement we have received. For the times when members have felt uncomfortable with decisions that we felt were important, thank you for sharing your frustrations.

I have been supported at all times by the Executive when it has been necessary to make difficult decisions; these were always made after prayerful consideration.

**Suggested Decision:**

1. That this report be received.

Mary E. West

National President NZMWF 2002-2004

## **METHODIST PUBLISHING BOARD**

Established by Conference the Methodist Publishing Board since 2000 has been primarily responsible for the oversight and publication of Touchstone. Until Touchstone is financially independent the Board is not free to explore other publishing initiatives to resource the Church. Members of the Board are: James Stuart (Convenor), David Bush, Bill Elderton, Mark Gibson, Tavake Manu, Bles Frost (Accounting), Karen Isaacs (Secretary) and the General Secretary.

The Administration Division manages the finances and the Board receives monthly financial reports on Touchstone. A financial report for the period ending 30 June, 2003 is attached. Once again the Board is very grateful to the Administration Division, especially Bles Frost who handles Touchstone Accounts, for the detailed and accurate financial reports prepared for the Board.

### **Touchstone Staff**

With the departure of Michael O'Dwyer as editor of Touchstone, the Board appointed the sub-editor, Paul Titus, as interim editor. The Board thanked Michael O'Dwyer for his excellent service especially during the difficult years when Touchstone replaced Crosslink. Michael and his family have returned to Canada and the Board wishes him well in his new endeavours there.

When Michael resigned, the Board was fortunate to have Paul Titus as sub-editor. The Board approached Paul and invited him to become interim editor. Paul has done a superb job of managing the transition and has brought his own unique gifts and skills to the production of Touchstone. Touchstone continues to be a broad-ranging and challenging paper under Paul's leadership. Paul is ably supported by Karen Isaacs who handles administrative tasks and distribution and a team made up of reporters, an advertising representative and a graphic designer who is responsible for the layout and production.

### **Board Policy**

The Board recognises its commitment to the ethos of the Methodist Church, its responsibilities to the Uniting Congregations and its wider responsibility to the ecumenical movement. It also affirms its ongoing involvement in the bicultural journey of the Church. Finally it is committed to nurturing the multi-cultural and multi-lingual life of the Church in Touchstone's special language sections such as Pukolea. As always the Board is open to constructive criticism and invites parishes and members to send their comments to the editor or directly to the Board.

### **Decisions**

After consultation with the Administration Division the Board decided to appoint Paul Titus as interim editor until Conference and to recommend his appointment as editor to Conference. Under advice from the Administration Division the Board has agreed to contract the production of Touchstone to Paul and his team. This will give Paul greater freedom and flexibility in the production of the paper. The Board seeks the support and approval of Conference in this initiative.

### **Support**

The Board is very grateful to the church for an administrative grant in support of Touchstone. At the encouragement of Conference the Board applied to the Prince Albert College Trust for a significant seeding grant which the Board hopes will enable wider distribution of the paper and either reduce subscription costs or eliminate subscription costs altogether. The Board understands Touchstone will receive a grant of \$100,000 from the PAC Distribution Group.

Finally, the Board thanks the churches for their continuing support of Touchstone and encourages them to distribute the paper widely in their local communities, especially cafes, hairdressing salons, medical centres, community centres and other places where people gather.

### **Recommendations**

1. That the Report be received.
2. That Conference approves the appointment of Paul Titus as editor of Touchstone.
3. That Conference approves the decision of the Board to contract the production and distribution of Touchstone to Paul Titus.
4. That Conference continues financial support of Touchstone at the level of one stipend subsidy.
5. That Conference continues support of Touchstone in its efforts to apply for a grant from PAC.
6. That the Methodist Publishing Board for 2004 be: Jim Stuart, David Bush, Bill Elderton, Mark Gibson, Tavake Manu, Karen Isaacs (secretary), Bles Frost (accounting), and the General Secretary.

Jim Stuart  
Convenor  
Methodist Publishing Board

### **EPWORTH BOOKS**

While there have been improvements in sales over the last year, it has proved impossible for Epworth Books to trade profitably. Despite investment in initiatives designed to attract increased sales, and the sterling efforts of the staff, Epworth was losing money at about \$5000 a month. The position of the book shop became critical during July 2003, when it was clear that in a few weeks it would become insolvent. Three possibilities faced the trust Board. They were:

1. To close the shop immediately.
2. To seek a further injection of capital.
3. To sell the shop.

It seemed that only the first was possible. However, an offer was received to purchase Epworth Books. The Board considered that this would be a good outcome if it could be achieved so that the Board could meet all its financial obligations. Negotiations took place over a short period, and a satisfactory arrangement was agreed to.

After seeking permission from the President of Conference to do so, the Epworth Bookshop Trust has sold Epworth Books to a new company formed by former staff members Philip Garside and Sarah Laurenson and their spouses Heather Garside and Alan Dine.

The new company is called Epworth Books Ltd and will trade as Epworth Books.

They will operate the business as a mainly mail-order enterprise and aim to continue to offer the same friendly and efficient service that has been a feature of Epworth Books' recent operations.

Epworth Books Ltd has moved to new premises at 157 B Karori Road, Marsden Village, Karori, Wellington. The new Epworth Books can be contacted by phoning 0800 755 355 or emailing [sales@epworthbooks.org.nz](mailto:sales@epworthbooks.org.nz)

- The Board deeply regrets that it has not been possible to operate Epworth Books profitably. With hindsight, it is possible to identify at least some of the reasons for this.
- Nearly all bookshops not operated by a large chain have been unable to operate profitably for some time. Other religious bookshops rely on the good will and financial input of the churches with which they are associated.
- The early resignation of the manager appointed to reorganise the business.
- The inability of the Board to then appoint a manager with retail and marketing drive because the shop's situation made it impossible to offer security of tenure to anyone appointed.
- The decision to remain on the premises at 75 Taranaki Street. Removal to less costly premises would have been helpful.
- The decision to continue to operate a shop-front retail outlet rather than convert immediately to the mail-order enterprise recommended by the review carried out at the end of 2000.

None of the items identified imply any criticism of the contract manager, Philip Garside, or of the staff of Epworth.

The decision to sell Epworth Books brings to an end something like 80 years of work centred on literature. The dissemination of literature and resources has been part of the mission of the Methodist Church of New Zealand Te Haahi Weteriana o Aotearoa at least since the appointment of colporteurs in the second decade of the previous century. An Epworth Bookroom was established in Auckland about 1950 under the wing of the Home Mission Board. In 1953 a decision was made by Conference to establish an Epworth Bookroom in Wellington, under the wing of the Youth Department, in premises made available by the Wesley Church Trust. With appropriate liaison between the two

Departments, the work of the Bookrooms was to be coordinated, and eventually merged,. The new joint operation concentrated on supplying equipment, resources and text-books relating for Sunday School teaching, leadership training, club activities and Christian Education generally. Sales in 1953 were approximately £1000, increasing to £3,100 in 1955.

The Department of Christian Education was established as a result of a decision of Conference 1957 and assumed responsibility for Epworth Bookroom. The Board of the Department approached the Trust of the Wellington Central Circuit in 1956 to see if it was possible to relocate the Wellington Bookroom on the Taranaki Street frontage. In 1958 the Board notified the Trust that "the work of the Department and Bookroom is expanding so rapidly that further space is urgently needed." Later the Trust gave approval to the Board to renovate the building which now houses Drama Christi for use as offices and Bookroom. By 1966 the Board was no longer seeking a shop front on Taranaki Street, and decided "that the Bookroom be developed largely as a mail-order business." The Board sought permission from the Trust to build premises at the rear of the Taranaki Street property. It was agreed (informally) that the building would become the property of the Trust after 35 years, with appropriate financial adjustments if it was vacated before 2003. The Bookroom took up the ground floor of the new building, which was occupied in November 1968.

In 1973 the Department of Christian Education became the Education Division. Epworth Bookroom became one of four sections of the new Division. By 1976 the Bookroom became agent for publications issued by the Joint Board of Christian Education, including the Christian Life Curriculum material. In 1982 it became the agent for Religion and Life material. Both agencies resulted in significantly increased Bookroom sales.

In 1982 the Auckland and Wellington Bookrooms were finally merged under the wing of the Education Division, and a book stall was established in the Church offices in Christchurch in about 1985. The Auckland operation moved in to rent free premises made available by the Pitt Street Trust in 1985. By 1986 the Board of the Education Division was reporting that it was not an easy time for the book trade. An Epworth Management Group was established in 1987, and became the Epworth Bookroom Trust in October 1988. The 1988 Conference noted with satisfaction that Bookroom sales had increased by 50%.

It was only in 1988 that the Bookroom became a separate financial entity. Before that time it had operated as a section of whichever Board or Department had been responsible for it. The Education Department's report to Conference 1988 noted its appreciation of grants made by the "Prince Albert College Trustees," whose generosity underwrote "the promotional and publicity work in which the shops have engaged." It was, however, not enough to permit the Auckland shop to trade profitably. It continued to have financial problems, mainly due to a lack of working capital. It appears that the Auckland Bookroom was closed in the early 1990s after continuing losses. The Trust Board of Epworth Books was relocated to Wellington in about 1995, where it has struggled to identify and initiate changes which would ensure the viability of the enterprise.

Grants made by various groups, including the PAC Media and Communication Fund and the Hamilton Trust did not result in generating sufficient increase in sales to allow Epworth Books to become a self sustaining business. Indeed, it seems that they were in fact largely used to off-set accumulated losses. However, on several occasions Conference affirmed that Epworth Books was an integral part of the mission of the Methodist Church of New Zealand Te Haahi Weteriana o Aotearoa, and supported that decision with grants from Connexional funds. Increasing pressure on Connexional funds resulted in Conference deciding that no further grants would be made to Epworth Books beyond the financial year ending in June 2001. Conference also decided that a review of the business should be carried out by an independent consultant. This was done and the report of the review recommended that the business should be reorganised, improved systems put in place, a new staff structure adopted, and that Epworth should become a mainly mail-order business. Very significant support was received from the Futures Trust to facilitate the reorganisation.

A succession of unfortunate happenings, which cannot be enlarged on here, and delaying the decision to convert to a mainly mail-order business, have meant that despite improved performance Epworth Books has had to be sold, as explained above.

The Trust Board wants to place on record its appreciation of the significant support provided by the Prince Albert College Trust, the Hamilton Trust. The Wellington Central Parish, the Futures Trust and other benefactors. It also wants to record its thanks to the loyal customers whose faith in Epworth Books has been maintained over many years.

#### SUGGESTED DECISION

1. Subject to final audit of Epworth Books accounts, Epworth Bookshop Trust is disbanded.

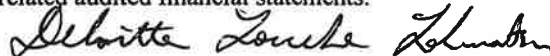
**TOUCHSTONE**  
**Financial Reporting Summary for the year ended 30 June 2003**

<b>STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>
	\$	\$
Sales – Advertising & Subscriptions	61,351	75,631
Cost of Sales	<u>(54,553)</u>	<u>(71,106)</u>
<b>GROSS MARGIN</b>	<b><u>6,798</u></b>	<b><u>4,525</u></b>
Interest Received	1,327	889
Grants/Donations Received	117,760	128,629
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b><u>(117,636)</u></b>	<b><u>(133,111)</u></b>
<b>NET SURPLUS</b>	<b><u>8,249</u></b>	<b><u>932</u></b>

<b>STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>
	\$	\$
<b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>	<b><u>14,422</u></b>	<b><u>6,173</u></b>
Current Assets	17,150	8,992
Current Liabilities	<u>(5,178)</u>	<u>(6,393)</u>
<b>WORKING CAPITAL</b>	<b><u>11,972</u></b>	<b><u>2,599</u></b>
Non Current Assets	<u>2,450</u>	<u>3,574</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b><u>14,422</u></b>	<b><u>6,173</u></b>

**Auditor's Statement** – The summaries above have been extracted from the audited annual financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2003. For a better understanding of the financial position and the result of operations for the year, these summaries should be read in conjunction with the related audited financial statements.

**Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu**  
**Chartered Accountants, Christchurch**



**REPORT TO CONFERENCE**

The Church publication, Touchstone is dependent for its continuation, on funding provided by the wider Church.

Sales and advertising revenue for the current year \$61,351 (2002 \$75,631) less the direct costs of production of the publication \$54,553 (2002 \$71,106) resulted in a gross margin of \$6,798 (2002 \$4,525) to cover expenses of \$117,636 (2002 \$133,111).

**EPWORTH BOOKSHOP TRUST**  
**Financial Reporting Summary for the year ended 30 June 2003**

<i>STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE</i>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>
	\$	\$
Sales	418,024	437,161
Cost of Sales	<u>(342,687)</u>	<u>(284,722)</u>
<b>GROSS SURPLUS FROM TRADING</b>	<b><u>75,337</u></b>	<b><u>152,439</u></b>
Sundry Income	64,603	85,130
Total Expenses	<u>(231,187)</u>	<u>(232,701)</u>
<b>NET (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS</b>	<b><u>(91,247)</u></b>	<b><u>4,868</u></b>

<i>STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION</i>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>
	\$	\$
<b>TRUSTEE FUNDS</b>	<b><u>15,153</u></b>	<b><u>106,400</u></b>
Current Assets	101,895	202,554
Current Liabilities	<u>(90,241)</u>	<u>(132,262)</u>
<b>WORKING CAPITAL</b>	<b><u>11,654</u></b>	<b><u>70,292</u></b>
Non Current Assets	<u>3,499</u>	<u>36,108</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b><u>15,153</u></b>	<b><u>106,400</u></b>

The summaries above have been extracted from the annual financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2003. For a better understanding of the financial position and the result of operations for the year, these summaries should be read in conjunction with the related financial statements.

***REPORT TO CONFERENCE***

The Epworth Bookshop was sold in August 2003.

This brings to an end an activity that has played an important role in the lives of Methodists throughout the country for many years. Members of the Epworth Books Trust and staff of the bookshop have worked valiantly to cope with changes in demographics, the religious book market, and in communications in general, but have not been able to turn Epworth Books into a financially viable operation. The final closure was brought about because Epworth Books would have been unable to meet all of its financial obligations had it continued, without an unrealistic and unachievable level of support from the Connexion.

**WESLEY COLLEGE TRUST BOARD**  
**Financial Reporting Summary for the year ended 31 December 2002**

<b>STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE</b>	<b>2002</b> \$	<b>2001</b> \$
Investment Income	205,566	1,215,981
Financial Income	2,405,182	1,730,085
Fee Income	<u>1,685,161</u>	<u>1,551,947</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b><u>4,295,909</u></b>	<b><u>4,498,013</u></b>
Hostel Operating	3,385,399	3,106,816
Beneficiary Work	926,748	802,880
Admin, Audit, Legal & General	<u>209,070</u>	<u>155,847</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b><u>4,521,217</u></b>	<b><u>4,065,543</u></b>
<b>NET (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS</b>	<b><u>(225,308)</u></b>	<b><u>432,470</u></b>

<b>STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION</b>	<b>2002</b> \$	<b>2001</b> \$
Accumulated Funds	22,058,031	22,283,339
Asset Replacement, other Reserves	<u>26,077,557</u>	<u>28,205,394</u>
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b><u>48,135,588</u></b>	<b><u>50,488,733</u></b>
Current Assets	1,089,084	934,222
Current Liabilities and Scholarship Funds	<u>(1,532,818)</u>	<u>(1,324,597)</u>
<b>WORKING CAPITAL</b>	<b>(443,734)</b>	<b>(390,375)</b>
Fixed Assets	25,397,110	20,798,789
General Investments	22,763,956	29,662,063
Scholarship Fund Investments	<u>418,256</u>	<u>418,256</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b><u>48,135,588</u></b>	<b><u>50,488,733</u></b>

The summaries above have been extracted from the audited annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2002, for a better understanding of the financial position and the result of operations for the year, these summaries should be read in conjunction with the related audited financial statements.

<b>REPORT TO CONFERENCE</b>
Properties are revalued every five years.
The results in the 2002 year reflect a substantial fall in the value of overseas equities held by the Board.

## SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT Communications Committee

The Communications Committee will only meet once during this Conference year immediately prior to Conference. This is not because we see the task of the Committee as being unimportant, but a way of responding to the financial constraints of the Connexional Budget and minimising our costs. We would hope to find ways of challenging and enhancing our on-going communication as a church. In one sense it is our life blood. No matter how important our message and beliefs, if poorly communicated, few will hear, and fewer respond.

### Connexional Website:

During the year there has been a gradual process of bringing, Districts and Parishes on-line. To enable this to happen training seminars have been held in Auckland/Manukau, Wellington and Christchurch. There have been people in each area who have been able to take a lead in helping establish their part of the website.

During the coming year it is our goal to identify people in the other parts of the country who could take the role of being able to basic help and advice to the Parishes in their locality. We have found that there is no substitute to sitting down with someone to learn the functionality of the site.

Our agreement with the software developers includes access to on-going upgrades. In October a number of significant enhancements came on-line. These include a reminder to save work, a customisable spell checker, and a recycle bin. The new manual is also very much improved, with clearer plain language explanations of the process of working with the website.

### Website Privacy Issues:

The Communications Committee over the past three years has discussed and begun to formulate the privacy policy. Key elements which we would ask all site users to abide by are.

1. Home addresses and Phone numbers should not be placed on the website.
2. Personal e-mails should not be used, rather an email address with the form [yourchurch@methodist.org.nz](mailto:yourchurch@methodist.org.nz) will be made available. The site also supports a contact form which will generate automatic replies.
3. Users are not to change or alter any material in others parts of the site.
4. Copyright material must not be placed on the site, unless it meets the conditions of use of the copyright holder.
5. Original material placed on the site should have a copyright placed upon it.
6. Material on the site must not be offensive or breach the laws relating to what can be printed about others. [Liable laws]

The Committee will be discussing and finalising these at its Pre-Conference meeting and will bring a amendments and additions to Conference.

### Data Projectors.

There continue to be enquires about the provision of data projectors. We would refer people to the report of the Committee in the 2002 agenda for guidelines.

We also note that the Baptist and Presbyterian Churches have promoted bulk buying schemes in the past year. There is significant advantage in taking part in such a scheme and if a purchase is anticipated we would advise making enquiries if such bulk purchase arrangements are to be repeated.

### E-mail Virus's and Spam

**These continue to plague computer users. During the year the Committee made available a CD with free anti-virus and Spam buster software. Please ensure that your computer is protected. Copies of the disk which also includes a MS Word reader and a free Office style suite are available free of charge from the Connexional Office.**

There are also some simple e-mail protocols which can help. These include not putting long lists of e-mail addresses in the 'to' box, where they can be seen. Rather put them in Bcc or blind carbon copy which will hide the addresses.

It is essential that we take some of these protections on board, as we continually risk infecting each others Computers each time a virus arrives.

### Committee for 2004

[Names to be brought to Conference]

### Resolutions:

1. That the report be received
2. That the Committee for 2004 be:

## SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT

### Wesley College Trust Board.

The Trustees have been advised that the current Superintending Chaplain, the Rev Stephen Tema, will not continue as the school's chaplain beyond 2004 Connexional year. Board members will bring to Conference 2004 their acknowledgment and appreciation for his work.

A committee of the Board has prepared the following Position Description and brings it to Conference for approval. It is the Board's intention to, with Conference approval, and following the 4 + 4 procedures, seek a replacement to name at Conference 2004.

### Wesley College Trust Board Superintending Chaplain to Wesley College, Paerata

#### *Mission Statement:*

*"Wesley College will strive to equip students with the skills for life-long learning in a caring and supportive environment that develops their spirituality, academic, cultural and sporting potential promoting honesty, integrity, trust and respect".*

#### *Special Character:*

*"Wesley College is a multi-racial school which while being non-sectarian has a direct affiliation to the Methodist Church of New Zealand and with strengths and support of this church affiliation provides education based on the beliefs and philosophies of the Christian faith. This includes religious observances. In addition to religious education, the College also supplies industrial (which term includes agricultural) training and an emphasis on instruction in the English language. Wesley College has a special obligation to provide education for students of Maori descent, students of Pacific Island descent, and orphans or otherwise disadvantaged students. It aims to provide a school at which students of all races can receive their education and learn to live and work together in harmony".*

## POSITION DESCRIPTION

#### Introduction:

The special nature of Wesley College is reflected in the total staff team, which includes the Superintending Chaplain.

The special nature includes:-

- Methodist ethos (eg history, bicultural journey, mission statement, inclusiveness and ecumenical commitment)
- Spirituality
- Multi-racial community
- Student roll of 400
- Co-educational at senior level
- Boarding and day school students
- Emphasis on College as community
- Policy of accepting students in social need

The appointee will uphold and foster the Special Character.

#### Responsibilities:

- 1) The appointee is Chaplain to the whole Wesley College Community, with a particular focus on the students resident in the boarding hostels and day students.
- 2) To offer creative leadership
  - in worship as it relates to the spiritual pilgrimage of the members of the college community and to individuals within the community acknowledging theological, cultural, religious belief structures and commitments that are rich and diverse and that these are to be nurtured.
  - in appropriate celebrations (acknowledging events in the college life, seasons of the Christian year, and different cultural traditions represented in the college).
  - in students contemporary faith development (assisting students' to reflect theologically, to engage vigorously in debate so that contemporary issues may be understood in the light of the Gospel).
- 3)
  - a) to be a resource person for the development and delivery of the Life and Faith programme, however
  - b) the Principal is responsible for the effective delivery of the programme, which
  - c) must have the approval of the Board.



- 4) To be involved in the wider life of the college
- 5) In consultation with the Principal to be involved in staff meetings and any other meetings agreed.
- 6)
  - a) to share in the promotion of Wesley College within the wider church (Tuiwi and Te Taha Maori) and
  - b) promote the life of the church (Tuiwi and Te Taha Maori) within the life of the school.
- 7) To provide pastoral care and support, particularly to the hostel students, complimenting and supporting the work of the Guidance Counsellor, Principal, Hostel parents, Hostel Managers and Matron.
- 8) To attend regular supervision with an approved supervisor, paid for by the Trust Board.

**Accountabilities:**

Connexional

- Conference
- Manukau District Synod

Day to Day

- Wesley College Trust Board -> Chaplaincy Committee
  - > Chairperson
  - Principal
- Collegial
- Deputy Principals
  - Bursar
  - Other Managers

## PERSON PROFILE

The appointee (must be ordained and in Full Connexion, or be prepared to be received into Full Connexion prior to taking up the appointment) will:

- 1) be conversant with and committed to the ethos of the Methodist Church of New Zealand
- 2) be strong in his/her own Christian commitment and not threatened by the journey of others
- 3) be on a spiritual journey which expresses the life of Christ and committed to working towards a spirituality appropriate to Aotearoa New Zealand
- 4) be secure in his/her own cultural identity and have experience of other cultures
- 5) have experience in working with young people and be able to communicate with them
- 6) have appropriate qualifications and confidence in dealing with complex issues of life and faith with young people
- 7) have proven experience in the areas of teaching, pastoral care, facilitation and as a parish presbyter
- 8) possess leadership skills, including the ability to delegate and encourage leadership in others
- 9) show evidence of ability and willingness to work in a team.

## CONDITIONS OF APPOINTMENT

- 1) This position is as a Methodist Connexional appointment accountable to the Wesley College Trust Board
- 2) The appointee will be required to live in the parsonage provided
- 3) The Wesley College Trust Board will pay the appointee's stipend and allowance (as set by the Conference)
- 4) The appointee will work in a collegial relationship with the Principal, acknowledging that the Principal is responsible for the day-to-day running of the school
- 5) The standard leave for a presbyter shall apply, however holidays must only be taken during school term breaks.
- 6) The Board provides a Chaplaincy Committee for support.

**Suggested decision:**

- 1) Conference approves the position description of Superintending Chaplain to Wesley College

## **K. WELFARE OF THE CHURCH**

- **Evangelical Network**
- **Methodist Lay Preachers Network**

## EVANGELICAL NETWORK

The Evangelical Network has now been in existence for 3 years. These have been testing years as we have sought to rebuild the evangelical movement within the Methodist church. We are aware that there is still much to be done. Somehow there never seems quite enough time to do all the networking we would like to.

The Network Executive wish to advise the Conference that Rev. Marion Peterson is ending her term as Network Superintendent this year and that Rev. Nigel Hanscamp will be filling this role from February 2004. Marion has given nearly 5 years of leadership, firstly within the interim Executive of the Evangelical Synod and then 3 years as Superintendent of the Network. These have not been easy years and all involved deeply appreciate the time, energy, and thoughtful committed leadership Marion has given to this task. We pray a blessing on Marion and wish her well for the coming year.

Nigel has served with commitment and skill on the Network Executive and we have full confidence that he will lead us forward into the future with both courage and compassion. There is still a lot to be achieved and we pray that the Holy Spirit will fill Nigel with wisdom and insight as he takes us forward into the coming years.

### **Evangelical Network Pre-Conference Gathering.**

Our Pre-Conference gathering had a different format to previous years. Because a number of Executive members were involved in pre conference meetings it did not seem practicable to run the Thursday night/all day Friday programme of previous years. Instead we opted for two meetings. These were both held at Shirley Church. On the Friday people were encouraged to bring their own tea (there was a food court across the road) and we enjoyed an informal time of fellowship over tea. This was followed by an awesome time of praise and worship led by David Bush and musicians from Shirley Church. We then had an informative panel discussion. The discussion was practical, challenging, at times amusing, and encouraging.

Saturday morning we met again at Shirley for breakfast with the aim of catching up on Network matters. We were joined by the incoming President and vice President for what was a very pleasant way to start the day. Times such as these gatherings are important opportunities for "doing the networking" which is part of our reason for being and it is our intention to follow a similar format at Conference in Wellington in November 2003.

### **Communication:**

The Network sees communication and resourcing as a priority. This year, in addition to producing our occasional magazine, E.Net, we have started a weekly email resource known as e-fish. This was initially intended for those "in Association" with the Network but has now been extended to include a much wider mailing list. The contact person for this is Brian Peterson. [bpeterson@paradise.net.nz](mailto:bpeterson@paradise.net.nz) Interested people can subscribe at [www.methodist.org.nz](http://www.methodist.org.nz) by going to the Evangelical Network page. An archive of e-fish is now available at that site. Another aspect of our communication is the incorporation of Network information on the Methodist website.

### **Parish Contacts:**

Visits have been made to a number of Parishes during the year and we value the opportunity to meet, greet, worship and eat together! Please remember that members of the Executive welcome invitations to visit Parishes/congregations or groups of interested people... just give us a call!

### **Presbyter training:**

The Executive has given some thought to matters relating to the training of Evangelical candidates for ministry during this year. We have raised questions with the principal of Trinity College about the present programme and have also discussed with him the implications of evangelicals choosing to do their theological training through the Bible College of New Zealand. One outcome from these talks was the proposal that the Network and the Cultural groups could look at nominating mentors from their own groupings to work with the students during their training. Presbyter training will continue to be an agenda item for the Network.

### **Residential gathering:**

The Network are pleased to advise that it is organising a residential gathering for those in Association May 14<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> 2004. This gathering will be held at Camp Morley, Clarks Beach. The primary purpose will be to encourage and resource people in their faith and ministry life. More details of speakers etc will be available soon.

### **Finance:**

The Evangelical Network is grateful to the Methodist Church for the significant financial contribution it has made to the Network once again over this past year. The funding provided has enabled the Executive to meet through both Conference calls and in face to face meetings. It has also enabled a variety of meetings to happen with Cultural groups, Parishes and individuals as well as with members of the Faith and Order Committee. For the future, it also enables us to do some long term planning and visioning. We would still like to find ways to be less dependant on the Connexion for funding but at the present time have no firm proposals on how we can cause this to happen.

### **New Format of Conference.**

As a Network we appreciate the new format of Conference that draws people together in their partnership streams to prepare for the celebrations and business of the Church. It allows time at the beginning of the weekend for members of the Network to gather on Friday evening and on Saturday morning to celebrate and fellowship with like-minded Methodists. We hope that the format will mean that we are prepared well before we meet in partnership and that some of the Conference sessions will take the form of hopeful futures in our walk with Christ and balance with the time spent in memory of the past.

### **Meeting with Faith and Order.**

Conference 2002 gave the Faith and Order Committee the task of dialoguing with groups within the Connexion on the matter of human sexuality and leadership in the church. The Executive has spent many hours dialoguing, discussing, reading, and praying on this issue as we have sought to respond to Faith and Order in a way that would help to move the church forward on this issue. We initially explored again the possibility of "standing aside" from any decision of Conference regarding the ordination of gay and lesbian people. Unfortunately the more we considered this option the more difficulties became apparent. In the end we submitted the following response to the Faith and Order Committee:

*Since meeting with you in Christchurch in March, the Evangelical Network Executive have spent considerable time grappling with the implications of the task in front of us. As you appreciate, it has not been easy. We regret that we cannot offer you a clear solution. However we offer the following as our thoughts for this ongoing dialogue. We look forward to your response.*

### **General issues / principles**

*There is a diversity of opinion both in the Network executive and in the wider Network membership on this issue*

- 1. We agree with Faith and Order that consensus decision making may not be a useful way of approaching this issue and we recognise that the church may need to explore other ways of coming to a decision on this issue.*
- 2. Faith and Order's suggestion of ways rather than a way is probably a good one.*
- 3. We do not wish to have to spend our time and energy during conference debating / justifying our stance. This is not a core issue for us.*
- 4. We see ministry and mission as the areas we wish to put our energy into.*
- 5. However we have a commitment to remain in dialogue.*
- 6. We need to continue to explore ways of retaining our integrity in the light of potential situations that such ordinations will cause.*
- 7. We recognise that there are others in the church who are equally passionate in their support for the ordination of gay and lesbian people.*
- 8. We reiterate that our status quo is; we affirm celibacy in singleness and faithfulness in marriage. We do not believe that people living in de facto, adulterous, multiple sexual or same sex relationships should be in leadership in the church.*

### **Decisions of Conference**

*We believe that the decisions of Conference in 1993 and 1997 do not mean that a conscious and deliberate decision to ordain gay and lesbian people has been made by the church.*

*These decisions were made in the face of significant opposition, and have never been a reflection of real consensus within the church.*

*We do not believe that the 1993 and 1997 Conference decisions mean that there is no further decision to make at this time on this issue.*

### **Possible implications:**

- Evangelical groupings within the church face the reality of further division and potential separation should a decision be made to ordain gay and lesbian people. Some individuals and congregations have indicated to the Network executive that they would need to reconsider their relationship with the MCNZ if such an ordination goes ahead.*
- A further disruption to connexionalism, and a likely increased congregationalism would probably also result from such an action.*
- Dissipation of energy and focus for those who have to defend the actions of the church to themselves, partners, families, congregations, ecumenical colleagues, and the wider community.*

### **Ways forward**

- We believe passionately that the church must avoid getting into head to head confrontations at Conference. We commit ourselves to avoiding this if at all possible.*
- Conference 2002 asked Faith and Order to initiate this dialogue with a particular end date in mind. We wish to question that end date because we do not see any agreement, among the people we represent, to move ahead with ordination of gay and lesbian people.*

*We recognise that "taking time" is not neutral. Making a quick decision to ordain will cause further damage to the evangelical wing of the church, while delaying making a decision must mean that some people anticipating ordination will be disadvantaged and will, together with their supporters, carry pain.*

*We wish we could see a clear and easy way ahead for the church. We don't. However as indicated above, we affirm the need for Faith and Order and the church to explore the possibility of more than one way ahead.*

*We continue to be committed to ongoing dialogue.*

**Relationships with the Wesleyan Church:**

Conference has given the Network responsibility for guiding Conference on when/if the time is right to look at the establishment of formal relationships between MCNZ and the New Wesleyan Methodist church of New Zealand. The Network has talked with members of the Cultural groups about this, and the response from the cultural groups and the Network is "not yet." There continues to be a need for space for healing to happen before anything formal is entered into. There is also a reluctance to establish relationships while Wesleyans continue to target MCNZ congregations for membership of their new fellowships.

**The Executive:**

We welcome Susau Strickland as the Bose Ko Viti Kei Rotuma E Niu Siladi representative to the Executive. The Executive for 2004 will be: Superintendent: Rev. Nigel Hanscamp, Treasurer, Rev. Brian Peterson, Northern Co-ordinator David McGeorge, Central Co-ordinator, Rev. Bill Clifford, Southern Co-ordinator Rev. David Bush, AFFIRM rep Rev. Peter West, Andrea Williamson, Peter Williamson, Susau Strickland Rev. Marion Peterson.

**We are encouraged:**

We continue to be encouraged by the amount of consultation that is happening as people across the Connexion seek to better understand each other. We feel that there is a commitment to honour the Covenant agreed to in 1998 and affirmed in 1999 and it is also encouraging to see the many ways that evangelicals are contributing to the life of the Connexion.

**Evangelical Covenant**

**Te Haahi Weteriana o Aotearoa**

Conference affirms the place of Evangelicals within the life of the Methodist Church. It respects the values and contribution made by many evangelical people during our history.

In order for this to continue Conference commits the Methodist church to seek more effective ways by which evangelicals can contribute to the ongoing life and work of the Church.

Methodist Conference Christchurch 1998

Methodist Conference Auckland 1999

**METHODIST LAY PREACHERS NETWORK**

This is an informal report as the Methodist Lay Preachers Network is still in a formative stage. The Network intends to exist as a low-key organisation that attends to Methodist LP business mostly through an email network.

**Background:**

The *New Zealand Methodist Lay Preacher's Association* ceased to exist in 2000 and progressed to an ecumenical organization, embracing the five partner churches, called the *New Zealand Lay Preachers Association*. The NZLP was the vision of the 1999 Christchurch Executive who asked the Wellington region to bring it about. Wellington embraced the vision, formed an ecumenical executive and constituted the new organization. The reasons behind forming a new association was a strong belief in ecumenical co-operation and a way forward that would enable the best possible support for lay preachers.

Under the editorship of Professor Colin Gibson the Methodist LP magazine known as *The Preacher* is now an inter-denominational LP magazine called *Word and Worship*. The NZLPA seeks to support and encourage lay preachers in the conduct of worship and the proclamation of the Gospel in Aotearoa New Zealand. It is felt this can best be achieved by promoting ecumenical training sessions at District level. The NZLPA holds a register of lay preachers and issues *Accredited Lay Preacher Certificates* and *Long Service Certificates*. *Accreditation Certificates* are issued, on request, when a new preacher has fulfilled the requirements set by his or her denomination. *Long Service Certificates* can be requested by a parish to present to a preacher who has served for twenty-five or more years as an accredited lay preacher.

With the NZLPA being ecumenical the Methodist Church was left with no body able to deal with purely Methodist LP matters (the other churches did not have this problem as they had their own procedures which have not changed). Accordingly, Conference last year accepted a recommendation to instigate a *NZ Methodist Lay Preachers*

Network to permit the processing of Methodist Lay Preachers. The intention being that on-going training, issuing of certificates, publishing a magazine, and general support will continue through the NZLPA.

The NZLPA hopes to develop a close relationship with courts of all the partner churches so far this has not been achieved. It has appreciated the support received from the Connexion and Methodist Conference but believes it should not be seen as having a 'special' relationship with the Methodist Church. Therefore the NZLPA has declined to accept a seat at Conference this year. To facilitate Methodist Lay Preachers being officially represented at Conference the NZLPA position has been reallocated to the Methodist Lay Preacher Network.

### **Historic Bible**

The Lay Preachers Bible, signed by all the presidents of Methodist lay preacher national organizations from the NZ Methodist Local Preachers Mutual Aid Association in 1901 to the ecumenical NZLPA in 2002 has been placed in the Methodist Archives.

### **Current Executive**

The interim executive of the NZ Methodist Lay Preachers Network, as proposed by Conference 2002 is: Jayne Alexander; Helen Buxton; Garth Cant; Colin Gibson; Keith Knox; Ron Malpass and Rosalie Sugrue.

### **Current Concerns**

With falling numbers of people offering for ordination, lay preachers are needed more than ever before. Lay preachers need to keep up to date with matters theological and liturgical, and they need to be valued and nurtured by the Church.

The main concerns of the MLPN are to:

- \* Encourage more Methodists into confident worship leading
- \* Ensure suitable training is provided for aspiring lay preachers
- \* Know who the Methodist and Uniting Church LPs are
- \* Promote and maintain good standards
- \* Provide practical support for lay preachers and worship leaders

We are still working out the practicalities of implementing the above.

### **Suggestions for Discussion:**

- compiling a national register of Methodist and Uniting Church worship leaders
- inviting Synods to nominate two contact LPs from each synod who would correspond by email with the Network Executive and report to Synod as required
- encouraging updating and improving the Methodist LP course
- asking Synods and Conference to consider allocating book allowance for 'active accredited' Lay Preachers within Methodist and Uniting Churches

Re the last bullet-point, the majority of registered lay preachers are either retired or on a low income. Keeping up with theological reading and purchasing resource material is a problem for many. Regardless of income it is important that lay people who make an on-going commitment to leading worship keep up-skilled and feel valued by the Church. The suggestion is that all allowances be held by Epworth Books and must be used during the year given. To be listed as an 'accredited and active' the LP would accept stringent conditions such as: a holding an Accreditation Certificate; undergoing a minimum number of hours training each year; taking or assisting with a minimum number of services; and maybe some required reading. Trinity College may want to be involved with the conditions. Synods and local presbyters would need to commit to supporting the 'accredited and active' requirements.

### **Annual Gathering**

The MLPA will meet annually on Conference Sunday to discuss Methodist LP concerns and partake in a luncheon. Business will be minimal as the NZLPA will continue to be the major organization for New Zealand Lay Preacher issues.

Rosalie Sugrue  
Interim facilitator of the MLPN

### **SUGGESTED RESOLUTIONS:**

1. That the report be received

## **L. CHURCHES AGENCY ON SOCIAL ISSUES**

- **Churches Agency on Social  
Issues**

## THE CHURCHES' AGENCY ON SOCIAL ISSUES

### **SECTION A: Information and Reporting Back**

The Churches' Agency on Social Issues is an inter-church organisation. It works in the area of social justice and related issues that rise within New Zealand. The Agency Consists of up to 16 members appointed by the national bodies of the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches, the Associated Churches of Christ, and the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers). The agency employs a part time research and liaison officer .

The Agency meets monthly in Wellington. The co-convenors from each of the four churches meet as an Executive in advance of those meetings, and the chair is taken by each convenor in turn for a six month term. The current Methodist representatives on the Agency are David Beeston ( Convenor), Fletcher Thomas, Ken Rae, Rosalie Sugrue.

### **The Purpose of the Agency is as follows.**

On social, economic, ecological and political matters within Aotearoa New Zealand, and recognising the centrality of Te Tiriti O Waitangi in its work, the Churches' Agency on Social Issues seeks to:

1. Resource and encourage our member churches at national, regional, local and individual levels to discuss, act, and speak on public issues of interest and concern;
2. Advocate on such issues from our Christian perspective as promptly, clearly, publicly, and effectively as possible; and
3. Be agents in all that we do for peace, justice and the integrity of creation, in accordance with the transforming love of God.

### **Focus:**

At its Planning day in February CASI decided to give priority this year to the issues of : Poverty; Gambling; Immigration; Health; Environment. To some extent CASI's agenda is dictated by the issues that arise in New Zealand society and it was recognised that other issues may arise which would take precedence.

This focus has meant that a request from the 2002 Methodist Conference to examine issues around the deployment of New Zealand forces overseas has not progressed very far. The CASI members outside the Methodist church do not see this a priority and also see it as outside CASI's basic terms of reference. Work has been commenced but is still in the information gathering and sorting stage.

### **Interaction with Government**

Several submissions have been made over the period: on the *Clean Slate* Bill, *Pay Equity* discussion paper, Code of *Alcohol Advertising*, a discussion paper on *Public Health*, a draft Cabinet paper on *Housing Policy*, *Gambling* (site payments for poker machines).

A significant development has been the regular meetings of Church Leaders with Government Ministers. Good rapport has been established and worthwhile discussion entered into. Similar meetings have begun to take place with other political parties as well. CASI is involved in a supportive and advisory capacity.

### **Publications**

CASI has continued to publish issues of the *PQ Broadsheet*, an 8-page A5 magazine with a distribution list of about 2,500. This magazine is produced 6 times a year.

*Outlook Unsettled- a resource on climate change*, a 20 page study and discussion booklet, was published in December to encourage discussion of the issues around ratification of the Kyoto Protocol.

*Where Do We Stand?*, a similar resource on the lifting of the moratorium on the release of genetically modified organisms, was published in June by CASI for the Inter-Church Bioethics Council in response to a request from the 2002 Methodist Conference.

Study material on Euthanasia was also produced and is available on request or from the CASI web site [www.casi.org.nz](http://www.casi.org.nz).

A social justice resource kit is nearing completion and should be available soon.

The CASI web site has been redesigned and updated over the past year and is now fully functional. It is receiving more



traffic than in the past and has resulted in requests for more of the organizations past and present publications.

### **Relations with Similar Agencies and other groups.**

There is continual contact with a range of church groups around the country, and a network of local church contacts is building. Some have worked co-operatively on submissions (such as the Review of Courts and pay equity), provided feedback on draft resources (Climate Change, Social Justice kit) and sought CASI help for their own local issues (gambling, environmental concerns).

Local groups and parishes have also contributed case studies for the Social Justice kit. Julia Stuart, the CASI Research and Liaison Officer, has visited, taken workshops and spoken in several regions, leading to on-going resourcing of local and regional initiatives.

In addition relations are maintained with bodies such as the NZ Council of Christian Social Services. The continuing high-quality NZCCSS work on poverty is of great value to all the Churches.

In February CASI co-operated with the Anglican and Roman Catholic social justice groups to sponsor a Wellington "Capital City Forum" on *Public Health and Human Rights*.

CASI also maintains close contact with and supports the Inter-Church Bioethics Council. This is a group of specialists, appointed by the Anglican, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches to focus on these currently very important issues. It has established good relationships with the Ministry for the Environment and the newly formed NZ Bioethics Council. It has made submissions on the Government's draft Biotechnology Strategy and the changes to the HAZNO (Hazardous Substances and New Organisms) Act, recommending better provision for taking account of ethical and spiritual dimensions, and extra safeguards in the release of genetically modified organisms. It also prepared the discussion resource *Where Do We Stand?* noted above.

CASI started some work with the Human Rights Commission which has begun facilitating discussions in the area of Treaty of Waitangi education and Treaty Issues. Two CASI members have been trained to help facilitate discussion groups using the Commission's material. This work has lead CASI to begin examining the issues around foreshore and seabed rights. More work will be done in this area possibly in conjunction with Te Taha Maori.

### **Finance, Staffing, and Membership**

The great bulk of the Agency's financing comes from grants from the member Churches. In the last year the Methodist Church contributed \$11,000, the Presbyterian Church \$41,000, the Associated Churches of Christ \$500, and the Religious Society of Friends \$2,000.

The Agency employs a Research and Liaison Officer, a position filled by Julia Stuart.

### **SECTION B: Our Strategic Plan**

Recognising that the agency members are not themselves experts in every area of the agency's work, CASI will continue to involve and sponsor other church groups in its activities. This allows CASI to deal with a wider range of issues than is otherwise possible. CASI will continue to encourage and resource people in local congregations who engage with social issues.

The Agency will continue to speak in its own right. CASI's approach will be to comment when it feels it has a point or perspective on an issue that otherwise might not be heard. It does this mainly through submissions to government and issuing press statements.

CASI will work with other groups including the ICBC the Human Rights Commission and the social justice organisations affiliated to other churches where appropriate.

The CASI website and its broadsheet publication have been well received in the last year. Publicising the reworked website is a priority for the next few months. Broadsheet will continue to be published.

### **Suggested decisions**

- 1        **The report is received.**
- 2        **Conference re-affirms the aims of the Agency as set out in the report.**

3. **The Methodist members of CASI for the year 2003 will be David Beeston (convenor), Rosalie Sugrue, Ken Rae and Fletcher Thomas and two other members to be appointed by conference.**
4. **That Conference adopts the amendments to the terms of reference set out above, subject to their acceptance by the other participating Churches.**

The Presbyterian Church has requested that CASI update its terms of reference. A meeting between representatives of the participating churches agreed to recommend to the four participating Churches that they adopt revised Terms of Reference for CASI. The following are the amendments to the original terms:

a. In the Purpose in the first section, prior to the words "centrality of Te Tiriti O Waitangi", be added the words: "guided by the Christian Scriptures, led by the Holy Spirit and . . ." so the whole section would read:

"On social, economic ecological and political matters within Aotearoa New Zealand, the Churches' Agency on Social Issues, guided by the Christian Scriptures, led by the Holy Spirit and recognising the centrality of Te Tiriti O Waitangi in its work, seeks to: "

b. In the second part of the Strategy section the wording be changed to:

"2. Consulting in accordance with the bicultural commitments and multicultural natures of the partner Churches, and using the Treaty as a critical tool for social analysis."

c. In the second part of the structure section the second sentence be amended by adding "normally" at the beginning of the bracketed section, and the number "3" be changed to "6" so the sentence reads:

"2. Each partner church will appoint, from its membership, a convener. The conveners would in turn appoint a chair (normally on a 6 month rotational basis), and will form an Executive."

### **Churches' Agency on Social Issues – Proposed Terms of Reference**

as formulated mid-2000, and approved by the Methodist Church, the  
Associated Churches of Christ and the Religious Society of Friends.

#### **Purpose**

On social, economic ecological and political matters within Aotearoa New Zealand, and recognising the centrality of Te Tiriti O Waitangi in its work, the Churches' Agency on Social Issues seeks to:

1. Resource and encourage our member churches at national, regional, local and individual levels to discuss, act and speak on public issues of interest and concern;
2. Advocate on such issues from our Christian perspective as promptly, clearly, publicly and effectively as possible; and
3. Be agents in all that we do for peace, justice and the integrity of creation, in accordance with the transforming love of God.

#### **Strategy**

The Churches' Agency on Social Issues will, taking account of the polity and policies of the partner churches, seek to fulfil this Purpose by:

1. Respecting diverse opinions within the churches, without compromising the Agency's responsibility to present a prophetic Christian perspective;
2. Consulting with Maori members of the partner Churches, and using the Treaty as a critical tool for social analysis;
3. Providing appropriate resources to inform, assist and encourage the partner churches to engage in social issues;
4. Issuing public statements – e.g. press releases, newsletters, discussion kits, booklets – and assisting church leaders where appropriate with material for public statements;
5. Making representations to other bodies responsible for shaping public policy (e.g. select committees, commissions, governmental discussion papers), and affirming the development of policies that reflect our Christian perspective;
6. Identifying and enlisting people with appropriate expertise to assist the Agency in its work.

## Structure

1. Membership of the Churches' Agency on Social Issues will comprise the following:
  - i) Associated Churches of Christ - up to 2 members
  - ii) Religious Society of Friends - up to 2 members
  - iii) Methodist Church - up to 6 members
  - iv) Presbyterian Church - up to 6 members.
2. Each partner church will appoint, from its membership, a convener. The conveners would in turn appoint a chair (on a 3 month rotational basis), and will form an Executive.
3. The Agency will identify issues and priorities for its work, clarify expected outcomes and timeframes, and ensure consistent and timely responses on issues identified.

In addition, the Churches' Agency on Social Issues will be empowered to establish limited life task groups to work on particular issues, and, as needed, to employ consultants and/or researchers within budgetary constraints. Task groups - possibly regionally based - would draw together people with particular expertise in terms of the issue to be addressed, working in dialogue with the steering group.

## Churches' Agency on Social Issues – Amended Terms of Reference

recommended by the meeting of 5.3.2003 to the Methodist Church, the Presbyterian Church, the Associated Churches of Christ and the Religious Society of Friends.

## Purpose

On social, economic ecological and political matters within Aotearoa New Zealand, the Churches' Agency on Social Issues, guided by the Christian Scriptures, led by the Holy Spirit and recognising the centrality of Te Tiriti O Waitangi in its work, seeks to:

4. Resource and encourage our member churches at national, regional, local and individual levels to discuss, act and speak on public issues of interest and concern;
5. Advocate on such issues from our Christian perspective as promptly, clearly, publicly and effectively as possible; and
6. Be agents in all that we do for peace, justice and the integrity of creation, in accordance with the transforming love of God.

## Strategy

The Churches' Agency on Social Issues will, taking account of the polity and policies of the partner churches, seek to fulfil this Purpose by:

7. Respecting diverse opinions within the churches, without compromising the Agency's responsibility to present a prophetic Christian perspective;
8. Consulting in accordance with the bicultural commitments and multicultural natures of the partner Churches, and using the Treaty as a critical tool for social analysis;
9. Providing appropriate resources to inform, assist and encourage the partner churches to engage in social issues;
10. Issuing public statements – e.g. press releases, newsletters, discussion kits, booklets – and assisting church leaders where appropriate with material for public statements;
11. Making representations to other bodies responsible for shaping public policy (e.g. select committees, commissions, governmental discussion papers), and affirming the development of policies that reflect our Christian perspective;
12. Identifying and enlisting people with appropriate expertise to assist the Agency in its work.

## Structure

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  - v) Associated Churches of Christ - up to 2 members
  - vi) Religious Society of Friends - up to 2 members
  - vii) Methodist Church - up to 6 members
  - viii) Presbyterian Church - up to 6 members.

5. Each partner church will appoint, from its membership, a convener. The conveners would in turn appoint a chair (normally on a 6 month rotational basis), and will form an Executive.
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# **M. COMMITTEE/BOARD MEMBERSHIP**

(Board Members CV's to be brought to Conference 2004)

**N. NOMINATIONS FOR  
PRESIDENT AND  
VICE-PRESIDENT**

**PRESIDENT:**

*Ron Malpass*

*Kenneth Smith*

*David Pratt*

*Terry Wall*

**NOMINATED BY:**

Waikato-Waiariki  
Hawkes Bay/Manawatu  
Wellington  
Nelson/Marlborough/West Coast

Otago / Southland

Sinoti Samoa  
South Canterbury

Auckland

**VICE PRESIDENT:**

*Ron Malpass*

*Helen Laurenson*

*Kenneth Smith*

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## NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT

### RON MALPASS

#### **Family Information**

Ron was born in Hamilton 55 years ago. He grew up in Woolston in Christchurch. He has been married to Kay for 34 years. They have two married daughters and two grand children. They were foster parents for 16 years. Ron comes from strong Methodist roots. His grandfathers were Lay Preachers, his uncle J.H. (Bert) Thompson was a Methodist Presbyterian and his father Bill was choirmaster at Christchurch Central Mission in the 1950's.

#### **Ministry and Work Experience**

Ron moved to Wellington in 1967 with his employment in the Public Service and joined Wesley, Taranaki Street. Following military service and his marriage to Kay in 1969 they became involved in Sunday School and youth work at Ward Memorial, Northland, Wellington before they moved to Upper Hutt in 1971. His Christian commitment over the majority of the past thirty years has been worked out in a variety of leadership roles in the Upper Hutt Uniting Parish, the Apia Protestant Church and Walton-on-Thames Methodist Church in Surrey, England.

His public service experience spanned 25 years including service in three NZ High Commissions, Apia, Samoa for 3 years also covering Tonga, where he opened the first NZ High Commission office in Nuku'alofa in 1974; and London 1980 – 82. He worked with the UN High Commission for Refugees in refugee camps in South East Asia over an 11 year period. During this time he suffered a stress related illness after working in camps on the Thailand/Cambodia border where military action was continuing. He spent 12 months as a Private Secretary to a Minister of Health and Immigration. He was appointed Assistant Director of Immigration in 1983 and Manager for Permanent Migration and Refugee Services in a restructured NZ Immigration Service from 1987 – 1990.

From 1990 to 2000 Ron was Director of the Wellington branch of the Open Home Foundation of NZ Inc a Christian Child and Family Support service. He served on the Boards of several social service agencies and was an on-call traumatic incident counsellor for several secondary schools in the Wellington region. He served on an Advisory Committee chaired by the Commissioner for Children. A foundation member of the Wellington Refugees as Survivors Trust Board, he was the Methodist Church representative on the Board and Executive of the Refugee and Migrant Service from 1998 – 2001. He was appointed a Justice of the Peace in 1997.

In the past 3 years Ron has been employed as Executive Officer for the InterChurch Council for Hospital Chaplaincy. He served as President of the NZ Lay Preachers Association 1999-2002, is a member of the Wellington District Synod, a member of the Evangelical Network and the Order of St. Luke. He is also a mentor for workers in the disability and healthcare voluntary sector.

#### **General Information**

Ron has a strong and compassionate Christian faith, which was strongly influenced by his mothers ill health that led him to know the reality of the presence of God in the midst of crisis at a very early age. He has a keen interest in NZ history and the place of the Church in that history. He is an advocate of affirming the place of the Treaty of Waitangi in the life of our nation and is passionate about righting injustice. He has a very strong belief in the need for all children to know they are loved, they belong and are able to be part of strong loving families. He is willing to offer what experience, abilities and giftings he has to serve Te Hahi Weteriana if they will be helpful to the Church at this stage of his journey.

### KENNETH SMITH

#### **Family Information:**

Kenneth is married to Helen. They have two sons and one grandson who live in Christchurch.

#### **Ministry or Work Experience:**

Kenneth is currently serving in the Waitakere Parish as Parish Superintendent. He is on the JRC, Board of Ministry and is Regional Convenor for West Auckland. He also serves as a Police Chaplain.

Previous parish appointments: Wanganui Parish (District Superintendent for the Taranaki/Wanganui District), Christchurch North, Rangiora and Tokomairiro Co-operating Parish.

Kenneth has a wealth of connexional experience having served on a number of committees of the Church, and held several Synod positions. Currently he is a member of the Board of Administration and the Methodist Provident Society. Previously he has been convenor of the Ordinands assessment event, member of Tauwiwi Forum, Board member of Christian Social Services Wanganui, a member of the Wesley Wellington Board. Five years secretary and five years convenor of the Making Disciples Task Group, four years (two as co-convenor) on Council of Conference,



ten years on the Church Building and Loan Committee. He has also been secretary of North Canterbury Synod, member of Joint Regional Committees, member of Ministerial and Theological review commission convenor of North Canterbury land commission and National land commission.

**General Information:**

Kenneth relates well to other people and is compassionate and caring. He is enthusiastic about the church and God's mission and hold great hope for the future. A key phrase for Kenneth is, "God loves all people – no matter who". He encourages others to join him in applying that concept of God's love to the whole of life.

## DAVID C. PRATT

**Family**

David has been married to Joycelyn for 38 years and together have three adult children. They and their two grandchildren are a great delight.

**Ministry Experience**

David has been a Presbyter for almost 38 years, 28 years were spent in Parish appointments. These have been rural Parishes, Co-operating Ventures and urban Parishes.

For 6 years David was a hospital chaplain at Wanganui Good Health. For 4 years David was Coordinator of Christian Social Services and Wanganui City Missioner, an ecumenical social service programme.

Two overseas appointments were spent at Redcliff Queensland in 1980 working in the Uniting Church of Australia, and in the South Bristol Circuit of the Methodist Church UK from 1997 – 1999.

David's present appointment is at Birkenhead, North Shore City.

David was for 4 years District Superintendent of the Taranaki Wanganui District and is currently Superintendent of the Auckland Synod. He also serves on the Auckland District Property committee, and the Faith and Order Committee and has considerable experience working with multi-cultural communities both in Auckland and the UK.

**General**

David is a short story writer, poet and hymn writer. Several of his poems have been published in English anthologies. In 1999 David published his first anthology "Victory Place". Other interests include water colour painting, video filming, boat building, camping, travel and cooking.

David believes that the local Parish should be a significant faith community, that each congregation should have a care for its neighbours, and that life is meant to be filled with a joy derived from living in Christ. Sometimes caring for ourselves and for others can be painful. But at that moment when care and thought and pain and faith meet, life becomes Good News. Rainbows happen when there are both rain and sunshine. Thoughtfulness, carefulness, inclusiveness and faithfulness to the way of Christ are always Good News and will build the Kingdom.

David says "I will offer the Church what leadership skills I have so that Good News may happen"

## TERRY WALL

**Family Information**

Terry is married to Lynne. They have three daughters, Clare (24) Rosemary (23) and Miriam (18).

**Ministry and Work Experience**

Ordained in 1978 Terry has served in Methodist parishes in Christchurch, Wellington and Auckland, and in the Tamworth and Lichfield Circuit in Staffordshire. Currently he is in his 4<sup>th</sup> year as Maclaurin Chaplain at the University of Auckland.

Since 1996 Terry has been convenor of the Faith and Order Committee. From 1996-2000 he was convenor of the Unity Programme of the Conference of Churches of Aotearoa New Zealand. His commitment to ecumenism has been expressed in his participation in the Methodist-Catholic Dialogue. He is an honorary tutor in Theology through Trinity College with the University of Auckland.

**General Information**

Terry is committed to both the personal and social dimensions of Christian faith. He is convinced that a church that is finding its way will be a praying Church. He sees a vigorous spirituality as essential for the sharing of the gospel and

engagement in issues of social justice. Our context in Aotearoa New Zealand will shape our mission. The centrality of worship and collaboration between lay and ordained are recognised as priorities. He sees the fostering of vitality in congregational life and the cherishing of diversity as challenges for the future.

For relaxation Terry enjoys jogging and reading fiction and biography. He is nutty about hockey, folk music and handcraft printing.

Terry holds bachelor degrees in English and Philosophy and masters degrees in History and Theology. He is currently engaged in doctoral studies through the Melbourne College of Divinity.

## NOMINATIONS FOR VICE-PRESIDENT

### **RON MALPASS**

(See Profile under Nominations for President)

### **HELEN LAURENSEN**

#### **Family Information**

Born in Hamilton, grew up in Mt Eden and attended the Mt Eden Methodist Church. Eric to whom she has been married for 44 years was also a member of the lively group of young people who formed part of that community of faith. From this background of involvement she was approached to research the Church's history and wrote "In this Familiar Place: the Mt Eden Village Methodist Church Centenary 1899 – 1999". Helen and Eric have three adult children, Sarah, Matthew and Ana, sons and daughter-in-law, Alan, Pauline and Jim and 8 grandchildren.

#### **Ministry or Work Experience**

Helen was a member of the Tyler Crescent and the Marion Avenue Methodist congregations, and the Lynfield Community Church, the first situation in NZ involving Anglicans in communion with the other negotiating churches. She was organist there for sixteen years and in 1981 was baptised in that Church by Rev Len Schroeder. Valuing those years as a member of a ground-breaking, co-operating venture, she was nevertheless aware of her roots in the rich heritage and the distinctive ethos of the Methodist Church, Te Haahi Weteriani O Aotearoa. She found it a privilege to be supporting Eric during the year of his presidency of the Methodist Church in NZ in 1988-89, and to have contact with so many in the Connexion. She first attended Methodist Conference in 1981, and has been a parish representative from 1988 – 1990 and since 2001.

For 20 years Helen has been a member of Pitt Street Methodist Church. She has held various positions including joint-secretary of the Leaders' Meeting, Convenor of the Pitt Street and Aotea Chapel Pastoral Care network and for 7 years was a Parish Steward. For 11 years she has been a member of the Pitt Street Trust and Chairperson for the past 3 years. Formerly a member of "Friends of Take-a-Break" which supported the work of outreach for women in Pitt Street, Auckland, she is currently one of the mentor group for its successor "Te Manawa o Hine".

She was elected President of the Wesley Historical Society (NZ) in 2000 and is involved in the Review of Methodist Archives. She has been appointed as a member of the Board of Studies and of the Church's Disciplinary Tribunal

Trained as a librarian, Helen returned to the work force as family responsibilities allowed. Upon retirement as User Education Librarian at Auckland College of Education, she returned to Auckland University after 42 years completing a BA in History and English. In 2003 she was awarded an MA in History with First Class Honours for her thesis 'Going Up? – Going Down!' The Rise and Fall of Auckland Department Stores 1920 – 1960. She has been inaugurating President of the Epsom & Eden District Historical Society since 2000 and is actively involved in that Society's current project of writing the history of Epsom.

#### **General**

Helen finds history fascinating, particularly that which involves ordinary people facing changes in their lives. She enjoys music and also has valued travelling to places that have cultural or personal significance. With an enriching experience of sharing worship and fellowship in widely differing situations throughout NZ and during many years, Helen holds to a liberal viewpoint. She honours compassionate pastoral care both within and beyond the community of the church as an imperative of the Gospel.

### **KENNETH SMITH**

(See Profile under Nominations for President)

**O. TRIBUTES TO DECEASED  
PRESBYTERS, MINITA-A-IWI,  
DEACONS AND LAYPERSONS**

**GEORGE BENNETT**  
*2 May 1932 – 13 February 2003*

George was born in 1932 in Hamilton and grew up on the small family farm in Te Kowhai. George initially became a nurseryman working with his brother Jim. It was not long however before he felt the call of God on his life and as a consequence he became one of the earliest members of the Order of St. Stephen. This meant giving a year of his life to work amongst Maori people in Pukekohe.

Following the year with the Order of St. Stephen George became a Home Missionary probationer at Timaru South and it was while there, in 1952, that he met Hazel McCone, later to become his wife. At the same time he candidated and was accepted for training for the ordained ministry. Following his three years training at Trinity College George married Hazel and was appointed as a probationer to minister in Ohura in the centre of the North Island where they lived in a one room cottage without hot water.

On leaving Ohura George was ordained and stationed at Gonville in the Wanganui Circuit, this was followed by appointments at Paraparaumu, Pukekohe, and finally Papatoetoe. During the latter appointment George became the first District Superintendent of the newly formed Manukau District.

Wherever he went George applied himself energetically to his ministry and left congregations stronger than when he arrived. Sometimes this involved trauma as George was prepared to speak his mind and "would always grasp the thorny nettle". But inevitably George would win over the hearts of the people.

George had no doubt about the fact that he was in the ministry to serve God and people. His beliefs were strong, he stood on the liberal side of the Church, he had an acute social conscience though these facets were matched by a deep commitment to pastoral care. Integrity mattered to George, a fact made clear in some of the correspondence he left behind. His letters were often both very direct but at the same time charitable. At times his saving grace was his sense of humour and his ability to see the bright side.

Amongst other things George served the wider Church as Chairman of the Camp Morley Trust, Conference Minutes Secretary, and District Candidates Convener. He also served on the International Affairs Committee and the Committee on Ministry, and was a Chaplain to the Girl's Brigade at a District and Regional level.

George was on quite heavy medication for the last twenty years or so of his life. He preferred to keep this to himself and to make the most of life in spite of being unwell.

The Methodist Church gives thanks to God for George's life and ministry. We also thank God for the way in which Hazel and the family, Sharon, Judith, Lynne and Peter, shared a husband and father with the Methodist Church.

**HENRY DOUGLAS KELLY, BA**  
*26 July 1908 – 6 January 2003*

The only child of Warren and Agnes Kelly, Henry was born in Wellington on 26 July 1908. After two years at Wellington College he completed his education at Nelson College when the family moved to Richmond.

At the age of 16 he began his 37 year Government career with the Department of Lands and Survey in Nelson. It was there he met his wife-to-be Jean.

When he was 38 he started part-time study for a BA degree, completing it in 4 years.

Henry transferred to the Wildlife section of the Department of Internal Affairs in 1953, later becoming Controller of Wildlife.

He resigned from the Department in 1960, and in 1961 was appointed as Home Missionary to the Picton Methodist Church.

During these five years he was appointed Chaplain to Cobham Outward Bound School at Anakiwa, and was Chaplain to Wesley House. With Rev. C.B. Oldfield he was instrumental in starting Quarterly Services in Port Underwood.

Following his retirement in 1965 Henry held many positions in the Picton Methodist Church – continuing to preach for many years, serving on the Leaders Meeting and Trust and as assistant organist.

After the Covenant between the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches to form a combined church was signed in 1969, he became a member of the first combined Session. He worked on the Draft Constitution for the present Picton Union

Parish, was a member of the Wesley House Management Committee for many years, as well as being Secretary/Manager for some time, a member of Parish Council, conductor of the choir, and assistant organist until his retirement in 1993.

Henry wrote the centennial history of Picton entitled "As High as the Hills" as well as the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary booklet of the Union Parish of Picton. He taught Music and Liberal Studies at Queen Charlotte College and for two years worked as Picton reporter for the Marlborough Express.

Active in many sports, Henry achieved his highest honours in hockey, becoming the first New Zealand 1<sup>st</sup> Class Umpire. He umpired at the 1962 Asian Games in Jakarta and the 1964 Olympic Games in Tokyo, being the first New Zealand umpire to officiate at that level.

Henry had some firm held principles and beliefs. He liked nothing better than a good argument, yet had the tolerance to appreciate the views of others – even if he disagreed with them.

Following a short illness, Henry died peacefully in Wairau Hospital, Blenheim on 6 January 2003. He is survived by his four children, Graeme, Denis, Bruce and Marylyn.

**IAN MILLAR**  
*Died 30 November 2002*

Ian would certainly have been happier if Church Union had been consummated many years ago. Brought up in the Presbyterian Church, it was significant that although trained in the Presbyterian College, he served only one distinctly Presbyterian parish – the rest being co-operative and Methodist ventures.

Born in Timaru in 1931, he enjoyed a rural background and schooling in South Canterbury, before training as a carpenter in Temuku. While working in the district as a carpenter he married Dorothy Smith and their first two children, John and Cathy were born during this period. This was followed by nine years as farm labourer on his brother's farm, and the birth of Susanne.

He then applied for training at Knox College, and in spite of his limited academic background his potential was recognised and, after four years of study he received his first appointment to the co-operating parish of Kaitaia in 1973. This included a years exchange of ministry in Iowa, USA in 1979. This was followed by appointment to the co-operating parish of Opunake, and then the Presbyterian parish of Te Kuiti. Having by now intimate experience of both Presbyterian and Methodist churches, Ian was happy to accept a Methodist appointment in 1991 to Woodlands Rd, Timaru, where he was also South Canterbury District Superintendent for a short time. On retirement to Hamilton in 1996, where he and Dorothy attended the Melville Methodist Church, Ian was as industrious as ever, acting as ministerial supply for one year each at Rotorua, Te Awamutu and Matamata, and for shorter periods at Cambridge and St Paul's, Hamilton. He was supplying at Ngaruawahia at the time of his untimely death. Coupled with this latter work, he also acted as relieving chaplain at Waikato Hospital, as well as being chaplain to the Boys Brigade company at the Melville church.

Ian's earlier life gave him a good all round training both in practical affairs and in mixing with all kinds of people, and this stood him in good stead throughout his ministry, which was marked by an ability to relate warmly to people at all levels. He thus enjoyed the full confidence of his parish in every instance. He loved preaching, which was always bible centred in a homely and practical way; he loved music ( and possessed a good baritone voice ) and was always young at heart – sharing effectively in youth work at Melville in his last months with us. A tireless worker, he found time to care for the gardens and lawns of others, and added the icing to the cake, as it were, by his early morning production of countless thousands of pikelets - a-token by which he will be whimsically remembered by those who loved and respected him.

Ian has left behind a rich legacy, both as a loyal friend and pastor and also as one who was ready to use his ecumenical wire cutters to break through any remaining divisions and minister to both Presbyterian and Methodist with equal respect and acceptance.

Our thanks and appreciation must also go to his wife, Dorothy for her loving support of Ian, and to the children, John, Cathy and Susanne with whom Ian enjoyed the best of family relationships, as well as being the well loved "poppa" of his six grandchildren.

**J WESLEY PARKER**  
*16 June 1907 – 9 February 2003*

When James Wesley Parker passed away on Feb 9<sup>th</sup> 2003 aged 95, he had become the father of our Conference, the oldest serving Presbyter of the Church.

His service was both within Parish ministry and Army Chaplaincy.

Wesley trained for ministry when he was just 19 years of age, graduating from Dunholme in 1929. Studying Part time he subsequently gained an MA in Philosophy and a Bachelor of Divinity. He spent his probation years at St John's Franklin Richmond Road Auckland and Huntly. He was ordained in 1934 and stationed at Sydenham. Following Sydenham he served the Church in Riverton, where there are people who still speak well of Wes Parker's ministry. Then he was appointed to Hawera, from where he was seconded to be a military chaplain. He was stationed at Remuera for seven years, and then gave further service as an Army Chaplain. Then it was to Kingsland for twelve years, three years at Henderson, and a couple of years as Associate Minister at Auckland Central Mission, before superannuation. For his army Chaplaincy work he was awarded an Efficiency Decoration. His distinguished service in the Pacific with the 36<sup>th</sup> battalion is recorded in the "Official History Of NZ in the Second World War."

Throughout his ministry Wesley acknowledged that he was well supported by Essie his wife. She contributed her gifts of music to his ministry, especially at Kingsland where for seven years she was Organist and Choir Mistress. Wesley is survived by his three sons.

Wesley had a keen mind and expressed this in preaching and writing. He had a literary love which led to writing of articles for newspapers, and scripts for radio broadcasts. He was chosen to write the Biography for the Rev'd. Dr C H Laws. He is well remembered for his weekly article in the NZ Herald. He wrote a number of books and parish histories. He was from 1946-9 a member of the committee of the Wesley Historical Society.

Wesley had a broad vision of the Church, encouraged ecumenical activities, his voice was always raised in support of social justice issues, and he saw the need for organisational efficiency in the life of the Church.

There was in his ministry a dedication, a driving force, which can only be explained by his deep commitment to Jesus Christ.

We give thanks for your life James Wesley Parker.

Today our church affirms his life and ministry with gratitude and with thanks.

### **SIOSIFA LATU UHI** *14 March 1951 – 15 January 2003*

Siosifa Latu Uhi was born in Tonga 14 March 1951 and died at his home at Wainuiomata, Lower Hutt, 15 January 2003.

He was educated locally at the Wesleyan Church schools in Tonga and came to New Zealand in 1972 where he met and married 'Ataile in Auckland on the 2 November 1972. Siosifa and 'Ataile moved to Petone, Wellington in 1973 where they were foundation members of the Tongan Fellowship in Petone at the same year. The family was blessed with three sons, Sione Talakai (deceased 1995), Tu'ipulotu and Michael. They also had three adopted children, Rosemary, Faleolo and Mosese, who also has passed away. Lots of mokopuna are added blessings.

Siosifa had dedicated his life to the Petone Tongan Fellowship and also to the Parish. He became the Assistant Steward in 1976 and from 1977, he was the Chief Steward for 15 years before he was accepted to the Self-supporting ministry training program in 1991. Siosifa was ordained at the Whangarei Methodist Conference in 1994 and was a past president for the Tongan Council of Churches in the Wellington area. Siosifa worked with disabled people and undertook the pastoral care role for the Tongan Fellowships in Petone, Tawa, Uppert Hutt and Levin. His work and commitment to the church showed his undying faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Siosifa has run the race and fought the good fight.

#### **KO E PIOKALAFI 'O FAIFEKAU SIOSIFA LATU UHI.**

Na'e fa'ele'i 'a Siosifa 'i Tonga 'i he 1951. Na'a ne tupu hake pe 'i Tonga 'o kamata ai 'ene ako, pea ne toki folau mai ki Nu'usila ni 'I he 1972, he polokalama ngaue 'ae Potungau Leipa.

Na'e mali 'a Siosifa mo 'Ataile 'i he 'aho 2/11/72, 'i 'Okalani pea hiki mai ki Uelingatoni 'i he 1973 'o kau 'i hono fokotu'u 'o e Fai'angalotu 'i Petone 'i he 1973.

Ko 'ena fanau tangata 'e toko 3: Sione Talakai Latu; Tu'ipulotu Latu; pea mo Michael Latu; pea kuo 'osi pekia ai 'a e lahi taha (Sione Talakai). Na' e 'i ai mo e fanau ohi 'e toko 3. Rosemary Latu; Faleolo Latu pea mo Mosese Latu ka kuo ne osi pekia. 'Oku 'i ai foki mo e makapuna.

- 1976 Na 'e hoko ko e tokoni Setuata.
- 1977 Na 'e hoko ai ko e Setuata 'o e Siasi, pea ne ngaue faka Setuata ai pe 'i he ta'u 'e 15 'o a'u ki he ta'u na' e hoko ai ki he polokalama ako Fakafaifekau.
- 1989. Na'e fokotu'u ki he Kanititeiti Faifekau pea tali ai 'one hoko atu ki he Polokalama ako 'a e kau Faifekau.
- 1990 Kamata 'i he Polokalama Ako Faka Faifekau.
- 1991 Na'a ne malolo ai mei he Setuata 'o tokanga ki he ako Faka Faifekau.
- 1994 Na 'e fakanofa Faifekau ai 'i he Konifelenisi na'e faka hoko ki Whangarei.
- Na 'e hoko atu foki ki he ngaahi ako English ke tokoni ki he ngaue mo e kau Papalangi. Pea tokoni foki ki he malanga faka Palangi 'i he ta'u 'e 4 faka'osi 'o 'ene mo'ui.
- Na'a ne hoko foki ko e Palesitani 'a e Kosilio 'a e ngaahi 'Siasi.
- Ko e memipa 'oe Komiti 'a e Pasifiki 'oku tokanga kia kinautolu oku nau faingata'a'ia faka-'atamai.
- Na'a ne malanga fakaava 'a e fuofua fokotu'u 'o e Fai'angalotu 'o Palmerston North.
- Pea na'a ne tokoni Fakatauhi sipi ki he ngaahi ngaue faka-Kuata 'a Petone, Upper Hutt pea mo Tawa 'o a'u ai pe ki he 'ene pekia 'i he 'aho 15/01/3003.

Ko Siosifa ko e tangata na'a ne fai hono lelei taha 'i he taimi kotoa pe. He na'a ne mateaki'i 'a e lelei taha ma'ae kakai na'a ne tauhi. Ko e tangata fai 'osikiavelenga hono ngaahi fatongia kotoa pe, pea na'a ne luva kotoa 'ene mo'ui ke fai'aki 'ene fakalangilangi 'Otua he ngaue kotoa pe 'a e Siasi na'e kau ki ai. Na'a ne ma'u 'a e loto fie tokoni, pea na'a ne veveveke foki ke ako ha ngaahi me'a fo'ou ke tokoni ki he'ene ngaue faka-Faifekau. Ko e tangata fakafotu ngofua he na'e fotunga malimali pea fakatokilalo 'ene sipinga mo'ui. Ko e tokotaha ivi lahi pea loto lahi ke fai ta'e teteki 'ene fakalangilangi 'Otua 'aki hono kotoa.

Kuo lava'i 'e Siosifa 'a e tau lelei, pea kuo ne hao atu ki he langi, 'o foki ki he 'api 'o e Tamai. Toka a Siosifa 'i he melino mo e nonga 'a e 'Otua. 'Ofa lahi atu.

### **BRIAN UNDERWOOD** *23 June 1939 – 5 July 2003*

- Brian Howard Underwood born 23/6/1939, Hamilton
- Lived and educated in Hamilton
- Auckland University 1958-1961
- Married to Enid (nee Francis) 16/11/1963
- Children Carolyn (b. 9/02/67) married to Mark; and Stewart (b. 30/03/70) married to Lara.
- Grandchildren Rachael, Rebekah and Sarah.
- Lived in Hamilton till Jan 1968, moved to Rotorua
- Moved to Auckland in 1988, principal of Murray North, Consulting Engineers
- Returned to Rotorua in December 1994

He was greatly loved by his family, and highly esteemed by his friends, business colleagues and acquaintances. Brian held many official positions in the Methodist Church. He was a Trustee in various centres, a Circuit Steward, a long term member of the MTA, attended Synods and Conference. He was unstinting in his support of local churches. In working life he was an engineer, and was also a member of the Met Service Board. He lived a very full life, and enjoyed his leisure time with fishing trips, overseas travel, boating on Lake Rotoiti, and innumerable games of tennis, which he usually won convincingly. Not long after returning to Rotorua he developed a brain tumour that slowly cost him his mental faculties and then his life.

What is less straightforward is how to give an account of the depth of his theology, his awareness of the need to create a more vibrant overall church scene, his committed response to intellectual rigour in preaching and Christian education.

Brian used the sum of the knowledge of his working life, the  $\Sigma$ , (which, incidentally, was the name of another engineering firm he helped create at the end of his career), to such very good effect theologically. He had the capacity and the inclination to discuss the implications of equations that signified an intelligent design at work in the universe. I loved him greatly for those responses. One particular night, three of us drew some long bows and loosed arrows of the imagination, the theology of which is now coming to fruition in the Methodist Church at large. But we could not have foreseen that God's arrow of time would fly unerringly to a grim biological target called brain cancer. "Bidden or unbidden, God is present."

Still, if one considers the harvest of his loves, his life, his talents, the best is yet to be. Of that I am convinced, and so he was he. Along with other presbyters, I am deeply grateful for Brian's life, his witness, and his support. His was a ministry of the laity *par excellence*.

**BASIL JAMES HILDER**  
*30 September 1924 - 18 September 2003*

Basil Hilder was born on 30 September 1924 at Kawakawa, the youngest of five daughters and two sons. His parents, Annie and Jim, were farmers.

After school years at Kaikohe Basil worked on the family farm for about three years, following which he took an office job for about one year. He then served for six months as a home missionary at St. Clair and Broad Bay, Dunedin, before offering as a candidate for the ministry. He trained at Trinity College from 1945 to '47, after which he went as a probationer to Lyall Bay (Wellington). It was in the congregation there that he met Phyllis. They became engaged, but following the church's rules at the time, they were not permitted to marry until Basil was ordained. He was ordained at the Dunedin Conference on 5 November 1950, and the wedding followed very soon after on 14 November at Lyall Bay.

After a brief appointment to Kaeo in 1951, Basil and Phyl took leave of absence in 1952 in order to take part in ecumenical work camps, which had been organised to help rebuild Europe after the Second World War. They worked in Germany and Italy and completed the year with a working holiday in England where Basil worked as a porter in an East London hospital. On the homeward voyage Basil was ship's chaplain.

Their next appointment was at Oxford in mid-Canterbury from 1953 -'57, where their daughter Karen was born, then at Opunake, where the birth of Chris and Jo completed the family. During this time Basil began an interest in bonsai trees.

Appointments followed to Northcote in 1964 and Hastings in 1968. During his appointment at Hastings Basil did his initial training for hospital chaplaincy. His next appointment, from 1975, was to the Tasman Union Parish. In 1978 he was appointed to be the first full-time chaplain at Cook Hospital, Gisborne. He was involved in the move to the new Gisborne hospital and continued as chaplain until retirement in 1988.

While in retirement Basil took an active role in the life of Wesley Church, Gisborne, helping out with services as needed. He also helped out at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church during a vacancy. Basil was deeply involved with the Forest and Bird Society and was local secretary. He had an abiding interest in Greek history, ecumenism, and gardening.

Travel was also a major interest and each year Basil and Phyl visited a different country. Sadly, it was on a visit to Western Australia in September that Basil suddenly died. His funeral service was held on 29 September 2003 at Gisborne.

The church extends deep sympathy to Phyl, Karen, Chris and Jo and their families. We give thanks to God for Basil's life and ministry.

**RICHARD JOHN HAMLIN**  
*21 May 1930 - 1 October 2003*

John Hamlin passed away in Palmerston North on 1st October 2003 after a long illness. During the years of his active ministry, as well as in his retirement, he exercised a considerable variety of gifts and practical skills in the service of church and community.

John was born in Palmerston North in 1930 into a farming family. He was educated at Glen Oroua Primary School and Palmerston North Technical College. His early nurture in the Christian faith he owed to his Brethren mother and his Anglican father.

During the ministry of the Rev. Ben Riseley, John joined the Methodist Church. Newly married to Gwen (nee Hunt), he served as a home missionary at Okato from 1953 to 1955. From there he went to Trinity College for theological training, followed by a probationary appointment at Bombay-Tuakau. From this point onwards, most of John's ministry was spent in ecumenical settings. In 1961 he was seconded by the church to armed services chaplaincy, and so began a ministry of seventeen years as an Air Force Chaplain, commencing with a 5-year appointment to Woodbourne Air Base. He became Principal Chaplain RNZAF in 1968 and Principal Defence Chaplain in 1972.

Concluding his chaplaincy in 1976, John moved back to Parish ministry in Greymouth Union Parish for a five-year term. During this period he served as Deputy Chairman of the Nelson Synod and Chairman of the Westland-Buller Union District Council.

From 1981 to 1983 he was Registrar of Wallis House ecumenical Retreat House and Conference Centre in Lower Hutt.



His last Parish appointment before retirement was to the Picton Union Parish, where he led the Parish in a rebuilding programme. Following retirement in 1991 John served in the Ashhurst-Bunthythorpe-Pohangina Parish till 1993.

John took an early interest in computer technology, and during a break from ministry in 1984-85 he worked as a training manager for a Wellington firm. In retirement, computers continued to be a major interest, and he became deeply involved in setting up SeniorNet in Palmerston North. He was honoured with life membership of the organisation.

Stewardship was another area in which John exercised a significant ministry; he was active for several years as a field director for "Response".

A major interest in retirement was genealogy. With the support and assistance of his wife Beverley, whom he married in 1997, John researched and published a book "Charles Hartley Pioneer" on his ancestor Stephen Charles Hartley, the first white person to be shown the Papaoiea clearing where Palmerston North is now built. He was able to attend the book-launch only a few weeks before his death.

Diagnosed with a terminal illness in 2002, John faced the future with a strong, calm faith which was an inspiration to his family and those around him. Throughout these last years he was lovingly supported and cared for by Beverley. He is survived by her, together with his three sons, two daughters, and nine grandchildren.

With them, the church gives thanks to God for Johns' life and ministry.

#### **CYRIL WILFRED FIRTH**

MSc (Hons) (Geol) Dist.F.I.P.E.N.Z., F.I.C.E.M, F.I.W.E.S., Dip Pub Admin  
Fellow of Wesley College

Cyril Firth was born in Auckland on the 25<sup>th</sup> January 1904. He completed his primary schooling at Mangawhau School (junior national scholar) and Seddon Memorial Technical College (senior national scholar). He grew up in Portage Road Papatoetoe, in a house opposite the Methodist Church where his father Wilfred conducted the choir. There he met an efficient young teacher named Gertrude Gwyndolene Law who he later married.

After an early career in the private sector including a period at Superior Oil Co prospecting for oil in Taranaki, he returned to Auckland where he spent most of the rest of his life in the public service working amongst others for the Auckland City Council, and subsequently as director of works for the newly formed Auckland Regional Authority. He retired from that position in 1970 and became a consultant for the consultant engineering firm of K.R.T.A. Ltd.

He was also a University Lecturer in engineering geology from 1948 – 1965. Cyril serves as a board member at the Auckland Central Mission (1959 – 1987). In those days Everil Orr chose who went on the board. Cyril's appointment in the late fifties was part of a strategy to up skill the board by bringing in people with professional and technical skills at a time when the mission was involved in a great deal of construction work and development. He spent 11 years on the Council of the Methodist Theological College in Grafton Road during a period of construction.

In 1972 he was appointed to the Wesley College Trust Board and when he retired from the Board in 1987 he was made a Fellow of Wesley College which is a designation for relatively few in number who have given long and distinguished service to Wesley College. He was the resident expert on water and sewerage and had the enviable reputation of always being able to find water on site whenever a new bore was drilled.

He was a parishioner of St Paul's, Remuera and sang in the choir and served on that trust. Throughout his service to the many church boards and trusts with which he was involved, his focus and motivation was a deep caring for the young and underprivileged combined with a strong Christian faith and a need to serve others. He had great technical skills and was an intensely practical man.

Cyril will be remembered with enormous affection by all those who knew hi. He lived a good and full life and continues to be a living part of the history of the boards he served on. The lives of many have been enriched by his presence.

**P. RECORD OF SERVICE  
RETIRING PRESBYTERS  
& DEACONS**

## PATRICIA ANN ALLAN

Patricia's call to Christian ministry came when she was thirteen. God wanted her in Pakistan and Afghanistan. She trained as a registered nurse and midwife, gaining experience in seven New Zealand hospitals, Israel and Edinburgh rounded out with a year at the Bible College of New Zealand. Working amongst Arab and Pakistani Muslims for three years provided an abiding respect for people of other faiths, worked out recently in post 9/11 Interfaith dialogue.

In 1968 Patricia returned to New Zealand for urgent surgery and met Peter. They married within six months during her year of studying for Diploma of Nursing Education then moved to live in Hokitika, on the West Coast.

Within five years they had four children. Peter and Patricia both strongly believed their ministry was to work for the shalom (peace and wellbeing) of West Coast people. Peter exercised this in Forestry, local body politics and the local church. Patricia developed a significant community-facing ministry in education and counselling, recognized by the conferral of the Queen's Suffrage Medal.

In 1984 Patricia experienced a second Divine call, this time to Anglican ordained ministry. Study around the kitchen table produced an Lth, whilst family, community activities and the local church provided ongoing praxis.

Over this period she unwittingly became aware of the hugely damaging effects of clergy sexual misconduct and was awarded a scholarship to study church responses in the USA. Her experience and wisdom in this field continues to be valued.

In 1990 Patricia was appointed Vicar of Hokitika and in 1994 Christchurch Diocese Mission Co-ordinator. After three years this latter contract concluded.

An invitation to supply ministry at Durham Street Methodist Church was an unexpected but wonderful open door. Six years of presbyteral ministry there has been incredibly happy and enriching. In a sense Patricia returned to her roots as her maternal forebears were Albertlanders, her great-grandfather a lay preacher at Port Albert. Even at the last Conference she met two unknown relatives! Friends and family don't believe that Patricia will be "retired" for too long. Certainly she and Peter are looking forward to the next phase of life with considerable anticipation.

## ANNE DARGAVILLE

Anne's background is in Melbourne and Tasmania, where she grew up an Anglican, engaging with the Church from early on in her life. A move to New Zealand and marriage brought a move to the Methodist Church in Whangarei. Five children kept Anne busy – busy with their lives and the life of the Church they all shared.

In 1983 Anne candidated for the diaconate. She was working at that time for Presbyterian Support in Whangarei, and this was followed by time as a community worker for the Kamo Home for the elderly and as field officer for Age Concern. Her diaconal ministry focused on the elderly, the grieving, and the dying. She led workshops, took funerals, and served on the Northland Chaplaincy Committee – including time as Convenor. Anne also carried out various congregational responsibilities within St Johns Uniting Church, Whangarei, as part of her ministry as a deacon.

Anne then tested her diaconal ministry when asked to apply for the position of Director - Training Officer for Lifeline in Whangarei. The Methodist Church was able to accept this position as an expression of diaconal ministry, so in 1992 Anne began a significant time with Lifeline. This involvement opened up a range of new activities and opportunities, including representing New Zealand on the international Lifeline executive, which provided a number of international experiences for Anne.

Her previous ministry with elderly people had put Anne in touch with hospital chaplaincy, and she had completed a hospital-based CPE in Melbourne, signalling an interest in this area of ministry. In November 1995 she was appointed Ecumenical Chaplain at Hastings Hospital. With this move came a new twist in her ministry journey.

Although being given authorisation by the Methodist Church to administer the sacraments, other Churches were unable to accept a deacon in a sacramental role within the hospital. This led Anne to candidate for presbyteral ministry, engage in some further training, and be ordained as a presbyter in 1998.

Anne considers that ministry – both diaconal and presbyteral – has been a wonderful experience. There have been many challenges, but through them all Anne has appreciated the supportive role of the Methodist Church and its people. At the same time, she has offered the Church and the community a ministry of deep care for persons, expressed at the point of pain and struggle. The Methodist Church is grateful for this pastoral ministry in its name.

Anne married for the second time in 2000, and between them she and Tom have 9 children and 19 grandchildren.

## BARRY JONES

Barry was born into a parsonage family and grew up steeped in Methodism. He candidated from the Bank Street Methodist Church, Timaru (1958), and trained at Trinity Theological College (1959-61). His subsequent ministry involved him in different areas of the life of the church: parish, district, connexional and ecumenical. His wife Jennifer has encouraged and supported him, actively sharing in parish life and maintaining the parsonage as a secure and happy home for their three children, as well as a warm and welcoming haven for many visitors, while she held positions of responsibility in the corporate world.

St Kilda in Dunedin was Barry's first circuit (1962-67). His other circuit/parish appointments were all in the Wellington area: Porirua (Tawa 1968-72); Lower Hutt-Petone (Laings Road 1985-93) and, until retirement, Newlands Union Parish (1994-2003). Wellington District responsibilities engaged a good deal of Barry's time and energy. He was co-superintendent of the district (1989 & 1994-2001) and District Property Advisory Committee secretary (2002-03). Barry provided significant leadership in each of these appointments, encouraging development in the life of these congregations and the enabling of members ministries in church and community.

Barry has a broad vision for the life of the church and willingly accepted work in the wider connexion. He was president of the Christian Youth Movement Methodist (1961); convenor of the Welfare of the Church Committee (1965-67); convenor of the International Affairs Committee (1969-72); convenor of the Church Union Committee (1982-83); member of the Joint Public Questions Committee, including convenorship of its bicultural task group (1985-98); and member of the board of the church's newspapers "New Citizen" and "Crosslink". Barry served as Superintendent of the Development Division (1973-84), with oversight of the church's life in a number of areas including stationing, evangelism, parish development and ministry to Samoan, Tongan and Fijian migrant communities. As Development Division Superintendent he participated in the Inter-Divisional Consultation on Mission where a spirit of mutual learning and sharing prevailed. Barry was inducted as President of Conference in 1989 and engaged the conference in preparation for the sesquicentennial of the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi.

The ecumenical cause is dear to Barry. He has been an active and enthusiastic ecumenist at local, national and international levels. He served on the Sacraments Committee of the Joint Commission for Church Union, and the Evangelism Programme of the Conference of Churches of Aotearoa New Zealand, where he produced resources, and organized a significant evangelism conference in 2001 "Being Good News People". Christian Conference of Asia events also contributed to Barry's ecumenical development. Important for him were, "Witnessing together amidst Asian plurality (Seoul 1994) and an ecumenical enablers workshop (Bangkok 2000). His involvement in the life of the World Council of Churches included attendance at a mission and evangelism conference on the theme "Your kingdom Come" (Melbourne 1980). He was a delegate to the 7<sup>th</sup> Assembly (Canberra 1991). At the local level Barry fostered inter-church activity and served in a cooperating venture. He also encouraged inter-faith dialogue at the local level. Barry both contributed to and benefited from the ecumenical movement, and shared his learnings widely.

Involvement in the bicultural journey of the Methodist church is also significant for Barry and his ministry. In his Development Division years Barry attended Maori Division Hui-a-tau and became aware of issues of racism through the initiatives of Halt All Racist Tours, Citizens Association for Racial Equality and Whina Cooper's Maori land march on Parliament. He participated in the power sharing seminar at Whakatuora (1983), and took on a lot of the initial administrative responsibility for promoting the journey. Barry became a member of the Auckland and subsequently the Wellington bicultural workgroups, where he was active in organizing and facilitating workshops and other events. He carried out a review of the bicultural journey within connexional boards and committees (1984). The bicultural partnership in the church has had Barry's whole-hearted commitment and he has actively fostered it at all levels of the church's life.

Barry believes strongly in personal and professional development. He reads widely and has been conscientious in his use of study leave. He avails himself of all opportunities for ongoing learning, and shares his learning as part of his ministry with people. When extended study leave became available (1974), Barry studied at: the Urban Theology Unit (Sheffield UK) where he explored theology for urban ministry; the Ecumenical Institute Bossey (Geneva Switzerland) with the theme "The church in search of community life"; and Claremont School of Theology (USA) on the topic "The world of meanings and congregational life".

Barry has an ongoing concern for social justice. He was very aware of the effects of the economic and social restructuring of the country initiated by the "new right" political agenda of the 1980s and 90s. This led him to some political engagement as part of his ministry. He is not afraid to make bold stands when he considers these appropriate and necessary. This has sometimes meant that life in the church has not been comfortable for him. However Barry's faith and conviction have always sustained him. Barry brings energy and passion, to all that he does, demonstrating pastoral sensitivity, sound administration skills, solid and dependable leadership, as well as a willingness to speak out.

The mission of the church is always a serious matter for Barry as he seeks to relate the gospel to the world, and to assist the church to be a transforming influence there. He approaches this task with an ecumenical mindset and a commitment to the unity of the church. Barry always works in a collegial manner, frequently consulting with and seeking the advice of others. Many have benefited from the skills of a fruitful ministry that over forty-one years has been marked by friendship, warmth, deep concern and enthusiasm.

The mission statement of the Methodist Church, adopted by the conference presided over by Barry, is a fitting expression of the way he has lived and exercised his ministry.

## GRAHAM KANE

Graham, born in Dunedin, received his schooling in that city. He grew up in the Caversham Presbyterian Church and Mount Mera Baptist Sunday School. He served in the 7<sup>th</sup> Dunedin Boys Brigade Company, the beginning of a long involvement and leadership in Boys Brigade.

He attended Teachers College in Dunedin and taught later at Newfield and Wallacefield Schools in Invercargill. He began Lay Preacher training at St Peters Church, Invercargill.

After Graham and Alison married in 1961, they moved to Otautau. It was during these years that Allan, Stuart and David were born.

Graham was ordained an elder and served on the Southland Presbytery for two years. He received Lay Preacher accreditation and led 25 – 30 services a year in vacant parishes in Central, Western and Northern Southland.

He was invited in the late 70's to serve as lay supply in the Gore Methodist Circuit with responsibility too, for Balclutha. (Here was a Methodist lay supply who had spent eight years serving in a Presbyterian setting, replacing two Methodist presbyters – the humour of the situation did not escape him.)

In these years, Heather is only girl was born. Graham became a candidate in the Home Setting training programme and continued serving as a self-supporting presbyter, taught a Longford Intermediate School and completed assignments from Auckland. A busy life.

Following his ordination at the Napier Conference, he was appointed as Chaplain/Teacher to Wesley College in 1983. This was a life-changing experience. After six years at the College, he suffered a myocardial infarction and placed on stationing in the seventh year. He moved to Stoke Methodist Parish, where in his words "surgery repaired the arteries and the people healed the heart". Completing eleven years of ministry in Stoke he served these last three years in the Timaru-Temuka parish.

Graham Kane has offered a varied and very significant ministry. It is characterised by a deep love for people, a sensitive helpful pastoral ministry. He achieved a special rapport with his children. His worship, as with other aspects of his work, was always thoroughly prepared. His preaching was thoughtful, often passionate and challenging, inviting people to move out of their comfort zone. He could be uncompromisingly honest and would say "we Kane's have our principles".

Graham and Alison are extremely welcoming and hospitable. Both enjoy humour and laughter.

Graham writes "Thanks to the Methodist Church of New Zealand for the challenge to accept a 2 year supply ministry in the Gore parish, of being trained in the Home Setting, being ordained and serving as Chaplain/Teacher at Wesley College; of being a parish presbyter in Otago/Southland, Nelson and South Canterbury. Thanks to the Stoke Parish for their healing ministry."

A special thanks to Alison who worked in partnership with Graham in his teaching and parish work. Alison lead a very active life in the Church and held many different positions in the Methodist Women's Fellowship. She has been vitally interested in women's theology. Her interests are wide.

We wish Graham and Alison a happy relaxing retirement, a growing appreciation of God's love, a renewed love for one another, for family and friends.

Thanks for a task well done.

## NOMANI NOA AIONO

Nomani was born in 1937 while his parents served as missionaries for the Methodist Church of Samoa in Papua New Guinea. After spending twenty-seven years abroad, his family returned to Samoa where Nomani's father was appointed to Parish ministry in the Island of Savai'i. Nomani stayed in the Island of Upolu to attend the Methodist Secondary School there, and travelled between the two islands to visit his parents at school holidays. While doing that he met his wife to be, Manino Loli, she was from the village where his father had been stationed and they eventually got married in 1965.

Nomani worked as a builder for six years after his school days then migrated to New Zealand with his wife and children in 1972 and resided in Hastings at Hawkes Bay. While new in the area, Nomani's family searched for a Methodist church to worship and then became one of the first Pacific Island families to be associated with the Wesley Methodist Church in Hastings.

The years went by and more Samoan families joined the Wesley Church in Hastings. Nomani with others identified the need for a Samoan language service to be included in the worship life of the Parish. As a result, the Samoan Fellowship was established in 1976 and began to hold two Samoan services a month. Prior to that, Nomani had already committed himself by taking up a Lay Preacher's course in which gained accreditation.

While dedicating himself to lay ministry work and enjoying preaching, Nomani heard the call for ordained ministry. In response to the call he became candidate for ministry in 1979 and was ordained in the 1983 Church Conference at Takapuna.

Nomani served in various Samoan congregations including Hastings, Manurewa, Papatoetoe and Panmure. He has faithfully served the church and his ministry is deeply appreciated. He will be missed especially for his humbleness, peaceful and caring approach to all people he has served. He is a person of dignity and high respect who has fulfilled his call for the Church and for the Samoan members in particular.

The Church rejoices in the valuable Christian witness that Nomani and Manino have given over the years. We wish them a very happy retirement and pray God's continued blessing on them in the years ahead.

## MIKAELE MATAIKA KOLINIO (Mike) YASA

Mike Yasa was born in Keteira village on Moala Island in Fiji and received his early education there. Higher education followed at Ratu Kadavulevu School on Viti Levu. He trained at the College of Agriculture and from 1958 to 1960 at Poona University in India. He was the first Fijian to be awarded a Government of India cultural scholarship.

In 1961 Mike joined the British Army, serving with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Royal Green Jackets. After three years he was selected for officer training, which he undertook in 1964. Mike was the first Fijian to receive the Queen's commission in the British Arm and was on active service during the Borneo Campaign of 1964 – 67 in Malaysia.

He transferred to the Fijian Civil Service in 1968 as an administration officer, rising to chief administration office in many departments. He was involved as an office in the Fijian Contingent of the United Nations peacekeeping operation in Lebanon and Israel during 1979 – 80 and later as a Multinational Force observer on the Sinai Peninsula during 1982 – 83. Two life threatening incidents touched him deeply during the Lebanon operation. They completely transformed his outlook and he gave his life to the Lord Jesus Christ. Under the guiding hand of his Battalion Padre in Lebanon, Mike became a Lay Preacher in 1980.

From 1985 – 87 Mike came as a diplomat to New Zealand and served as Fijian Consul in Auckland. At the time of the first coup in Fiji Mike found his religious convictions were in direct opposition to the stated aims of the coup, so he resigned his position. This was a very difficult time for him and his family, during which he was greatly helped by the Revs. Bruce Gordon and Stanley Andrews. With their support and encouragement Mike came to the point of answering a call to ordained ministry, which had been growing for some time.

Following training at Trinity – St. Johns Colleges in 1990 Mike was appointed in 1991 to St. Andrews Uniting Parish, Motueka, where he served 5 years, then to Hornby/Riccarton (St Stephens and Clarence Street) for a further 5 years. In 2001 he was appointed to Pahiatua and Woodville Union Parishes. He was the first ethnic Fijian to be trained and ordained by the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

Alongside of his Parish ministry Mike has exercised a significant and dedicated ministry to fellow Fijian residents in New Zealand. From 1999 – 2003 he was Superintendent of Bose ko Viti kei Rotuma e Niusiladi (formerly the Fijian Advisory Committee). Other Connexional involvements have been as a member of the Council for Mission, the

Council of Elders, the CCANZ National Forum, the Bicultural Workgroup and the Church Welfare Committee. Mike's community involvement has had a particular emphasis on the welfare of the Pacific Island community.

Mike is committed to an evangelical expression of the Christian faith and has been involved in the Evangelical Network of the Church.

While on long leave this year, Mike came to the decision to retire from ministry in New Zealand and return to his homeland where he will no doubt find further opportunities for spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ. He and his wife Sereana go with the thanks and prayers of the Church.

## **WENDIE ROSEWELL**

Wendie was born to Win and Fred Wells in Harrow in England in 1943 and emigrated with the family to New Zealand in 1953. The family settled in Lower Hutt where they participated in the Waiwhetu Methodist Church. Later they moved to Auckland and became an active part of the Papatoetoe parish. In 1965 Wendie married Jim and they moved to live in Takapuna. In the years that followed Elizabeth and Gavin were born into the family.

Wendie started her training for ordained ministry while she was a lay person connected with the Takapuna parish. At that stage she was involved in various aspects of Church life. Early in Mervyn Dine's ministry at Takapuna she approached him about candidating for self-supporting ministry. Mervyn supported this move for he had observed that Wendie had good one-to-one communication skills and he could see her playing a significant role in the pastoral side of the Takapuna Parish.

Wendie's work in the Takapuna Parish was mainly pastoral. However, she was also made responsible for the youth work and the evening services which were an alternative to the more formal worship held on the Sunday morning. Wendie did some innovative things with that small group of worshippers and they valued the different style she helped provide. During this period Wendie also became an Industrial Chaplain and was responsible for chaplaincy at the Labour Department, the Inland Revenue office in Takapuna, Ciba-Gigy the pharmaceutical manufacturer, and several other places.

Wendie and Jim parted in 1989 and then in 1990, following a year of training in psychotherapy, Wendie applied to be the Methodist Chaplain at Auckland Hospital. She was selected and appointed to that position. For a period of over six years Wendie exercised a very empathetic chaplaincy ministry in the hospital bringing comfort and encouragement to many people, as well as being involved in the training and supervision of Lay Hospital Visitors.

Through her training and in the course of her ministry Wendie grew in confidence and strength of character. This was evident in the way she was able to hold firmly to her theological position while listening to others who differed. This growing confidence led to Wendie serving the wider Church on the Auckland Bicultural Work Group, on the P.A.C. Distribution Group, and on the Council of Elders. These things however also took their toll on Wendie's health.

Following Hospital Chaplaincy at Auckland Wendie was appointed to parish ministry at Pukekohe where she faithfully served the parish for over five years, providing a ministry appreciated by many. The Manukau District felt a real sense of disappointment when Wendie had to retire early for health reasons. She had also contributed to the life of the District in a variety of ways, most recently by acting as the Minute Secretary for the Synod.

We thank God for Wendie's ministry. Our prayers and best wishes are with Wendie as she shapes out a new life in Opotiki.

## **JOHN BRADBURY SALMON**

MA (Hons), ThM(Princeton), PhD (Otago), LTh (Hons), STh (Hons), CA(retired), ACIS

On 17<sup>th</sup> October 1939 John was born into Methodism. Both his father, Eric, and his mother, Merlyn, were active in the Mt Eden Methodist Church and it was in that church where he was baptised. In February 1941 his mother died and in 1944 Eric, his new wife Joyce, and John moved to Epsom, which began a long association with that Church. John's secondary school education was received at Auckland Grammar, and then it was into the printing trade for 12 years, during which time he qualified as an accountant and became a member of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries, as well as qualifying as a tradesman. During this time he married Jane and they have 4 children. In 1967 he candidated for the Methodist ministry and in that year began studying at Auckland University. From an early age he had an interest in running and for various periods between 1950 and 1988 was a member of the Wesley Harrier Club. He also ran a few marathons. He studied at Trinity College from 1968 – 1970 during which time he completed a BA degree and an LTh diploma.

Influenced greatly by the late Rev Dr D.O. Williams, John took an interest in pastoral studies and received an STh in that subject which he completed while in his first appointment in the Dunedin North parish. While in this parish he also studied for an MA, which he received with 1<sup>st</sup> class honours, and for a PhD. He lectured at the Faculty of Theology and tutored in the Education Department at Otago University.

In 1977 John was appointed to Glenfield and it was while in this appointment he went to Princeton and did a Masters in Biblical Studies.

In 1983 John was appointed to the Education Division and in that year married Susan Adams, an Anglican priest. Between them they have 6 children and 5 grandchildren. The 1983 Conference decided that the Church would embark on a Bi-cultural journey. As Director of Educational Ministry in the Education Division, John was given the task to write or gather the resources necessary for the church to start that journey. No better person could have been asked to do that task and much of the success of the journey is attributable to John. His clarity of thought and his sense of justice for all shone in the work that he did.

In 1992 he was appointed Wesley Lecturer in Systematic Theology at Trinity College. Students will tell of a person who was a most able lecturer - whether you agreed with theology or not - and was able to discuss with students without rancour. John realised that when he was nominated for the position of Trinity College Principal there would be some who would strongly oppose the move. So it proved, but John was appointed Principal in 1999 and served the church extremely well in that position over the next 4 ½ years. In 1999 he was also Vice-President of the Methodist Church. Both as Principal and as Vice President specifically, but also throughout his life in the church, John's communication skills have enhanced the life of Te Haahi Weteriana O Aotearoa. He has co-authored a number of books, written numerous articles and generally spoken in ways which have caused people to re-assess where they are in their theological thinking.

John cannot remember how many committees he has served on with the church, but this list gives some indication of his involvement and commitment to the church and the breadth of his interests - Welfare of the Church, Committee on Ministry, Faith and Order, Bicultural Committee, Board of the Education Division, Land Commission, National Council of Churches/Roman Catholic Church Joint Working Committee, Methodist/Roman Catholic Dialogue, Trinity College Council, Commission on Theological and Ministry Education, Futures Group, Board of Ministry, Council of Conference, North Shore JRC, and President of the Auckland Consortium for Theological Education. At an early age John evidenced an enquiring mind which these committees and the church have benefited from over the years. The church has also benefited from his skills as a communicator both in parish life as well as Trinity College. The gift of being able to put both sides of a discussion succinctly without jeopardising his own position was something others, even his detractors, admired.

John feels the call of the Whangaparaoa Peninsula to spend more time there than he has been able to do in the past. We wish him a retirement in which he can enjoy those things which time deprived him of.

## KERRY TAYLOR

Under the ministry of the Rev. George Trebilco at Warkworth Kerry felt called by God to explore the possibility of work within the Church. This led, in 1952, to a volunteer year in the Napier Circuit where Kerry assisted with the Youth Work and Bible in Schools.

This experience confirmed a call to ministry and Kerry became a Home Missionary probationer and was appointed to Mt. Maunganui and Greerton. During that year Kerry candidated and was accepted for training for the ordained ministry. The next three years were spent at Trinity College. At the end of his training, in 1960, Kerry married Gwen Hills and then was stationed at Waipawa Waipukerau for the period of his probation. This was followed by an appointment to the Blenheim Circuit as the second minister under the Rev. Charlie Oldfield, a time in ministry that Kerry found most enjoyable.

In 1966 Kerry made himself available for overseas mission work. He and Gwen went to Sydney to the All Saints Missionary Training Centre for five months to prepare for this and then they were sent to Tonu in Bougainville where he became the Superintendent. At the end of 1969, when Kerry and Gwen were expecting their fifth child, the family returned to New Zealand for six months furlough. However, because schooling for the children was difficult in Bougainville they decided not to return to Tonu. Kerry then responded to a request to fill a supply position that had emerged at Waihi.

At the end of 1972 Kerry asked to be left without appointment. For the next sixteen years he was involved with Vocational Guidance becoming the District Vocational Guidance Counsellor for Manukau. During this time he developed his administrative skills. These skills benefited the Church greatly when he became secretary of the Manukau North Circuit, and later Secretary of the Manukau District. In 1988 changes in the Vocational Guidance



scene led to Kerry taking up a position with Baptist Mental Health. During this period Kerry continued his involvement in the life of the Church, mostly at Trinity, Pakuranga, preaching and assisting in other ways. His wife, and strong supporter, Gwen died in 1998.

In 2000 Kerry asked and was received back into Full Connexion. He became a colleague for the Rev. Ruth Boswell and together they have shared in a team ministry responsible for building up a new congregation in Howick South, now called Meadowlands. Kerry has found this a challenging and rewarding ministry. In May 2002 Kerry married Jackie, a lay deacon of the United Methodist Church USA. The Methodist Church is grateful to God for Kerry's commitment to Christ and the gifts he has so willingly shared with the Church. We wish Kerry and Jackie God's blessing in retirement.

## **RALPH ARIKI VICKERS**

Ralph Vickers was born in Hamilton in 1938, the son of a farming family. After school he worked as a nurseryman and later studied for management and personnel diplomas. In 1960 he married Nola and they have four married children and eight grandchildren.

During his thirty years in commercial management, he has trained many managers through Polytechnic and Health services and during those years also gained further qualifications from Massey and Waikato Universities for himself.

Ralph has been an office bearer for 50 years in the Methodist Church, holding a variety of leadership roles. As a Lay Preacher he took up Lay Ministry in 1991 and later trained as a Presbyter in the Home Setting Programme, attending Trinity College in 1994 and, while in Auckland, did Chaplaincy training. Since 1991 Ralph's ministry has mostly been with several congregations at the same time. These were at Waihi/ Waihi Beach, Whangamata/Paeroa, Te Puke/ Mt Maunganui/ Papamoa. For the past five years he has been Presbyter at St Stephens, Otumoetai and for two years Chaplain at Melrose Park Home and Hospital, as well as being District Chaplain to the Girls' Brigade.

Ralph's priorities for Ministry have always been on caring for people in all circumstances, with strong emphasis on worship, music and gift discovery. As both Presbyter and Chaplain he has been diligent in pastoral care and grief counselling and always relates well to people.

For five years Ralph was convenor of the National Evangelism Task Group, now the "Spirit and Spice" group. He has served on many local and District committees including JRC. He values the Methodist Heritage, but has strong Ecumenical feelings.

Nola has ably supported him in his ministry, at the same time working with her ministry among families with small children, taking many group activities. Always hospitable, she is currently Bay of Plenty District President for MFW.

We wish both Ralph and Nola a long, happy and fulfilling retirement with time to enjoy their family and grandchildren, and we thank them for the loyal service and loving care to the Methodist Church.

## **RUTH BOSWELL RECOGNITION OF SERVICE**

Ruth grew up in a committed Methodist family who were part of the Bombay Tuakau Circuit in South Auckland. Both her father and mother were lay preachers. On leaving school Ruth trained as an Occupational Therapist. In 1987 she was accepted as a candidate for Local Ministry and the next year commenced six years of part-time training at Trinity Theological College (1988 – 1993) graduating with LTh (Hons), while caring for four children at the same time.

In 1992 Ruth became, along with Peter Williamson and other Methodists, part of the Maungamaungaroa (\*\**check spelling!*) Task Group, whose aim was to establish a Christian presence in the rapidly developing Somerville Basin area of the East Tamaki corridor. Four years later the Parish gave Ruth the sole responsibility for the newly emerging Howick South (previously Maungamaungaroa and now called Meadowlands).

Developing this Christian presence was an exciting and challenging project for Ruth and her team. It started with the holding of weekly worship services in a hired local licensed restaurant (the Sherwood Arms). Good relationships were established with the local shopping Mall management where annual Christmas outreaches were held. The congregation experienced slow but steady growth. With the sale of the restaurant the new Intermediate School hall was hired from February 1997 as the worship base. Rev. Kerry Taylor joined Ruth in the ministry team in 2000.

In the late 1990's the emerging congregation was put at risk by the crisis in the Methodist Church. This led to Ruth initiating the idea of a Covenant of Grace whereby Methodists and others could exercise ministry together at

Meadowlands. Now, as Ruth's ministry concludes at Meadowlands, the Covenant is in place and the congregation is poised to move into its own new building and to start a new phase of its life. The Methodist Church is indebted to Ruth for her vision and strong commitment to this pioneering ministry.

Ruth has brought to her ministry gifts of intercessory prayer; pastoral care; preaching and the creative visioning of possibilities. Her particular interests have included Bible in Schools; Girls Brigade chaplaincy; Spiritual Director for many women's Walk to Emmaus events; Executive member of Howick Pakuranga Ministers Association; and involvement in Alpha.

## **Q. STATISTICS**

Roll		Membership					Average June Attendance							
		Baptism, Dedication or Blessing		Other			Worship				Christian Education			
Methodist	Union or Co-operating	Children Under 13	Adults 13 and over	Confirmations	Households In Pastoral Care	Up to 25 years old	26 to 45 years old	46 to 65 years old	Iver 65 years old	Children Under 13	Youth 13 to 17	Adults		
<b>NORTHLAND</b>														
1010	Mangonui County Union	0	88	0	0	0	114	6	7	18	26	13	0	24
1020	Kaikohe Union	0	22	1	0	0	17	5	2	8	8	6	0	4
1030	Bay Of Islands Co-op	0	41	1	0	0	48	2	1	8	7	0	0	0
1040	Kaeo Kerikeri Union	0	114	0	0	0	115	13	6	34	40	11	0	10
1050	North Hokianga Community Church	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1060	South Hokianga Co-op	0	0	9	0	0	0	3	3	20	9	25	0	0
1070	Hikurangi Christian Fellowship Union	0	7	2	2	0	16	11	6	16	3	11	0	0
1080	Whangarei Uniting: St Andrews'	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1080	Whangarei Uniting: Trinity/Ngunguru	0	72	0	0	0	58	3	15	30	16	20	0	12
1080	Whangarei Uniting: St James Onerahi	0	55	0	0	0	73	8	4	24	39	5	0	24
1090	Dargaville Methodist	118	0	4	0	0	167	13	6	22	32	11	2	18
1100	Ruawai Co-op	0	63	1	2	0	50	37	16	22	10	35	0	15
1120	Wellsford Co-op	0	47	1	0	0	130	11	4	20	20	11	0	10
1130	St Johns Raumanga Co-op	0	184	1	0	0	147	0	8	40	75	16	0	0
1140	Kamo: St Pauls Co-op	0	146	0	0	0	132	3	2	10	35	10	0	0
1150	Otamatea Co-op	0	34	1	0	0	28	1	6	10	8	0	0	27
1160	Tutukaka Coast Community Church	0	34	0	0	0	30	2	0	16	6	0	0	12
		118	907	21	4	0	1125	118	86	298	333	173	2	156

<b>AUCKLAND</b>														
2010	Auckland Central Methodist	350	0	11	4	10	357	56	66	74	110	39	19	12
2030	Roskill Methodist	65	0	2	7	0	54	23	10	10	19	9	8	6
2060	Orakei Methodist	180	0	1	0	0	0	22	10	16	25	16	16	10
2070	Glen Innes Co-op	0	90	1	0	0	34	56	0	140	0	15	0	5
2080	Mt Albert Methodist	166	0	3	4	5	156	30	0	100	0	20	10	20
2090	Avondale Union	0	200	14	2	1	83	104	45	48	54	97	0	2
2100	Waikare Methodist Church	194	0	9	0	0	181	31	27	52	60	51	47	19
2120	Te Atatu Union	0	93	1	0	3	135	8	9	28	39	12	0	23
2130	Davonport Methodist	40	0	1	0	0	64	12	7	13	8	30	2	0
2140	Takapuna Methodist Church	173	0	3	0	1	243	14	16	19	41	14	0	6
2150	Birkenhead Methodist	119	0	0	0	0	95	0	0	0	118	28	8	21
2160	Glenfield Community Church	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2180	Northcote Methodist	48	0	0	0	0	58	0	3	9	24	2	0	0
2270	South Kaipara Co-op	0	320	11	0	0	320	22	10	33	41	15	10	6
2280	Whangaparaoa Methodist	95	0	9	6	0	129	5	4	9	89	4	1	15
2290	Mahurangi Methodist	80	0	3	0	0	106	8	0	19	65	3	0	0
2300	New Lynn Co-op: St Austells'	0	61	1	1	0	55	13	9	12	11	2	0	4
2310	Waterview Methodist	37	0	3	0	0	19	27	13	10	8	18	0	0
2320	East Coast Bays Methodist	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2330	Lynfield Community Church	0	125	0	0	0	59	0	0	72	0	12	0	50
2380	Onehunga Co-op	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		1547	889	73	24	20	2148	431	229	664	712	387	121	198

<b>MANUKAU</b>														
2410	Howick Pakuranga Methodist	137	0	9	0	0	170	56	55	29	53	41	18	41
2420	Manurewa Methodist	91	0	1	0	0	92	21	8	22	18	12	8	6
2430	Papakura Methodist	123	0	0	0	0	0	27	0	69	0	13	14	35
2440	Pukekohe Methodist	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2450	Tuakau Union	0	15	1	0	0	0	9	7	10	13	4	0	23
2460	Franklin West Co-op	0	167	3	0	0	226	16	8	32	28	11	0	30
2470	Bucklands Beach Co-op	0	143	7	2	4	134	9	8	44	30	67	0	75
2480	Papatoetoe-Otara Methodist	160	0	13	0	0	142	42	30	21	53	28	0	0
2490	Mangere-Otahuhu Methodist	400	0	8	0	0	111	120	35	28	25	119	12	25
		911	325	42	2	4	875	300	151	255	220	295	52	235

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**WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY**

3010	Thames Union	0	97	3	0	0	186	5	15	32	59	5	0	0
3020	Hauraki Plains Co-op	0	116	5	0	0	222	5	12	20	17	3	0	10
3030	Paeroa Co-op	0	114	5	1	0	138	11	7	34	28	56	0	20
3040	Waihi Beach Congregation LEP	0	27	0	0	0	175	0	0	54	0	10	0	16
3050	Te Aroha Co-op	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3060	Mominsville Methodist	83	0	0	0	0	149	2	0	11	23	2	0	21
3070	Cambridge Union	0	191	1	0	0	250	3	3	11	78	6	0	16
3080	Hamilton Methodist	126	0	2	0	0	111	6	9	17	35	3	5	11
3090	Raglan Union	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3100	Hamilton East Methodist	113	0	3	0	0	130	14	21	30	38	18	6	14
3110	Chartwell Co-op : St Albans'	0	299	17	2	1	484	17	20	50	100	15	12	20
3120	Ngaruawahia Union	0	42	1	0	0	60	4	3	2	26	0	0	6
3130	Huntly Co-op	0	107	2	2	2	120	24	28	32	17	10	0	10
3140	Matamata Union	0	74	4	1	0	137	1	7	12	24	9	0	18
3150	Putaruru Co-op	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3160	Tokoroa Methodist	39	0	5	0	0	16	6	5	4	4	0	0	0
3170	Rotorua Methodist	139	0	2	0	0	130	3	27	18	57	5	0	8
3180	Taupo: St Pauls Union	0	202	5	2	0	270	24	12	15	105	16	6	30
3190	Western Bay Of Plenty Methodist	275	0	4	0	0	296	0	10	25	142	19	5	32
3200	Tauranga: St James Union	0	72	1	0	0	105	5	2	18	36	2	0	5
3210	Te Puke Methodist	111	0	5	0	0	139	1	2	9	39	40	15	6
3220	Whakatane Co-op	0	724	9	0	0	420	0	0	0	129	30	0	50
3230	Kawerau Methodist	7	0	0	1	0	7	0	0	0	5	0	0	2
3240	Opotiki: St Johns Union	0	78	1	0	0	155	1	1	16	32	0	0	5
3250	Te Awamutu Methodist	84	0	1	0	0	86	0	0	20	28	0	0	0
3260	Otorohanga Methodist	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3280	Taumarunui: St Pauls Co-op	0	85	1	0	0	149	2	4	12	13	0	0	2
3290	Turangi Co-op Parish	0	205	0	0	0	131	3	0	8	29	0	0	20
3300	Ohura Methodist	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3330	Hamilton: St Francis Co-op	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3340	Piopio Aria Mokau Co-op	0	190	4	2	0	205	21	15	24	10	55	0	15
3350	Omokoroa Co-op	0	160	2	0	0	300	16	18	42	57	27	0	92
3360	Hamilton: St Clares Co-op	0	87	3	0	0	82	2	3	22	30	0	0	14
3390	All Saints Bryant Park Hamilton	0	162	4	7	0	0	35	15	26	36	25	10	15
3400	Whangamata Co-op	0	72	0	0	0	110	1	1	4	55	0	0	6
		977	3075	90	18	3	4578	212	240	514	1251	345	59	448

**TARANAKI WANGANUI**

4010	New Plymouth Methodist	182	0	1	0	0	168	16	9	11	47	10	9	18
4017	Brooklands Co-op	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4020	Waitara Methodist	66	0	4	0	0	55	0	0	4	51	0	0	0
4030	Stratford Methodist	48	0	2	0	0	68	1	0	3	23	1	0	4
4040	Eltham Kaponga Co-op	0	64	3	4	0	100	2	9	16	12	18	0	21
4050	Hawera Wesley Methodist	55	0	2	0	0	80	3	2	6	19	4	0	7
4060	Manaia Union	0	0	0	0	0	62	0	0	3	11	11	0	0
4070	Opunake Co-op	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4080	Okato Co-op	0	70	3	0	0	20	0	6	6	18	18	0	0
4090	Wanganui Methodist	121	0	0	0	0	129	1	6	10	73	2	2	15
4110	Inglewood United	0	52	0	0	0	214	6	4	8	16	16	0	26
4120	Patea Co-op	0	25	0	0	0	60	0	0	2	14	14	0	0
4130	Bell Block & Lepperton Co-op	0	126	6	0	0	109	6	11	16	46	46	0	7
		472	337	21	4	0	1065	35	47	85	319	129	11	98

Methodist	Membership					Average June Attendance								
	Roll	Baptism, Dedication or Blessing	Other			Worship				Christian Education				
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<b>HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU</b>														
5010	Napier Methodist	78	0	7	0	0	109	7	4	8	45	5	0	8
5020	Hastings Methodist	44	0	3	0	0	55	2	4	5	24	2	0	0
5040	Gisborne Methodist	52	0	0	0	0	91	0	0	0	0	6	7	10
5050	Mangapapa Union	0	53	3	1	0	127	16	44	100	61	30	0	118
5060	Waioa Union	0	70	0	0	0	90	7	1	10	11	7	0	9
5080	Woodville: St James Union	0	112	0	0	0	74	6	1	5	7	6	0	0
5090	Pahiatua Union: St Pauls'	0	210	0	0	0	210	4	4	6	27	5	0	15
5100	Palmerston North Methodist	247	0	8	0	0	341	22	45	23	60	25	10	0
5110	Ashurst- Bunnythorpe Methodist	46	0	1	0	0	82	0	0	0	32	0	0	0
5120	Feilding-Oroua Methodist	61	0	0	0	0	65	0	1	8	25	0	0	0
5130	Marton Methodist	25	0	0	0	0	34	1	0	4	12	0	0	0
5140	Rongotea-Sanson Co-op	0	73	0	0	0	102	10	8	16	20	5	0	8
5150	Foxton-Shannon Co-op	0	90	2	0	0	133	10	2	20	43	20	0	34
5160	Tamatea Community Church	0	52	1	0	0	41	0	0	0	24	0	0	10
5170	Walpawa: St Johns Co-op'	0	51	0	0	0	60	11	6	6	15	8	0	17
5180	Milson Combined	0	68	0	0	0	44	0	0	0	45	65	0	62
		553	779	25	1	0	1658	96	120	211	451	184	17	291

<b>WELLINGTON</b>														
6010	Wellington Central Methodist	186	0	13	0	0	145	112	80	54	27	46	25	49
6030	Wellington South Union	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6050	Miramar Uniting	0	52	1	0	3	55	10	10	14	14	8	0	0
6060	Ngaio Union	0	66	1	0	0	78	7	6	22	15	5	0	7
6070	Johnsonville Union	0	106	0	0	0	124	12	15	34	30	9	0	8
6080	Newlands: St Oswalds Union	0	81	0	0	4	84	2	6	12	10	3	0	0
6100	Mana Methodist	46	0	2	0	0	60	9	1	7	11	6	0	14
6110	Tawa Union	0	172	4	0	0	271	37	10	40	95	58	0	26
6120	Hutt City Uniting Congregations	0	611	26	0	14	465	149	65	184	130	105	0	137
6140	Upper Hutt Uniting	0	181	1	0	0	282	7	17	60	46	23	0	18
6160	Greytown: St Andrews Union'	0	36	0	0	0	0	2	0	10	16	0	0	9
6170	Featherston: St Andrews Union	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6180	Carterton: St Davids Union	0	111	3	0	3	183	22	13	25	47	14	1	28
6190	Masterton: St Lukes Union	0	83	0	0	0	200	23	9	12	27	13	0	0
6200	Masterton: St James Union	0	46	3	0	0	56	4	2	28	25	2	0	32
6220	Levin Methodist	109	0	2	0	0	93	2	2	12	27	0	0	0
6240	Kapiti Co-op	0	340	1	0	0	401	15	0	0	173	15	0	64
6250	Hataitai-Kilbirnie Co-op	0	874	10	0	0	492	67	56	72	19	25	0	66
6270	Brooklyn: St Matthews Joint	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6280	Karori - Northland Uniting Parish	0	321	0	0	0	180	10	14	16	36	28	0	0
		341	3080	67	0	24	3169	490	306	612	729	335	26	392

<b>NELSON-MARLBOROUGH</b>														
7011	Nelson Methodist	62	0	0	0	0	80	0	1	16	18	21	6	23
7012	Stoke Methodist	83	0	0	0	0	115	7	4	5	45	3	0	3
7020	Nelson: St Lukes Union	0	30	0	0	0	39	0	1	12	12	0	0	0
7030	Waimea Methodist	68	0	1	0	2	68	7	8	26	44	8	0	9
7040	Motueka Moutere Hills Co-op	0	124	0	0	0	166	1	1	20	43	0	0	29
7060	Murchison Methodist Parish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7070	Blenheim Methodist	120	0	2	0	1	138	6	6	12	61	115	25	54
7080	Picton Union	0	58	0	0	0	91	0	0	10	25	0	0	8
7090	Reefton District Union	0	39	2	0	0	40	6	2	6	6	4	0	0
7100	Buller Union	0	39	1	0	0	0	1	0	6	28	0	0	0
7110	Greymouth District Uniting	0	115	6	1	0	80	41	44	120	122	6	0	15
7120	Hokitika: St Andrews Unlted	0	104	2	0	0	0	16	12	18	20	10	6	13
		333	509	14	1	3	817	85	79	251	424	167	37	154

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**7500 VAHEFONUA TONGA O' AOTEAROA**

**7510 Auckland Manukau Tongan Parish**

- Dominion Rd	270	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Eilerslie	260	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Epsom	150	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Glen Innes	130	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Henderson	130	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Mangere	330	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Manurewa	220	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- New Lynn	220	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Northcote	130	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Onehunga	270	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Otahuhu	160	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Otara	280	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Panmure	130	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Papatoetoe	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Ponsonby	270	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Pukekohe	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Waluku	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gisborne (included in 5030)	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	17	41	
7520 Wesley Wellington (included in 6010)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7530 Hutt City Uniting (included in 6120)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7540 Christchurch South	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>3141</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>41</b>	

**NORTH CANTERBURY**

8010 Christ'Ch Methodist Central Mission	152	0	2	0	3	175	9	10	29	51	5	2	10
8020 Christchurch South Methodist	80	0	0	0	0	80	4	5	9	25	5	8	4
8040 New Brighton Union	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8050 Sumner Redcliffs Union	0	156	0	0	0	192	0	4	10	48	0	0	0
8060 South East Chch Union	0	72	1	1	0	83	10	0	12	25	11	0	4
8090 Beckenham-Sydenham Methodist	107	0	1	0	0	0	10	5	20	40	5	18	12
8110 Halswell Union	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8120 Hornby Riccarton Methodist	197	0	4	0	1	202	31	29	53	73	29	12	26
8140 Christchurch North	174	0	8	0	0	231	21	0	139	0	20	12	8
8160 Lincoln Union	0	84	2	0	0	139	2	3	38	68	2	0	7
8170 Ellesmere Co-op	0	117	7	0	0	314	16	12	40	43	14	0	24
8180 Kalapoi Co-op	0	72	4	0	0	123	13	10	12	39	20	4	6
8190 Rangiora Methodist	134	0	1	0	0	201	6	0	5	51	6	0	6
8200 Malvern Co-op	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8210 Oxford District Union	0	54	0	0	0	82	3	2	9	23	3	0	12
8220 Parklands Co-op	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8230 Rolleston Combined Church	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8250 St Albans Uniting	0	180	0	0	0	136	0	0	0	80	4	0	0
8260 Wainoni	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8270 Shirley	67	0	1	0	0	103	20	7	13	26	15	4	11
8270 Richmond	32	0	1	0	0	32	0	1	5	20	0	0	0
<b>943</b>	<b>735</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2093</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>612</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>130</b>	

**SOUTH CANTERBURY**

8310 Timaru-Temuka Methodist	113	0	1	0	0	147	9	15	29	33	9	6	6
8330 Timaru: St Davids Marchiel Union	0	66	0	0	0	54	0	0	0	31	1	0	9
8350 Waimate Methodist	37	0	0	0	0	37	21	23	22	23	0	0	0
8360 Geraldine Co-op	0	116	5	1	0	339	19	46	36	53	110	0	33
8380 Ashburton Methodist	95	0	2	0	0	117	8	6	20	47	5	0	0
8390 Ashburton: St Davids Union	0	264	5	0	0	455	17	10	43	63	15	5	0
8400 Oamaru Union	0	76	0	1	0	38	11	3	2	22	0	6	6
<b>245</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1187</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>54</b>	

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**OTAGO-SOUTHLAND**

9020	Dunedin Methodist Mission	247	0	2	0	2	229	73	56	49	78	19	10	13
9070	Grants Braes Union	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9080	Tokomariro Co-op	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9090	Balclutha Anglican-Methodist	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9110	Invercargill Methodist Parish	186	0	4	1	0	242	11	6	26	53	8	2	15
9120	Riverton Union	0	66	1	0	0	220	3	6	24	19	15	0	20
9130	Otautau-Waiono Union	0	32	0	0	0	248	1	2	6	13	0	0	0
9150	Bluff Greenhills Co-op	0	0	1	0	0	125	0	0	0	13	0	0	5
9160	Teviot Union	0	51	1	0	0	106	1	2	16	33	0	0	6
9170	Alexandra Clyde Lauder Union	0	214	0	0	0	355	2	3	10	32	0	0	10
9190	Flagstaff Union	0	128	0	1	0	126	20	15	32	30	96	0	21
9220	Blueskin Union	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9230	Lawrence Methodist	6	0	0	0	0	6	2	1	1	1	4	0	0
9250	Brockville Community	0	31	0	0	0	17	5	3	14	3	3	0	7
9260	Otatara Community	0	69	4	0	0	70	9	31	18	8	20	0	40
		439	591	13	2	2	1744	127	125	196	283	165	12	137

**SILOTI SAMOA**

9510	Panmure Samoan	165	0	5	0	0	38	50	55	22	4	45	30	60
	Waterview Samoan	51	0	5	0	20	20	37	16	9	2	23	0	0
9520	Waitakere	116	0	0	0	0	36	35	28	23	14	0	0	0
9530	Birkenhead	56	0	4	0	4	23	0	56	0	0	26	16	8
9540	Auckland Samoan Parish	68	0	0	0	0	19	21	16	12	15	18	10	66
9550	Manurewa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9560	Papakura	24	0	0	0	0	12	20	0	24	0	14	6	24
9570	Papatoetoe Otara	92	0	2	0	0	16	48	31	15	1	30	25	46
	New Plymouth Samoan	40	0	2	0	2	0	16	9	10	5	7	9	24
9580	Hastings	92	0	10	0	0	40	102	0	78	0	60	16	50
9590	Gisborne	51	0	0	0	0	16	0	0	0	0	20	12	24
9600	Wesley Wellington included in 6010	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		755	0	28	0	26	220	329	211	193	41	243	124	292

**SUMMARY**

NORTHLAND	118	907	21	4	0	1125	118	86	298	333	173	2	156	
AUCKLAND	1547	889	73	24	20	2148	431	229	664	712	387	121	198	
MANUKAU	911	325	42	2	4	875	300	151	255	220	295	52	235	
WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY	977	3075	90	18	3	4578	212	240	514	1251	345	59	448	
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VAHEFONUVA TONGA O' AOTEAROA	3141	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	17	41
NORTH CANTERBURY	943	735	32	1	4	2093	145	88	394	612	139	60	130	
SOUTH CANTERBURY	245	522	13	2	0	1187	85	103	152	272	140	17	54	
OTAGO-SOUTHLAND	439	591	13	2	2	1744	127	125	196	283	165	12	137	
SILOTI SAMOA	755	0	28	0	26	220	329	211	193	41	243	124	292	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>10775</b>	<b>11749</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>20679</b>	<b>2453</b>	<b>1785</b>	<b>3825</b>	<b>5647</b>	<b>2727</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>2626</b>	





**DECISIONS**

**2003**

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**WELLINGTON - PONEKE**

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**The Methodist Church of New Zealand  
Te Hāhi Weteriana O Aotearoa**

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**QUESTION 1 - Who Are Members of this Conference?**

- (a & b) Presbyters in Full Connexion with the Conference, Ordained Deacons, and Probationers (2001, F18:4b) Ministers of other denominations who are appointed to Union and Co-operating Parishes or other Co-operative Ventures serving with the Conference and whose names are printed in the Reports on pages 15f.
- (c) Representatives: As printed in the Reports, pages 19ff, together with such substitutes and additional Representatives as shall be advised by the District Superintendent of each Synod and are recorded in the Journal.

**QUESTION 2 - What members from other Conferences and Churches are associated with this Conference?**

Those listed in the Reports on pages 18 and 23, together with any additions or deletions as recorded in the Journal.

**QUESTION 3 - What Candidates are now received for training?**

- (a) **Deacons:**  
None
- (b) **Presbyters:**
- |                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| Cornelia Grant   | Limited ministry formation programme in 2004 (limited itinerancy, English speaking) |
| Anne Griffiths   | In a full-time programme (itinerant, English speaking)                              |
| Tevita Taufalele | In a full-time programme (itinerant, English speaking)                              |
| 'Alipate 'Uhila  | In a full-time programme (itinerant, English speaking)                              |

**QUESTION 4 - Who are to continue in training for ordained ministry?**

- (a) **Deacons:**  
None
- (b) **Presbyters:**
- |                              |   |
|------------------------------|---|
| Sandra Gibbons               | For a third year, part-time (local, Auckland Central Parish/Auckland Deaf Christian Fellowship) |
| Tau Lasi                     | For a third year, full-time (itinerant, Samoan speaking)  |
| Limu Isaia                   | For a second year, part-time (local, New Plymouth Samoan congregation)                          |
| Susana Mangisi               | For a second year, full-time (itinerant, English speaking)                                      |
| 'Alifeleti Vaitu'ulala Ngahe | For a second year, full-time (itinerant, Tongan and English speaking)                           |
| Saikolone Taufa              | For a second year, full-time (itinerant, Tongan and English speaking)                           |

**QUESTION 5 - Who are to be stationed by Conference as Probationers?**

- (a) **Deacons:**  
None
- (b) **Presbyters:**
- |                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| Paulo Ieli              | First year (Samoan and English speaking)                      |
| Leatuao Tupai Samuel    | First year (English speaking)                                 |
| Margaret Donald         | Second year (local, Pukekohe Parish)                          |
| Motekiai Fakatou        | Second year (English speaking)                                |
| Viliami Finau           | Second year (local, Auckland-Manukau Tongan Methodist Parish) |
| Setaita Kinahoi-Veikune | Second year (English speaking)                                |

**QUESTION 6 - Who are now admitted as Presbyters in Full Connexion with the Conference?**

- (a) **Those who have completed their training?**
- Marcia Hardy  
Holakitu'akolo Paea  
Siosifa Pole

- Tamata'ane Tupou
- (b) **from another Church?**  
 Trevor Hoggard (British Methodist Church)  
 Ruth Sandiford-Phelan (Uniting Church of Australia)  
 Barbara Stephens (Associated Churches of Christ)

**QUESTION 7 - Who are now ordained Deacon or Presbyter?**

- (a) **Deacon:**  
 None
- (b) **Presbyters:**
- |                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| Marcia Hardy        | English speaking                                |
| Holakitu'akolo Paea | Local, Auckland-Manukau Tongan Methodist Parish |
| Siosifa Pole        | English speaking                                |
| Tamata'ane Tupou    | Local, Auckland-Manukau Tongan Methodist Parish |

**QUESTION 8 – What Minita-a-iwi:**

- (a) **are received as candidates?**
- (b) **have completed their training?**

**QUESTION 9 -**

- (a) **What Deacon(s) is reinstated into the Diaconate?**  
 None
- (b) **What Presbyter(s) is reinstated into Full Connexion?**  
 Wallis Browne  
 Siosaia Molia Tu'itupou  
 Ken Toomer

**QUESTION 10 –**

- (a) **What Deacon(s) now cease to be recognised as a Deacon(s) of the Conference?**  
 None
- (b) **What Presbyter(s) now cease to be recognised as in Full Connexion with the Conference?**  
 Patricia Allan  
 Ruth Boswell  
 David Bromell  
 John Drylie  
 Wesley T. Jeyaseelan, July 2003  
 Geoff King, March 2003  
 Timothy Langlely, September 2003  
 Soro Ramacake  
 Peseti Tukutau, October 2003
- (c) **What Presbyter(s) now cease to be recognised as a Probationer with the Conference?**  
 None
- (d) **What students have discontinued their training?**  
 None

**QUESTION 11 - What appointments are authorised to provide remuneration at a rate less than Standard Stipend?**  
 A. For full-time Ministers requesting not to receive a full stipend (the balance to be paid to Supply Ministry Fund).

- (a) **Deacons**

(b) **Presbyters**

None

**B. For full-time or part-time Local Ministries (with no remuneration) with Ministry Covenant (*full or part-time*):**

(a) **Deacons**

Lorna Goodwin (Part-time)  
June Higham (Part-time, retired)  
Dianne C Hight (Part-time)  
Malcolm McLeod (Part-time)  
Rachel A Tregurtha (Part-time)  
Francis Westaway (Part-time)  
Kay Wicks (Part-time)  
Richard Williams (Part-time)

(b) **Presbyters**

Mavis Ambler (Part-time)  
Saula Fifita (Part-time)  
Viliami Finau  
Vilma Loader (Part-time)  
Lisiate Manu'atu (Part-time, retired)  
Moses Manukia (Part-time)  
Kepu Moa (Part-time)  
Christina Morunga (Part-time)  
Gillian M Richards (Part-time)  
'Inoke Siulangapo (Part-time)  
Langi'ila Uasi (Part-time)  
Robyn E Westaway (Part-time)  
Kilifi Hemuli (Part-time)  
Margaret Hall- Carterton Union (Part-time)  
Holakitu'akolo Paea (Part-time)  
Judith Parkes (Part-time)  
Samiuela Taufua- Wesley Wellington (Part-time)  
Molia Tu'itupou (Part-time)  
Tamata'ane Tupou (Part-time)

**C. For part-time ministries (remuneration pro rata) with a Ministry Covenant:**

(a) **Deacons**

Brenda Fawkner (Part-time)  
Valma E Hallam (Part-time)

(b) **Presbyters**

Robyn Allen Goudge (Part-time)  
Jean Bruce  
E. Frank Hanson  
Barry G Harkness  
Vaikoloa Kilikiti (Part-time)  
Lorraine J Reid (Part-time)  
G. Clive Smith  
Anne Stephenson  
Tony Stroobant (Part-time)  
Jim Stuart  
Gillian Watkin  
Graham Millar  
Brian Peterson (Part-time)  
Marion Peterson (Part-time)

**QUESTION 12 – What Deacon(s) or Presbyter(s) is transferred to, or is now exercising ministry in, another Conference or Church, whether overseas or in New Zealand, and has the right to return to the Conference on the completion of service with that Conference or Church?**

(a) **Deacons**

Marica Reeves (Methodist Church of Fiji)

(b) **Presbyters**

Donald F. Biggs (Lansdowne Presbyterian Church)  
 George Bryant (Presbyterian Church, Welcome Bay Community Church, BOP)  
 Marie Greenwood (British Methodist Church)  
 John Meredith (Uniting Church in Australia)  
 Mikaele Yasa (Methodist Church in Fiji)  
 Kenneth Olsen (Presbyterian Church)

**QUESTION 13 - What Deacon(s) or Presbyter(s) has been received from another Conference or Church?**

(a) **Deacon**  
 None

(b) **Presbyter**

Allan Judge (Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa NZ under mutuality of ministry agreement)  
 Rachel Judge (Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa NZ under mutuality of ministry agreement)  
 Andre Le Roux from the South African Conference  
 Rev Dr Ilaitia Sevati Tuwere (serving as Lecturer for the College of the Diocese of Polynesia, St Johns College) (attached to Mt Roskill Fiji Congregation – non Stipendary).

**QUESTION 14 - What Deacon(s) or Presbyter(s) has been received on secondment from another Church, to serve under the Conference, and after the completion of the secondment to return to the Church of their origin?**

(a) **Deacons**  
 None

(b) **Presbyters**

Bastianpillai Prince Devanandan from the Anglican Church of Sri Lanka  
 Rev Dr Godwin Rajinder Singh from the Methodist Church in India

**QUESTION 15 - For what Deacon(s) or Presbyter(s) is there no appointment available?**

(a) **Deacon**  
 Margaret Birtles  
 Shirley Joy Barrow

(b) **Presbyter**  
 David Alley

**QUESTION 16 - What Deacon(s) or Presbyter(s) are not available for stationing this year?**

*(all ministries recorded under this question shall have prepared a Ministry Covenant)*

(a) **Deacons**  
 Raewyn F Cubin (Personal Assistant)

(b) **Presbyters**

(i) **Chaplaincies and other Ministries**

Roy M Alexander Accredited Supervisor, NZACPE, Ecumenical Hospital Chaplain, North Shore  
 K Desmond Cooper, Chaplain, University of Waikato  
 Lindsay E Cumberpatch, BA, LTh, Director, Workplace Support (Waikato)  
 John M Grant, BSocSci, LTh, Part-time Ecumenical Chaplain, Waikato Polytech, Counsellor & Consultant in the Health Field  
 Greg Hughson, MSc, BD, Ecumenical Tertiary Chaplain, Otago  
 Anne Millar (Presbyterian Support)  
 Donald F Prince, MNZAP, Hospital Chaplain, Christchurch  
 Ruth Sandiford Phelan, Tarawhaiti Polytech Chaplaincy, Hospice Chaplaincy and Gisborne Palliative Care Service  
 Paul R Trebilco, BSc(Hons), BD, PhD, Assoc. Professor of New Testament Studies, Dept of Theology and Religious Studies – University of Otago  
 Paul Tregurtha, BA, BTheol, Ecumenical Hospital Chaplain, Dunedin Public Hospital  
 Terry Wall, MA (Hons) BSc LTh STM, McLaurin Chaplain, Auckland University

(ii) **Other**

Alison Cable  
 Ashley I Corlett, L.Th, Community Corrections Officer (Probation)  
 Salesi Takau overseas  
 David Rolinson

**QUESTION 17 - What Deacon(s) and Presbyter(s) retire at this Conference?**

**(a) Deacons**

**(b) Presbyters**

Patricia Allan  
B. Anne Dargaville  
Barry E. Jones  
Graham Kane  
Nomani Noa Aiono  
Wendie Rosewell  
John Salmon  
Kerry Taylor, 17 November, 2003  
Ralph Vickers  
Mikaele Yasa

**QUESTION 18 – What Deacons and Presbyters continue in retirement?**

**(a) Deacons (Deaconesses)**

David Bryant	A Joan Lawry
Margaret Bryant	Jean I McInnes
Rona W Collins	Lucy H Money
Dorothy Pointon	Heeni Wharemaru
R Harvey Dalton	Rita Reid
June Fuller	Elva M Reynolds
June L Gibson	Desmond A Hill
Piula A Unasa-Su	Edna E Evans
Stan Hunt	B June Higham

(b) **Presbyters**

Bryant S L Abbott  
William K Abbott  
Robert Allan  
Audrey P Ancrum  
Robert S Andrews  
David H Ansell  
H Mary Astley  
Edward Baker  
Frederick J K Baker  
Marcia J Baker  
G Basil W Bell  
Enid J Bennett,  
MA, BD, DipEd  
Trevor L Bennett  
T Ralph Benny  
Noel D Billinghamurst  
John Silverstone  
Warren Blundell,  
Lewis A Bowen,  
DipRE  
Edward P Boyd  
Margaret E Burnett  
Amos W Burrough  
Douglas H Burt  
Wilfred J Cable  
M Jackson Campbell  
Clive Chandler  
William A Chessum  
Edwin B. Clarke  
Ian L Clarke, ACA  
Lois R H Clarke  
Ivan J Clucas  
Gordon A R Cornwell  
Moke A G Couch, BA  
Hughan M Craig  
James S Cropp  
Arthur W Dickie,  
MIPENZ  
Audrey N Dickinson,  
LTh  
Mervyn Dickinson  
Mervyn L Dine  
Bruno Egli

Marian F Emslie,  
MSR(T) LTh  
Irwin J Fowler  
Edna J Garner  
Norma George  
Hendrik Gerritsen  
Loyal J Gibson  
Geoffrey T Gilbert  
Wilfred S Gilbert  
Norman J Goreham,  
BA(B'ham), BD(Lond)  
Stanley R Goudge, BA  
Ian D Grant  
Keith C Griffith, MBE  
Edmund D Grounds  
Warwick Gust  
Phyllis M Guthardt,  
DBE, MA,  
PhD(Camb),  
HonD(Waik)  
Allen H Hall, MA,  
DipTch, (NZ)  
MA, PhD, (Qld)  
DipTheol, ATCL  
John R Hall  
George M Hammond  
E Francis  
Hanson(Fellow of  
Trinity College  
Graham Hawkey  
Ernest Heppelthwaite  
C Brice Herbert  
Roger J E Hey  
Maxwell A Hornblow  
C Seton Horrill  
John S Hosking  
Patricia M Jacobson  
Russell E James  
Colin G Jamieson  
Alexander C Johnston  
Henry W Kitchingman  
John E Langley  
Derek G Laws, FCA  
(Hon.) (Retired)

Colin Leadley  
A Gordon Leary, MA,  
DipEd, JP  
Evan R Lewis, MSc,  
BA  
Edith J Little, JP  
Campbell P Lucas,  
LTh(Melb)  
John C F Mabon  
Archibald W McKay  
Bruce E Mackie  
Derek McNicol  
Lisiate Manu'atu  
Taniela T Moala  
C Russell Marshall  
Barbara I Miller  
David S Mullan  
Barry W Neal MA,  
DipEd  
John B Nesbit  
Alan Newman, M.A.  
(Hons)  
Norman W Olds  
John H Osborne, MA  
Francis H Parker  
Henry Heremia Pate  
John A Penman, BA  
(Fellow of Trinity  
College)  
Donald J Phillipps, BA,  
DB (Fellow Trinity  
College)  
David H Pond  
Beverly Pullar  
Ruawai D Rakena, BA  
Douglas I Rogers  
LLB(Hons),  
BD(Hons), MTh  
Percy P Rushton, BA,  
BD  
Kenneth H Russell  
Elia Samusamuvodre  
Leonard P Schroeder,  
BA, BD(Melb)

Ashley Sedon  
Leonard Shapcott  
Harry I Shaw  
Trevor Shepherd  
Robert D Short  
Brian W Sides  
Stuart G Slinn  
G Clive Smith  
Margaret Springett  
Peter A Stead, BA  
David G Stubbs  
Lane M Tauroa, BA  
Peni Maf'I Ta'ufo'ou  
Philip F Taylor  
Gillian A Telford  
Morehu (Buddy) Te  
Whare  
Gordon V Thomas, BA  
Neville Thornicroft  
David L Trebilco  
Geoffrey Tucker  
Shirley Ungemuth  
A Fa'aoso Tugia  
William L Wallace,  
BA  
Alexander C Watson  
Alan C Webster,  
MA, MDiv, EdD, PhD  
P Joan Wedding  
Peter West  
Graham H Whaley BA,  
BD, Cert T  
Raymond G Wicks  
Robert W Widdup  
Leonard V Willing, BA  
Frank H Woodfield  
Owen T Woodfield,  
BA  
Alan K Woodley  
Jack Wright

**QUESTION 19 - What Deacons, Minita-a-iwi and Presbyters have died since last Conference?**

(a) **Deacons/Deaconess**

(b) **Minita-a-iwi**

(c) **Presbyters**

George Bennett  
John Hamlin  
Basil Hilder  
Ian Millar (Presbyterian)  
J. Wesley Parker  
Robert Thornley  
Siosifa Latu Uhi

**QUESTION 20 - What Laypersons who have given leadership in the Conference have died since last Conference?**

**Taha Maori:**

**Tauiwi:**  
Cyril Firth  
Henry Douglas Kelly  
Brian Underwood

**QUESTION 21**

- (a) **Are there any congregations where, for imperative pastoral considerations, others than Presbyters, should have authority to administer the Sacraments?**

South Hokianga  
Bay of Islands  
Hindi Language Fellowship (Auckland District)  
Rotuman Fellowship Kingsland (Auckland Central Parish)  
Great Barrier Island Community Church  
Northcote  
Mangere/Otahuhu English language congregation  
Mangere East (Samoan)  
Mangere Central (Samoan)  
Tokoroa Samoan  
Tauranga Tongan  
Hamilton East Tongan  
Rotorua Tongan  
Trinity United Parish  
Eltham/Kaponga  
New Plymouth Samoan  
Manaia Union  
Opunake Co-operating  
Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe-Pohangina  
Hastings Samoan  
Milson  
Levin Tongan  
Petone Tongan  
Upper Hutt Tongan  
Tawa Tongan  
Kapiti Uniting  
Buller Union  
Greymouth District Uniting  
Richmond  
Oamaru Union Parish  
Invercargill Methodist Parish

- (b) **Who are now given special authority to administer the Sacraments?**

**Te Taha Maori:**

Tai Tokerau  
Mere Cassidy  
Sonny Livingstone  
Winiata Morunga  
Rex Nathan  
Wiremu Waiomio  
Te Waihoroi Tana (Special Ministry to the Sick and Dying)  
Marcus Rogers  
Timaru Rogers  
Te Uru Heta  
Waha Wiki

Tamaki  
Kiri Haretuku  
Heemi Rauwhero  
Ripia Rountree  
Lillian Vaoga



Waikato

John Kopa  
Sunnah Thompson  
Marangai Tupaea

Te Rohe Potae

Tata (John) Keepa  
Barney Winikerei

Taranaki

Jim George  
Syd Kershaw  
Jim Ngarewa  
Barry Whakaruru

**Tauiti:**

Bay of Islands	- Beverley Deverell
	- Ann Pearson
	- Frank Leadley
South Hokianga	- John Askew (additional to Local Presbyter)
	- Balchand Karan
Fiji Indian Fellowship	- Susau Strickland
Rotuman Fellowship	- Maurice Handisides
Great Barrier Island	- Leatua Tupai Samuel (probationer)
Northcote	- Uhaone Metuisela
Auckland Manukau Tongan	- Sione Tonga
	- Moi Kaufononga
Hastings	- Paulo Ieli (Probationer)
Henderson Tongan	- Viliami Finau (Probationer)
Mangere Central (Samoan):	- Su'a Vili,
Mangere East (Samoan)	- Fenunuti Fia'i'i
Mangere-Otahuhu	- Setaita Veikune (Probationer)
	- Marie Clark
	- Colin Clark
Northcote	- Leatua Tupai Samuel (Probationer)
Waikato	- June Higham (Tamahere Eventide Home)
Tokoroa	- Alesana Letoa
Tauranga Tongan	- Sione Tonga Vaomotou
Trinity United Parish	- John Watson
Hamilton East Tongan	- Sione Takataka
Rotorua	- Alipate Cook
Eltham/Kaponga	- Tom Thompson
	- Margaret Walker
Manaia Union	- Margie Bishop
Opunake	- Mary Nicholas
	- Donald Gillbanks
	- Elaine Wilson
	- Limu Isaia
New Plymouth Samoan	
Ashhurst-Bunnythorpe	
-Pohangina	- Cornelia Grant
Milson	- Noel Watts
Tawa Tongan	- Hiueni Nuku
Levin Tongan	- Siouli Pani
Hutt City United Cong.	- Tanusia he Lotu
Upper Hutt Tongan	- Sione Na'a Sina
Communion Ministry to Age Care Home in Upper Hutt	- Viti Olds
Kapiti Uniting Parish	- Howard Farr
Buller Union	- Iris Garvey
Wider Nelson	- Graham A Harris
Greymouth Uniting	- Thelma Efford
Christchurch (Hornby/Riccarton)	- Rita Reid (to Rest Homes)

Richmond Church	- Clive Cotton (and Rest Homes)
Oamaru Union Parish	
/ Vahefonua Tonga	- Melesetina Kaufana
Invercargill	- Motekiai Fakatou (Probationer)

**QUESTION 22:**

- (a) **Does the Conference sanction the amalgamation, division or naming of any District, Parish.**  
Auckland Central Parish separates from Methodist Mission Northern. Aotea Chapel is included in the Parish.  
Mt Eden Village Methodist Church renames Mt Eden Methodist Church  
3160 Tokoroa – included in the Rotorua Parish 3170  
3260 Otorohanga – included in Te Awamutu Parish 3250  
Kapiti Uniting Parish – Associated Churches of Christ have joined the Parish  
Papatoetoe Tongan Parish  
Durham Street Mission – change in structure to separate Mission and Parish Superintendents and renamed Christchurch Central Methodist Parish and Mission  
Blueskin Cooperating Parish (9220) is now a Presbyterian Parish  
Amalgamation of Newlands Union Parish (6080) with Johnsonville Uniting Church (6070)  
Karori Northland Uniting Parish – name change to St. Ninian’s Uniting Parish  
8220 Parklands Co-operating to close 1<sup>st</sup> February 2004.
- (b) **What other Agreements affecting Parishes and/or Use of Buildings are approved by Conference?**  
Closure – Islington Church, Christchurch  
Change of Use – St John’s, Addington, Christchurch

**QUESTION 23**

- (a) **To what Parishes/Rohe are additional deacons, Minita-a-Iwi, or Presbyters appointed?:**  
Aotea Chapel Auckland Central Parish – half time  
Glen Innes – one third appointment
- (b) **From what Parishes/Rohe are Deacons, Minita-a-Iwi or Prebyters withdrawn?:**  
3260 Otorohanga  
3160 Tokoroa

**QUESTION 24: - How are the Presbyters, Presbyters in training, Deacons, Deacons in training, Minita-a-Iwi stationed for the ensuing year?**

**LIST OF STATIONS  
of the  
METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW ZEALAND**

President---Lynne Frith  
Vice-President---David McGeorge  
Secretary---Jill van de Geer

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**PRESBYTERS, DEACONS AND  
MINITA-A-IWI 2004**

**INTRODUCTION**

The List of Stations is divided into two sections.

- A. Te Taha Maori:** Records the appointments for Liaison People, Minita-a-iwi and Ministry Team.
- B. Tauwi:** Records each Station and the Presbyter/Deacons appointed to them. Unless otherwise stated the person first named in each sub-section is the Parish Superintendent or equivalent.

- Note:**
1. **Supply Appointments**  
*Recorded in italics are the names of the Supply Appointments that relate to this year's Stationing. The names are advised by the Mission Resourcing Unit and recorded in this List of Stations for information.*
  2. **Without Appointment**  
*Presbyters/Deacons without Appointment and Supernumeraries are recorded under the appropriate Conference Question and not on the Station Sheet.*

**A. TE TAHA MAORI**

**1510 TAI TOKERAU**

**Liaison Person**  
Mere Cassidy

**Minita-A-Iwi**  
Mere Cassidy  
Te Uru Heta  
Sonny Livingstone  
Winiata Morunga  
Rex Nathan  
Matiu Rakena  
Markus Rogers  
Timaru Rogers  
Te Waihoroi Tana (Special Ministry to the Sick & Dying)  
Wiremu Waiomio  
Waha Wiki

**2510 TAMAKI**

**Liaison Person**  
Gillian Laird

**Minita-A-Iwi**  
Kiri Haretuku  
Huia Martin (Retired)  
Heemi Rauwhero  
Ripia Rountree  
Lillian Vaoga

**3510 WAIKATO**

**Liaison Person**  
Pari Waaka

**Minita-A-Iwi**  
John Kopa  
Sunnah Thompson  
Marangai Tupaea

**3520 TE ROHE POTAE**

**Liaison Person**

**Minita-A-Iwi**  
Tata (John) Keepa  
Barney Winikerei

**4510 TARANAKI**

**Liaison Person**

Shared appointment, Aroha Houston and Frances Kingi-Katene

**Minita-A-Iwi**  
Jim George  
Syd Kershaw  
Jim Ngarewa  
Barry Whakaruru

**6510 PONEKE**

**Liaison Person**

**6510 OTAUTAHI-TE WAIPOUNAMU**

**Liaison Person**

**ENABLING MINISTRY TEAM**

**Tumuaki**  
Diana Tana

**Rangatahi Worker**  
Keita Hotere

**B. TAUWI**

**1000 NORTHLAND DISTRICT**

1010 KAITAIA UNION PARISH  
Presbyterian Appointment: Bruce Hellyer

1020 KAIKOHE UNION PARISH  
Presbyterian Appt: John Faulkner – part-time lay *supply*

1030 BAY OF ISLANDS CO-OPERATING PARISH  
(Parish Superintendency, Ken Toomer)  
Lay Ministry Team

1040 KAEO-KERIKERI UNION PARISH  
Presbyterian appt:

1050 NORTH HOKIANGA COMMUNITY CHURCH  
Christina Morunga (Local Presbyterian Part-time)

- 1060 SOUTH HOKIANGA CO-OPERATING PARISH  
Mavis Ambler (Local Presbyter)
- 1070 HIKURANGI UNION PARISH  
Presbyterian Appt: Paul Anderson (part-time, stated *supply*)
- 1080 WHANGAREI UNITING CHURCH  
Presbyterian Appt (St James, Onerahi) *Lay supply*, Diane Hamilton  
Presbyterian Appt: (St Andrew's Uniting) P Wayne Matheson BA, BTh, DipMin  
Associated Church of Christ Appt (Tikipunga), Ron Webb
- 1090 WESLEY DARGAVILLE  
(Parish Superintendency, Jock Hosking)  
One wanted
- 1100 RUAWAI CO-OPERATING PARISH  
Presbyterian appt: Erin Underwood (part-time *Lay Supply*)
- 1120 WELLSFORD CO-OPERATING PARISH  
Presbyterian appt:
- 1130 ST JOHN'S/RAUMANGA CO-OPERATING PARISH  
(Parish Superintendency, Brice Herbert)  
Lowell Karnes (*supply*)
- 1140 ST PAUL'S CO-OPERATING (KAMO)  
Presbyterian appt:
- 1150 OTAMATEA CO-OPERATING PARISH  
Presbyterian appt: Bruce Millar (part-time *Lay Supply*)
- 1160 TUTUKAKA COAST COMMUNITY CHURCH LEP  
Local shared ministry

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT  
Rev Jock Hosking (Until March 2004)

## 2000 AUCKLAND DISTRICT

- 2007 FIJI MINISTRY  
Ilaitia Sevati Tuwera - Presbyteral Oversight (*Non-Stipendary*)
- 2008 THE MISSION & ECUMENICAL COMMITTEE  
John Roberts BA, LTh, DipCrim(Hons)
- 2600 BOARD OF MINISTRY - MISSION RESOURCING  
John S Murray (half-time Executive Officer Taiwi Strategy and Stationing *supply*) (see 3000)  
Sylvia 'Akauola-Tongotongo, BTheol (Ministry to New Zealand Born Pacific Islanders)  
Alison Molineux BA(Hons), BD(half-time Resource Person, *supply*)
- 2820 BOARD OF MINISTRY - MINISTRY EDUCATION (Trinity College)  
Mary E Caygill DipSocWk, LTh, DMin (San Francisco) Principal  
Lynne J Wall, BA, BD, PhD, Lecturer in Biblical Studies,  
Susan Adams, MTh (Oxon), DMin (EDS) (Ministry Training Unit)
- 2010 AUCKLAND CENTRAL PARISH  
Craig Forbes, BA BEd BTheol MEd (Hons) MTheol (Hons) DipRecSpt DipTchg DipThSt (Pitt Street)  
William E Elderton, MA, ANZIA, Dip.NZLS, LTh (half-time) (see 2070) (Aotea Chapel)  
Alison Molineux, BA (Hons), BD (Half-time), (Epsom)  
Gillian Watkin, MMin (MCD), (half-time) (Mount Eden)  
Kingsland – one wanted, part time
- 2020 METHODIST MISSION NORTHERN  
Keith J Taylor, BA – Mission Superintendent  
Gillian M Richards (Ministry Covenant)  
Sandra Gibbons (Student in Training - Deaf Chaplaincy)

- 2030 ROSKILL  
Siosifa Pole, see 2310 (part-time)
- 2060 ORAKEI  
One wanted - *supply*  
Norman J Goreham BA (Hons, Birmingham), BD (Hons, London)
- 2070 GLEN INNES CO-OPERATING PARISH – ST MARY’S  
William E Elderton, MA, ANZIA, Dip.NZLS, LTh (half time) (see 2010)
- 2080 MT ALBERT  
Elizabeth Hopner, BTheol
- 2090 AVONDALE UNION PARISH  
Presbyterian appt
- 2100 WAITAKERE  
Kenneth Smith, LTh, (Glen Eden)  
Bastianpillai Prince Devanandan MTheol (Auckland), BD (India) BTh. (India)(Henderson)
- 2120 TE ATATU UNION PARISH  
Graeme R. White, LTh
- 2130 DEVONPORT  
Robyn Allen Goudge, B.Sc., B.D (Part-time)
- 2140 TAKAPUNA  
Norman West
- 2150 BIRKENHEAD  
David Pratt  
Malcolm McLeod, (Deacon) See Q11B(a)
- 2160 GLENFIELD ANGLICAN/METHODIST COMMUNITY CHURCH  
Anglican Appt:  
Richard Williams (Deacon) see Q11B (a) (Part-time)
- 2180 NORTHCOTE  
(Parish Superintendency, Norman West)  
Leatuao Tupai Samuel (probationer)
- 2270 SOUTH KAIPARA CO-OPERATING PARISH  
Jacquie Cavit, DipTheol (Otago), DipMin (Knox)
- 2280 WHANGAPARAOA  
Val Nicholls, BA, BTheol
- 2290 MAHURANGI  
Michael Dymond
- 2300 ST AUSTELL'S CO-OPERATING PARISH -New Lynn  
Presbyterian appt: Elizabeth M Mansill
- 2310 WATERVIEW  
Siosifa Pole, see 2030, (part time)
- 2320 EAST COAST BAYS  
David S Bell, BA, BD, MTh (Distinction), PhD
- 2330 LYNFIELD COMMUNITY CHURCH  
Anglican Appt: Trevor McCracken BMin, NZ Cert Comm, CertTM
- 2380 ONEHUNGA CO-OPERATING  
Presbyterian Appt:
- DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT  
David Pratt

## 2400 MANUKAU DISTRICT

- 2830 WESLEY COLLEGE  
Stephen Tema
- 2410 HOWICK PAKURANGA  
Trevor Hoggard, MPhil (Leicester), PhD (Lancaster), BA (Leicester), CertTheol (Cambridge) (Pakuranga)  
Brian Peterson\*, LTh, Min Dip, (Part-time)(see 2450) (Meadowlands)  
Marion Peterson\*, BTheol, (Part-time)(see 2450) (Meadowlands)  
*\*Joint Appointment*
- 2420 MANUREWA  
Eveli Taungapeau BTheol (Melb) (0.8 time) (see 7500)  
Audrey Dickinson (Part-time *supply*)
- 2430 PAPA KURA  
Norman E Brookes, MA (Hons)
- 2440 PUKEKOHE  
I W Les Ferguson LTh; STh  
Margaret Donald DipP.Th (probationer) (local presbyter)
- 2450 TUAKAU UNION PARISH  
Kay Wicks (Deacon) See Q11B(a)  
Brian Peterson\*, LTh, Min Dip, (Part-time)(see 2410)  
Marion Peterson\*, BTheol, (Part-time)(see 2410)  
*\*Joint Appointment half time*
- 2460 WAIUKU AND DISTRICTS COMBINED CHURCHES  
Presbyterian appt
- 2470 BUCKLANDS BEACH CO-OPERATING  
Presbyterian appt
- 2480 PAPATOETOE OTARA  
(Parish Superintendency awaiting clarification)  
Andre Le Roux (*supply*)
- 2490 MANGERE OTAHUHU  
(Parish Superintendency awaiting clarification)  
Setaita Kinahoi-Veikune (probationer)

### DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

Trevor Hoggard  
John Bennett

## 3000 WAIKATO-BAY OF PLENTY DISTRICT

- 3010 THAMES UNION PARISH  
Presbyterian appt:
- 3020 HAURAKI PLAINS CO-OPERATING PARISH  
Presbyterian appt: David A G North, BA, BD
- 3030 PAEROA CO-OPERATING PARISH See 3050  
Shared Appt: Stanley J. Stewart (Methodist ¼ time)  
Pauline Stewart (Presbyterian ¾ time)
- 3040 WAIHI BEACH CONGREGATION LEP  
Presbyterian appt: Lester Simpson
- 3050 TE AROHA CO-OPERATING PARISH See 3030  
Shared Appt: Pauline Stewart (Presbyterian ¼ time)  
Stanley J Stewart (Methodist ¾ time)  
Dianne Hight Deacon See Q11B(a)

- 3060 MORRINSVILLE  
Nancy Jean Whitehead
- 3070 CAMBRIDGE UNION PARISH  
Russell G Rigby, BA(Hons), CertCounc
- 3080 HAMILTON  
Susan Thompson MA (1st Class Hons), BTheol, PhD  
Hausia I M Taufu'i, BTheol, (Half-time)
- 3090 RAGLAN UNION PARISH  
(Parish Superintendency, see 3360 Paul Sinclair)  
One wanted – *supply* half time
- 3100 HAMILTON EAST  
Warwick J Hambleton, BE
- 3110 CHARTWELL CO-OPERATING PARISH  
Alan J Leadley, MA, BD  
Presbyterian Appt: Ken Olsen
- 3120 NGARUAWAHIA UNION PARISH  
Presbyterian Appt: Alice Hill (*stated supply*)
- 3130 HUNTLY CO-OPERATING PARISH  
Presbyterian Appt:
- 3140 MATAMATA UNION PARISH  
Nigel Hanscamp, BTh (Hons), MTheol (Hons)
- 3150 PUTARURU CO-OPERATING PARISH  
(Parish Superintendency, see 3000, District Superintendent)  
Godwin Singh, *supply*
- 3170 ROTORUA (incorporating Tokoroa)  
Brian Eagle  
Alesana Letoa (Lay ministry, part time)
- 3180 TAUPO UNION PARISH  
Presbyterian appt
- 3190 TAURANGA  
Janet Marsh, BTheol (Hons) (Wesley Tauranga)  
One wanted – *supply* one-third time, Neal Whimp (St Stephens)  
Valma E Hallam (Deacon) See Q11C(a)
- 3200 ST JAMES UNION PARISH, GREERTON  
Alex Webster, BTheol, PG Dip Theol (who shall superintend 3400 Trinity United: Whangamata-Tairua-Pauanui)
- 3210 TE PUKE/MT MAUNGANUI  
Gloria Zanders, BTheol (Melb)
- 3220 WHAKATANE CO-OPERATING PARISH  
One Wanted:  
Anglican Appt
- 3230 KAWERAU  
(Parish Superintendency, see 3170, Brian Eagle)
- 3240 OPOTIKI UNION PARISH  
(Parish Superintendency, see 3210, Gloria Zanders)  
One wanted – *supply* shared appointment, Laurie Barber (quarter-time)  
Petra Barber (three-quarter time)
- 3250 TE AWAMUTU (Including Otorohanga and Te Kuiti)  
Marcia Hardy



- 3280 ST PAUL'S CO-OPERATING PARISH (TAUMARUNUI)  
(Parish Superintendency, see 3070, Russell Rigby)  
Intentional transitional ministry – *lay supply* David Baird
- 3290 TURANGI CO-OPERATING PARISH  
Anglican Appt: Patricia Olds
- 3300 OHURA (See 3280)  
(Parish Superintendency, see 3070, Russell Rigby)
- 3320 MERCURY BAY  
Presbyterian appt
- 3330 ST FRANCIS CO-OPERATING PARISH (HILLCREST)  
Presbyterian Appt:  
Anglican Appt:
- 3340 PIO PIO-ARIA MOKAU CO-OPERATING PARISH  
Anglican Appt:
- 3350 OMOKOROA CO-OPERATING PARISH  
Presbyterian Appt:
- 3360 CO-OPERATING PARISH OF ST CLARE, DINSDALE  
Paul Sinclair
- 3370 PAPAMOA COOPERATING PARISH  
Anne Stephenson, LTh, CertChristian Min., SRN, (Half time)
- 3390 ALL SAINTS (BRYANT PARK) CO-OPERATING PARISH  
Anglican Appt:
- 3400 TRINITY UNITED: (WHANGAMATA-TAIRUA-PAUANUI)  
(Parish Superintendency see 3200, Alex Webster)  
Lay ministry team

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT  
John Murray (see 2600)

#### **4000 TARANAKI-WANGANUI DISTRICT**

- 4010 NEW PLYMOUTH  
Alan Upson (who shall also Superintend, 4020 Waitara)  
Brenda R N Fawkner (Deacon) See Q11B(a)
- 4020 WAITARA  
Superintended by 4010, Alan Upson
- 4030 STRATFORD  
Jan Fogg, half-time, (see 4050)
- 4040 ELTHAM-KAPONGA CO-OPERATING PARISH  
(Parish Superintendency, see 4010, Alan Upson)  
One wanted - shared appointment with 4060 (half time)
- 4050 HAWERA  
Jan Fogg, half-time (see 4040)
- 4060 MANAIA UNION PARISH  
(Parish Superintendency, see 4010, Alan Upson)  
One wanted, half-time, shared appointment with 4040
- 4070 OPUNAKE CO-OPERATING PARISH (See also 4080)  
(Parish Superintendency, see 4010, Alan Upson)  
One wanted, *supply*, (1/4-time)

- 4080 OKATO CO-OPERATING PARISH (see 4070 )  
(Parish Superintendency, see 4010, Alan Upson)  
One wanted *supply*, (¼-time)
- 4090 WANGANUI  
Tony Bell  
Shirley-Joy Barrow (Deacon) (See Question 11B(a))
- 4110 INGLEWOOD UNION PARISH  
Presbyterian Appt:
- 4120 PATEA CO-OPERATING PARISH  
Anglican Appt:
- 4130 BELL BLOCK LEPPERTON CO-OPERATING PARISH  
Anglican Appt:

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT  
Alan Upson

**5000 HAWKES BAY-MANAWATU DISTRICT**

- 5010 NAPIER (see 5020)  
Beverley Osborn, MA, CertSocWkrs, Dip Theol
- 5020 HASTINGS  
(Parish Superintendency, see 5010, Beverley Osborn)  
Lay Ministry Team
- 5040 GISBORNE  
Tavake Manu BTheol
- 5050 MANGAPAPA UNION PARISH  
Presbyterian responsibility:
- 5060 PRESBYTERIAN-METHODIST PARISH OF WAIROA  
Presbyterian Appt:
- 5080 WOODVILLE ST JAMES UNION PARISH  
(Parish Superintendency, Lois Clark)  
*Part time supply* (see also 5090)
- 5090 PAHIATUA UNION PARISH  
(Parish Superintendency, Lois Clark)  
*Part time supply* (see also 5080)
- 5100 PALMERSTON NORTH  
Stuart C Grant, BA, LLB, LTh (Hons)  
Lorna J Goodwin (Deacon) See Q11B(a)
- 5110 ASHHURST-BUNNYTHORPE-POHANGINA  
(Parish Superintendency Jack Wright)  
Cornelia Grant, M. Theol (Tübingen) (part-time), *lay supply*
- 5120 FEILDING-OROUA (see also 5130)  
(Parish Superintendency, See 5100, Stuart C Grant)  
One wanted part-time *supply*, Maureen Calman
- 5130 MARTON (see also 5120)  
(Parish Superintendency, See 5100, Stuart C Grant)  
One wanted part time *supply*, Maureen Calman
- 5140 RONGOTEA UNITING PARISH  
William (Bill) J Clifford, BTh (Melb), CA (Ret), ACIS, ANZIM,

- 5150 FOXTON/SHANNON CO-OPERATING PARISH  
Presbyterian oversight: John Niven
- 5160 TAMATEA COMMUNITY CHURCH  
Anglican oversight
- 5170 WAIPAWA CO-OPERATING PARISH  
(Parish Superintendency, see 5010 Beverley Osborn)  
One wanted
- 5180 MILSON COMBINED CHURCH  
Anglican Lay appointment part-time, Janice Lyon

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS  
Beverley Osborn  
John Thornley

## 6000 WELLINGTON DISTRICT

- 6010 WESLEY WELLINGTON  
Lynne O Frith, BTheol, DipTheol.(Otago), DMin,
- 6020 WESLEY WELLINGTON MISSION  
Director: Jeffrey W. Sanders, LTh
- 6030 WELLINGTON SOUTH-LYALL BAY UNION  
(Parish Superintendency, see 6120, Suiva'aia Te'o)  
One wanted
- 6050 MIRAMAR UNITING PARISH  
Presbyterian Appt:
- 6060 NGAIO UNION PARISH  
Presbyterian appt: Graham Millar
- 6070 JOHNSONVILLE UNITING CHURCH  
Presbyterian appt: Peter MacKenzie BA, BD
- 6100 MANA PARISH  
One wanted, Frank Hanson, MTheol (Melb), DTheol (Melb), BA, BD (*supply* (Part-time))
- 6110 TAWA UNION PARISH  
Presbyterian appt:
- 6120 HUTT CITY UNITING CONGREGATIONS  
Suiva'aia Te'o, LTh Min Dip  
Janice M. H. Calvert (Jan), BA, BTheol, D.Min  
J Peill, LTh, (Presbyterian Appointment)  
One wanted (Presbyterian Appointment)
- 6140 UPPER HUTT UNITING PARISH  
Presbyterian Appt:
- 6160 GREYTOWN ST ANDREWS UNION PARISH  
Presbyterian Appt:
- 6170 FEATHERSTON UNION PARISH  
Margaret Hall, BA DipTheol. ACM (Local Presbyter) (1/3 time)
- 6180 CARTERTON UNION PARISH  
Presbyterian appt: Ruth D Caughley BSc, BTh, DipTchg
- 6190 MASTERTON ST LUKES UNION PARISH  
John B Currie, BA
- 6200 ST JAMES, MASTERTON UNION PARISH  
Margaret Hall, BA DipTheol. ACM (Local Presbyter) (2/3 time)

- 6220 LEVIN  
Wallis Browne
- 6230 OTAKI  
Anglican Appt:
- 6240 KAPITI CO-OPERATING  
Presbyterian appt: Norman Wilkins BTech (Hons), BD
- 6250 HATAITAI-KILBIRNIE CO-OPERATING PARISH  
Anglican appt: Paul Williamson BTh, MPhil
- 6270 ST MATTHEWS JOINT PARISH BROOKLYN  
Anglican appt:
- 6280 ST NINIAN'S UNITING PARISH  
Neil R Keesing, LTh (Melb), STh

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT  
Suiva'aia Te'o

**7000 NELSON/MALBOROUGH/WESTCOAST DISTRICT**

- 7010 ST JOHNS IN THE CITY  
Brian Turner, MA (Hons), Dip RE (Melb)
- 7015 STOKE  
Gary A. M. Clover, MA (First Class Hons), BD, Dip NZLS
- 7020 NELSON, ST LUKE'S UNION PARISH  
Presbyterian oversight
- 7030 WAIMEA  
Jessie S Kerr, CertTh (Otago)
- 7040 MOTUEKA UNITING  
Presbyterian Appt
- 7060 MURCHISON  
Anglican appt: (Part-time) John Williams
- 7070 BLENHEIM  
(Parish Superintendency, Jessie Kerr)  
Judith R Parkes (Local Presbyter)  
One wanted
- 7080 PICTON UNION PARISH  
Clive Smith, (Part-time), *supply*:
- 7090 REEFTON DISTRICT UNION PARISH  
Presbyterian appt: (Part-time, *Lay Supply*) Ian Davidson
- 7100 BULLER UNION PARISH  
Parish Superintendency, see 7030, Jessie Kerr  
Lay Team Ministry (Presbyterian appt)  
- Thelma Efford  
- Chris Auchinvole
- 7110 GREYMOUTH DISTRICT UNITING PARISH  
(Parish Superintendency to be clarified)  
Lay Ministry Team (Methodist oversight)
- 7120 HOKITIKA UNION PARISH  
Presbyterian appt: (part-time) John F Drylie LLB

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT  
Jessie Kerr

**7500 VAHEFONUA TONGA O' AOTEAROA**

Kepu Moa (Local Presbyter), awaiting clarification

**7510 Auckland-Manukau Tongan Parish**

Dominion Road

Parish Superintendency, Vaikoloa Kilikiti

One wanted

**Otara/Papatoetoe**

Vaikoloa Kilikiti (Local Presbyter)

**New Lynn**

Mosese Manukia (Local Presbyter), see Q11B (b)

**Onehunga/Epsom**

Molia Tuitupou

**Otahuhu**

Langi'ila Uasi, Btheol, DipSWrk, (Local Presbyter, Otahuhu Fellowship)

**Ponsonby/Northcote**

Kilifi Heimuli B.Theol. QSM NZCM JP (Local Presbyter)

**Ellerslie**

'Uha'one Metuisela

**Mangere**

Moi Kaufononga (Lay ministry)

**Manurewa**

Awaiting clarification

**Pukekohe/Waiuku**

Holakitu'akolo Paea (local presbyter)

**Panmure/Glen Innes**

Tamata'ane Tupou B.Theol (local presbyter)

**Henderson**

Viliani Finau Dip Min (Sydney) (Probationer local presbyter)

**7511 Papatoetoe Parish**

Saula Fifita L.Th (Local Presbyter)

**7520 Wesley Wellington Parish**

Samiuela Taufu (Local Presbyter)

**7530 Hutt City Uniting Congregation**

Awaiting clarification

**7540 Christchurch South Parish**

'Inoke Siulangapo (Local Presbyter) (Christchurch Fellowship)

**DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT**

'Eveli Taungapeau B.Theol (Melb), L.Th (see 2420)

**8000 NORTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT**

**8900 CONNEXIONAL OFFICE and ADMINISTRATION DIVISION**

Jill van de Geer, BTheol (Melb), LTh (Aotearoa), LTCL, TTC, General Secretary and Authorised Representative

**8010 CHRISTCHURCH CENTRAL METHODIST PARISH & MISSION**

Mission Superintendent: Michael W Greer, LTh

Parish Superintendent: Kathryn Walters, BMin, BTheol

Lorraine J Reid (Local Presbyter part time)

- 8020 CHRISTCHURCH SOUTH  
Mark Gibson, BTheol
- 8040 NEW BRIGHTON UNION PARISH  
One wanted
- 8050 SUMNER-REDCLIFFS/LYTTELTON HARBOUR UNION PARISH  
Graeme McIver  
Vilma Loader, BA, MA (Hons), Lth. Cert Community Psych Care (Otago). (Local Presbyter)
- 8060 SOUTH EAST CHRISTCHURCH UNION PARISH  
Church of Christ appt:
- 8070 MT HERBERT  
Anglican Pastoral Ministry: Indrea Alexander
- 8090 BECKENHAM-SYDENHAM  
(Parish Superintendency, see 8270, David Bush)  
Alan Webster, *supply*
- 8110 HALSWELL UNION PARISH  
Presbyterian oversight
- 8120 HORNBY/RICCARTON  
Barbara Stephens (Upper Riccarton and Hornby)  
Peter Williamson, BTheol (Otago), LLB, DipTheol (Otago),(St Stephens and Clarence Street)
- 8140 CHRISTCHURCH NORTH  
Stan J West
- 8160 LINCOLN UNION PARISH  
Stanley J Barnes, BA (Rhodes)
- 8170 ELLESMERE CO-OPERATING PARISH  
Presbyterian appt: Graham Mansill
- 8180 KAIAPOI CO-OPERATING PARISH  
Barry G Harkness, BA, BD (Part-time) See Q11C (b)
- 8190 RANGIORA  
D Ian MacLeod  
Rachel A Tregurtha ( Deacon) See Q11B (a)
- 8200 MALVERN CO-OPERATING PARISH  
One wanted
- 8210 OXFORD DISTRICT UNION PARISH  
Jean Bruce, (part-time)
- 8220 PARKLANDS CO-OPERATING PARISH  
Closes 1 February 2004
- 8230 ROLLESTON COMBINED CHURCH  
Shared Anglican/Methodist oversight
- 8250 ST ALBANS UNITING PARISH  
Intentional transitional ministry – awaiting clarification
- 8260 WAINONI  
Jim Stuart, (half-time)
- 8270 RICHMOND-SHIRLEY  
David J Bush, BSc  
Clive Cotton (lay ministry) (part time)
- DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT  
David Bush

## **8300 SOUTH CANTERBURY DISTRICT**

- 8310 TIMARU-TEMUKA  
Bruce Anderson MTheol (Auck)
- 8330 ST DAVID'S MARCHWIEL UNION PARISH (Part-time)  
Presbyterian appt:
- 8350 WAIMATE  
One wanted, *supply*, (part-time) James Hunter (Presbyterian)
- 8360 GERALDINE CO-OPERATING PARISH  
Presbyterian appt: Ian G Hyslop BD, BEd, DipTchg
- 8380 ASHBURTON  
Gordon Abernethy, Dip Tchg, Dip.Theo.Studies (Otago)
- 8390 ALLENTON UNION PARISH  
Alan Judge\*, BCA (Econ), BTheol (ACT), Dip. BCNZ, Certificate (Cong. College) (Half time)  
Rachel Judge\*, BA (Hons), BD (merit) (Half time)  
*\*Joint Appointment*
- 8400 OAMARU UNION PARISH  
Parish Superintendency – Graham Hawkey  
One wanted – half time

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT  
Graham Hawkey

## **9000 OTAGO-SOUTHLAND DISTRICT**

- 9020 DUNEDIN MISSION  
Director: Nicola Grundy
- 9021 DUNEDIN PARISH  
Kenneth H Russell, BA - *supply*  
Uesifili Unasa, MA, BD
- 9070 GRANTS BRAES UNION PARISH  
Presbyterian appt: Robert Robati-Mani (part-time)
- 9080 TOKOMAIRO CO-OPERATING PARISH  
Presbyterian appt: Les Gosling
- 9090 BALCLUTHA  
Anglican Pastoral Ministry
- 9110 INVERCARGILL  
(Parish Superintendency, District Superintendent)  
Motekiai Fakatou, BTheol (Probationer)
- 9120 RIVERTON UNION PARISH  
Doris Elphick, DipTheol (Otago)
- 9130 OTAUTAU-WAIONO UNION PARISH  
Presbyterian oversight (Part time)
- 9150 BLUFF CO-OPERATING PARISH  
Anglican Appt: (Part-time)
- 9160 TEVIOT UNION PARISH  
Presbyterian Appt: (Part-time)
- 9170 ALEXANDRA-CLYDE-LAUDER UNION PARISH  
Presbyterian appt: Geraldine Coats

- 9190 FLAGSTAFF CO-OPERATING PARISH  
(Parish Superintendency, District Superintendent)  
One wanted
- 9230 LAWRENCE  
Robyn E Westaway (Local Presbyter)  
Francis Westaway (Deacon)
- 9250 BROCKVILLE UNION  
Local Shared Ministry: Roger Hogg
- 9260 OTATARA (Part-time)  
Presbyterian Appt:
- 9500 SINOTI SAMOA**
- 9510 PANMURE SAMOAN  
Aso T Samoa Saleupolu, DipTropAgr, LTh
- 9520 WAITAKERE  
Tovia Aumua, BTheol
- 9530 BIRKENHEAD  
(Parish Superintendency, see 2150, David Pratt)  
Samoan Fellowship Lay Ministry Team
- 9540 AUCKLAND-SAMOAN PARISH  
Iakopo P Fa'afuata, LTh, MinDip
- 9550 MANUREWA  
Alalafaga Palelei (Samoan Fellowship) Local Presbyter
- 9560 PAPAKURA, see 9570  
Faleatua Faleatua, BTheol, (Part-time)
- 9570 PAPATOETOE OTARA, see 9560  
Faiva Alaelua, LTh, DipMin (ACTE)  
Faleatua Faleatua, BTheol (Auckland), (Part-time)
- 9580 HASTINGS  
(Parish Superintendency, see 5010, Beverley Osborn)  
Paulo Ieli DipP.Th (probationer)
- 9585 NEW PLYMOUTH  
(Parish Superintendency, see 9540, Iakopo P Fa'afuata)  
Limu Isaia (Local Presbyter) (student)
- 9590 GISBORNE  
Falaniko Mann-Taito
- 9600 WESLEY WELLINGTON PARISH  
Fatu'atia Tufuga, BTheol(MELB), Cert Sup(NZIM),  
CertSmBus, CertTropAgr(Fiji)
- DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT  
Iakopo P Fa'afuata



## **REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY TO CONFERENCE 2003:**

- 1(a) I report that I have received all audited Annual Accounts for the Financial Year ended since last Conference of the Boards and Funds under the Conference.

All other audited Accounts have been placed in the Conference Journal.

- (b) Audit Certificates have not been received from the following Parishes:

### **MANUKAU DISTRICT**

2410 Howick Pakuranga  
2480 Papatoetoe Otara  
2490 Mangere Otahuhu

### **TARANAKI WANGANUI**

4050 Hawera Parish

### **WELLINGTON.**

6100 Plimmerton-Paekakariki Methodist

### **VAHEFONUA TONGA O AOTEAROA.**

7520 Wesley Wellington  
7530 Hutt City Uniting

### **NORTH CANTERBURY**

8190 Rangiora Methodist

### **SINOTI SAMOA**

Waterview  
9520 Waitakere  
9550 Manurewa  
9560 Papakura  
9570 Papatoetoe Otara  
9580 Hastings  
9585 New Plymouth

**QUESTION 37 (a) - Who is elected President of the Church for induction at the next Conference?**  
Mr Ron Malpass

**QUESTION 37 (b) - Arrangements for the President's supply?**

**QUESTION 38 - Who is elected Vice-President for induction at the next Conference?**  
Rev Kenneth Smith

**QUESTION 39--Who is elected the President's Legal Adviser?**  
Mr David G. Smith (from 1 Feb 2004)

**QUESTION 40--Who are elected to the following Synod and Regional positions for the ensuing year?**

**(a) Superintendents**

Northland	- awaiting clarification
Auckland	- Rev David Pratt
Manukau Team	- Rev Dr Trevor Hoggard
	- Mr John Bennett
Waikato-Wairiki	- Rev John Murray
Taranaki-Wanganui	- Rev Alan Upson
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	- Rev Beverley Osborn
	- Mr John Thornley
Wellington Team	- Mr Ron Gibson
	- Rev Sui Te'o
	- Jeff Sanders
Nelson/Marlborough/West Coast	- Rev Jessie Kerr
North Canterbury Team	- Rev David Bush
South Canterbury Team	- Rev Graham Hawkey
Otago-Southland	- Nicola Grundy
	- Rev Uesifili Unasa
Sinoti Samoa	- Rev Iakopo Faafuata
Vahefonua Tonga 'o Aotearoa	- Rev Epeli Taungapeau

**(b) Secretaries**

Northland	- Mary Jones
Auckland	- to be advised
Manukau	- Ian Faulkner
Waikato-Wairiki	- Doreen Lennox
Taranaki-Wanganui	- Rev Jan Fogg
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	- Jenny Olsson
Wellington	- Ian Harris
Nelson/Marlborough/West Coast	- Mrs Robin Hall
North Canterbury	- Barbara Peddie
South Canterbury	- Anne Abernethy
Otago-Southland	- Doris Elphick
Sinoti Samoa	- Lani Tupu
Vahefonua Tonga	- Sylvia Akau'ola Tongotongo

**(c) Financial Secretaries**

Northland	- Eileen Schick
Auckland	- David Davies
Manukau	- David McGeorge
Waikato-Wairiki	- Margaret Giles
Taranaki-Wanganui	- Graeme Orr
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	- Gordon Green
Wellington	- Ian Harris
Nelson/Marlborough/West Coast	- Lorraine Major
North Canterbury	- Owen Young
South Canterbury	- Anne Abernethy
Otago-Southland	- Murray Farley
Sinoti Samoa	- Leungseu Amelia Faleatua
Vahefonua Tonga	- Paula Taumoepeau

**(d) Property Secretaries**

Northland	- Rev. Dr. Jock Hosking (interim)
Auckland	- Keith Taylor
Manukau	- Rev Les Ferguson
Waikato-Waiariki	- Bob Short
Taranaki-Wanganui	- Alan Webster
Hawkes Bay-Manawatu	- Murray Chisnall
Wellington	- Ian Harris
Nelson/Marlborough/West Coast	- Don Shirley
North Canterbury	- Maurice van de Geer
South Canterbury	- to be advised
Otago-Southland	- Donald Phillipps
Sinoti Samoa	- Lani Tupu
Vahefonua Tonga	- Paula Taumoepeau

**DISTRICT ADVISORY PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**Northland:** District Property Secretary, committee members to be advised.

**Auckland:** District Property Secretary, Robyn Brown, Keith Hopner, Jan Tasker, Tovia Aumua, David Hunt, Paula Taumoepeau.

Consultants: Eric Laurenson, Graham Dewar, Ronnie Matafeo

**Manukau:** District Property Secretary, Graham Older, Brad Shaw, Ian Cameron, Allen Beaumont.

**Waikato-Waiariki:** District Property Secretary, Paul Sinclair, Paul Bennett, Kirk Spragg, Aaron Jack

**Taranaki-Wanganui:** District Property Secretary, committee appointed when and where required.

**Hawkes Bay-Manawatu:** District Property Secretary, Ken Boys, Jocelyn Boys, Ken Fay, David Peterson, Lindsay Taylor.

**Wellington:** District Property Secretary, Mino Cleverly, Alan Dine, Phyllis McPherson, David Silvester

**Nelson/Marlborough/West Coast:** District Property Secretary, District Executive with the power to co-opt.

**North Canterbury:** District Property Secretary, Owen Young, Stanley Barnes, David White, Sally Martin, Bruce Hadcroft, meets with Combined Property Committee of the Presbytery of Christchurch.

**South Canterbury:** District Property Secretary, committee: to be advised

**Otago-Southland:** District Property Secretary, committee called as and when needed.

**Vahefonua Tonga O Aotearoa:** District Property Secretary (Paula Taumoepeau), Mafua Lolohea, Kalolo Fihaki, 'Uha'one Metuisela, Moi Kaufononga, Kilifi Heimuli, 'Epli Tangapeau, Tae Tu'inukuafe, Tamata'ane Tupou, 'Inoke Taukolo, Tomui Kaloni

**Sinoti Samoa** – District Property Secretary, Iakopo Fa'afuata, Nomani Noa, , Olive Tanielu, Rosa Faafuata, Ronnie Matafeo, Tovia Aumua, Leungseu Amelia Faleatua, Frances Savaiinaea, Filo Tu, Lani Tupu

**QUESTION 41--Who are appointed as members of the following Standing Committees and their Conveners?**

**(a) Pastoral Committee**

The President, Ex-President, President-Elect, the Vice-President, Ex-Vice-President, the Vice-President-Elect, General Secretary, Superintendent of the Mission Resourcing Unit, Tumuaki

**(b) President's Committee of Advice**

The President, the Vice-President, Ex-President, the Ex-Vice-President, President-Elect, the Vice-President-Elect, General Secretary, Superintendent of the Mission Resourcing Unit, Tumuaki

**(c) Council of Elders**

*Te Taha Maori:* Violet Hesse, Marama Hotere, Evelyn Kingi

*Tauivi:* Judith Herbert, Kenneth Smith, Vaotane Unasa Samoa Saleupolu

(d) Budget Task Group - Paula Taumoepeau, Frank Claridge, one to be appointed by the President, Diana Tana, Dina McCarthy, Pari Waaka, President, Vice President, General Secretary.

**QUESTION 42--When and where shall the next Conference be held?**

Auckland area – date to be advised.

**QUESTION 43--When shall the Annual Meeting of Synods be held?**

6 – 7 August

**DATES FOR 2004:**

Pastoral Committee -

Council of Conference

- 26 – 28 March

- 25 – 27 June

- 10 – 12 September

Tauiwi Strategy & Stationing

- 28 - 29 February 2004 (Saturday and Sunday)

- 30 Aug – 1 September 2004

**COUNCIL OF CONFERENCE:**

Membership for 2004 shall be:

Te Taha Maori: Lana Lazarus (Co-Convenor), Mere Cassidy, Keita Hotere, Raima Kingi-Lovett, Gillian Laird, Rex Nathan, Diana Tana, Pari Waaka, Barry Whakaruru, Rangi Wood.

*Substitutes:* Jim George, Rachel Harrison, Bella Ngaha and Ripia Rountree.

Tauiwi: Tovia Aumua (Co-Convenor), Mary Caygill, Kilifi Heimuli, Derek Holland, Jessie Kerr, John Murray, Susau Strickland, Andrea Williamson, Gloria Zanders (substitute for David McGeorge) and Alex Webster

*Substitutes:* Jayne Alexander, Veronica Lowe, Uesifili Unasa, Sylvia 'Akau'ola Tongotongo, Iakopo Fa'afuata, Akisi Renner

**TAUIWI STRATEGY AND STATIONING COMMITTEE:**

**Membership:** Two people from each District (one lay, one ordained, at least one of whom will be District Superintendent), the leaders and one other from each of Sinoti Samoa, Vahefonua Tonga o Aotearoa and Wasewase ko Viti kei Rotuma e Niu Siladi (one lay, one ordained), the Superintendent of the Evangelical Network with the option of a lay representative, the Director, Mission Resourcing, the Principal, Ministry Education, the General Secretary, President, Vice President and any Tauiwi member of Council of Conference not otherwise attending.

**District Representatives:** Rosalie Gwilliam, Bruce Weston, John Bennett, Mary West, John Thornley, Dawn Armitstead, Ron Gibson, Thelma Efford, Barbara Peddie, Betty Watson, Nicola Grundy, Moi Kaufononga and Lani Tupu

**COUNCIL OF ELDERS**

**Taha Maori** – Violet Hesse, Marama Hotere and Evelyn Kingi

**Tauiwi** – Judith Herbert, Vaotane Samoa Saleupolu and Kenneth Smith



## **CONFERENCE DECISIONS**

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## COUNCIL OF CONFERENCE

**QUESTION 25:** What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Council of Conference?  
Report pp A1-A4

### DECISIONS:

1. The Report is received.
2. Conference thanks John Salmon who completes his term on Council of Conference this year.
3. The Council of Conference nominee for the PAC Distribution Group for 2004 is Rangi Wood.
4. Conference adopts Stage One of the proposal 'Future Format of Conference' to take effect in 2004.
5. Conference asks Council of Conference to circulate a report for discussion on Stage Two of the "Future Format of Conference" to Districts, Sinoti Samoa, Vahefonua Tonga, Wasewase Ko Viti kei Rotuma, Rohe, UCC's, Hui Poari, Tauivi Strategy & Stationing by 31 March 2004. Responses are to be sent to Council of Conference by 31 May 2004 outlining the proposed changes with a view to implementing them at Conference 2004.
6. Conference endorses Council of Conference telling a story to PAC Distribution Group, suggesting PAC give one year's Connexional budget allocation to the church as a Tercentenary Gift.
7. That Council of Conference continue to explore options on the future use of the PAC funds and circulated a report to Districts, Sinoti Samoa, Vahefonua Tonga, Wasewase ko Viti kei Rotuma, Rohe, Hui Poari, Tauivi Strategy and Stationing by June 2004 with recommendations being brought to Conference 2004.
8. Conference asked the Council of Conference to review the principles, procedures and membership of the 4 + 4 process, and to report to Conference 2004.
9. Conference notes that work will continue on the Nature, Role and Term of Presidency and a report will be brought to Conference 2004.
10. Conference thanks retiring Tauivi Elder Neville Price, for his work over the past three years.
11. Council of Conference membership for 2004 is: Te Taha Maori: Lana Lazarus (Co-Convener), Mere Cassidy, Keita Hotere, Raima Kingi-Lovett, Gillian Laird, Rex Nathan, Diana Tana, Pari Waaka, Barry Whakaruru, Rangi Wood. *Substitutes*: Jim George, Rachel Harrison, Bella Ngaha and Ripia Rountree. Tauivi: Tovia Aumua (Co-Convener), Mary Caygill, Kilifi Heimuli, Derek Holland, Jessie Kerr, John Murray, Susau Strickland, Andrea Williamson, Gloria Zanders (substitute for David McGeorge) and Alex Webster.

**QUESTION 25(a):** What is God saying to us now?

**QUESTION 25(b):** What more can be done to promote the work of God?

**QUESTION 25(c):** What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Connexional Budget?  
Report pp A5-A8

### DECISIONS:

1. The report is received.
2. The membership of the Budget Task Group for 2004 is: the President, Vice-President, General Secretary, Frank Claridge, Dina McCarthy, one to be appointed by the President (for David McGeorge 2004), Paula Taumoepeau, Diana Tana, Pari Waaka.

## TE TAHA MAORI

**QUESTION 26(i):** What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the tangata whenua, Te Taha Maori? Report pp B(i) 1-3

### DECISIONS:

1. The report is received.
2. The 2004 membership of Hui Poari is: Diana Tana, Keita Hotere, Lana Lazarus, Tai Tokerau: Mere Cassidy and Winiata Morunga, Tamaki: Gillian Laird and Ripia Rountree, Waikato: Pari Waaka and Evelyn Kingi, Taranaki: Aroha Houston or Frances Kingi-Katene and Jim George, Rangatahi: Rachel Harrison and Mary Winikeri and two members from each of Te Rohe Potae, Poneke and Otautahi-Te Waipounamu to be appointed by the President.
3. The 2004 membership of Te Runanga Whakawhaunga I Nga Haahi O Aotearoa is: Keita Hotere, Gillian Laird, Lana Lazarus and Diana Tana.
4. Te Taha Maori membership of the Investment Funds Board is Lana Lazarus and Diana Tana.
5. Conference acknowledges its deepest sympathy to Te Aka Puaho of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa-New Zealand on the passing of its Moderator, Mona Riini.
6. Conference acknowledges its gratitude to Geoff Peak for the work he has done for the Church, particularly Te Taha Maori and wishes him well in his retirement.

### NOTICE OF MOTION 'B'

*"That this Conference*

- *views with concern the efforts to rush through consultation and legislation concerning the status of the seabed and foreshore in and around Aotearoa NZ;*
  - *recognises the special concerns and interests of iwi Maori and Te Taha Maori of this Church in the customary use and protection of the seabed and foreshore;*
  - *regards the issue as a vital one for continuing healthy relationships between the Tangata Whenua and Taiwi who together make up this nation;*
  - *and calls for a full, unhurried consultation process which explores the issue from the perspective of all New Zealanders before legislation is drafted for Parliamentary consideration."*
7. That this conference asks the President, if possible with other church leaders, to advise the Prime Minister of our concerns with the following matters:
    - we view with concern the efforts to rush through consultation and legislation concerning the status of the seabed and foreshore in and around Aotearoa NZ.
    - we recognise the special concerns and interests of iwi Maori and Te Taha Maori of this Church of the customary use and protection of the seabed an foreshore
    - we regard the issue as a vital one for continuing healthy relationships between the Tangata Whenua and Taiwi, who together make up this nation.
    - we call for a full and unhurried consultation process which explores the issue from the perspective of all New Zealanders before legislation is drafted for Parliamentary consideration.

**QUESTION 26(i) (a) GREY INSTITUTE TRUST**

Report p B(i) 4

### DECISIONS:

1. The report is received.
2. The membership of Grey Institute Trust for 2004 is: Superintendent of New Plymouth Methodist Parish (Chairperson) Alan Upson, Diana Tana, Moke Couch, Aroha Houston, John Honeyfield, Doreen Erueti, Edward Tamati, Ruby Fenton, Raima King-Lovett and Juanita Bishop.

**QUESTION 26(i) (b) THE BOARD OF THE WELLINGTON CHARITABLE &  
EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENTS TRUST** Report pp B(i) 3-4

**DECISIONS:**

1. The report is received.
2. Conference acknowledges with thanks the contribution of Te Rere George, Kiirini Gordon, Grant Bolitho as members who resigned from the Board during the year.
3. The membership of the Board for 2004 is: Nola Hansen, Diana Tana, Barry Winnie, Murray Deadman, Owen Prior, Lani Tupu, Barrie Woods (Chairperson) and Neville Price (Secretary), John Willis, Trevor Dine and others to be appointed by the President.



## TAUIWI STRATEGY & STATIONING

**QUESTION 26(ii):** What the decisions of Conference on matters relating to Taiuiwi?

CONFERENCE NOTES TAUIWI RESPONSES AS FOLLOWS:

1. Taiuiwi warmly affirm the work of the Faith and Order Committee as contained in both their report to Conference and the supplementary paper "Learning to Listen – Listening to learn", Taiuiwi suggest that care needs to be taken as we move to address the suggested decisions particularly in the following areas:
  - a Ordination – what does 'binding' mean and what are the implications of this.
  - b) How does the church allow different groups to stand with integrity?
  - c) Timing of the suggested decision.
  - d) The place, the needs, gifts and skills of people from the gay and lesbian Methodist family are acknowledged in the recommendations.
  - e) Provided that there is resolution of paragraphs b & c, some of Taiuiwi agree to the ordination of gay and lesbian people.
  - f) Taiuiwi rejoice that there are some signs of hope in that we have been able to discuss and listen in a manner that has been careful and thoughtful.
2. Taiuiwi endorse the implementation of stage one of the report and encouraged Council of Conference to continue with stage two.
3. Noting the report to Taiuiwi meeting on processes towards the appointment of Director for Mission Resourcing.
  - a) Taiuiwi meeting support the recommendation from Board of Ministry re the supply appointment for the Executive Officer Taiuiwi.
  - b) Taiuiwi meeting notes that there are other tasks that have to be done in order to sustain the work of the Mission Resourcing and encourages the Board of Ministry to act on this.

### DECISIONS:

1. The report is received.
2. The Taiuiwi Elders for 2004 are: Judith Herbert, Vaotane Samoa Saleupolu and Kenneth Smith.
3. The Taiuiwi members of Budget Task Group for 2004 are: Frank Claridge, Paula Taumoepeau and one other to be appointed by the President to substitute for David McGeorge during 2004.
4. The Taiuiwi members of Council of Conference for 2004 are: Tovia Aumua (Co-Convenor), Mary Caygill, Kilifi Heimuli, Derek Holland, Jessie Kerr, John Murray, Susau Strickland, Andrea Williamson, Gloria Zanders (substitute for David McGeorge) and Alex Webster.
5. That the work begun on regional church and superintendency be continued during 2004 with a report to be presented to Taiuiwi Meeting and Conference 2004.
6. Noting the decision from Conference 2002 on issues relating to the bicultural journey and a multi-cultural church, Taiuiwi Strategy and Stationing Committee are asked to ensure that there is robust and honest debate and dialogue among Districts, Sinoti Samoa, Vahefonua Tonga, Wasewase ko Viti, Hui Poari and that a report be made to Council of Conference during 2004.

## LAW REVISION

**QUESTION 27:** What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to Law Revision?  
Report pp C1-2

### DECISIONS:

1. The report is received.
2. Conference notes the amendments to the Laws and Regulations listed on pp C2-3 of the reports, all of which have been approved by the President during 2003.  
N.B. All existing Law Books should be corrected to record the amendments listed; new pages incorporating the amendments will be sent out by the Connexional Office.
3. The following new law or amendments to the Laws and Regulations are now approved and adopted by the Conference:
  - (a) The present Clause 1,7.3.1 is deleted and replaced with:  
*"Each person received into membership shall be provided with a suitable document, to be signed by that person, recording that person's reception into membership of the Church and recording their new status as a member of the Church. Each new member shall also sign the parish electoral roll."*
  - (b) Add new Clause as 1,10.8:  
*"The names of all those receiving initial accreditation as part of the Methodist Lay Preachers' Network shall be presented to Conference by the Methodist Lay Preachers' Network on behalf of the New Zealand Lay Preachers' Association."*  
Present 1,10.8 becomes 1,10.9.
  - (c) Add new Clause as 2,14.8:  
*"Appointments under the Stationing Procedures are expressly limited by the process of matching ministerial and parish profiles. It shall not be appropriate for an appointment to be made which is seen to disregard the principle of matching."*
  - (d) Add new provision in Section 8 as:  
*"66. Without prejudice to any other provisions of this Code of Disciplinary Regulations, the President may, following advice of the Pastoral Committee, relieve a minister of some or all of that minister's tasks and responsibilities within their current appointment throughout the course of any action under this Code of Disciplinary Regulations in which that minister is involved."*  
Present 66 becomes 67.
4. Membership of the Committee for 2004 is: Norman Brookes, Robyn Brown, Howard Lawry, Geoff Peak, David Smith (Convener), Jan Tasker, Peter Williamson, General Secretary (Secretary).

**QUESTION 27(a):** Presidential Rulings which have been made during the year?  
Rulings regarding the:  
(a) closure of Epworth Bookshop, and  
(b) establishment of the separate Papatoetoe Tongan Parish.

**QUESTION 27(b):** New or amended laws to be brought to Conference?  
See Decision 3 above.

## ADMINISTRATION

**QUESTION 28:** What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Administration Division? Report pp D1-5

### BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION

#### DECISIONS:

1. The report is received.
2. Conference acknowledges the work of the Rev Michael Greer as chairperson, Board of Administration, and wishes him well as he moves to a new position.
3. Conference acknowledges the retirement of John Wilson, Chief Accountant of the Board of Administration, and thanks him for the commitment and care he brought to the task both in the office and throughout the Connexion. The Conference conveys to John and Jill the Church's best wishes for a long and happy retirement.
4. Conference notes that a full review of the structure and work of the Church Building and Loan Fund will be carried out during 2004.
5. That the Archive Draft Policy Document be circulated to Hui Poari and Tauivi Strategy Committee for comment.
6. That the Archives Consultation Group take time during 2004 to discuss the various issues, and present a detailed report, including a new policy document, business plan and funding proposal to Conference 2004.
7. The membership of the Disciplinary Tribunal Panel for 2004 is: Ian Gordon (Deputy Chairperson), Ruth Bilverstone, David Bush, Mervyn Dine, Rob Ferguson, Keith Hopner, Helen Laurenson, Howard Lawry, Valerie Nicholls, Ken Olsen, Hugh Rennie (Chairperson), Jeff Sanders, Indira Sirisena and Sheila Thorne, and such additional persons as may be appointed by the President after consultation with Wasewase ko Viti, Sinoti Samoa and Vahefonua Tonga.
8. The membership of the Review Panel for 2004 is: John Bennett, Wendy Conwell, Suiva'aia Teo, Uesifili Unasa, Alan Upson and Peter Williamson (Chairperson), and such additional persons as may be appointed by the President after consultation with Wasewase ko Viti, Sinoti Samoa and Vahefonua Tonga.
9. Conference thanks the District Property Committees for the services they have rendered over the past year.
10. That the Administration Division be immediately advised if, in any Church contract, the contractor is placed, or it becomes apparent is likely to be placed, in receivership or liquidation.
11. Conference notes the reappointment of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu as auditors of the financial statements prepared by the Administration Division and authorises the Board of Administration to negotiate their remuneration.
12. Conference reaffirms the vital place of volunteers in the life of the Church and the community and encourages everyone to consider creatively the stewardship of their resources.
13. The Church shall use its best endeavours to provide that all who work for the Church, whether voluntarily or for remuneration, and be treated with equality.
14. The Faith and Order Committee is asked to prepare a paper on volunteerism and benefaction in church and community in today's world.
15. Membership of the Board of Administration for 2004 is: Alan Bettany, Donald Biggs, Ruth Bilverstone, Frank Claridge, Murray Clark, Michael Greer, Geoff Peak, Nanette Russell, Jeff Sanders, Kenneth Smith, Diana Tana, Paula Taumoepeau, Jill van de Geer (General Secretary), Pari Waaka and Peter Williamson.

#### MEMORIAL 'A':

*"The Auckland District Property Advisory Committee is charged with the responsibility of advising the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee on matters relating to Methodist property in the Auckland District. The DPAC finds that the present Law Book requirements relating to the use of Registered Architects are ambiguous and therefore confusing for Parishes.*

*It appears that the intention of those drafting the Law Book is that;*

- a) *A Registered Architect be engaged by a Parish for all building projects and*
- b) *The Registered Architect be engaged at the point that basic decisions about the nature of the project are being finalised.*

*Clause 9.3.2.1 (b) requires that a Registered Architect shall be appointed by the Synod or Regional Court near the inception of a project to assist with strategy and planning and to undertake the design, documentation and contract administration of the project. (our emphasis)*

*Clause 9.3.2.2 says that exemption from this requirement shall only be given by the CB&L in exceptional circumstances.(our emphasis)*

*Clause 9.3.1 (b) talks of briefs to members of the Master Builders Association when, with the prior approval of the Synod DPAC and CB&L, such persons are invited to prepare plans for houses for Ministers.*

*Clause 4.11.4.3 (d) says that the DPAC shall assist congregations and parishes in the choice of an approach to any builder, architect, draughtsman or other professional person, as may be appropriate to meet the needs of the parish.(our emphasis)*

*To remedy this anomalous situation therefore, we request Conference to have the following suggested clauses inserted in the Law Book as substitution for the above:*

*Any Parish considering a building project shall appoint, near the inception of the project, a Registered Architect, operating on their own account, to assist with the strategy and planning, and to undertake the design, documentation and contract administration of the project.*

*Where the Parish wishes to provide minister's housing by purchasing a standard housing unit built by a member of the Master Builders Association, the services of a Registered Architect shall be used to assist in the determination of strategy relating to, and any necessary modification of the unit.*

*Exemption from any or all of these requirements shall only be given by the Church Building and Loan Fund Committee in exceptional circumstances.*

16. Conference thanks the Auckland DPAC for its detailed consideration of this matter and refers their comments and recommendations to the Board of Administration and Law Revision Committee for consideration and action as appropriate.

**NOTICE OF MOTION 'A':**

*"We note with appreciation the work done by the Methodist Church of New Zealand Te Haahi Weteriana O Aotearoa on important matters such as Procedures for dealing with Sexual Harassment and Abuse, The Disciplinary Code and work being undertaken with regard to Liability Risk Management Insurance. We ask that Conference ask The Board of Administration to urgently begin work to address the matters relating to Human Resources and employment and health and safety procedures; especially as they pertain to the Church's obligation to be a "good employer" and their relationship to the Methodist Church's understanding of pastoral care for lay workers, deacons and presbyters.*

*As a part of this process we ask that a small working group be established to research:*

- a) *the experience of those currently or recently employed by the church*
- b) *The current modern management practice related to these issues.*

*(We use the term 'employment' in a broad sense, understanding that each is employed in doing that to which they are called)."*

17. Conference refers this matter to the Board of Administration for consideration and action as appropriate.

**NOTICE OF MOTION 'D':**

*"The Conference in the past agreed to abide by the spirit and intention of the Human Rights Act as to the elimination of discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation, therefore we ask that the whole Church expressly declare its acceptance of the total prohibition of all grounds of discrimination set out in the Human Rights Act and Bill of Rights Act."*

*(Background: The Conference has only expressly declared its rejection of discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation. Why must we remain silent on the other prohibited forms of discrimination?)*

18. Conference refers this matter to the Board of Administration for comment and report to Conference 2004.

**NOTICE OF MOTION 'C':**

*"That the Finance Committee look again at the inequality which occurs when small churches have to pay their full amount of the superannuation. The inequality occurs when small parishes only pay a part of the stipend and when such parishes are vacant. The sum of \$129.00 per month seems excessive when a parish can only sustain a part-time salary."*

19. Conference refers this matter to the Supernumerary Trustee for comment and report to Conference 2004.

**NOTICE OF MOTION 'E':**

*"The Conference is asked to immediately redress current inconsistencies in the public utterances made by representatives of the Church regarding issues of the relevance or otherwise of sexual orientation in ministry."*

*(Background: The recent judgment of the High Court regarding the Otahuhu Tongan congregation property dispute clearly set out two such inconsistencies:*

- 1. A letter signed by the President purporting to exempt Tongan members from the New Zealand Conference's agreed decision to abide by the Human Rights Act, (paras 126, 127).*
- 2. A concession to the High Court by the General Secretary stating that any congregation that objects to the appointment of a homosexual minister will not be required to accept one, (para 125.)*

The Conference Committee of Detail carefully reviewed the relevant portions of the High Court judgement and notes no inconsistencies.

No Recommendation.

### INVESTMENT BOARD

**QUESTION 28(a):** What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Investment Advisory Board? Report p D11

**DECISIONS:**

1. The report is received.
2. The membership of the Board for 2004 is: Sylvia 'Akau'ola Tongotongo, John Chittenden, Vincent Duffy, Hugh Garlick (Chairperson), Michael Greer, Chris Gregory, David Hunt, Jack Jenner, Norman Johnston, Kay Kendall, Lorraine Parker, Geoff Peak, Ranjit Sinnaduray, Jill van de Geer (Secretary), Stan West, Greg Wright (Executive Officer).  
N.B. The membership of this Board is the same as that of the NZ Methodist Trust Association.

### METHODIST TRUST ASSOCIATION

**QUESTION 28(b):** What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the NZ Methodist Trust Association? Report pp D11-14

**DECISIONS:**

1. The report is received.
2. The membership of the Board for 2004 is: Sylvia 'Akau'ola Tongotongo, John Chittenden, Vincent Duffy, Hugh Garlick (Chairperson), Michael Greer, Chris Gregory, David Hunt, Jack Jenner, Norman Johnston, Kay Kendall, Lorraine Parker, Geoff Peak, Ranjit Sinnaduray, Jill van de Geer (Secretary), Stan West, Greg Wright (Executive Officer).

**QUESTION 28(c):** What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to Connexional Trusts?

**JAMES & MARTHA TROUNSON BENEVOLENT TRUST FUND**

No report received.

**PACT 2086 TRUST**

**QUESTION 28(d):** What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to PACT 2086 Trust? Report pp D14-15

**DECISION:**

1. The report is received.
2. Conference notes that the membership of PACT 2086 Trust comprises the membership of the Methodist Trust Association.

**METHODIST PROVIDENT SOCIETY**

**QUESTION 28(e):** What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to Methodist Provident Society? Report pp D5-6

**DECISIONS:**

1. The report is received.
2. Conference approves the distribution of Developmental Grants amounting to \$3,800 as recommended by the Annual Meeting of the Society as listed below:

St David's Union Parish Carterton – computer for Outreach Programme	\$450.00
Clarence St. Methodist Church, Christchurch – play equipment for Community Mother's Group	\$500.00
Blenheim Parish – seeding finance for children & family outreach	\$500.00
St Mary's Co-op. Parish Glen Innes – funding to assist with music tuition	\$500.00
PILLARS, Christchurch – strengthening families who have a loved one in prison – provide training in Maori cultural framework to strengthen the Treaty partnership	\$500.00
SPAN Charitable Trust – assist with costs associated with necessary move	\$590.00
Invercargill Parish – provision of Tertiary Chaplaincy	\$1,000.00
Community Church of St John the Evangelist, Great Barrier Island – establishment of Medland Haven to provide respite & recreational holidays for disadvantaged people	\$1,100.00
3. Conference approves the distribution of General Grants as recommended by the Annual Meeting of the Society as listed below:

Wainoni-Avonside Community Services – Supervision Costs for Community Worker	\$500.00
Deacons Task Group travel costs to Task Group meetings	\$1,000.00
Oamaru Union Parish – Breaking the Cycle Community Outreach	\$1,000.00
Suiva'aia Teo & others towards costs of South Pacific Area Seminar	\$1,000.00
South Pacific Area Seminar – World Federation of Methodist & Uniting Church Women	\$1,500.00

**PAC DISTRIBUTION GROUP**

**QUESTION 28(f):** What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the PAC Distribution Group? Report pp D8-10

**DECISIONS:**

1. The report is received.
2. Conference requests the PAC Distribution Group to prepare a discussion paper reconsidering the current PAC Distribution Group's 'touchstones and guidelines' and forward this to Council of Conference for further consideration.

3. Membership of the PAC Distribution Group for 2004 is: Faleatua Faleatua, Lynette Green, Neil Keesing, Rex Nathan, Peter Williamson, Rangitatau Wood, Carole Worley, the Ex President and General Secretary.

### ROBERT GIBSON TRUST

**QUESTION 28(g):** What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to Robert Gibson Trust? Report p D16

**DECISIONS:**

1. The report was received.
2. Conference notes and approves the proposed bursaries and grants for 2003/2004, totalling \$200,000 as follows:
 

<b>Bursaries</b>	
Tertiary Student	118,000
Other Students	3,000
Wesley College	<u>45,000</u>
<b>Total Bursaries</b>	<b>\$166,000</b>
<b>Other Grants</b>	
Robert Gibson Memorial Hall, Manaia	5,000
Masterton Christian Child Care	4,000
Mission Resourcing, Youth Ministry	<u>25,000</u>
<b>Total Bursaries and Grants</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>
3. Conference notes
  - (a) the RGMT intention to sell Maire Farm for the purposes of purchasing Steffart Farm on Auroa Road, and
  - (b) that such proposed sale and purchase be subject to the Church's normal approval procedures.
4. The membership of the Board for 2004 is: Preston Bulfin, John Chittenden, Alan Hughson, Reba Hunt, Geoff Marx, Vic Morgan, Christian Padrutt, Margaret Springett, Len Willing, Bill Yateman, Chairperson Taranaki-Wanganui Synodal District, Presbyter at Manaia Co-operating Parish and the General Secretary.

### STATISTICS

**QUESTION 28(h):** What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to Statistics? Report pp Q1-5

**DECISION:**

1. The report is received.

## BOARD OF MINISTRY

### BOARD OF MINISTRY

**QUESTION 29(a):** What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Board of  
**QUESTION 29(b):** Ministry? Reports pp E1-4, E12-13, E17-24

#### DECISIONS:

1. The report is received.
2. Conference, in acknowledging that the Rev. Dr. John Salmon completed his term as Principal on 31 July 2003, places on record its deep appreciation of his outstanding service to the church in the field of Christian education, both as Co-ordinator Education Ministry and latterly as lecturer and Principal of Trinity Methodist Theological College. Conference wishes John a rich and fulfilling retirement.
3. Conference acknowledges with gratitude the work of the Rev. John Murray as Director Mission Resourcing during the past eight years. Conference particularly notes his involvement in refining the stationing procedures and the systematic reshaping of ministry reviews. Conference thanks John as he concludes this role and is grateful for his willingness to undertake the role of Executive Officer, Taiuiwi Strategy and Stationing, for 2004.
4. That from now on, candidates for ministry, for whom English is a second language, are required to attain a grade of 6.5 in the International English Language Testing Service tests.
5. That an Executive Officer of Taiuiwi Strategy and Stationing be appointed in a half time supply position for a period of up to two (2) years and other tasks identified by the Board of Ministry be contracted out to appropriate people for that period. The funding for this is to come from the Board's annual budget allocation for Mission Resourcing.
6. Conference acknowledges that Robyn Brown has been the visible presence of lay ministry in our church for over 14 years and has served the church with energy, passion and insight at local and national level, ecumenically and denominationally. Te Haahi Weteriana O Aotearoa, the Methodist Church of New Zealand, is the richer for Robyn's ministry and offers her our grateful thanks and wishes her well for her future.
7. Conference records its sincere thanks for the work of Rev. Mervyn Dine as Acting Principal of Trinity Methodist Theological College for the last six months of 2003.
8. Subject to funding being available through applications to various Church Trusts, the Board of Ministry requests that the Conference initiate through the President during 2004 a hui on Theology of Ministry for Te Haahi Weteriana O Aotearoa.
9. Unless decided otherwise by the Board of Ministry, there shall be a maximum of eight (8) positions for candidates for ministry at the National Assessment event in 2004.
10. Conference notes that following the closure of Wellspring,
  - (a) the property has been sold, settlement of the sale to occur on 16 January 2004, and
  - (b) one half of the net proceeds of sale is to go to each of the Orakei Parish and the Board of Ministry, and
  - (c) in respect of the Board of Ministry share, in accordance with previous decisions of Conference, the funds are to be available for lay ministry training.
11. Conference records that:
  - (a) the membership of Travel and Study Committee for 2004 is: Kiersten Boughen, Mary Caygill, John Murray, Brian Peterson and Lesley Utting.
  - (b) the membership of the Scholarship Committee for 2004 is: the Travel and Study Committee, Ministry Training Unit (Susan Adams) and Denise Wellm.
  - (c) The membership of the Childrens Ministry Work Group for 2004 is: Jeanette Boddy, Yvonne Chittenden and Doreen Lennox with a further two or three to be invited.
  - (d) The membership of the Board of Ministry for 2004 is: Mary Caygill (Principal), David McGeorge (on leave 2004), Jennifer Moor, Greg Morgan, Ken Olsen, Aso Samoa Saleupolu, Kenneth Smith, Jan Tasker (Chairperson), 'Epeli Taungapeau, Peter West, a person nominated by the Diaconate, and such other people as may be nominated to and appointed by the President.



**MEMORIAL 'C':**

*"Because supervision is mandatory in the MCNZ for all those involved in professional ministry, this Synod asks Conference to move with urgency to establish a policy covering the reimbursement fees of Presbyters, Deacons and stipended Lay Workers."*

11. Conference affirms that the Board of Ministry is not responsible for reimbursement for supervision, and refers the content of the Memorial to the Board of Administration.

**MEMORIAL 'D':**

*"That Conference 2003 ensure that the Board of Ministry retains a representative from the Diaconate Task Group in its membership into the long term future and provides the financial means for that representative to attend."*

12. Conference 2003 requests the Board of Ministry to retain a person nominated by the Diaconate Task Group in its membership, noting that the financial implications for this will need to be negotiated between the Board and the Diaconate Task Group.

**QUESTION 29(c): CHURCHES EDUCATION COMMISSION**

Report pp E4-5

**DECISION**

1. The report is received.

**QUESTION 29(d): DIACONATE TASK GROUP**

Report pp E6-8,E14

**DECISIONS:**

1. The report is received.
2. Conference notes that the Diaconate Task Group objects, functions, membership, meetings and role descriptions are to be further discussed between the Diaconate Task Group and the Board of Ministry during 2004.
3. Conference requests the Budget Task Group during 2004 to work with the Diaconate Task Group and the Board of Ministry to identify long term sources of funding for the Diaconate Task Group.
4. The Diaconate Task Group for 2004 is: Shirley-Joy Barrow (National Co-ordinator), Raewyn Cubin, Edna Evans, Brenda Fawkner (Convener), Rachel Tregurtha, Rebecca Va'ai (Tuiwi Youth), Richard Williams, with a presbyter and a lay person to be advised.

**MEMORIAL 'E':**

*"That Conference 2003 ensures that the Diaconate Task Group is adequately funded (to no less than half a stipend), to ensure its ongoing administration costs are met beyond 2004 and into the long term future."*

No recommendation.

**QUESTION 29(e): TAIWI YOUTH**

Report pp E9, E15-16

**DECISIONS:**

1. The report is received.
2. Conference recognises that the Empower Your Youth Board has run its course and is now disbanded. The National Youth Ministry will now be carried out cross-culturally by all Tuiwi through the establishment of a Tuiwi Youth Group whose name is to be decided. The membership of 12 youth leaders will represent the different cultural and regional groups of Tuiwi (two Fiji, two Samoan, two English speaking, two Tongan, two Korean, and two others to address any imbalance of gender, culture and region), and the National Tuiwi Resource Person Youth.  
(N.B. Funding will be from the current EYY Mission Resourcing budget allocation.)
3. Conference acknowledges the fundamental work of the Empower Your Youth Board/Task Group and thanks all key individuals (National Youth Co-ordinators, Board Conveners, Board members), including David Baird, Alison Cable, Sylvia Crane, Nik Cree, Russell Fleet, David Hanna, John and Bonnie Heberton, Bronwyn Olds and Matthew Roberts who have contributed to its ministry.

4. Conference encourages Synods to make space for youth, and make available resources, including funding, for youth ministry.

**QUESTION 29(g): THE UNITING CONGREGATIONS OF AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND** Report pp E5-6

**DECISIONS:**

1. The report is received.
2. Conference affirms its continuing support of the Uniting Congregations of Aotearoa New Zealand in its efforts to build a meaningful unity among the partners and other denominations in New Zealand.

**QUESTION 29(h): THE INTERCHURCH COUNCIL FOR HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY** Report pp E9-10

**DECISIONS:**

1. The report is received.
2. The Rev. John Murray is thanked for the significant contribution he has made to the work of the ICHC Trust Board and its Executive Committee, while the Methodist Church appointed Trustee, during his term as Director of Mission Resourcing.

**INTERCHURCH TERTIARY CHAPLAINCY COUNCIL (ITCC)** Report pp E10-11

**DECISIONS:**

1. The report is received.
2. The Board of Ministry shall appoint a Methodist Church representative to attend the next meeting of the Interchurch Tertiary Chaplaincy Council in August 2004. This will be funded from the annual Mission Resourcing budget allocation.

**QUESTION 29(i): NEW ZEALAND BORN/RAISED PACIFIC ISLANDERS** Report pp E8-9

**DECISIONS:**

1. The report is received.
2. Conference affirms Sylvia 'Akau'ola Tongotongo continuing in the role of Resource Person for New Zealand Born/Raised Pacific Islands until December 2004. This position will be funded from the Mission Resourcing annual budget allocation, from specifically designated PAC funds.
3. Conference endorses the proposed Methodist Youth Conference for 2004. (Note: funding for this comes from an existing PAC grant and contributions from those attending.)

## FAITH & ORDER

**QUESTION 30:** What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to Faith and Order?  
Report pp F1-F9

### DECISIONS:

1. The report is received
2. Conference asks Faith and Order to prepare a report on the desirability and implications of deacons being in Full Connexion and to consult widely with groups within the Church.
3. Conference commends the work of Faith and Order in bilateral dialogues with the Roman Catholic Church and the Anglican Church.
4. Conference welcomes the Faith and Order statement "Methodist understandings of other Living Faiths" and asks the Standing Committee to make this statement available as a study resource for parishes and welcomes reports back.

#### *STATEMENT FROM COUNCIL OF CONFERENCE:*

*Recognising that Te Taha Maori reaffirms its position as agreeing to the ordination of gay and lesbian persons, and that Taiwi accepts there would be no opposition to the ordination of gay and lesbian persons provided that a memorandum of agreement was accepted, Council of Conference suggests to Conference that a memorandum of understanding in relation to this issue alone be prepared.*

*As this is a partnership issue Te Taha Maori expect to be a part of the negotiations for the compilation of the memorandum of understanding. Te Taha Maori reiterates such an understanding would only be considered for the issue of ordination of gay and lesbian persons.*

5. Conference received the statement from the Council of Conference as the way forward. Conference asks the President and Vice President in consultation with the Tumuaki and Executive Officer of Taiwi Strategy and Stationing to initiate processes to enact the direction of the Statement.
6. Membership of the Faith and Order Committee for 2004 is: Tovia Aumua (Sinoti Samoa), Shirley-Joy Barrow (Diaconate), Norman Brookes, Robyn Allen-Goudge, Marcia Hardy, Trevor Hoggard, Elizabeth Hopner, Valerie Nicholls, David Pratt, Nan Russell, John Salmon, Tony Stroobant, Susan Thompson, Terry Wall (Convener), Graeme White, a Student Representative, a representative from Vahefonua Tonga, Wasewase ko Viti and the Evangelical Network.

## SOCIAL SERVICES

**QUESTION 31:** What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to Methodist Social Services? Report pp G1-16

### DECISIONS:

1. The report is received
2. Conference endorses the following Media Statement:  
*"The Methodist Conference, held over the last week in Wellington's Wesley Methodist Church, has adopted a year-long project aimed to help break the cycle of poverty in New Zealand.*  
  
*The project, "Breaking the Cycle of Poverty", encourages the Church to undertake a range of activities including:*
  - *raising awareness in congregations and the wider community about poverty in New Zealand*
  - *building an understanding of the way poverty can dominate the lives of New Zealanders.*
  - *taking action to overcome poverty by making it an issue for local and national politicians.*  
*The Rev'd Lynne Frith, the Church's President, says many New Zealanders have become anaesthetised to poverty and prefer to think it is something that only effects people overseas.*  
  
*But when we're talking about poverty we're talking about people in New Zealand too, people who are going without, people who don't have enough, people who are losing control of their lives" Lynn Frith says. "The Conference believes the Church has a role in bringing the focus back onto poverty and making it unacceptable in New Zealand".*
3. (a) Conference acknowledges the Methodist Women's Fellowship/Association of Presbyterian Women Special Project 2002/3, which is now funding the Poverty Project launched at this Conference.  
(b) Conference encourages Methodist and Uniting Congregations to use the material provided.
4. Conference expresses thanks to David Bromell, for six years of Ministry and leadership of the Christchurch Methodist Mission and during that time his membership and considerable contribution to WesleyCom Aotearoa.
5. Conference expresses thanks to Gail Munro who served for eight years as Manager at Methodist Social Service Centre Palmerston North.
6. Conference expresses thanks to Mary Caygill, Barbara Halliwell who have served on WesleyCom.
7. The 2004 Methodist Membership of New Zealand Council of Christian Social Services (NZCCSS) is: Jeff Sanders and Keith Taylor.
8. The 2004 Methodist Membership of the Refugee and Migrant Service is: Myra Tautau.
9. The 2004 membership of WesleyCom Aotearoa is: Ruth Bilverstone (convener), Wayne Buckley, Michael Greer (Christchurch Mission Superintendent), Nicola Grundy (Dunedin Mission Superintendent), Jeff Sanders (Wellington Mission Director), Keith Taylor (Methodist Mission Northern Superintendent), Don Eade, David Hanna, a representative from Dunedin, one other to be nominated to and appointed by the President.
10. The 2004 Methodist Mission Northern (Auckland) Board membership is: Susan Adams, Mary Caygill, Keith Hopner, Norman Johnston, David Smith (Chair), Greg Wright, Keith Taylor (Superintendent), Mark Thomas, Norman West and others to be nominated to and appointed by the President.
11. Conference acknowledges and expresses thanks to Hugh Garlick who has given 35 years of continuous service to the Board of the Methodist Mission Northern.
12. Conference expresses thanks for the service given by Sylvia 'Akau'ola-Tongotongo and David Davies to the Methodist Mission Northern Board.
13. The 2004 Employment Generation Fund (Auckland) Trustees are: Maurice Copeland (Chair), John Fraser, Brian Gauld, Ken Seal, David Smith and Ralph Witten.

14. The 2004 Methodist City Action (Hamilton) Board membership is: Violet Hesse, Margaret Henshaw, Karen Morrison-Hume, Hilda Schroeder, Susan Thompson (Chairperson) and Keith Taylor.
15. The 2004 Tamahere Eventide Home (Hamilton) Board is: B. Attrill, Chad Chibnall, Cath Dickie, George Diprose, June Higham, Neville Jack (Chairperson), Pat Littler, Ken Olsen, and Don Sim.
16. The 2004 Wesley Community Action (Wellington) Board membership is: Stuart Bruce, Peter Glensor, David Hanna (Chair), Nola Hanson, Jeff Sanders (Director), Kathy Stirrat, Fletcher Thomas, Fatuatia Tufuga and Loma Uluiviti.
17. The 2004 Methodist Social Service Centre (Palmerston North) is: Lois Clarke, Miriel Fisher, Stuart Grant, Lynette Green, Glenda Gregory, Brion Jarvis, Michelle Lee (Director), Graham Pritchard (Chairperson), John Thornley and Jill White.
18. The 2004 Methodist Mission South Island (Christchurch) Board membership is: Carol Bellette, Don Eade (Chair) Garth Nowland-Forman, Maurice van de Geer, Michael Greer (Superintendent), Jenny Keightley, Sally Thompson, Stan West and up to three others to be nominated to and appointed by the President.
19. The 2004 Methodist Mission South Island (Dunedin) Board membership is: Melanie Bunce, Joy Clark, Edward Ellison, Murray Farley, John Gallaher, Colin Gibson (Chairperson), Nicola Grundy (Director), David Polson, Edie Pont, Lauren Semple and Uesifili Unasa.

## MISSION & ECUMENICAL

**QUESTION 32(a):** What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to Mission and Ecumenical Affairs? Report pp H 1-13

### DECISIONS:

1. The report is received.
2. Conference commends the Mission and Ecumenical Committee for its work in producing the "Transforming Mission" and "To be Methodist is to be Ecumenical" papers, and requests the committee to make these available in a form suitable for use by study groups in parishes.
3. Conference affirms the direction of the "To be Methodist is to be Ecumenical" paper and commends it to the church.
4. Conference reaffirms its commitment to the wider church world family through involvement in the life and work of the following bodies and reaffirms the priority concerning financial allocations as: (i) World Council of Churches, (ii) Christian Conference of Asia and the Pacific Conference of Churches, (iii) World Methodist Council.
5. Conference reaffirms the mission partner relationship of the Methodist Church of New Zealand with the United Church of the Solomon Islands at this time, and commits itself to ongoing assistance to that church through financial and personal support, as well as its prayers.
6. Conference sends greetings to the United Church of the Solomon Islands assuring it of our ongoing prayers and support as the country works through a process of social, economic and political recovery.
7. Conference:
  - (a) urges the New Zealand Government to work with the Solomon Island Government as well as the churches and people of the Solomon Islands to address a range of critical issues.
  - (b) requests the President and Vice-President together with the Mission and Ecumenical Secretary to meet with the New Zealand Government to share this concern.
8. Conference approves of the disbanding of the Joint Partnership Group (Methodist/Presbyterian) and its replacement by regular joint meetings of the two secretaries and convenors.
9. Conference thanks Rev Dr Konrad Raiser for his skilled leadership as General Secretary of the World Council of Churches over recent years, and wishes him well as he returns to an academic career.
10. Conference warmly welcomes the appointment of Rev Sam Kobia as the new General Secretary of the World Council of Churches and assures him of its ongoing prayers and good wishes as he takes up the position.
11. Conference:
  - (a) approves of the Mission and Ecumenical secretary's position becoming full-time from 1 February 2004 on the understanding that the additional costs will be met from the Mission and Ecumenical Committee's own funds;
  - (b) acknowledges the vigorous leadership John Roberts is giving to the life of the Mission and Ecumenical Committee.
12. That the Mission and Ecumenical Committee revisit the issue as to whether the position of secretary should be open to lay people when a future appointment is being made.
13. The committee membership for 2004 is: Ian Faulkner, Kilifi Heimuli, Keith Hopner (convenor), Keita Hotere, Alison Kehely, Lana Lazarus, John Roberts (secretary), Fuailalagi Samoa Saleupolu, Shanti Sinnaduray, Margaret Donald and Kerry Taylor.

**QUESTION 32(b): CONFERENCE OF CHURCHES IN AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND**

Report pp H 14-15 & 24-25

### DECISIONS:

1. The report is received.
2. Conference thanks Michael Earle for the ecumenical passion and dedication shown in his role as General Secretary of the Conference of Churches of Aotearoa New Zealand at a difficult time in its history, and wishes him well as he moves on.

3. Conference encourages parishes to plan for ecumenical celebrations of the *Decade to Overcome Violence: Churches seeking reconciliation and peace* at the time of Pentecost 2004 (30 May).
4. As an expression of commitment to the *Decade to Overcome Violence: Churches seeking reconciliation and peace*, all parts of the Methodist Church be encouraged to declare their places of worship, meeting and administration to be "violence free" through the adoption of a violence free charter.
5. Conference affirms the intent of the Conference of Churches of Aotearoa New Zealand as it explores new ecumenical configurations of the visible unity of the church in this land of Aotearoa New Zealand, that provide an ecumenical space where unity, mission, service, justice, the integrity of creation, diversity, inclusiveness, and recognition of the Treaty of Waitangi are embraced in a structure that will include ecumenically minded groups and individuals as well as churches, and that will enable communication and facilitate ecumenical responses to key issues.
6. Conference express its support for Garth Cant (president), Dale Peach and John Roberts (executive) as they participate in CCANZ's involvement in the process of seeking a new expression of ecumenism at the national level.
7. Conference reaffirms the position that the church expresses its commitment to ecumenical relations through the Mission and Ecumenical Committee (Law Book section 5 4.1.1), with the Mission and Ecumenical Committee being the body to appoint Methodist representatives to the unconditional dialogue on the future shape of the national ecumenical movement, in consultation with the President of the Methodist Church.

**QUESTION 32(c): CHRISTIAN WORLD SERVICE**

Report pp H-16-18

1. The report is received.
2. Conference expresses its appreciation to Jill Hawkey for her commitment, energy and enthusiasm in the leadership of the work of Christian World Service, and wishes her well as she plans a move to Britain in April 2004.
3. Conference affirms the work of Christian World Service and continues to encourage parishes to promote and support the Christmas Appeal and emergency appeals.
4. Conference encourages every Methodist Parish and Cooperative Venture (with Methodist connections) to appoint a Christian World Service Link Person.
5. Conference encourages parishes to participate in the Christian World Service youth programme.
6. Conference encourages parishes to participate in the *Trade for People, Not People for Trade* campaign and the campaign for cancelling Third World debt.

**QUESTION 32(d): INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

**CHURCHES AGENCY ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES**

Report page H-19

1. The report is received
2. Conference commends the Churches Agency on International Issues for producing its resource for churches on the Israel/Palestine conflict and encourages its use for study in parishes.
3. Acknowledging that the two year pilot programme of the Churches Agency on International Issues is nearing its end, Conference endorses the continuation of the agency.
4. Conference approves ongoing funding from the Connexional Budget for the work of the Churches Agency on International Issues at \$4,000 p.a. (Note: there is no increase in this figure.)
5. The Methodist church representatives on the Churches Agency on International Issues are Barbara Stephens and John Roberts.
6. Conference encourages parishes to use the *Hot Topics* papers which will feature significant international issues during 2004.

**CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE OF ASIA**

Report p. H-20

1. The report is received.

**WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES**

Report p. H-21

1. The report is received.

**METHODIST CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL IN THE PACIFIC**

Report p. H22

1. The report is received.



# SINOTI SAMOA, VAHEFONUA TONGA & WASEWASE KO VITI

## SINOTI SAMOA

**QUESTION 33(a):** What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to Sinoti Samoa?

Report pp I1-3

### DECISIONS:

1. The report is received.
2. Members of the review team for Sinoti's total ministry are: Asofiafia T. Samoa Saleupolu (Convener), Iakopo Fa'afuata, Lani Tupu, Motuopua'a Lauaki, Faleatua Faleatua (Secretary), Suiva'aia Te'o, Rosa Fa'afuata, Olive Tanielu and Leungseu Amelia Faleatua. Youth representatives are Patisepa Unasa Samoa Saleupolu and 1 other from the Auckland region of Sinoti.
3. Noting the establishment of the Samoan Parish in Waitakere Parish, Conference approves its name as Waitakere Methodist Samoan Parish.

## VAHEFONUA TONGA 'O AOTEAROA

**QUESTION 33(b):** What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to Vahefonua

Tonga o Aotearoa?

Report pp I3-4

### DECISIONS:

1. The report is received.
2. Conference notes that the President during 2003 approved the establishment of the Papatoetoe Tongan Parish.
3. Conference notes the appointment of the Vahefonua Tonga Property Committee and its membership as listed on p. I4 of the report.
4. Conference asks the Budget Task Group to consider an application from Vahefonua Tonga for development funding in each of the next 3 years, the application to follow normal guidelines and procedures.
5. Conference notes the Vahefonua meeting dates for 2004 as: Ministerial School of Theology, 26 February 2004; Annual Meeting dates to be advised.

### NOTICE OF MOTION 'G':

*"That Conference approves for the Auckland/Manukau Parish to be no longer under the responsibility and governance of the Vahefonua Tonga 'o Aotearoa, and for the Parish to become a synod."*

6. The President, Vice-President and Administration Division are asked to establish dialogue with Vahefonua Tonga and Auckland/Manukau Tongan Parish to resolve the issues underlying the notice of motion.

### NOTICE OF MOTION 'H':

*"That the Conference defers approval of the establishment of the Papatoetoe Tongan Parish as proposed by the Vahefonua Tonga 'O Aotearoa and the Director of Mission Resourcing."*

7. Conference notes the importance of providing pastoral care to those affected by the establishment of the new Parish.

### NOTICE OF MOTION 'I':

*"That Conference 2003 consider if the decision of Conference 2002 to establish Vahefonua Tonga O Aotearoa as an integral part of the Methodist Church of New Zealand Te Hahi Weteriana o Aotearoa based on the structural format of Synods can be "put aside" for a year, so further consultative discussions on 'the structure' can be made with each local Tongan Congregations within the Auckland/Manukau Tongan Parish."*

8. The content of the Notice of Motion is referred to Vahefonua Tonga for discussion.

## WASEWASE KO VITI KEI ROTUMA

**QUESTION 33(c):** What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to Wasewase ko Viti kei Rotuma?  
Report pp I4-6

Since the printing of our report, Wasewase ko Viti kei Rotuma has become aware that numerous attempts have been made to continue the partnership with, and involvement of, the Fiji Indian Fellowship, but sadly without success.

The Wasewase ko Viti kei Rotuma e Niu Saladi have their doors open to our Indian brothers and sisters, but if they are comfortable wherever they are, they should be allowed to consolidate in whatever way they can best build relationships.

### DECISIONS:

1. The report is received.
2. The name Wasewase ko Viti kei Rotuma e Niu Siladi is adopted by Conference in place of Bose ko Viti kei Rotuma e Niu Siladi.
3. Conference thanks Mike Yasa for his contribution to and hard work for the Wasewase ko Viti kei Rotuma, and wishes him well as he returns to live in Fiji.
4. Conference notes the officer bearers and meeting dates listed on p I-6 of the report.
5. Susau Strickland shall deputise for Rev Tuwere at certain meetings.
6. The membership of the Committee for 2004 is: Ilaitia Sevati Tuwere (Interim Superintendent), Susau Strickland (Deputy Interim Superintendent), Dakai Bolatagici (Auckland Fijian Co-Convener), Susau Strickland (Rotuman Co-Convener), Bal Karan (Indian Co-Convener), Fika Vucago (Lower North Island & South Island Co-Convener), Vilisoni Munivai (Secretary), Suliasi Naulivou (Treasurer).
7. The membership of Wasewase ko Viti kei Rotuma e Niu Siladi for 2004 is:
8. The date for the annual meeting is 6-7 March 2004 and the Executive Meeting is 7 July 2004.

## COMMUNICATIONS / ORGANISATIONS

### COMMUNICATIONS & ORGANISATIONS

**QUESTION 34(a):** What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to Communications and Organisations? Report pp J-14

**DECISIONS:**

1. The report is received.
2. The Committee for 2004 is: Robyn Brown, David Bush, Trish Moseley, Brian Peterson, Sheila Thorne.

**QUESTION 34(b):** **METHODIST PUBLISHING** Report pp J8-J9 & J11

**DECISIONS:**

1. The report is received.
2. Conference approves the appointment of Paul Titus as Editor.
3. Conference approves the decision of the Board to contract the production and distribution of Touchstone to Paul Titus.
4. Conference supports Touchstone and encourages Parishes also to support Touchstone by increasing the number of copies they receive and making them widely available to church and community.
5. Conference notes, that while Touchstone will now be made available free of charge, Parishes are encouraged to continue to make donations towards production and distribution costs.
6. The Methodist Publishing Board for 2004 is: David Bush, Bles Frost (Accounting), Mark Gibson, Karen Isaacs (Secretary), Jim Stuart, Peter Willems and the General Secretary.

**QUESTION 34(d):** **EPWORTH BOOKS** Report pp J9-10, J12

**DECISIONS:**

1. The report is received.
2. Subject to a final audit of Epworth Books accounts, Epworth Bookshop Trust is disbanded.
3. Conference thanks the members of Epworth Bookshop Trust.
4. Conference sends greetings to Fletcher Thomas.

**QUESTION 34(e):** **PAC COMMUNICATIONS ENDOWMENT** Report p J2

**DECISIONS:**

1. The report is received.
2. The committee for 2004 is: Trish Moseley (Convener), Brian Peterson and two members to be appointed by Te Taha Maori. (Note: this will now be an Auckland based committee.)

**QUESTION 34(f):** **CHURCHES BROADCASTING COMMISSION** Report pp J1-2

**DECISIONS:**

1. The report is received.
2. Trish Moseley is to continue as the Church's representative on the Commission.
3. Conference congratulates Trish Moseley on her re-appointment as Chairperson of the Churches Broadcasting Commission.

**DECISIONS:**

1. The report is received.
2. Conference approves the position description of Superintending Chaplain to Wesley College.
3. The following is the Wesley College Trust Board for 2004: Violet Hesse, Barbara Lawrence, Lana Lazarus, Wesley Mansell, John Murray, Audrey Mathews, Suliasi Nauliva, Jack McCoskrie, Harvey O'Loughlin, Jack Paine, Diana Tana, Colin Telford, Gillian Telford and Mara Tupaea and such other people as may be nominated to and appointed by the President.

## WELFARE OF THE CHURCH

**QUESTION 35(a):** What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to Evangelical Network? Report pp K1-3

### EVANGELICAL NETWORK

#### DECISIONS:

1. The report is received.
2. Conference thanks Rev Marion Peterson for her 5 years of leadership of the Interim Executive and as Superintendent of the Evangelical Network.
3. In view of the increasing lack of presbyters available to fill appointments, and the likelihood of that position exacerbating in the future:
  - (a) Conference asks Mission Resourcing to attend urgently to initiatives to encourage presbyters, parishes and Synods to help members to discern whether they have a call to ordained presbyteral ministry.
  - (b) That there should be no limit on the number of candidates who can attend the Candidating Weekend as suggested in the Board of Ministry report. *Deferred to Board of Ministry report and 3(a) & (b) to be referred to the 2004 Hui on Ministry.*
4. The Executive for 2004 is: Nigel Hanscamp (Superintendent), David Bush (Southern Co-ordinator), Bill Clifford (Central Co-ordinator), David McGeorge (Northern Co-ordinator), Brian Peterson (Treasurer), Marion Peterson, Susau Strickland (Wasewase ko Viti representative), Peter West (AFFIRM representative), Andrea Williamson and Peter Williamson.

### NZ METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

**QUESTION 35(b):** What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to New Zealand Methodist Women's Fellowship? Report pp J6-8

#### DECISION:

1. The report is received.

### NZ METHODIST LAY PREACHERS' NETWORK

**QUESTION 35(c):** What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to New Zealand Lay Preachers' Association? Report pp K3-4

#### DECISIONS:

1. The report is received.
2. Conference asks Synods and UDC's to compile a list of accredited lay preachers and worship leaders in Methodist and Uniting Congregations. This list should be sent by August Synods and UDC's to the Methodist Lay Preachers' Network to compile a national register.
3. Conference asks Synods and UDC's to nominate at least two accredited Lay Preachers as contact people who would correspond by email with NZMLPN Executive, and report to Synods and UDC as required.
4. Conference commends the revision of the Methodist LAOS course initiated by Trinity College.
5. Conference asks Trinity College on behalf of NZMLPN to consult with Vahefonua Tonga Sinoti Samoa and Wasewase ko Viti kei Rotuma about potential translation of the revised LAOS course and its use.
6. Conference asks Synods and UDC's to work urgently with parishes towards finding funding for book allowances for active accredited Lay Preachers within Methodist and Uniting Congregations.
7. Conference asks Synods and UDC's to promptly provide resourcing and training opportunities for Lay Preachers and Lay Worship Leaders within their districts.
8. The Executive for 2004 is: Jayne Alexander, Helen Buxton, Garth Cant, Colin Gibson, Keith Knox, Ron Malpass and Rosalie Sugrue, with the ability to co-opt.

## WESLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

**QUESTION 35(d):** What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Wesley Historical Society?  
Report pp J3-4

### **DECISIONS:**

1. The report is received.

#### **NOTICE OF MOTION 'F'**

- "20 years ago the Conference referred to "what the Gospel says about the sharing of power" and in response to that Gospel message declared its intention "to work towards the formation of a Bicultural Methodist Church in Aotearoa as the essential first step on the journey towards multiculturalism." Conference 2003 is now asked to categorically state (for the benefit of all parishes and cultural groups) how, if at all, power has been shared on a multicultural basis since 1983, and in what ways will it be shared from now on."*
2. The content of the Notice of Motion is referred to Council of Conference for consideration and response.

## CHURCHES AGENCY ON SOCIAL ISSUES

**QUESTION 36(a):** What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to Public Questions? Report pp L1-L5

### DECISIONS:

1. The report is received
2. Conference re-affirms the aims of the Agency as set out in the report.
3. The Methodist members of CASI for the year 2004 are: David Beeston (convenor), Ken Rae, Rosalie Sugrue and Fletcher Thomas and two other members to be appointed by the President.

### MEMORIAL 'B':

1. *Asks Conference to commend the proposal by members of Parliament that Section 59 of the Crimes Act is amended.*
2. *Asks Conference to ensure that Parishes have easy access to the excellent material available on approaches to disciplining children, and to recommend Parishes facilitate education programmes for this."*
4. Conference refers the Memorial to CASI to:
  - (a) clarify the intention of the Memorial with the mover;
  - (b) examine the possible options for amendment of S 59 of the Crimes Act;
  - (c) develop a discussion document for consideration by Te Taha Maori, District and ethnic Synods and the Evangelical Network, and;
  - (d) review the 1994 PQ resource on Violence and the Family.

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