



NZMWF Executive team with General Secretary Tara Tautari

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fakafeta'i 'a e fakataulama hao 'a e 'Eiki 'o tau tu'uta ai ki he ta'u fo'ou ko 'eni. Happy New Year, everyone! I hope you all had a blessed time celebrating with whānau and church families across all Women's Fellowship groups throughout the motu. It is always a joy to hear how some fellowships went the extra mile to make the Christmas and New Year season special. Over the past year, I have had the privilege of meeting with most of our districts and some local churches to strengthen networks and promote the work of the New Zealand Methodist Women's Fellowship (NZMWF). I was also fortunate to be joined by some of our executive committee members, who shared their experiences of serving in the Executive. As we step into this new year, I have already completed face-to-face visits with 15 local churches and deeply appreciate their ongoing support and contributions to NZMWF. Additionally, I have visited five districts, with four more scheduled for meetings in March, April, and July 2025. I am truly grateful to Almighty God for the strength and grace to continue spreading the Good News of His Kingdom. With this blessing, I had the privilege of attending the Pacific Churches Conference in Nadi, Fiji, from 8th to 15th February 2025. This conference marked the launch of the Regional Women's Gathering on the Commission on the Status of Women, as well as the implementation of the 2023

Pre-Assembly Resolutions within the Pacific Churches. It was a highly productive event, bringing together delegates from across the region. Rev. Sepiuta Hala'api'api, General Secretary of the Fiji Council of Churches and PCC Deputy Moderator, emphasized the importance of networking and relationship-building, as well as reflecting on and addressing contextual issues affecting women in the Pacific. The event also saw the official launch of PCC's "Just, Safe, Resilient, and Empowered Pacific Communities" project, with funding and technical support from the Pacific Women Lead at the Pacific Community initiative, supported by the Australian Government's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. I also want to acknowledge and thank the Local Arrangement Committee Convener and members for their dedication, hard work, and willingness to organize the World Assembly, which will be hosted here in 2026. More details regarding the LAC will follow in this newsletter. Finally, bring on our final year in our term! The executive team and I are excited for yet another wonderful year of fellowship.

Our prayers and support are with you all.
With love and prayers,
Lesieli Tiulipe Pope
NZMWF President 2023 - 2025

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Visit to Church National Office

OUR TRIP TO CHRISTCHURCH

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the amazing Canterbury team and all the wonderful South Island ladies for a truly special time together. We had the privilege of fellowshiping with the Canterbury team and sharing in meaningful moments.

Our visit down to Christchurch included a day at our church head office, where we were graciously hosted by the incredible General Secretary and all the staff at the head office. Many staff had not yet had a visit from the NZMWF Exec during their time so it was great introducing to them our work and our mission as NZMWF.

Finally, to end off our time in Christchurch, the Vahefonua Tonga Christchurch Women's Fellowship invited Lesieli to lead service. All the Exec ladies were part of the service. The fellowship and church as a whole, then put on an amazing feast. Thank you all for your warmth, hospitality, and fellowship!



Canterbury District Visit

COMING UP

Our Executive Committee will be travelling to Dargaville from the 12-13th April

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE REGARDING OUR CONVENTION 2025.

We have confirmed that Convention will be from 16-19th October 2025.

We will also share everyone's World Day of Prayer celebrations in our next edition!



NZMWF Christchurch Tongan Church Visit



United Methodist World Assembly 2018

WORLD ASSEMBLY 2026

The World Assembly will be held from August 21 to August 31, 2026, in Auckland, New Zealand.

The LAC has been established with a diverse and skilled team, despite some challenges in nominations. A buddy system has been introduced to pair experienced planners with those familiar with our fellowship, fostering knowledge-sharing and collaboration. Regular virtual meetings have helped maintain strong connections across different locations, and we will continue to adapt to in-person needs with support from World Officers.

The Due Drop Centre has been secured as the main venue, and accommodation planning is progressing despite some initial challenges. We are considering alternative options, including the New Zealand International Convention Centre, to ensure the best experience for attendees.

For any questions or discussions, please reach out via email.

Meet Our LAC Team:

- Simulata Pope (Convenor)
- Sina Pupulu (Venue Lead)
- Latu Fonua (Accommodation Lead)
- Lynne Vatau (SPA Young Women's NZ Leader)
- 'Oto'ota Kava
- Luisa Gonedina
- Esther Seko
- Losalini Koroi
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And our LAC Buddies, including Dr. Soana Muimuiheata, talatoka Ducivaki, and Tui Salevao, are already offering invaluable guidance.