

Chronological List

Of Presidents, Vice-Presidents & Secretaries of Conference of the Methodist Church of New Zealand

Note: From 1966 the General Secretary was also the Conference Secretary

Place	Year	President	Vice-President	Secretary of Conference
Wellington	1913	Samuel Lawry	Hon. Charles M Luke	Charles H Laws, BA
Dunedin	1914	Samuel J Serpell	Ernest Rosevear	Charles H Laws, BA
Christchurch	1915	John Dawson	Henry Holland	William A Sinclair
Auckland	1916	Albert C Lawry	George Winstone	William A Sinclair
Wellington	1917	William A Sinclair	John Veale	Edward Drake
Dunedin	1918	Thomas A Joughin	Edwin Dixon	Edward Drake
Christchurch	1919	Harold E Bellhouse	J H Blackwell	Edward Drake
Auckland	1920	Edward Drake	E H Penny	Arthur Ashcroft
Wellington	1921	William Grigg	W Dobbs	Arthur Ashcroft
Auckland	1922	Charles H Laws, BA	L M Isitt, MP	Arthur Ashcroft
Dunedin	1923	Benjamin F Rothwell	H Field	Arthur Ashcroft
Christchurch	1924	Arthur Ashcroft	F Thompson	Adolphus N Scotter, BA
Wellington	1925	Thomas R Richards	H P Mourant	Adolphus N Scotter, BA
Dunedin	1926	Percy N Knight, BA	Sir Donald C Cameron	Adolphus N Scotter, BA
Auckland	1927	Harry Ranston, MA, LittD	J A Flesher, OBE	Adolphus N Scotter, BA
Christchurch	1928	William J Elliott	J W Shackelford	Adolphus N Scotter, BA
Auckland	1929	John F Goldie	Thomas P Hughson	Adolphus N Scotter, BA
Wellington	1930	Adolphus N Scotter, BA	Arch Peak	Jonathan H Haslam
Dunedin*	1931	Ernest D Patchett	Wm S Mackay	Jonathan H Haslam
Christchurch	1932	M. A. Rugby Pratt	J Voss	Jonathan H Haslam
Auckland	1933	Arthur J Seamer	S T S Martin	Jonathan H Haslam
Wellington	1934	Clarence Eaton	J T Johnson	William A Burley, MA
Dunedin	1935	Jonathan H Haslam	W Charles Francis	William A Burley, MA
Christchurch	1936	E Percy Blamires	Richard Hampton	William A Burley, MA
Auckland	1937	Fred Copeland	Henry R French	William A Burley, MA
Wellington	1938	Percy R Paris	John C Tietjens	William A Burley, MA
Christchurch	1939	Angus McBean	Mark Kershaw	William A Burley, MA
Dunedin	1940	Leslie B Neale, BA, FRGS	David J Wesley	William A Burley, MA
Auckland	1941	William A Burley, MA	Frank Penn, NDH (NZ)	William G Slade, MA
Wellington	1942	William Walker	G H Bransby Lill	William G Slade, MA
Christchurch	1943	Charles H Olds, BA	Hedley Oldham	William G Slade, MA
Auckland+	1944	Robert B Tinsley	Charlie E Bellringer	William G Slade, MA
Dunedin	1945	Arthur H Scrivin	William E Burley, BA	William G Slade, MA

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Auckland	1946	William T Blight, BA, BD	James Tyler	William G Slade, MA
Wellington	1947	William G Slade, MA, BD	Gordon S Gapper	Herbert L Fiebig, BA
Christchurch	1948	E Thomas Olds	Harry H Johnson	Herbert I Fiebig, BA
Wellington**	1949	E Thomas Olds	Harry H Johnson	Herbert I Fiebig, BA
Napier (Nov)	1949	Henry J Odell	John B Beeche	Herbert I Fiebig, BA
Dunedin	1950	Eric W Hames, MA	Sidney E Chappell	Herbert L Fiebig, BA
Auckland	1951	George I Laurensen	James H Oldham	Herbert L Fiebig, BA
Nelson	1952	J Henry Allen	J Francis Southgate	Herbert L Fiebig, BA
Wellington	1953	Herbert L Fiebig, BA	Hugh M Patrick, MVO	Gordon R H Peterson
Christchurch	1954	Charlie O Hailwood	E Laurence F Buxton FNZIMLT	Gordon R H Peterson
Dunedin	1955	M Alexander McDowell, DD	Leonard A Davis	Gordon R H Peterson
Auckland	1956	Raymond Dudley, MA, DD, RRES	Sister Rita F Snowden	Gordon R H Peterson
Palmerston North	1957	David O Williams, MA, LittD	Philip A LeBrun, JP	Gordon R H Peterson
Christchurch	1958	Gordon R H Peterson	Allen A Dingwall	Athol R Penn
Wellington	1959	A Everil Orr, MBE	Magnus S Hughson	Athol R Penn
Invercargill	1960	Bernard M Chrystall, BA	Hubert de R Flesher, MA, LLB	Athol R Penn
Auckland	1961	E Clarence Leadley	Eric A Humphries	Athol R Penn
Christchurch	1962	Robert Thornley, MA	Frank M Souster	Athol R Penn
Wellington	1963	Athol R Penn	G Cyril Burton, MA	Howard E Harkness, MA, BD
Hamilton	1964	George H Goodman	Raynell C A Marshall	Howard E Harkness, MA, BD
Christchurch	1965	Arthur R Witheford, BA	Russell T Garlick, LLB	Howard E Harkness, MA, BD
Auckland	1966	Ashleigh K Petch, BA	Huia W Beaumont, MA, DipEd(NZ)	William R Laws; MA, BD
Dunedin	1967	John D Grocott, BA	William E Donnelly, MBE	William R Laws; MA, BD
New Plymouth	1968	William R Francis; BA, BD	E Alan Crothall	William R Laws; MA, BD
Wellington	1969	John J Lewis; MA, BD, PhD	H Clifford Vince	William R Laws; MA, BD
Christchurch	1970	Wilfred F Ford; BA	Cedric B Radcliffe; MSc	William R Laws; MA, BD
Wellington	1971	R Frederick Clement; MA	N Patrick Alcorn; MSc	William R Laws; MA, BD
Whangarei	1972	W Selwyn Dawson; MA	E Clifford Flyger	William R Laws; MA, BD
Christchurch	1973	William R Laws; MA, BD	Eric G Heggie; M Comm, ACA	Leslie R M Gilmore; BA (Acting)
Auckland	1974	William J Morrison; MA	Archibald C Barrington; F.S.I.S	William R Laws; MA, BD
Turangawaewae Marae, Ngaruawahia	1975	Ruawai D Rakena; BA	E Geoffrey Hill; M.P.S.	William R Laws; MA, BD
Wellington	1976	Peter A Stead; BA	Vera I Dowie	William R Laws; MA, BD
Christchurch	1977	John A Penman; MA	Thomas G M Spooner; MA	Alan K Woodley; BA

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Hamilton	1978	D Bruce Gordon; MA	Charles B Fenwick	Alan K Woodley; BA
Auckland	1979	Ian C E Ramage; MA	Stewart J Collis	Alan K Woodley; BA
Wellington	1980	Loyal J Gibson	Sister Rona W Collins	Alan K Woodley; BA
Christchurch	1981	Edmund D Grounds	Graham B Keightley	Alan K Woodley; BA
Napier	1982	Percy P Rushton; BA, BD	Allan K Surrey, JP, A.N.Z.I.M	Alan K Woodley; BA
Takapuna	1983	Geoffrey E Hill, MPS	Albert A Grundy; MA	Alan K Woodley; BA
Blenheim	1984	E Francis I Hanson; BA, BD	Joyce K Dey	Alan K Woodley; BA
New Plymouth	1985	Phyllis M Guthardt; MA, PhD	Kenneth M Fay	Alan K Woodley; BA
Manurewa	1986	Donald J Phillipps; BA, BD	Lani Tupu; BA, A.C.I.S JP	Alan K Woodley; BA
Nelson	1987	Morehu Te Whare	Patricia M Teague	Stanley J West
Palmerston North	1988	Eric H Laurenson; ANZIA	Edith J Little; JP	Stanley J West
Wellington	1989	Barry E Jones; BA	T Kilifi Heimuli; Q.S.M	Stanley J West
Dunedin	1990	Bruce Scammell	Fletcher Thomas	Stanley J West
Wanganui	1991	Margaret E Burnett; BSc, DipAppSocSc	Alan Bettany	Stanley J West
Auckland	1992	B Keith Rowe; BA, BD, STM (Union NY), STD (San Fran)	Barbara Lawrence	Stanley J West
Christchurch	1993	Mervyn L Dine	Margaret Drake	Stanley J West
Whangarei	1994	Dr R Garth Cant	Gillian A Telford MANZ	Stanley J West
Hamilton	1995	S Tavake Tupou; ThDip, DipMin, LTh	Jill van de Geer	Stanley J West
Auckland	1996	Stanley J West	Ruth Bilverstone	Donald J Phillipps (Acting)
Wellington	1997	Norman E Brookes; MA	Susau Strickland	Stanley J West
Christchurch	1998	Margaret E Hamilton	John Salmon; MA, ThM (Princeton), PhD, LTh, STh, CA (retired), ACCM	Stanley J West
Auckland	1999	David Bush; BSc	Nicola Grundy	Jill van de Geer; BTheol, LTh, LTCL
Hamilton	2000	Mary Caygill; LTh, RTGN, DMin (SFTS), DipSocWork	John Thornley	Jill van de Geer
Manukau – Sinoti Samoa	2001	Asofiafia T Samoa Saleupolu, DipTropAgr, LTh	Andrea Williamson	Jill van de Geer
Christchurch	2002	Norman West	Heather Walls	Jill van de Geer
Wellington	2003	Lynne Frith; BTheol, Dip Theol (Otago)	David McGeorge; MBA, DMin	Jill van de Geer
Auckland	2004	Ron Malpass, JP	Kenneth Smith; LTh	Jill van de Geer
Christchurch ++	2005	John Salmon; MA, ThM (Princeton), PhD, LTh, STh, CA(retired), ACCM	Mary West	Jill van de Geer
Rotorua	2006	John Salmon; MA, ThM (Princeton), PhD, LTh, STh, CA(retired), ACCM	Mary West	Jill van de Geer

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Wellington	2007	Brian Turner; MA (Hons), DipRE (Melb)	Barbara Peddie; BSc (Hons), PhD, BTheol, PGDipTheol (Dist)	Jill van de Geer
Manukau	2008	Jill van de Geer; TTC, LTCL (organ performance), LTh, BTheol (Melb) (1998)	Ron Gibson; BA, Dip Tchng, Dip Soc Sci, Dip Ed, Cert Social Wrk	David Bush; BSc
Christchurch	2009	Alan Upson, LTh	Lana Lazarus	David Bush, BSc
Palmerston North	2010	Desmond Cooper, BA Lth	Susanne Spindler	David Bush, BSc
Auckland	2011	John Roberts, BA, LTh, Dip Crim (Hons)	Olive Tanielu	David Bush, BSc
Wellington	2012	Rex Nathan	Jan Tasker, JP Adv Dip Tchng	David Bush, BSc, Grad Dip MGMT
Manukau	2013	Rex Nathan	Jan Tasker, JP Adv Dip Tchng	David Bush, BSc, Grad Dip MGMT
Hamilton	2014	Tovia Aumua, BTheol	Arapera Ngaha	David Bush, BSc, Grad Dip MGMT
Blenheim	2015	Tovia Aumua, BTheol	Arapera Ngaha	David Bush, BSc, Grad Dip MGMT
Auckland	2016	Prince Devanandan, BD (India), BTh, MTheol (Auckland), M. Phil (Hons) (Auckland)	Vivien Whimster, BSc (Hons) (Pharmacy), BTheol, PGDip (Pastoral Studies)	David Bush, BSc, Grad Dip MGMT
	2017	Prince Devanandan, BD (India), BTh, MTheol (Auckland), M. Phil (Hons) (Auckland)	Vivien Whimster, BSc (Hons) (Pharmacy), BTheol, PGDip (Pastoral Studies)	David Bush, BSc, Grad Dip MGMT
Christchurch	2018	Rev Setaita Taumoepeau K. Veikune, BTheol (Akl)	Nicola Teague Grundy	David Bush, BSc, Grad Dip MGMT
Christchurch	2019	Rev Setaita Taumoepeau K. Veikune, BTheol (Akl)	Nicola Teague Grundy	David Bush, BSc, Grad Dip MGMT
Christchurch	2020	Rev Andrew Doubleday, BTheol (Melb)	'Etuini (Edwin) Talakai	Rev Tara Tautari
Christchurch	2021	Rev Andrew Doubleday, BTheol (Melb)	'Etuini (Edwin) Talakai	Rev Tara Tautari

* William Greenslade, President-Elect, because of illness was unable to assume Office. Died 19th August 1931

+ For Validating Regulation see 1944 Minutes, Page 10.

** February, Exec. Committee of Conference

++ John Salmon and Mary West elected for two years as Conference was unable to bring any recommendation for either office.