



# A Time of Recognition

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*Online Conference*

Te Hāhi Weteriana o Aotearoa

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**Paying Tribute to those who are retiring:**

Lynne O. Frith (*retired in 2020, acknowledged in 2021*)  
Cornelia Hildegard Grant (*retired in 2020, acknowledged in 2021*)  
David Harding  
Gregory Alan Hughson (*retired in 2020, acknowledged in 2021*)  
Holakitu'akolo Paea  
Peter Williamson  
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*To everything there is a season,  
and a time to every purpose under the heaven*

*Ecclesiastes 3:1-8*

**President:** Ko te rā tēnei i hanga e Ihowa.  
*(This is the day which the Lord  
has made.)*

**All:** **Kia hari, kia koa tātou.**  
*(Let us rejoice and be glad in it.)*

**Waiata:** **“He hōnore”** *(sung unaccompanied)*

He hōnore  
he korōria  
maungarongo ki te whenua  
whakaaro pai e  
ki ngā tāngata katoa  
ake ake, ake ake  
āmine  
te Atua  
te Piringa  
tōku oranga

*(repeat verse)*

tōku oranga  
Āmine.

## *Tributes to those Retiring*

**President:** The Christian life is a journey with others; we travel as a people, sharing our lives, our experiences, our hopes and fears.

At times, with joy and in hope, we welcome new travellers to share our lives, committing ourselves to them, wanting to learn from and with them, to become the people God wants us to be.

**Vice-President:** With gratitude and pain, we farewell fellow travellers who move into retirement. Together, we thank God for the gift of their lives, shared with us. Together, we seek to support each other through this time of transition, and wait in expectation of the new beginnings that the Spirit will bring.

*A silence is kept*

**Vice-President:** Gracious God, both in laying-hold and letting-go, we celebrate your goodness to us. We affirm again the continuing presence of your Spirit, blowing where you will, forming and leading the life of your people. Journey with us, sharing our triumphs and struggles, and bring us safe into your eternal home. Amen.

© Bruce Rumbold, *Glimpses of a Winding Road*

Hymn:

***“Our Life Has Its Seasons”***

Our life has its seasons, and God has the reasons

why spring follows winter, and new leaves grow,  
for there's a connection with our resurrection  
that flowers will bud after frost and snow.

Refrain

*So there's never a time to stop believing,  
there's never a time for hope to die,  
there's never a time to stop loving,  
these three things go on.*

There's a time to be planting, a time to be plucking,  
a time to be laughing, a time to weep,  
a time to be building, a time to be breaking,  
a time to be waking, a time to sleep.

Refrain

There's a time to be hurting, a time to be healing,  
a time to be saving, a time to spend,  
a time to be grieving, a time to be dancing,  
a time for beginning, a time to end.

Refrain

Words/Music: Shirley Irina Murray/Colin Gibson

**Those who retire this Conference**

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## *Words for Letting Go & Moving On*

### **President:**

This is where your life has arrived,  
after all the years of effort and toil;  
look back with graciousness and thanks  
on all your great and quiet achievements.

You stand on the shore of new invitation  
to open your life to what is left undone;  
let your heart enjoy a different rhythm  
when drawn to the wonder of other  
horizons.

Have the courage for a new approach to time;  
allow it to slow until you find freedom  
to draw alongside the mystery you hold  
and befriend your own beauty of soul.

Now is the time to enjoy your heart's desire,  
to live the dreams you've waited for,  
to awaken the depths beyond your work  
and enter into your infinite source.

John O'Donohue, *To Bless the Space  
Between Us*

### **Hymn:**

#### ***“Love divine”***

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

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

Sa dau yaco main a gauna [Fijian]  
Kivei keda kecega,  
Me da digitaka kina  
Na vinaka se na ca:  
Me da vakatudaliga  
Ki na kaci i Jisu,  
Se muria ga na meca  
Era cati Koya tu.

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

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

*Charles Wesley,  
Tune: Blaenwern, WOW 165(ii)*

# *The Sending Forth*

*President to extinguish the Conference Candle*

**Chaplain:** Me inoi mātou:

E te Atua Atawhai,  
i haere tahi mātou i tōu mārama i waenga  
i tēnei Hui Tōpu,  
whakakāngia te kāpura o te aroha  
i roto i te ngākau i ō mātou hokinga ki te  
kāinga  
hei whakamārama atu ki ētahi anō,  
i roto i te ingoa o te Karaiti,  
Āmine.

**President:** Ehara nā Ihu te huarahi māmā noa.  
Nāna te karanga kia hīkina te rīpeka, ā,  
ka whai atu ki a ia,  
nāna hoki te ōati kia kore ai mātou e  
whakarerea e ia, ā, e kore anō e mahue.  
I tō mātou wehenga atu i tēnei Hui Tōpu,  
whakawhānuitia te titiro ki ngā take e akiaki  
nei kei mua i a mātou.  
Me toro atu te ringa ki a ia.  
E kore mātou e whakarerea e ia, ā,  
me haere whakamua i roto i te whakapono,  
te tūmanako me te aroha.  
**Āmine.**



**Hymn:**                    ***“Mā te mārie”*** (sung unaccompanied)

Mā te mārie a te Atua tātou katoa e tiaki. Māna anō e whakaū ō tātou ngākau ki te pai.	<i>The peace of God keeps us all. He will confirm our hearts in goodness.</i>
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Mā te Atua Tamaiti ra, mā te Wairua Tapu hoki rātou, Atua kotahi nei, tātou katoa e whakapai. Āmine.	<i>May the Son of God and the Holy Spirit too, one God bless us all. Amen.</i>
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*Ngā Inoi me Ngā Hīmene  
a Te Hāhi Weteriana  
Tune: Old 100th sung unaccompanied*

*The individual tributes are available in the agenda and on the Methodist  
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