NEW ZEALAND METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NATIONAL COUNCIL 2026



NAME OF DELEGATE: _____

DISTRICT:_____

NATIONAL COUNCIL PROGRAMME



NZ METHODIST WOMEN FELLOWSHIP

NATIONAL COUNCIL 2026

Friday 30 October – Sunday 1 November 2026

Te Awamutu Methodist Church
261 Bank Street, Te Awamutu 3800
Three locations: Hall | Foyer | Church

Together in Faith for a Brighter Tomorrow

Programme

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10-11

FRIDAY 30 OCTOBER 2026 2.00PM – 9.00PM

Time	Activity	Location
2.00 – 3.30pm	Registrations and Afternoon Tea	Foyer
3.30pm	• Welcoming and Opening Prayer • Introductions • Roll Call • House Keeping, Health and Safety • Meeting Procedures	Church
4.30 – 5.30pm	Ice Breaking Activities	Hall
5.30 – 6.00pm	Environmental Presentation Kurahuna Scholarship Report	Hall
6.00pm	Dinner	Hall
7.00 – 8.00pm	Opening Service • Tributes • Special Projects • New Projects	Church
8.15 – 8.30pm	Closing Devotion – Vahefonua Tonga	Church
8.30 – 9.00pm	Supper	Hall

SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER 2026 7.30AM – 9.00PM

Time	Activity	Location
7.30 – 8.30am	Breakfast	Hall
8.30 – 8.45am	Opening Devotion – Wasewase	Church
8.45am	Business Session • Apologies • Correspondence – Minutes of Previous Council	Church
9.00 – 10.00am	• Reports • President • Treasurer • Friendship, Smethurst Scholarships	Church
10.00 – 10.30am	Morning Tea	Hall
10.30 – 11.00am	Guest Speaker: Rev Alisa Lasi	Church
11.00am – 12.00pm	District Report • Vice President • Secretary • UCANZ • Assistant Secretary & Liaison Link • Chaplain • National Council of Women	Church
12.00 – 1.00pm	Lunch	Hall
1.00 – 2.00pm	President Elect Helen Kim Scholar: Silika Isaia	Church
2.00 – 3.00pm	World Federation Report & World Assembly Highlights Activity Special Acknowledgements	Church
3.00 – 3.30pm	Photograph, Afternoon Tea	Hall
3.30 – 4.00pm	Reports – Constitution Review	Church
4.00 – 5.00pm	Districts Reports	Church
5.00 – 5.30pm	Bible Study	Church
5.30 – 6.30pm	Dinner	Hall
6.30 – 7.15pm	District Reports Continued	Church
7.15 – 8.15pm	Fun Activity: Story Telling	Church
8.15 – 8.30pm	Closing Devotion – Sinoti Samoa	Church
8.30pm	Supper	Hall

SUNDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2026 8.00AM – 12.30PM

Time	Activity	Location
8.00 – 9.00am	Breakfast	Hall
	Checking out of hotels	
9.00 – 9.45am	Recommendation, Evaluation, Unfinished Business	Church
10.00 – 11.30am	Service Plus Words of Appreciation	Church
11.30 – 12.30pm	Lunch	Hall

"United in Faith, Called to Serve."

Women of faith, working together for stronger communities, brighter futures, and God's greater purpose.

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NATIONAL COUNCIL AGENDA

FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER 2026		
TIME	**ACTIVITY**	**VENUE**
2-3:30PM	Registrations and Afternoon Tea	Foyer/Hall
3:30 - 4:30PM	Welcome & Opening Prayer Introduction & Housekeeping Roll Call Health & Safety Meeting Procedures	Church
4:30 – 5:30PM	Ice-breaking Activities - Working in 7 groups provided, prizes for winners	Hall
5:30 – 5:45PM	Kurahuna Scholarship: Rev. Dr Arapera Ngaha	Church
5:45 – 6PM	Environmental Presentation: Sera Toduadua	Church
6 - 7PM	Dinner	Hall
7 - 8PM	Opening Service Tributes Special Projects - CWS - Girls Brigade	Church
8.15 - 8:30PM	Devotion: Vahefonua Tonga District	Church
8:30 - 9PM	Supper	Hall

SATURDAY 31ST OCTOBER 2026		
TIME	**ACTIVITY**	**VENUE**
7:30 - 8:30AM	Breakfast	Hall
8:30 - 8:45AM	Opening devotion: Wasewase District	Church
8.45 - 9AM	Business Session: - Roll Call of Attendees list & Apologies - Minutes of Previous National Council 2024 - Correspondence received > Manurewa MWF - Confirming the minutes from Friday 30/10	Church
9 - 10AM	**National Executive Team reports** - President - Treasurer - NZ - MWF National Committee Convenors > Friendship Scholarship > Smethurst Trust Fund	Church
10 – 10.30AM	Morning Tea	Hall
10:30 - 11AM	Guest Speaker: President Rev Alisa Lasi Methodist Church of NZ	Church
11 -12PM	**National Executive Team reports continued…** - Chaplain - Vice President - Secretary - Assistant Secretary & Liaison Link - Uniting Congregations of Aotearoa NZ (UCANZ) - National Council of Women	Church
12 - 1PM	Lunch	Hall
1 - 2PM	Presidential Election Guest Speaker: Helen Kim Scholar - Silika Isaia	Church
2 - 3PM	**National Executive Team reports continued…** - World Federation Liaison - World Assembly Highlights activity - Special Acknowledgement	Church
3 - 3:30PM	Afternoon tea Group Photograph	Hall

3.30 – 5PM	Constitution Review Report **District reports** - MTSSEMNS Sinoti Samoa - Auckland Central - North Canterbury - Vahefonua Tonga - Waikato/Thames	Church
5 – 5:30PM	Bible Study: Rev Shelley Walker	Church
5:30 - 6.30PM	Dinner	Hall
6.30 -7:15PM	**District Reports continued** - Waitemata - Wellington - Wasewase ko Viti Kei Rotuma	Church
7:15 - 8.15PM	Fun Activity - Women in the Bible	Church
8:15 - 8.30PM	Closing Devotion: MTSSEMNS – Sinoti Samoa	Church

SUNDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2026		
8 - 9AM	Breakfast	Hall
9 - 9:45AM	Confirming the minutes from Saturday 31/10 Recommendations Evaluation Forms to be completed Unfinished Business Matter carried over	Hall
10 - 11.30AM	Communion Service Words of Appreciation	Church
11.30-12:30PM	Lunch	Hall

PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

Consensus enables better participation for all members of National Council.
It requires mutual respect and a willingness to listen to others.

In arriving at consensus, please apply the following criteria:

1. Is my contribution necessary?
2. Does it assist the discussion?
3. Does it give information on the subject?
4. Does it reconcile an apparent difference?
5. Does it distract from the topic under discussion?
6. Please speak clearly, concisely and to the subject.
7. Please respect others and keep quiet when they are speaking.
8. Please use the microphone when addressing National Council and give your name and district.
9. Please recognise when someone needs to be heard and is not getting that chance.
10. One amendment shall be before National Council at any one time.

Please read your handbook thoroughly
and be prepared to participate.

Minutes of Previous National Council 2024

Date:10th - 13th October 2024
Venue: Sudima Auckland Airport— 78 Airpark Drive Mangere, Auckland 2022.

Meeting called by Madam President: Lesieli Pope and NZMWF Executive Committee
Facilitator: Madam President Lesieli Pope, Vice-President Simulata Pope, Soana Muimuiheata, National Secretary and Executive Committee

Minute taker: lunisi Vaitohi (NZMWF Executive Committee Member)
Attendees:Refer to Roll Call at the end.
Apology:Olive Tanielu, Unaisi Tikoinaka, Selina Lavaka Manukia, Finau Fungalei

Time/ Activity	Activity by Who	Council Decision/Details
Thursday 10th October 2024		
5.00 pm	**Welcome & Prayer: *President Lesieli Pope*** **Introduction & House Keeping (MC): *Vice President Simulata Pope***	
6.00 pm	Dinner - All	
7.00 pm	**Opening Service — *Chaplain Rev Siutaisa Tukutau*** **Tributes (page 17 — 19)** *Lynne Scott: Tribute for* • *Dorothy Drew (11 Jan 1927-23 Nov 2023). President and Liaison Officer of Ruth Bilverstone's North Canterbury National Methodist Women Fellowship Executive 1992 - 1994. Represented MWF on Church Women United Christchurch 2012-2018* • *Dianne Muriel Claughton (20 Jan 1948 — 16 June 2024). National President for the MWF from 2016 - 2018.* • *Shona Mangels (November 1926 — 18 August 2024). North Canterbury MWF District — President 1973 — 1976, Member of the NZMWF Executive 1972 - 1974* *Written by Mary West tribute for* • *Deacon June Higham. First Chaplain for the Executive 2002 - 2004. MWF Waikato Thames Valley District*	
8.45 pm	**Closing Devotion — Rev Siutaisa Tukutau**	

Friday 11th October

8.30 am	***Devotion: Melevea Tupou & Saloni Manase*** *Hebrew 11: 6, Hands of God* ***Roll Call, Notices & Housekeeping: Simulata*** ***Attendees List*** (page 90 — 97) ***Apologies noted***	
9.00 am	1. *Olive Tanielu* 2. *Tuituivao Salevao (for today)* 3. *Unaisi Tikoinaka* 4. *Selina Manukia*	***All agreed***
9.15am	***Business session begins – Lesieli Pope***	***All Agreed***

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	Correspondence: Secretary Sonan Muimuiheata • *All communications received and distributed by email to District Leaders to pass on to their members* • *Executive Committee received an offered from the Methodist Church of NZ, General Secretary, Tara Tautari to attend a Regional Women's meeting at Nadi, Fiji from 4-8 November 2025.* ***Recommendation:*** *Madam President, Lesieli Pope to attend, meeting is fully funded*	***Moved*** *by Soana to accept correspondence:* ***All agreed***
	Minutes of previous Meeting *– National Convention 2023 (page11-20)*	**Moved** by Marie Smith, Seconded by Siniva Vaitohi: ***All agreed***
	Reports **National President report** (page 20-22): **Lesieli Pope**	
9.30am	**Recommendations:** 1. I recommend that following the advice of our church counsel, the criteria for nominations to the task group establishment for the constitution review be endorsed by Council as follows: a) the executive team and I will formulate a term of reference for the role of the reviewer, which will be included as part of the task group nomination process. b) Task group members must be able to meet regularly in person for the review. c) Task group members must be available to attend legal counsel workshops and meetings. d) Task group members should have an interest in and relevant skills or experience with, constitutional process, strategic planning, or review.	***Leslieli moved*** report be received; seconded by Lynne Scott. ***All agreed*** ***Lesieli moved*** recommendation; Seconded by Siniva Vaitohi. ***All agreed*** ***All agreed***

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	2. I recommend that Council endorses the nomination process and that nominations for the task group commence immediately, allowing Council members time for discussion. ***Lesieli:*** *Church Lawyer, Dr Ruby Schaumkel recommendation to have an active group; the group meet face to face, available and commitment* **3.** I recommend that Council endorses the progress of Job Descriptions (JD) review to date, specifically regarding the view of the job descriptions, which includes: a. The redistribution of administrative tasks currently handled by the secretary to other roles. b. The disestablishment of the diaconate role. **4.** We will recommend the charity for "Little Mores" as our chosen charity to send through all our donations received from districts outside of missions. Refer to Treasurer Report for more details on the chosen charity. *President:* This is a Voluntary Charity organisation — women coming to New Zealand and have babies with no support or help, including young mothers from Pacific Islands (more details on page 23, and Littlemore website) • ***Comments:*** Lynn Scott/Marie Smith — Little Mores only operate in Auckland • Judith — this is the donation for medical and education. Years ago funds used to go to deaconesses, that situation has changed. Last year the charity is always in Auckland, suggestion for next years' money. • *Soana:* This is the National Committee President and Executive team proposal — CHOSEN CHARITY • *Lynn Scott:* this is in discretion of current executive. This charity is not the special project. A sinking income - people donating to education and medical and used stamps: The President and executive delegated to choose charity	**All agreed** **Lynn Scott:** moved to accept Littlemore, the President and Executive team chosen charity. ***All agreed***

Time/ Activity	Activity by Who	Council Decision/Details
	Treasurer Report: Tokanga Filiai (page 23 — 27) **Total financial contributions receiving** as at 30 June 2024 from Districts. Total: $41507.50 **2023-2024 Special Projects** International Project for Samoa Victim Support Group, National Project, for Gumboot Friday • We raised a total of $23,153.10. **Proposal for fund allocation for:** • National Project Gumboot Friday — 30% ($6,993.93) • International Project Samoa Victim Support Group -70% ($16,159.17) (including Central Auckland 50/50 and Wellington 28/72) **Comments** *Lynn Scott: disappointed that did not get to meet representative from Samoa Victim Support while NZMW members were in Samoa for SPA Area Seminar* *Lesieli: NZMWF Convention 2023 — agreed to visit Samoa Victim Support during SPA — present our Koha as arranged by past President Tui Salevao (Tui is not present today)* *Siniva: Fund should be split 50:50 allocations for two projects.* ***Used Stamps:** $430.00* ***Comments:** Leu welcome the donation* ***Tree of Life:** $60* ***Comments:** $20 per item — can purchase direct from SPA office, instead of NZMWF administrate and pay for postal cost.Murray Smith: Agree that we pay per member. Look at our finance, Tree of life still receiving donation but it is not a must*	**Treasurer asked** for report be received. ***All agreed*** **Vice-President,** Simulata Pope moved that we continue with 70:30 split, fund for International and National Project, present it at Convention 2025 for a proper vote. ***All agreed*** ***All agreed,** members can order direct from SPA office agreed*

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10.30 am	**Reports** **Friendship Scholarship — Marie Smith** (page 46) • Application due 20th November • Year 13, they can still apply, girls year 11/12 **Smethurst Trust Fund:** Rita Tuimaseve on behalf of Covenor, Tuituivao Salevao (page 46) Tributes and acknowledge passing of great women in leadership, especially Dianne Claugton — passion and commitment Smethurst committee • Scholarship closing date 20th March, June and September **Suggested recommendations** 1. That the report to be received 2. That the Semthurst Grants Committee 2023-2025 be Lesieli Pope (MWF President), Tokanga Filiai (MWF Treasurer, Judith Herbert (North Is rep), Lynne Scott (South Is rep), Secretary, Rita Tumaseve (Past MWF Treasurer) & Tuituivao Salevao (past MWF President) — Convenor **Kurahuna Scholarship report by Gillian Laird, Convenor (page 48)** Comments • Tongan District suggested to send a request/ correspondence to the Tumuaki and General Secretary re — concerns with lack of communication and awareness of the role • Action from last Convention meeting— Secretary follow up whether communication been done? **South Pacific Area: Report received (in absentee) via Vice President** • **Comments** *Lynn Scott: aware in that SPA office, we do not have any representative — reiterate Solomon Islands/PNG cannot afford* *Vice President: It is not in our jurisdiction to ask for financial report* **SPA Levy:** Leu. *Convention did not agree for that funding. SPA does not have a Treasurer. Under the World Federation — this 20 cents levy was*	**Report received: All agreed —** Rita moved to accept the Smethurst Grants Committee: ***All agreed*** **Action:** National Secretary, correspondence with Tumuaki for nomination process for committee members. ***All agreed*** **Lesieli moved** report received. ***All agreed*** Vice President moved to hold off invoicing Districts until finalising this in the next Convention. ***All agreed***

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11.30 am	**Guest Speaker:** Vice President of Methodist Church, TeRito Peyroux-Semu "Lived Experienced" pathway from youth to VicePresident.	**President:** Acknowledged leadership and being part of the conversation, passionate for MWF. ***Presentation well received by All.***
12.30 m	**Lunch**	
1.30 pm	**Reports** **Vice President & World Federation: Simulata Pope (page 28-30)** **NZ Unit:** host of World Assembly 2026 • Specifically, strategic look at world leadership using our young people • Identified room for improvements — look at functions and bring to Convention — New Director for Kai Haipai **Recommendations:** 1. Local Arrangements Committee (LAC) Endorsement: I recommend that the Council formally endorse the current LAC committee members, which includes key members of our executive team alongside Tuituivao Salevao and Siniva Vaitohi. Current committee: • Tui Salevao, Siniva Vaitohi, Lesieli Tiulipe Pope & Dr Soana Muimuiheata 2. District Representatives for World Assembly Planning: I propose that the Council appoint a representative from each District to form a sub-committee that will handle the deeper logistical arrangements for the World Assembly. • Members from District (to be arranged) • Nominees required to the LAC —	President asked for Report to be received. ***All agreed*** **Simulata moved** for Council to endorse recommendations for LAC. ***All agreed*** **Simulata moved** for District to nominate their representative for subcommittee. ***All agreed***

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	Secretary report: Dr Soana Muimuiheata (page 31-33) **Comments** • Leu: Can we link our President letter to the World website and can we request the World Federation information **Recommendations:** 1. For this report to be received. 2. Standardises reporting templates: Implement standardised reporting templates across all districts. This includes specifying fonts (e.g. Times New Roman, size 12) and ensuring all reports are submitted as Word documents, not PDFs. This will streamline the process of compiling and reviewing district reports. 3. District Statistical Reporting Deadline: Establish a clear and consistent deadline for districts to submit their annual statistics, ensuring that data is received in a timely manner for accurate organisation reporting. 4. Notification of Officer Changes: ensure that districts notify the National Secretary immediately of any changes in their officer roles, including full names, updated contact information, and transition dates, to maintain accurate records. 5. Handover process for incoming officers: Formalise a handover process for new Executive Committee members, ensuring that all critical documents, guidelines and insights are passed off efficiently. This will help maintain continuity in the execution of roles and responsibilities. 6. The endorsement of Revised Job Descriptions: • That Council endorses the revised Job Descriptions and disestablishment of correspondence and secretariat roles. • That council endorses the disestablishment of Diaconate link role and replace with an Official Chaplain Executive role. • That the Council endorses disestablishment of Mission link role and allocate responsibilities in relation for Ministry students to Chaplain and allocate management of Special Project to the National President agreed	**Soana** moved all recommendations be accepted. ***All agreed***

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	Mission Link Report: Melevea Tupou (page 34-35) **Special Projects for 2024-2025** **Local Project:** Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) **International Project:** Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees (DSPR) in Jordan **Suggested Recommendation** 1. To receive this report. 2. To review the disestablishment of the Mission Link role, as per recommendation from the Job Description Task group. 3. The special projects tasks are moved to the role of the President, as per recommendation from the Job Description Task group. 4. The hosting of Trinity College bible students under the Mission Link is moved to the Chaplain, as per recommendation from the Job Description Task group.	**Lynn Scott:** Moved to amend title of local project to New Zealand Project. ***All agreed.*** **Moved:** *Fund allocation to be 50:50 split between NZ and International project.* ***All agreed –*** *to be decided at next Convention*
	Chaplain Report: Rev Siutaisa Tukutau (page 36-37) **Recommendations:** 1. For this report to be received. 2. To move tasks regarding the hosting of Trinity College students under Mission Link as per recommendations of Job Description Review from task group.	**President** asked for Report to be received. ***All agreed*** **Siutaisa** moved that roles changes recommended to be accepted. ***All agreed***
	National District Link Report: 'Ofa Matakaiongo (page 38— 40) District Visit completed for 2024 and plan visit for 2025 Recommendations: To receive report	**President** asked that report be received. ***All agreed***
	National Council of Women Report: Lunisi Vaitohi (page 41 —43) **Recommendation:** 1. For this report to be received 2. NZMWF pay annual membership **Comments** *Lynn Scott: Current member of Christchurch National Council of Women/Canterbury District*	**President moved report be received.** All agreed **Lunisi moved that NZMWF pay the $100 annual fees.** All agreed **Action:** Lunisi to find out whether we need to pay for another member. Lynne Scott is a member of Canterbury District

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	Diaconate Link Report: Selina Manukia (page 44) Comments: Minutes last Convention meeting — recommendation: To disestablish Diaconate link role and replace with and Official Chaplain Executive role	**President** asked that report be received: ***All agreed***
	National Uniting Congregation (UCANZ) Link: Saloni Manase	**President asked that report be received.** All agreed
	District Reports **Dargaville District -** *President Beth Muir (Page 51)*	Report Received**: *All agreed***
	Auckland Central District – President Mele Kaufusi)Page 52 – 55)	Report Received**: *All agreed***
	Waitemata District – President Annette Sharp (page 56-57) • Only 2 fellowship left	Report Received**: *All agreed***
	Waikato/Thames Valley District – President Judith Herbert (page 58-61) • Morrinsville has gone into recess • More associate members because many has gone into recess • Our work is enriching • Women feel that they are supported and have fun because a lot of them live alone.	Report Received**: *All agreed***
	Wasewase Methodist Women District – President Sera Cawanikawai (page 62 -67) • Acknowledge the Wasewase executive team • Six circuits with the Wasewase • New President – Talatoka Ducivaki • Treasurer – Lusi Waqalevu • Secretary -Timatelti Uuvula • Assistant secretary – Losalini Koroi	Report Received**: *All agreed***

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	Wellington District – President Marie Smith (page 68) presented by Brenda Baker • Gathering in April 2024 with the President and Team. District members raised concern with Special Projects • Choice of projects should have consulted with Christian World Service (CWS) • We are happy with current project – pleased to hear of engagement with CWS.	Report Received: ***All agreed***
	North Canterbury District: President Roz Wilkie, presented by Lynn Scott (Sec) (Pages 69 – 73) • Two functioning fellowships • Accommodating men, getting more numbers • Desperately missed our sister Dianne (RIP) her enthusiasm and encouragement • Nelson/Marlborough gone into recess — have become associate members	Report Received: ***All agreed***
	Mafutaga Tamata'ita'i Sinoti Samoa Ekalesia Metotisi Niu Sila (MTSSEMNS) District Report: President Suresa Tufuga (page 74 — 77). Present by Lautalie Aumua 10-hour zoom meeting in late July • New officers coming through **Recommendations** • NZMWF revisit timing for Annual meeting that it does not clash with White Sunday. Annual Lotu Tamaiti	Report Received: ***All agreed*** **President** moved that NZMWF Executive Committee consider timing of Annual National Meeting: ***All agreed***
	Feohi'anga Vahefonua 'a Fafine Metotisi Tonga 'I Nu tusila (TDNZMWF) President Silila Kilikiti (page 78 — 82) • Tonga District's nomination of Amelia Hoglund for the NZMWF President 2025 — 2027 position be received	**Report received:** All agreed

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4.30 pm	**Special Task Group Actions and Recommendations** • Reviewed Job Descriptions (draft) be received • Proposed roles **Comments** • Vice-President role to support President roles and leadership • Heading to say "Methodist Women's Fellowship, no "Women's Fellowship" Spelling errors to be collected • President's group discussion wording of "Requesting permission to attend Methodist Church Synod and represent the organisation • Secretary role -proposed to have Assistant Secretary • Disestablished Correspondence Secretary — move responsibilities to the District Link	**Secretary** moved that draft Job Descriptions received. ***All agreed*** **Vice President** moved that National Executive Committee look into all the feedback. ***All agreed*** **Secretary** moved that the final Job Descriptions will be presented to next Convention Meeting including the following recommendations - Disestablished — Deaconate Link, Mission Link -Informally recognise the new roles -Recommendations for an Assistant Secretary -Recommendations for an Assistant Treasurer ***All agreed***
7.00 pm	**Lotofale'ia Mangere Tongan Methodist Parish — Youth presentation** • 2 Speeches — theme Grow in Christ and be a Life Giver • Action song and cultural items	
8.00 pm	**Closing Devotion:** Tokanga Filiai & Saloni Manase	

Saturday 12th October 2024		
8.30 am	Devotion: Lunisi Vaitohi (Ruth 1: 1 — 5)	
9.00 am	**Routh Robin Activity:** National Executive roles and responsibilities • Council meeting attendants were grouped by their District roles • Executive members went around each group — share lived experiences, plus answers questions from the group	**National Executive**
	Special Projects Presentation: Melevea Tupou (Mission Link)	

10.30 am	International Project — Samoa Victim Support joined by Zoom - $16, 159.17 New Zealand Project — No update from "1 am Hope" project **Presentation from 2024-25 Projects** 1. New Zealand (Local) is the Ronald McDonald House@ Charities New Zealand 2. International (overseas) is the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees (DSPR) in Jordan	**The NZMWF Council Meeting 2024 decided to withhold the funding raised for Gumboot Friday because of poor publicity about the group.** All agreed
11.30 am	**Bible Study:** Rev Kalo Kaisa, Hutt City Uniting Congregations, Lower Hutt Wellington	
1.30 pm	**Praise and Worship — Papatoetoe Saione Sunda school**	
2.00 pm	**Young Womens Panel — Tauiwi Youth** • Ana Manuopangai • Atiloa Taufu'i	
3.00 pm	**President Election:** Candidates profile (page 83 — 88) Voting/Election Process/Results: lead by our youth volunteers/helpers Facilitator— Sonia Pope Collecting votes: Ana Manuopangai, Atiloa Taufu'i & Scrutineers: Olita Tufui, Margaret Birtle, Feunai Brunt **Results** Round I : Votes per candidates Amelia Hoglund — 10 Judith Herbert— 10 Leu Pupulu — 6 Unaisi Tikonaka —4 Second Votes on top two (Consensus)<>Amelia —9 Judith Herbet —21	**President moved President Elect to be Judith Herbert.** All agreed Thank you speeches delivered by Amelia Hoglund and Judith Herbert.
6.30 pm	**Formal Dinner — Sparkling gown** Guest Speaker: Anahila Kanongata'a: Key for Successful — women leadership in community and parliamentary	
9.00 pm	**Closing Devotion:** 'Ofa Matakaiongo	

Sunday 13th October 2024		
8.00 am	Praise & Worship	
9.00 am	Evaluation/General Business	

10.00 am	Church Services & HOI Communion — Rev Kalo Kaisa	
12.00 pm	**National Council Meeting close**	

Action Items	**Person responsible**	**Deadline**
Set up Task Group for Constitution Review Representative from each District	Lesieli Pope, Simulata & Soana	January 2025 In progress (Agenda Report)
Charity for "Little Mores"	President & Treasurer	Complete
NZWMF Executive roles — Job Descriptions, incorporated corrections and feedback	Vice President & Secretary Simulata & Soana	Report back Convention 2025
Minutes Book — Update record include minutes of NZMW Executive monthly meetings	President & Secretary	January 2025 Completed
Correspondences		
Special Project — inform all Districts of the two projects for 2024 - 2025	Soana/Simulata	Before Jul 2025
Karahuna Scholarship – Letter to General Secretary and Tumuaki addressing the lack of communication and visibility of process. From last Convention – follow up correspondence to nominate one or two in the committee	Secretary/Treasurer	Before March 2025 ***In progress- no respond***
South Pacidfic Area (SPA) – Levy of 0.20 cents paid for World Federation, hold off invoicing districts until finalising this in next Convention	Treasurer	Convention 2025 ***To be discussed***
World Assembly 2026 – Nominee for the LAC Members from District - tbc	Simulata	***Completed (Agenda – Report)***

CORRESPONDENCE

Application to become affiliated to the Methodist Women's Fellowship

To NZMWF National Executive

On behalf of the Manurewa Methodist Church Women's Fellowship, I am writing to formally advise that our Women's Fellowship group is meeting regularly on the second Saturday of each month from 12 pm – 2 pm following our monthly church car boot sale. We currently have 25 financial members consisting of:-

- 18 members from Manurewa Methodist Church
- 5 members from Pakuranga Methodist Church
- 1 member from Mangere/Otahuhu Methodist Church
- 1 member from Papatoetoe Methodist Church.

Our members are actively participating in fellowship activities, supporting one another, and working to strengthen Methodist Women's Fellowship within our local churches and communities. We are grateful for the opportunity to rebuild fellowship in the Manukau area and to reconnect women across our Methodist churches.

We respectfully request that our group be considered for affiliation with the NZ Methodist Women's Fellowship at the upcoming National Council, with a view to seeking the formal reopening of the Manukau District Methodist Women's Fellowship.

We acknowledge the requirement for financial members to have paid the $6 subscription for the 2026-27 year, and we will ensure that our membership and subscriptions are in order. We will also provide confirmation from our presbyter that the Manurewa Methodist Church parish supports the Women's Fellowship and its continued development.

We are very grateful to the National Executive for considering our request and for the encouragement you have given us. We look forward to the possibility of once again having a formally recognised Manukau District Fellowship and to working alongside the wider Methodist Women's Fellowship.

With peace and blessings

Daniella Musele - President

Letter of Support

A letter from Rev Peter Norman, Presbyter of the Manurewa Methodist Church, supports this application for affiliation to the New Zealand Methodist Women's Fellowship. He says 'The women make a valued contribution to our parish through their faith, care and practical service. Their involvement in worship, including assistance with Holy Communion, reflects their commitment to our church community. He looks forward to encouraging the Fellowship as it continues to grow in faith, deepen relationships and serve others in the love of Christ."

Recommendation

That the NZMWF National Council strongly encourages and warmly welcomes the Manurewa Methodist Church Women's Fellowship Group to become affiliated with the New Zealand Methodist Women's Fellowship, strengthening our unity, fellowship, and shared mission.

TRIBUTES

We remember and acknowledge our sisters who dedicated their lives, talents, and skills to NZMWF with compassion and dedication and wisdom.



IN LOVING MEMORY AND GRATEFUL TRIBUTE

The Late Mrs Finau Silila Kilikiti

Seventh President – Tonga District, New Zealand Methodist Women's Fellowship
(Feb 2015 – July 2026 July)

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." — 2 Timothy 4:7

With hearts filled with love, sorrow, and profound gratitude, the Tonga District NZMWF honours the life and faithful service of **Mrs Finau Silila Kilikiti**, a woman of remarkable faith, courageous leadership, wisdom, and unwavering devotion to God and the Methodist Women's Fellowship.

Silila was the **seventh President of the Tonga District Women's Fellowship**, following the pioneering leadership of six remarkable women: **Viena Moala, 'Eita Mone, 'Evaline Ha'angana, Rev Siutaisa Tukutau, Seini Filiai, and Rev Setaita Kinahoi Veikune.** She carried their legacy forward with dignity, determination, and a servant's heart, serving as President of both the Tonga District and Auckland–Manukau Women's Fellowship for more than a decade, alongside over three decades of dedicated service to the women's ministry.

Silila did not merely lead a Fellowship; she helped build, strengthen, and nurture a generation of women in faith and leadership. During her presidency, Tongan Methodist women expanded their contribution to national MWF, South Pacific Area, and International

Ministries by increasing and encouraging members to attend. Her tenure witnessed significant leadership milestones, including Tongan women serving as NZMWF National Presidents and taking on other national and district responsibilities.

Among her enduring contributions was the development and maintenance of the **‘Akau ‘o e Mo‘ui (Tree of Life)**, the TD Fellowship's locally prepared annual programme, bringing together Bible study, prayer chains, Women's Crusades, *Akotapu*, Worship, and Christian education. She championed the spiritual nurturing of children and young women, recognising that **the future of the Church must be planted in the hearts of the next generation.**

Silila also strengthened unity among TD Women’s Fellowships throughout Aotearoa, encouraged responsible stewardship, and supported charitable projects, education, community outreach, and the wider mission of NZMWF and the World Federation. She understood that **faith without service is merely words, and leadership without love leaves little legacy.**

Following her official retirement in April 2026, we sadly farewelled Silila in July 2026, when she was called to eternal rest. We extend our deepest love, prayers, and gratitude to her beloved husband, **Rev Vaikoloa Kilikiti**, their children, grandchildren, and wider family, who so generously shared her life and ministry with us.

Today, we remember Silila not simply for the office she held, but for the women she inspired, the doors she helped open, the prayers she offered, and the seeds of faith she planted.

Her greatest legacy is not the position she leaves behind, but the women who will continue the work she loved.

Mālō ‘aupito, Silila, for a lifetime of faithful service. You have finished your race, but the light of your faith continues to shine through generations.

Toka ā ‘i he nonga moe fiemālie ‘a e ‘Eiki.

With love, gratitude, and Christian hope,
Tonga District – New Zealand Methodist Women’s Fellowship
Feohi‘anga ‘a Fafine Metotisi Tonga ‘i Nu‘usila



Hilda May Schroeder

25th Jan 1928-19 August 2025

As I reflect on the long life of Hilda, the first time that I heard her name was when she and her late husband Len were working in very rural areas of Botswana.

How many of you remember the focus for the annual special project supported by APW and MWF 'Boreholes for Botswana' This was quite soon after we had arrived from Zimbabwe, so I had an understanding of the difficulties that the African women faced daily to collect water.

I met Hilda when we moved to Hamilton, my first MWF meeting was a District meeting held at Te Awamutu. Some months later I was invited to become a member of the Waikato MWF District executive, here I found Hilda was an active member of this group.

In 2001 I had the privilege to prepare and chose the National executive, there was no hesitation to find a Missions secretary. Hilda. She was the right person. Together with the Exec team she explored and worked with APW to plan the annual 'special project' mission topic. They ensured that the material for each fellowship, the topic was exciting and informative. In those days large sums of money were raised.

Hilda was a very interesting person. She grew up in South Dunedin in a Methodist family. She trained as a nurse at Dunedin hospital. Much of her courtship with Len Schroeder was by letter writing as he was at theological college in Auckland

She began her married life as a Minister's wife! They had 3 children - Peter David and Pauline. When opportunities came, she went back nursing.

Hilda was a supportive minister's wife but she had her own interests, she was very creative and enjoyed involvement with the communities where they ministered. Len was very musical.

Hilda made banners, several were hung at Melville Methodist Church, she made one for the National Exec 2002-2004! She made a beautiful quilt for their bed, using material which showed aspects of life in Africa.

They moved into Tamahere village 34 Tidd Place when the village was still evolving, they both helped with the developing of the 'gully' area. As a couple they were on the roster for Atawhai Assisi to lead worship. She was involved with activities here as the complex grew and developed.

The management here at Tamahere Eventide 'had a dream' This was for a hospital level ward. It took many years of planning BUT it happened some years ago.

Hilda also had a dream-that when the hospital was planned and built that she would raise money for the furnishing of the whanau room. This started with baking which she sold, later it was marmalade making, I think she lost count of how many jars she made over the years. After her death the CEO here told me I have finished the last jar of marmalade I bought. She raised several thousands

Some of the first families who used the whanau room included the Schroder family.

Hilda touched so many people especially the staff here. As she needed more care, she was in an apartment cared for by the rest home staff.

As a part of our presentation as National Exec we dressed up as Rugby 'Chiefs' and I had a moo-loo bell. I gave this to one of the male care givers. This man had a special friendship with Hilda; he called her his 'number 9' for the Chiefs. This staff member came to her funeral, even though he was off duty but wearing his rugby jersey.

Hilda- you were ready to be called and often said to me 'I don't know why I am still here' When the time was right, I saw you surrounded by love with family holding your hands. I feel blessed to have known you.

Mary West, July 2026 (National President 2002/2004)



HAZEL WILLIAMS (née Turner)
Passed away on 10th March 2026

Hazel was involved in MWF at St Lukes Northcote as a young mother and joined Vera Dowie's executive in 1970-1972. Her mother Mrs Turner had joined the executive, but they found that they needed a secretary so she suggested to Hazel that she could do it.

She was fluent at writing shorthand and typing and when she was secretary for the Waitemata District in recent times she would use shorthand and then her skills at Typing.

Hazel took part in local and District activities of MWF while living in the Northcote area and on retiring she shifted to the Whangaparaoa Peninsula where she was President of the Manly –Red Beach MWF for a number of years. She loved skits and dramas; quizzes, games, music and singing.

She would use her mother's meditations and poems for Devotions and would be open to be involved in any hospitality when needed.

In 2014 Hazel joined the group from New Zealand who attended the South Pacific Area Seminar in Brisbane. She really enjoyed the experience.

Hazel's smile and cheery personality will be missed by the Whangaparaoa MWF and Waitemata District MWF.

Annette Sharp

President Waitemata District MWF

NZMWF National President's Report

It gives me great pleasure to present the Annual Report for the New Zealand Methodist Women's Fellowship. It has been a year of much learning as the new Executive discovers its role. Thank you to Mrs Lesieli Pope and her executive for the memorable Induction Service that was the beginning of our two years in office. It was an occasion of great significance – thank you to all those who took part in it.

Our chosen theme is "United in Faith. Called to Serve."

Romans 12: 5 So in Christ, we, though many, form one body and each member belongs to all the others."

In the Methodist Women's Fellowship, we see this unity lived out. As an Executive we seek to encourage and celebrate that unity among our members, our groups, and our districts as we go about our duties.

District News

We give thanks for the work of all the District Fellowships throughout the country and praise God for the enthusiasm and dedication of the Tongan District, Sinoti Samoa, and Wase Wase Fellowship. It is the members in all these local groups that make up the Methodist Women's Fellowship and give it the vibrancy, purpose and vision to serve God and the church, to reach out in compassion to families, people and communities around them.

We are delighted that in some areas ladies are regrouping and planning to revive districts that have previously gone into recess. In Manurewa a Revival Prayer Day was held to encourage the members and in North Taranaki a Fellowship group has been relaunched as a coming together of different congregations, parishes, cultures and communities. I was also recently approached by an interested group in Takapuna. Praise God for these wonderful initiatives.

A visit to the MWF in **Dargaville** was a happy occasion. The whole Parish was involved in welcoming the Executive team and members from Warkworth were invited to share in the day.



Special Projects

The 2025-26 **Special Projects** have been the Starship Foundation and the Tongan Development Community Trust and groups all around the country have been raising funds to aid these projects. We are glad to have been able to bring help to the sick children that Starship Hospital treats and to have assisted in setting up mental health programmes in Tonga and the Pacific.

Tributes

We were saddened by the death in 2025 of Hilda Schroeder who had been an active member of the Waikato District for many years and had served as Mission Secretary for the 2002-2004 National Executive. We give thanks for the inspiration of her service to MWF.

We pay tribute to Hazel Williams who passed away on 10 March 2026. Hazel was involved in MWF at St Lukes Northcote and joined Vera Dowie's executive in 1970-71. She was fluent at shorthand and typing which made her a skilled secretary. She attended the South Pacific Area Seminar in Brisbane. We give thanks for Hazel's contribution to MWF.

We give honour to the memory of Mrs Finau Silila Kilikiti who died in July 2026. Silila was the 7th President of the Tonga District Women's Fellowship and served in the Auckland-Manukau Women's Fellowship. During her Presidency Tongan Methodist Women expanded their contribution to National MWF and South Pacific Area and witnessed significant leadership milestones including Tongan women serving in NZMWF National positions. We give thanks for her profound legacy.

We honour these wonderful women and thank God for the blessings they brought to the Methodist Women's Fellowship. We remember them with gratitude.

Scholarships

Our Smethurst Committee, Kurahuna, and Friendship Committees meet on a regular basis and provide scholarships to assist young women to continue education in their chosen fields. We are always inspired by the calibre of the applicants and are pleased to be able to help them achieve their goals.

Thank you to the women who serve faithfully on these committees.

World Assembly

The highlight of the year has been to host the 15th World Assembly of the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women for the first time ever in New Zealand. About 700 women attended the week from 9 World Areas and 71 different countries. The theme of the gathering was "Arise and Shine for the Glory of the Lord is upon you."

While the World Officers plan the Assembly, the South Pacific Area Committee and the New Zealand Local Arrangements Committee were the ones who made it all happen.

We give thanks to Olive Tanielu and her South Pacific Area Committee who spent hours of time thinking, planning, discussing and writing minutes, and to Simulata Pope who led a team of more than 40 volunteers who took responsibility for the preparation of the venue and the day-to-day details. They were quietly present, providing support, answering questions, making activities happen.

We thank the members of both these committees for their tireless work to make a world-wide event happen in New Zealand.

New Zealand on the World Stage

The New Zealand Methodist Women's Fellowship is very proud of all the women who represent our country on the World Stage.

We thank Olive Tanielu for her dedication to the role of South Pacific Area President. We celebrate with her the time given as President, meeting people, attending meetings, travelling, offering leadership. She led with grace and dignity, and we acknowledge her 5-year commitment and ask God's blessing upon her as she begins a new chapter in her life.

The new Vice President of the South Pacific Area is Tuituivao Salevao, and we congratulate her on her appointment and wish her well as she undertakes her duties in the South Pacific.

The new World Officers of the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women were also voted in, and we welcome Louise Wilson from Ireland as President, Patricia Mapani from Zimbabwe as Vice President and Jeanette Bouknight from USA as Treasurer and our own Simulata Pope was voted in as the new World Secretary. We know from our own experience of Simulata within our Fellowship that she will be an exemplary World Secretary and we congratulate her and ask God to enfold her in His wisdom, His strength and His love as she begins her task for the next 5 years.

We were very thrilled to hear that Silika Isaia has been chosen as one of the Helen Kim Scholars. She was able to attend the Leadership Training Programme before the World Assembly, and we look forward to seeing her throughout the year as she works towards developing her skills further.

Constitution Review

A task group has been set up to review the MWF Constitution. We have been advised to leave significant changes until the introduction of new structures within the Methodist Church become more settled. In the meantime, there are exciting things happening - like new groups wanting to form, and there are no guidelines in the Constitution that cover these situations. We have prepared an application form that can be submitted by any group wishing to become affiliated to the NZMWF which we hope could be a useful communication tool. This will be presented for your approval at this meeting

Methodist Conference

Rebecca and I represented MWF at the Methodist Conference at Wesley College, Paerata. We were pleased to be sitting at a table with some young people which brought a hopeful feeling to the discussions.

Thanks are due to the Methodist Church for their help and support in many ways – legal and financial advice as well as funding support for our various projects. We are grateful for their interest.

'Waves Across the Sea'

In 2026 we are in the second year of the Methodist Church Decade towards Climate Justice. In support of that, National Executive encourages all Fellowships to take part in a 2-year national storytelling initiative that seeks to capture, preserve, and celebrate the lived experiences of Methodist women through stories, reflections, prayers, poetry, songs, photographs and artwork. creating a lasting legacy for future generations.

Thank you for the support and encouragement that we have received from members and districts during the year. We thank you for your patience when communication has not been flowing easily and invite you to look at the MWF Website now that we think we have got everything updated. We hope to go visiting next year and look forward to meeting your members and finding out about the activities in your area.

Thank you to my Executive team. I appreciate your many talents and look forward to working together with you over the next year as we puzzle over Constitutional change and enjoy being involved in meeting the women of the New Zealand Methodist Women's Fellowship throughout the country.

MWF Prayer

We pray that women everywhere may hear the call of Christ
And accept His way of life so that, realising their privilege and responsibility,
They may show forth His spirit with courage, loyalty and love
in every part of their daily lives.

Recommendations:

1. That this report be received.

2.The National Executive Committee brings this recommendation for consideration.

That when selecting members of her National Executive, the incoming President is encouraged to consider the cultural diversity of the New Zealand Methodist Women's Fellowship and seek to form a team that reflects the multicultural communities represented.

Rationale

The New Zealand Methodist Women's Fellowship is blessed with a rich diversity of cultures, backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives. This diversity is one of our greatest strengths and provides a valuable opportunity to grow together in faith, understanding and service.
The current National Executive has experienced firsthand the value of working alongside women from different cultural backgrounds. Through listening, sharing ideas, respecting different perspectives and learning from one another, we have strengthened our relationships, broadened our understanding and enriched our decision making.
As we look to the future, we encourage incoming National Presidents to build Executive teams that reflect both the diversity and the unity of New Zealand Methodist Women's Fellowship. May we continue to build a fellowship where every culture is valued, every voice is respected, and every woman has the opportunity to contribute her gifts towards our shared mission. UNITED IN FAITH. CALLED TO SERVE.

Judith Herbert

National President

NZMWF National Chaplain's Report

It has been a privilege to serve on the National Executive team over this past year.

As for many of you, a highlight of the year has been the opportunity to be part of the World Federation gathering earlier in September. The atmosphere of being part of such a vibrant and committed group of women was amazing, and I learned a lot about the reach of Women's Fellowship around the world. Listening to and praying with these women was a great honour.

I joined other Executive members in a visit to Manurewa for a day to surround with prayer the establishment of a new Fellowship group and have also had discussions around setting other new groups on the North Shore. It is a great pleasure to be part of these discussions, as women seek to create new expressions of Fellowship.

A very important opportunity I have been able to take this year is to visit some of our senior members of MWF, especially those who cannot attend local meetings. If you have people who fall into this category, please let me know either directly or via the National President, and I will try to include them in future visits.

Other activities have included leading prayers and devotions at Executive meetings, devotions and planning for worship at regional and national events.

I look forward to continuing this work in the coming year, and to meeting many more of you in person as we journey together.

Blessings to you, your Fellowships, and your loved ones,

Shelley Walker

Recommendations

1. That this report be received

NZMWF National Vice President's Report

National Executive Responsibilities

It has been a privilege to serve as the National Vice President of NZMWF, supporting our President, Judith Herbert, and working alongside the National Executive team.

My responsibilities have included supporting executive meetings, contributing to the constitutional review, and working closely with our team members to ensure correspondence and administrative matters are completed.

Youth and Rangatahi in NZMWF

One of my highlights has been connecting with the youth group through the Methodist Conference. It has been inspiring to see so many passionate young people actively involved in leadership,ministry and service across the Church and different denominations.

Their commitment gives us great hope for the future. However, we must ask ourselves: Are we creating enough opportunities for our young people to have a voice in our fellowship?

Manurewa Fellowship Walkathon

Earlier this year, I had the pleasure of participating in the Manurewa Fellowship walkathon.

Special acknowledgement goes to Daniella and the wonderful ladies who organised this fundraising initiative to support members attending the World Assembly. Their commitment and teamwork are wonderful examples of fellowship in action.

Areas for Improvement

I believe we need to be more intentional about strengthening relationships across our fellowship.

Despite our differences in culture, age, experience, and background, **we are all one body in Christ (1 Corinthians 12:12).**

I wonder if we could create more opportunities at our gatherings for members to mix beyond their usual groups, share their stories and learn from one another.

After all, how can we truly call ourselves sisters in Christ if we do not take the time to know one another?

Strengthening Fellowship and Unity

I recommend introducing more mixed-group activities and discussions at National Council and other gatherings, encouraging members from different districts, cultures and generations to connect and build meaningful relationships. You will see this action during the ice-breaking and story telling throughout the National Council.

Acknowledgements

It has been a privilege working alongside so many dedicated women. I am grateful for the encouragement, support and ideas shared with me throughout my journey as Vice President.

There is still much to learn and achieve, but I look forward to continuing our work together to strengthen NZMWF for future generations.

May we continue to embrace our differences, celebrate our unity and serve together as one body in Christ.

United in faith, called to serve.

Rebecca Muipu

Recommendations

1. This report be received
2. Rangatahi Representation at National Council

I recommend that two Rangatahi representatives be selected annually to attend the National Council.

- Rangatahi from all districts are invited to apply, explaining why they wish to attend and what they hope to achieve.
- The National Executive selects two representatives based on their applications.
- Their respective District Councils cover their registration fees.

This will encourage youth participation, leadership development and greater connection between generations.

NZMWF Executives at the WFMUCW 15th World Assembly



Manurewa MWF Fundraising to attend the WFMUCW 15th World Assembly



Sisterhood at the Te Hahi o Weteriana o Aotearoa Conference



NZMWF President & VP meet Dr Ruby Manukia Schaumkel



Dr Ruby Manukia-Schaumkel serves as the Legal Advisor and Convenor of the Law Revision Committee for the Methodist Church of New Zealand.

NZMWF National Treasurer's Report

UNITED IN FAITH, CALLED TO SERVE

Ephesians 4:3-6, 1 Peter 4:10, Romans 12:5

Serving as Treasurer for the New Zealand Methodist Women's Fellowship is both a spiritual calling and a practical responsibility, entrusted with managing finances to support the mission and ministry of the fellowship. Being called to serve as a treasurer is more than a functional role. It is a form of faithful stewardship. The Bible teaches that **all resources belong to God**, and **humans are called to manage them wisely.**

Total financial Contributions received as at 30 June 2026 from Districts and Fellowship = $41,599.86

2025-2026 SPECIAL PROJECT

This year NZMWF raised **$24,314.79 for 2025-2026 Special Project**

NATIONAL: Starship Foundation $12,157.40

INTERNATIONAL – Tonga Community Development Trust $12,157.40

Tonga Community Development Trust is active throughout the Pacific providing programmes that work with women, children, the elderly and people with disabilities.

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE CHOSEN CHARITY: This year the National Executive Committee chose **KidsCan** Charitable Trust to receive the donated fund from Medical & Education Fund.

KidsCan Charitable Trust: The Charity runs a number of aid programmes: (In Our Own Backyard, Food for Kids, Shoes for Kids, Raincoats for Kids, Warm Kids Cool Kids, and Health for Kids).

They provided food, socks, shoes, and raincoats for disadvantaged children throughout New Zealand.

Your donation helps to provide food, clothing, and health products so children can learn and create a bright future.

NZMWF FINANCIAL REPORT: GRANTS PAID OUT

Smethurst Scholarship (MTA 06-011)

- **Number of Recipients:** 12
- **Total Amount Paid:** $10,438.50

Friendship Scholarship (MTA 07-015)

- **Number of Recipients:** 17 (8 Year 13 and 9x Year 12)
- **Total Amount of Grant Paid:** $7,000.00

Kurahina Scholarship (MTA 01-001)

- **Number of Recipients:** 6
- **Total Amount of Grant Paid:** $6,000.00

FINANCIAL REPORT

NZMWF FINANCIAL REPORT CONTRIBUTIONS AS AT 30 JUNE 2026

Category	Women's Fellowship / District	Amount ($)	Members
MEMBERSHIP FEES			
1	Tamaki Makaurau Auck District WF	$72.00	12
2	Waitemata WF	$132.00	22
3	Manukau WF (Manurewa)	$126.00	21
4	Waikato Thames Valley District	$372.00	62
5	North Canterbury District & Nelson, Blenheim	$222.00	37
6	Mornington	$78.00	13
7	Dargaville MWF	$54.00	9
8	Wellington District	$240.00	40
9	Wasewase District	$870.00	145
10	MTSSEMNS District (Mafutaga)	$1,818.00	303
11	Tonga District	$6,486.00	1081
	Total	**$10,470.00**	**1745**
Women Fellowship - HELEN KIM SCHOLARSHIP			
	MTSSEMNS District (Mafutaga)	$1,705.07	
	Wasewase District	$655.00	
	Tonga District	$500.00	
	North Canterbury District & Nelson, Blenheim	$50.00	
	Total	**$2,910.07**	

Women Fellowship - PRESIDENT TRAVEL FUND			
	Waitemata WF	$50.00	
	Tonga District	$70.00	
	Total	**$120.00**	
Women Fellowship - MEDICAL & EDUCATION			
	MTSSEMNS District (Mafutaga)	$200.00	
	Wasewase District	$655.00	
	Waitemata WF	$120.00	
	Tonga District	$700.00	
	Total	**$1,675.00**	
Women Fellowship - TREE OF LIFE			
	MTSSEMNS District (Mafutaga)	$60.00	
	Tonga District	$50.00	
	Total	**$110.00**	
Women Fellowship - SPECIAL PROJECTS			
	Tamaki Makaurau Auck District WF	$400.00	
	Waitemata WF	$1,720.00	
	Manukau WF (Manurewa)	$163.00	
	Waikato Thames Valley District	$2,355.00	
	Dargaville MWF	$606.00	
	North Canterbury District & Nelson, Blenheim	$916.00	
	Wellington District	$1,524.50	
	Wasewase District	$1,310.00	
	MTSSEMNS District (Mafutaga)	$6,820.29	
	Tonga District	$8,500.00	
	Total	**$24,314.79**	
Women Fellowship - WORLD FEDERATION			
	Tonga District	$1,000.00	
	MTSSEMNS District (Mafutaga)	$1,000.00	
	Total	**$2,000.00**	

Balance Sheet

New Zealand Methodist Women's Fellowship as at 30 June 2026

Assets		
Bank		
NZMWF - 002		670.35
NZMWF - 066		61,249.69
NZMWF - Cheque Account		59,601.61
Total Bank Current Assets	**121,521.65**	
MTA Friendship Scholarship - 10040807-015		6,022.54
MTA General - 10040802-002		57,717.88
MTA Kurahuna Grants - 10040801-001		5,412.64
MTA Smethurst Grants - 10040806-011		8,527.70
MTA WFM & UCW Seminar - 10040817-037		29,132.33
Receivables - Related		27,543.54
Total Current Assets	**134,356.63**	
Non-current Assets		
GPT - Smethurst Capital Account	1,067,463.41	
GPT - WFM & UCW Seminar - 10040817-037		3,399.94
MTA G&I - Friendship Scholarship - 10040810-019		311,133.04
MTA G&I - General - 10040808-017		32,097.12
MTA G&I Kurahuna - 10040805-009		373,656.61
MTA G&I National Exec Travel - 10040815-024		31,465.39
MTA G&I President O/S Travel - 10040814-023		6,623.50
MTA G&I Smethurst Spcks - 10040813-022		28,379.93
MTA G&I Smethurst Tumuaki - 10040812-021		40,917.17
Total Non-current Assets	**1,895,136.11**	
Total Assets	**2,151,014.39**	
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable - Unrelated		216.90
GST		(2,687.96)
Total Current Liabilities		**(2,471.06)**
Total Liabilities		**(2,471.06)**
Net Assets	**2,153,485.45**	
Equity		
Current Year Earnings		83,478.21
Retained Earnings	2,070,007.24	
Total Equity	**2,153,485.45**	

Profit and Loss Statement

NZ Methodist Women's Fellowship For the year ended 30 June 2026

Trading Income		
BNZ Interest Received		1,305.35
Capital Accretion - MTA & GPT Interest	66,492.27	
CB&L Interest Received		91.13
Fundraising		4,092.00
Grants Received	90,000.00	
Membership Fees	29,389.36	
MTA Interest and Income Received	35,213.86	
Registrations received	35,275.10	
Special Appeals Income	12,444.50	
Total Trading Income	**274,303.57**	
Gross Profit	**274,303.57**	
Operating Expenses		
Accounting Fee		(336.96)
Bank Fees and Charges		24.00
Executive Expenses		6,765.74
General Expenses	15,404.43	
Grants Paid	31,052.24	
Insurance-Commercial		14.34
MCNZ Conference Costs		295.66
Printing and Stationery		5,435.76
Registrations paid		4,166.28
Seminars		188.61
Special Appeal Payment within NZ	21,474.94	
Special Appeals Payment Overseas	20,086.87	
Subscriptions		646.45
Travel and Accommodation Costs - International	12,690.00	
Travel and Accomodation Costs - NZ		4,594.38
Venue Hireage	68,322.62	
Total Operating Expenses	**190,825.36**	
Net Profit	**83,478.21 profit**	

Amelia Hoglund

Recommendation: This report be received

NZMWF National Secretary's Report

A Journey of Faith and Service

Bula vinaka and warm Christian greetings to our National President, National Executive, past Presidents and Secretaries, District Representatives, and all our sisters in Christ.

It is with gratitude and humility that I present my first report as National Secretary of the New Zealand Methodist Women's Fellowship (NZMWF).

Stepping into this role has been both challenging and an honour. I acknowledge the faithful service of past Secretaries and Executives whose dedication has laid the foundations upon which we continue to build. As I turned the pages of the thick minute book handed to me during our induction, I was reminded that each page tells a story of women who have served with faith, courage, and commitment.

This first year has been a journey of learning and understanding the responsibilities entrusted to me. Beyond recording minutes, maintaining correspondence, and supporting the Executive, I have come to appreciate the importance of preserving our history, strengthening communication, and ensuring that the voices of our women are heard.

An Eventful Year

What an eventful year it has been, with the World Federation's 15th Assembly, Council gatherings, Methodist Church Conference, and activities across our districts. Praise God for the many gifts, talents, and skills of our NZMWF women.

The ongoing Constitution Review has been an important undertaking, requiring patience, consultation, and careful consideration. As an Executive, we recognise the need to strengthen our administrative systems and establish foundations that will serve future generations. We must also encourage younger women into leadership while honouring the wisdom of those who have gone before us.

Climate Justice – From Overdraft to Overflow

I sincerely acknowledge the support and funding received through Rekindle the Vā o Papatūānuku and the PAC Grant, enabling our climate justice storytelling project and supporting National Council 2026.

Inspired by Martha and Mary, *From Overdraft to Overflow* invites women across Aotearoa New Zealand to share their experiences of caring for God's creation through stories, prayers, poems, songs, artwork, and traditional knowledge.

Our hope is to compile these contributions into a book by November 2027, preserving the voices, wisdom, and faith of Methodist women as a legacy for our children and future generations.

Acknowledgements and Conclusion

My heartfelt thanks to our National President, Executive members, District Presidents, Secretaries, and all our women for their encouragement, patience, and faithful service. I also acknowledge our families, whose love and sacrifices enable us to fulfil our responsibilities.

As I conclude, I return to that thick minute book. It reminds me that we are part of a greater journey of faith and service. Today, it is our turn to continue writing that story.

The pen is mightier than the sword. May we use our pens not only to record minutes but to preserve our history, advocate for the unheard, and leave a legacy of faith, unity, and compassionate service.

There is still much to learn and much work ahead. May we continue this journey together, “United in Faith, Called to Serve,” trusting in God's guidance.

To God be all the glory and honour. Vinaka vakalevu.

Sera Toduadua
National Secretary

Recommendation

- This report be received

NZMWF National Assistant Secretary and Liaison Link's Report

It has been a distinct privilege to serve on NZMWF National Executive Committee for the current term, fulfilling the responsibilities of Assistant Secretary and Liaison Link.

In alignment with our core principles of unity in faith and service, I have been pleased to support the National Secretary by recording official meeting minutes in her absence and managing allocated tasks as required by the president. This term has involved active participation across various platforms and regions, including executive meetings held in Te Awamutu, Hamilton, and Auckland, as well as through virtual channels. These combined settings have demonstrated the strength and unity of the Executive as we uphold the strategic vision of the NZMWF.

In my capacity as Liaison Link, my duties have focused on operational logistics and district connection, coordinating accommodation and travel arrangements for the National President's official visitations. One key success during this period in addition to her many visits, was her visit alongside Rita, Janita, and Amelia to the Dargaville Methodist Church at the last weekend of June. It was a successful and a warmly welcoming visit. This role strengthens connections between the National Executive Committee and our regional districts nationwide.

Attending the 15th World Assembly for the WFMUCW in August 2026 provided invaluable global insight. Guided by the theme, *"Arise and Shine, for the Glory of God is upon you*," the assembly served as a profound reminder of the impact women can achieve when empowered through faith and service. It was an experience embracing different cultures and experiencing diverse voices of women in faith. This journey has reinforced the importance of overcoming self-doubt within our leadership spaces and has motivated me to proactively explore new opportunities to expand our fellowship's networks and reach.

I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve alongside such dedicated people and stepping into these national responsibilities has both challenged and enriched me. Looking forward to the journey ahead toward the Convention in 2027.

Sangata Kaufononga

Assistant Secretary and Liaison Link

Recommendation

- This report be received

NZMWF National World Federation Liaison Link's Report

Theme: United in Faith, Called to Serve

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." — 1 Peter 4:10

This timeless scripture speaks directly into our shared mission as women committed to leadership, service, and advocacy across Aotearoa. Throughout 2026, we have once again witnessed the strength of women who bring their diverse gifts—wisdom, compassion, resilience, and vision—to uplift communities, champion equity, and shape a more inclusive future. It is with deep gratitude and respect that I present this report, honouring the many contributions that continue to enrich NZMWF and the wider Methodist Connexion we serve.

World Assembly Overview

In 2026, the New Zealand Unit had the profound honour of hosting the **15th World Assembly of the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women**. This global gathering united women from every World Units and Areas in worship, fellowship, and shared mission. Held from **25th–29th August**, the Assembly centred on the powerful theme:

"Arise and Shine, for the Glory of God is Upon You" — Isaiah 60:1

This scripture served as the spiritual anchor of the week, reminding us that God's radiance continues to empower and uplift the work of Methodist and Uniting Church of Women across the world. President **Te Aroha Rountree** of MCNZ offered a thoughtful introduction to this theme, grounding the Assembly in faith and purpose.

Each day began and concluded with devotions led by different Areas, creating a rhythm of prayerful reflection. Throughout the Assembly, Units presented their reports, with the New Zealand Unit sharing its presentation during the Friday morning session.

Opening of the Assembly

The Assembly commenced with a traditional **pōwhiri**, extending a warm and culturally rich welcome to our international sisters. This ceremony grounded the gathering in respect, hospitality, and the shared values of Aotearoa.

Formal greetings were then offered by:

- **Outgoing South Pacific Area President** Olive Amani Tanielu

- **New Zealand Methodist Church President** Te Aroha Rountree
- **New Zealand Unit President** Judith Herbert

Each acknowledged the significance of hosting this global event and the privilege of welcoming the world to New Zealand.

The opening day concluded with a deeply meaningful **procession of Area banners**, symbolising the unity, diversity, and shared calling of our global sisterhood. This was followed by a formal address from **WFMUCW World President Sipiwe Chisvo**, who encouraged us to rise boldly in faith, leadership, and service as we step into a new season of global mission.

A special highlight of the day was the opening worship, led collaboratively by the **Outgoing South Pacific Area Executive** and the **seven Unit Presidents** within the South Pacific Area.

Agenda of the Assembly

The Assembly programme was rich and varied, featuring presentations, cultural displays, workshops, marketplaces, and vibrant expressions of identity through dance and attire.

One standout moment was the **music workshop led by Suvania Mann-Tufuga**, who spoke passionately about the support of her family and church in nurturing her God-given talent. Her testimony beautifully illustrated how our gifts can be used to uplift our communities of faith.

A significant report was delivered by the **Outgoing South Pacific Area President, Olive Amani Tanielu**. The highlight was the overwhelming number of South Pacific members present—so many that not all could fit on the stage. The seven Units united to showcase their shared journey under Olive's leadership, concluding with a celebratory **Siva Samoa**, honouring both cultural beauty and the progress of the Area.

Two key traditions of the World Assembly were also observed:

- **Thursday in Black** — a day of solidarity against violence toward women. Attendees wore black, offered prayers, and contributed an offering to support initiatives that raise awareness and provide care for women facing violence.
- **Election of the World Federation Officers** — the incoming World Federation Executive is as follows:
    - **President:** Louise Wilson
    - **Vice President:** Patricia Mapani
    - **Secretary:** Simulata Pope Hiko
    - **Treasurer:** Jeanette Bouknight

We also witnessed the induction of the **South Pacific Area Executive for 2026–2031**. With prayerful blessing and collective affirmation:

- **Dr. Mercy Maliko** (Samoa Unit) was inducted as **President**
- **Tuituivao Salevao** (New Zealand Unit) was inducted as **Vice President**

Their commissioning marks a new chapter of leadership for the South Pacific Area, grounded in faith, service, and a shared commitment to strengthening the witness of Methodist and Uniting Church women.

The Assembly also honoured the faithful service of the outgoing SPA Executive: **Olive Amani Tanielu (President)**, **Rev. Gloria Marke (Vice President) and their committee Vaiolupe Talakai and Ruta Faafuata**. Their dedication and wisdom have significantly shaped the spiritual and organisational growth of our Area. We give thanks to God for their contributions and pray for His continued guidance over their ministries.

A moment of joyful anticipation came with the announcement of the **Helen Kim Scholar candidates**: **Silika Isaia** from the New Zealand Unit and **Sesa Lautusi** from the Samoa Unit—two young women whose gifts, leadership, and calling reflect the hope and promise of our region.

Closing Remarks

We acknowledge with deep appreciation the impactful work carried out by **Olive Amani Tanielu and her Executive** in the South Pacific Area. Your service has not gone unnoticed, and we pray that the Lord continues to bless you in all you do.

Our prayers also accompany **Simulata Pope Hiko, an inspiration** to our New Zealand Unit and to Pacific young women. We trust that God will guide you in your new role, and we have every confidence that you will represent our region with grace and strength on the world stage.

As I conclude this report, I extend my heartfelt thanks for the opportunity to grow in this role and deepen my faith as I journey alongside our committee. I humbly ask that the Council accept this report and I express my sincere gratitude for the support offered to me over the years.

Faafetai tele lava

Moe Petaia

Recommendation

- This report be received


WORLD OFFICERS ELECTED 2026–2031
World President
World Vice-President
World Secretary
World Treasurer
Louise Wilson
Ireland
Patricia Petudzai
Mapani
Zimbabwe
Simulata Pope
New Zealand
Jeanette L. Bouknight
USA
May God bless and strengthen the newly elected World Officers.
WFMUCW
WORLD ASSEMBLY
ADELAIDE NEW ZEALAND
25 - 29 AUGUST 2026
Nau mai, Haere mai
to the
World Federation of Methodist and
Uniting Church Women,
15th World Assembly

NZMWF National Council Of Women's Report

This year National Council for Women of New Zealand celebrates its 130th anniversary, having been formed in 1896. The first conference was held in Christchurch where Kate Shepperd was elected the first president. The NCW conference this year was held in September. It was a mixture of looking back at what has been achieved and looking ahead to how the organization moves forward in a manner suiting today's busy women, allowing us to make the most impact.

In response to the National Government's amendment to the Equal Pay Act, which was passed in June 2025, under urgency, with no opportunity for discussion or consultation, and in consultation with other organizations, The People's Select Committee was formed. Their report was ignored by the National Government but remains on record for future politicians when the issue is next addressed in Parliament. Given that it is currently a hot election issue, I have no doubt that the issue will be further addressed.

An ongoing project for NCW is a longitudinal study on gender attitudes in New Zealand which was started in 2017. The most recent survey shows some interesting trends. While 79% of Kiwis believe that gender equality is a fundamental right, 46% believe that this has already been achieved. 40% don't believe that sexism is a significant issue. One in three male respondents between the ages of 18 and 34 believe that gender equality has gone too far. 18% of people believe that men are disadvantaged by gender equality. Alarmingly, the belief that it is OK for a man to hit out when his wife/girlfriend attempts to end the relationship has gone up from 8% in 2017 to 14% in 2025. Agreement on contraception, and a woman's right to choose has significantly decreased. There is a long way to go, before the genders in NZ are truly equal, but we have come a long way since 1896!

Re-structuring of NCW has resulted in the formation of Hubs, each addressing a specific issue. People across the country, with a common interest, work together on an issue. Technology means geographical location loses its importance. Local branches, while they still meet, have less importance in the organization. Having said that, it was the local branches that have held 'Meet the Candidate' events, pre-election, in their community, and met for a cuppa to celebrate Suffrage Day in September, both significant undertakings over the past month.I look forward to representing MWF in NCW over the next year. If anyone has specific issues they would like presented to NCW please let me know.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rita Middleton

Recommendation

- This report be received

NZMWF National UCANZ Link's Report

United in Faith - Called to serve. This mission has been in the forefront of my mind whenever I have thought about the work of UCANZ and the NZMWF. Uniting Churches of Aotearoa New Zealand - UCANZ is a practical example of our mission - Churches which have formed through the union of different denominations, churches united in their faith, and working to serve their communities. Within these congregations are women's groups who may or may not be members of the Methodist Women's Fellowship but this does not detract from their willingness to join together to support each other in their lives and faith.

UCANZ is currently undertaking a review of its structure and how it operates. In the report presented to the Methodist Conference by Rev Andrew Howley he stated that "UCANZ is in a changing space following the creation of the Commission of Church partners to explore the future of UCANZ. The Commission has been asked to help the partners consider how their ecumenical commitments can be sustained and expressed in the years ahead".

It goes on to outline the challenges that many Cooperating Ventures (and indeed many of the same challenges our Methodist parishes face) and then he asks this question: "how do we maintain a formal Christian presence in many parts of the motu where the church's ministry and witness remain needed, but where no one denomination can realistically sustain that presence by itself? …. Whatever form the future structures take they must make local collaboration more possible not less. They must support shared worship, service, governance and ministry and they must ensure that vulnerable parishes are not left isolated at the very moment when partnership and the visible presence of Christ is most needed." This has left me with two questions:

How do we as the NZMWF support the women involved in UCANZ through this transition? And how do we strengthen our own sense of unity in the NZMWF as women of a similar tradition and faith?

Attending the World Assembly was a great privilege and extremely inspirational. Worshipping together with women from across the globe was a great deal of fun, and hearing about the work that women overseas undertake to work together to provide life changing outreach in their communities was thought provoking at a number of levels. Seeing the extent of projects like Black Thursday gave me pause to think about whether the NZMWF could join with the White Ribbon NZ project to show a united front against violence. United in Faith, called to serve: How do we make this meaningful to all the women in all of our fellowships?

Janita Liddington

Recommendation

- This report be received

Smethurst Trust Fund Annual Report

To the New Zealand Methodist Women Fellowship Council Meeting 2026.

It is my pleasure to present the annual report of the Smethurst Trust Fund.
This year has been very busy for our committee as most, the members were taking part in organising the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women Assembly held in August in Auckland. We have met twice this year so far and look forward to meeting again in early November as our last meeting for this year.

We have received 20 applications for the last two rounds of funding. 12 were successful and given grants totalling $10,088.50. The remaining 8 applications were not successful as they did not meet the criteria or were incomplete. A total of $3,500.00 from November round 2025 were also granted to successful applications totalling $13,588.50 altogether. Kohas were given to NZMWF members attending the World Assembly in Auckland.

Smethurst Trust Fund has given kohas to the Te Haahi Wetereana ‘o Aotearoa President and the Vice President’s wife. NZMWF President Judith Herbert presented these during the Conference at Wesley College earlier this month.

Members of the Smethurst Trust Committee have the privilege to be part of this mission and we thank our Heavenly Father for every opportunity to support our Methodist women in their ongoing learning and serving our Lord through their journey within our Church.

We encourage all Districts to continue promoting the Smethurst Trust Fund to women within their local congregation who are pursuing studies or short courses, and are eligible to apply.

We welcome our new member Fenua’I Brunt who joined the committee from end of last year, 2025.

May God’s grace continues to bless women and girls of Women’s Fellowship to achieve their dreams and goals of their life journey.

Lesieli Tiulipe Pope
Smethurst Trust Fund Convenor

Suggested recommendations:

1. **That the report be received.**
2. **The Smethurst Trust Fund Committee 2026 – 2027: Lesieli Pope, Judith Herbert, Lynne Scott, ‘Amelia Hoglund, Tokanga Filiai, Fenua’I Brunt.**

Friendship Committee Report

Greetings President Judith Herbert, National Executive Committee, and members of the NZMWF National Council.

It is a pleasure to present the Friendship Committee's report for 2026. Our work continues to be guided by the theme, **"United in Faith. Called to Serve,"** which reminds us of our shared responsibility to serve one another and our wider church community with love, unity, and purpose.

The Friendship Committee meets annually on the last Saturday of November, with our most recent meeting held on 29 November 2025 at Wesley Methodist Church, Taranaki Street. This meeting marked a period of transition for the Committee, with a new Convenor and several new members joining the team. We farewelled outgoing members with sincere appreciation for their commitment and service and warmly welcomed our new members.

2025 Outgoing Members:

- Marie Smith – Friendship Scholarship Convenor
- Sera Cawanikawai – Wasewase District

2025/2026 Incoming Members:

- Silotomua Misikei – Wellington District
- Talatoka Ducivaki – Wasewase District

Convenor: Tinei Alefosio

Committee Members: Leu Pupulu, Carol McCord, Silotomua Misikei, Lobesia Bulicakau, Talatoka Ducivaki, Kafo'ou Taulata and Diploma Nausaimone

Friendship Scholarships

In 2025, the Committee received **22 applications** from Pacific Island female students in Years 12 and 13. Three applications were incomplete and two were received after the closing date, leaving **17 eligible applications** for consideration.

A total of $7,000 was distributed among 17 young women, with 8 Year 13 students and 9 Year 12 students receiving assistance towards their education and school-related costs for 2026.

A further **$723.00** from previous Friendship Scholarships was returned to the NZMWF BNZ 02 account by Mt Roskill Grammar, Upper Hutt College, Gisborne High School, and Manurewa High School.

Reading through the applications was a humbling experience. Many of the young women shared their goals and aspirations, as well as the financial challenges that can sometimes limit their ability to participate fully in school life, including camps, trips, and extra-curricular activities.

For many applicants, receiving a scholarship was not only about supporting their own education and opportunities, but also about helping to ease the financial pressure on their families, particularly where parents are supporting several children.

Following the assessment process, the Committee identified a few areas that could be clarified to make future applications easier for students and their families:

Applications and supporting documents: Applicants should ensure all sections are completed and all required documents are included before submitting their application.

Referees: Referees must not be family members or relatives. Where the Church Presbyter is a relative of the applicant, the Parish Steward may provide the reference.

College banking details: Parents and students should carefully check the student identification number required for college banking, as this may differ from the number shown on the student ID card. Providing the correct number will help avoid delays in scholarship payments.

The Friendship Committee is grateful for the opportunity to support and encourage young Pacific Island women in their education and future aspirations. The applications reminded us of the importance of this scholarship, and the difference even modest financial assistance can make to students and their families.

We remain committed to making the scholarship process clear, accessible, and supportive for future applicants. We sincerely thank the National Executive Committee, National Council, and everyone who continues to support the Friendship Scholarship.

Friendship Scholarship applications for 2027 opened in August 2026. The closing date is 20 November 2026. Please note that late applications will not be accepted.

For further information, please visit the **Methodist Church of New Zealand website**.

Many Blessings,



Tinei Alefosio
Friendship Committee Convenor

Recommendation

- This report be received

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NZMWF Constitution 2017 Review's Report

From the Task Group

The Constitution Task Group has met by Zoom several times. As we began our task, we received advice that it may be better to leave any alterations to the Constitution until the restructuring of the Methodist Church was settled.

However, we are finding that there are exciting new things happening in Methodist Women's Fellowship, like new groups forming or the possibility of reviving previous districts. Currently there are no guidelines to assist with how these things happen. So our first task has been to set up a process that can be followed in these kinds of situations.

After much discussion, it was decided that an application form would be a good place to start. It would show a prospective group what MWF stands for, its aims and objects, and expectations so they can see if that fits their group.

The Task Group has been diligent in considering the things that are necessary for such a form and have all contributed suggestions to make the form as useful as possible. Alongside the application, we have created a list of Guidelines for the National Executive and District Executives to be able to assist a new group with practical help, understanding the Constitution and the general operation of a group, when and how to pay fees, etc.

Thank you to all the members of the group for their commitment and wisdom and time spent pondering difficult issues. There are other problems we will consider next year, particularly the equity of representation at National meetings.

Judith Herbert
Convenor

Application to become affiliated to the New Zealand Methodist Women's Fellowship

Aims and Objects of New Zealand Methodist Women's Fellowship

(a) To unite members in prayer, study, fellowship and service, encouraging them to make a Christian witness in home, church and community.
(b) To support the work of Methodist and Uniting churches
(c) To encourage an informed interest in worldwide mission and evangelism.

Section A

What is the Name of group? Does the name include NZMWF?

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Is this a newly established group? Yes… No…… ….

- If you answered yes, when was it formed? ……..
- If you answered No, has there previously been an NZMWF group in your area? ……. What was the name of the previous group?……
- Did this group go into recess?……

What is the name of the church that supports your group?……

Please provide a letter from the Presbyter or Parish Council of that church indicating their support.

Section B.

What are the aims and objectives of your group?

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How do these aims align with the aims and objectives of the NZ Methodist Women's Fellowship and how do they honour, celebrate, and continue to build on that foundation?

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What is your group hoping to achieve?

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Section C: Members

What is your present membership?.....

What is the criteria for becoming a member of your group?

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What is your present financial membership**?.....**

Section D: **Officers**

What is your leadership structure? Do you have a President, Secretary, Treasurer or a team leadership?

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Please provide contact details for 2 people who are in leadership and identify their role.

Name.....
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Email..... Phone.....
Role.....

Postal Address.....
Code.....

Name.....
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Email....., Phone, ...
Role.....

Postal Address.....
Code.....

Section E: Finances

Indicate how your Fellowship is financed.
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In order to become an NZMWF member, a current subscription fee of $6 per member is payable to the NZMWF National Treasurer before 30 June annually.

An important part of NZMWF Mission and Outreach is fund-raising for two National Special Projects, one in New Zealand and the other overseas, selected by the NZMWF National

Executive. Are you willing to support these projects? ……..

Declaration

We hereby accept the Constitution and Guidelines of the New Zealand Methodist Women's Fellowship and commit to actively participate in promoting its aims and objects and fund-raising efforts.

Signed: 1…….
Name……

2……Name……
…….

Please submit this form to the National Secretary, with both postal and email contact details provided, by 30 June.

Date: ……

Guidelines for NZMWF

1. Affiliated fellowships may be recognised as part of NZMWF and pay the appropriate membership subscriptions.
2. Newly established or revived fellowships should receive guidance and mentoring, which would include:
3. Understanding the NZMWF Constitution and governance structure
4. Familiarisation with National Council and Convention processes
5. Membership responsibilities and subscriptions
6. Leadership development and organisational administration
7. Opportunities to attend national gatherings as observers
8. Assessment of readiness for formal recognition.
9. Written records should be kept of these interactions. Ideally, the National Executive could visit once and be in contact twice more during the first year.
10. At the end of the first year, voting rights for the next meeting will be considered.
11. Voting rights will continue to be exercised through an established or formally recognised district. Fellowships should be encouraged to join existing districts or work towards forming a recognised district.
12. Flexibility in leadership structures for emerging fellowships is supported subject to appropriate accountability and constitutional requirements.

Recommendations

3. That this report be received
4. That the Application Form be accepted as the first step for a new group wishing to be affiliated to the Methodist Women's Fellowship.
5. That the Guidelines be accepted as a useful tool to assist new groups.
6. That the Constitution Task Group be
   Judith Herbert, Siniva Isaia, Jokapeti Vuinakodu, Lynne Scott,
   Marie Smith, Mary West, Moe Petaia, Sera Toduadua, Siniva Vaitohi, Janita Liddington, Lesieli Pope, and Rebecca Muipu, Talatoka Ducivaki
7. That the Task Group continue looking into the current and future structure of the Methodist Women's Fellowship and report back to Convention 2027

GUEST SPEAKER PROFILES

Helen Kim Scholar Recipient: Silika Isaia



Silika Isaia is a passionate and dedicated young leader from St Paul's Otara Methodist Church, Auckland, representing Sinoti Samoa and the New Zealand Methodist Women's Fellowship. She has been selected as a recipient of the 2026 Helen Kim Memorial Scholarship, a leadership development programme that empowers young women to grow in faith, leadership and service. Silika has demonstrated a strong commitment to her church and community from an early age. She has served as a Sunday School teacher since the age of 18 and remains actively involved in youth ministry and the church choir. She currently holds the significant role of National Youth Liaison Officer for Sinoti Samoa, representing and advocating for approximately 300–400 young people across the Synod. Her responsibilities include organising youth camps, retreats, workshops and initiatives that encourage young people to develop their leadership potential. Alongside her church commitments, Silika works full-time as a Personal Banker with ANZ Bank. She has also actively participated in Methodist District Conferences and the NZMWF Convention, where she has been inspired by the faith, wisdom and dedication of women who have paved the way for future generations.

Through the Helen Kim Memorial Scholarship, Silika hopes to strengthen her leadership skills, deepen her understanding of women's ministry and become a stronger advocate for women, children and young people. She aspires to inspire the next generation of leaders while continuing the legacy of faithful women who have served before her.

Silika's journey reflects the importance of nurturing young women in leadership and creating opportunities for the next generation to contribute meaningfully to the life and mission of the Church. Her commitment to serving with humility, faith and purpose is an encouragement to the wider NZMWF family.

Te Hahi of Weteriana o Aotearoa / The Methodist Church of NZ President: Rev Alisa Lasi



Rev Alisa Lasi, is the President of the Methodist Church of Aotearoa, New Zealand. She is of Samoan Descent born & raised in Turanga nui a Kiwa, Gisborne. Her parents hail from the villages of Matavai, Lefagaoali'i, Faga and Fogapoa in Savai'i Samoa.

Rev Alisa's affiliation with NZMWF began in Gisborne with the Wesley Methodist Samoan Congregation, then in Paeroa, husband Tau's first parish. From there she moved to Avondale Union Parish as Presbyter and was part of the small but dedicated group of combined Presbyterian & Methodist Women's Fellowship.

Rev Alisa was blessed to be chaplain on Olive Tanielu' s NZMWF Executive from 2014 - 2016. Her past 7 years have been involved with the Hamilton East Methodist Women's fellowship, a wonderful group of women of mixed ethnicities who support and encourage each other, in life and faith.

Tau & Alisa are grandparents to 4 grands in Melbourne and 2 here in Hamilton, NZ with another arriving in November!

President Alisa now resides in Auckland with her husband Tau, who is presbyter with the Waitakere Henderson Samoan congregation and their two adult sons.

DISTRICT REPORTS

1. Tamaki Makaurau Auckland Central District's Report

District Name	**Auckland Central District**	
Report by: Your full Name	Mele Ngahe Kaufusi	
Your Position/ Role:	President	
Contact details Phone	**M: 021925640**	**Other:**
Email	mkaufusi315@gmail.com	

Please provide a brief summary under the following

District Memberships and Statistics

- **Who are your Executive members**
  President: Mele Ngahe Kaufusi
  Vice President: Kalisi Brumby
  Secretary: Cecilia Tohi
  Treasurer: Feunai Brunt
- Total number of members: 19

Actions from NZMWF Council Meeting 2024 Minutes

Highlights and Achievements for 2026

Tē nā kou tou, tē nā kou tou, tē nā kou tou katoa. Kia ora and greetings to you all sisters in Christ.

Auckland Central WF and its members are praising God for his love and wonderful mercy in their lives. We thank God for the presence of the Holy Spirit and His grace that empower us to glorify his name in the work of the Women Fellowship. *2 Corinthians 12: 9 My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.* Praise and glory to God! May His grace be with us always.

Auckland Central WF highlights, and achievements are:

- Auckland Central WF welcomed back their members for their first fellowship in the month of March 2026 with devotion and meeting. We thank God for his protection to our devoted members from district parishes of Wesley Roskill, Epsom, Mt Albert, Kingsland (Rotuman), Waterview and Pitt Street Parish.

- Auckland Central WF thanked Rev. Hosea Tupou, from the Waterview Parish for accepting our request to chair our AGM held on the 27th of September 2025. The Auckland Central WF has scheduled their AGM for this year 2026 to be held on the 26th of September 2026 at Epsom Methodist Church.

- On Sunday 21st June 2026 the Auckland Central WF had the honor of being invited by Wesley Roskill Parish to lead Sunday Service. The group were very blessed and humble to conduct and lead the whole service sharing responsibilities from prayers, scripture readings, children time and preaching by the President. Praise be to God!

- On Sunday 20th September 2026 the group were invited by the Waterview WF to join in their annual roll call. The members attended the service shared their testimonies of this special service, the warmth and presence of the Holy Spirit as they shared their bible verses and gave praise to God for His love and faithfulness in their lives including the members of the Auckland Central District.

- The best highlight of 2026 for the Auckland Central WF is the 15th World Assembly of World Federation held in August 2026. Auckland Central District were fortunate to have 4 of our members able to attend the assembly, although more members wanted to attend but couldn't afford the cost. We thank God for His guidance and His provision avail for our members to experience this special event of their life. It will become a history and a story for them to share with other members and with their families.

I am pleased to report that Auckland Central WF is up to date with their membership payment fees with a total of 19 members. Two members were able to represent the group in the last National Council of Women in October 2025 and 4 members were registered to attend 15th World Assembly 2026.

Upcoming

Auckland Central District members are looking forward for their Annual General Meeting on the 26th September 2026. The meeting is to be chaired by Rev. Alipate Uhila who is the Presbyter of the Owairaka Joint Methodist Parishes.

Goals/Objectives and work plans for 2025/2026

Auckland Central WF strongly advocates and upholds the National Methodist WF mission statement through our work *"United in Faith. Called to Serve. 1 Peter 4: 10 – 11 Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others as faithful stewards of God's grace".*

Our goals and plans for year 2025/2026 include:

- To continue and encourage our members' participation in our monthly meeting on every last Saturday of the month. On a rotating schedule among our parish members, in turns, one parish team will host and organize the venue and another team will lead the devotion.

- In addition to fellowship and devotions as a priority in our monthly meeting, this year the members agreed to add new ideas to make the time we spend together more worthwhile and interesting. The members all agreed on the idea of organizing guest speaker/s or special activities to share with the group. Other activities in this year's plan include crafting, sewing, cleaning up in churches and cooking sessions.

- For WF being more visible and outreach to Methodist women of Central Auckland district - with hope and encouragement the group visited Waterview Parish and Wesley Roskill Parish so far. However, there are more Parishes that the group is yet to visit.

Special Project/Activities

The Auckland Central WF continues their participation in supporting both the National Special Project and International Special Project for years 2025/2026.

Recommendations for Council 2026

Recommend passing this report. Thank you.

Signed by: ***Date:*** *31 August 2026*

President:
Name: *Mele Ngahe Kaufusi*

Secretary:
Name: *Cecilia Tohi*

World Federation 15th World Assembly 2026 - Auckland Central Representatives



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Sunday Service at Wesley Roskill Methodist Church (21st June 2026)







2. Wellington District's Report

District Name	Wellington	
Report by: Your full Name	Brenda Baker	
Your Position/ Role:	Secretary	
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Please provide a brief summary under the following

District Memberships and Statistics

- Who are your Executive members Marie Smith, Brenda Baker, Moe Petaia
- Total number of members 40 in 4 fellowship groups.

Highlights and Achievements for 2025/26 The highlight of our year was the gathering we held in February at Stokes Valley. Attendees came from as far away as the Kapiti Coast and Masterton. It was a good opportunity to establish contact with Stokes Valley women where we have not had much contact in the past.

Our four affiliated local fellowships continued as before with meetings held to listen to speakers or engage in fun activities. All contributed to the Special Project and all were involved in the World Day of Prayer.

Goals/Objectives and work plans for 2026/27 Our main objective is to increase our membership. At our AGM in July, we discussed the fact that there are many Methodist/Uniting women in the Wellington region who are not affiliated to NZMWF. In some cases, they do belong to unaffiliated groups within their local congregation. These are the women we will seek to bring into the Wellington District. To this end we plan to hold a gathering, hopefully in central Wellington, in November. We hope to hold another gathering in 2027.

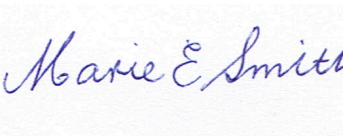
Special Project/Activities All groups contributed to Special Project.
$1524.50 being raised for the 2025/2026 project.

Mua Misikei and Carol McCord represent the District on the Friendship Scholarship committee.

Recommendations for National Council 2026

- That this report be received

Signed by: ***Date:***
__25/08/2026_____

President: 

_____

Name:
Marie Smith

Secretary: 

Name:
Brenda Baker

3. Vahefonua Tonga District's Report

District Name	TONGA DISTRICT OF THE NZMWF	
Report by: Your full Name	SINIVA VAITOHI	
Your Position/ Role:	SECRETARY	
Contact details Phone	**M: 0273796767**	**Other:**
Email	Svaitohi@xtra.co.nz	

Please provide a brief summary under the following

District Memberships and Statistics

- Who are your Executive members

  1. Vice President TD - Mrs Vaimoana Manukia
  2. Secretary - Mrs Siniva Vaitohi
  3. TD Executive member - Mrs Tokanga Filiai
  4. TD Executive member – Mrs Fekita Halaleva

- Total number of members

  4 representatives, (however 1081 total Tonga District members)

1. HIGHLIGHTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2025/26

Annual Report to National Council 2026 - Feohi'anga 'a Fafine Metotisi Tonga 'i Nu'usila (Scriptural Foundation: Psalm 91:1–2)

District Memberships and Statistics: Tonga District Executive Members (2026–2028)
The Tonga District proudly welcomes its newly elected Executive Committee for the 2026–2028 term, acknowledging their willingness to serve with faith, humility, wisdom and dedication.
and all former Executive members whose faithful service has laid a strong foundation for the new term.

Total Number of Members Financial members 1,081
Local Women's Fellowships 36;
9 VTOA Parishes; Of the 36 local Fellowships, 24 are within Vahefonua Tonga 'o Aotearoa (VTOA), with 12 Fellowship groups belonging to the Geographical Synods. Auckland–Manukau Parish remains the largest contributing parish, comprising 15 local Women's Fellowship

Position	Elected Executive Member
President	Mrs Lesieli Tiulipe Pope

District Name	TONGA DISTRICT OF THE NZMWF	
Report by: Your full Name	SINIVA VAITOHI	
Your Position/ Role:	SECRETARY	
Contact details Phone	**M: 0273796767**	**Other:**

Vice-President	Mrs Vaimoana Manukia
Secretary	Mrs Siniva Vaitohi
Treasurer	Mrs Amelia Hoglund

Additional TD Committee Members and Parish Representatives

Name	Representation
Rev Siutaisa	Committee Member
Rev Nunia Mone	Committee Member
Rev Popua Naidu	Committee Member
Mrs Luseane Fisi'iahi	Leader & Representative of the Auckland–Manukau Parish WF
Mrs Fekita Halaleva	Leader & Representative of the Lotofale'ia Māngere Parish WF
Mrs Seini Lea'aetoa	Leader & Representative of the Ōtara Tokaima'ananga Parish WF
Mrs Meleane Fa'amasa	Leader & Representative of the Papatoetoe Saione Parish WF
Mrs Finau Fungalei	Leader & Representative of the Pukekohe Parish WF

We acknowledge the outgoing leadership belonging to the Geographical Synods.
Auckland–Manukau Parish remains the largest contributing parish, comprising 15 local Women's Fellowships.
Our 1,081 financial members represent a strong and vibrant network of Methodist women throughout the North and South Islands of Aotearoa New Zealand.

Our strength is not simply in how many women belong to our Fellowship, but in how faithfully each woman serves.

HIGHLIGHTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2025/26

Successful Tonga District Convention and AGM

The Tonga District held its Convention and Annual General Meeting on 10–11 April 2026 at Dominion Tongan Methodist Church, Auckland. This significant gathering celebrated fellowship, thanksgiving, leadership transition, and the continuing mission of Methodist women.

Election of New District Leadership

District Name	TONGA DISTRICT OF THE NZMWF	
Report by: Your full Name	SINIVA VAITOHI	
Your Position/ Role:	SECRETARY	
Contact details Phone	**M: 0273796767**	**Other:**

The election of the 2026–2028 Executive Committee marked a new chapter of leadership, ensuring continuity, renewed commitment, and opportunities for future development.

Honouring the Late Mrs Silila Kilikiti

A particularly meaningful occasion was the retirement celebration of our beloved former President, Mrs Silila Kilikiti, recognising ten years of distinguished presidential leadership and more than three decades of faithful service.

Her passing in July 2026 brought profound sadness to our Fellowship. We honour her enduring legacy of faith, courageous leadership, humility, and unwavering dedication to strengthening the Tonga District.

Her service reminds us that great leadership is not measured by the position one holds, but by the lives one touches and the legacy one leaves.

Recognition of International Leadership

The Tonga District proudly celebrated the appointment of **Mrs Simulata Pope Hiko as World Secretary** of the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women (WFMUCW), a significant achievement for Methodist women in Aotearoa New Zealand.

WA 2026 – Empowering Women Through Fellowship and Participation

The Tonga District gratefully acknowledges the generous financial support received through the **Methodist Church Moemoea Fund**, which helped enable **37 women from our District to attend WA 2026**, held at the Due Drop Events Centre, Manukau. For the majority, this was their first experience attending WA — a wonderful opportunity for spiritual enrichment, fellowship, learning and inspiration. We sincerely thank the Methodist Church for this valuable investment in our women, opening doors to new experiences, strengthening their faith, and nurturing future leaders within our Fellowship.

Strengthening Fellowship and Spiritual Unity

District gatherings were held in April and July 2026 alongside the VTOA Synods, with members participating both in person and through Zoom.

Our spiritual ministries continued through Women's Crusades, Bible studies, Prayer Chains, and local Fellowship activities.

Celebrating Women's Fellowship Month

District Name	TONGA DISTRICT OF THE NZMWF	
Report by: Your full Name	SINIVA VAITOHI	
Your Position/ Role:	SECRETARY	
Contact details Phone	**M: 0273796767**	**Other:**

The annual September celebrations, including Tali Ui (Roll Call) and Women's Choir Festivals, continued to strengthen Christian fellowship, Tongan cultural identity, worship, and intergenerational participation.

2. Goals/Objectives and work plans for 2026/27

Guided by the ʻAkau ʻo e Moʻui (Tree of Life) programme, the Tonga District identifies the following priorities:

Goals/Objectives	Proposed Work Plans
1. Strengthen Christian faith and discipleship	Continue monthly Women's Crusades, weekly Bible studies (Ako Tohitapu), Prayer Chains (Lotu Seini) and World Day of Prayer activities.
2. Encourage younger women and future leadership	Promote youth and younger women's participation, intergenerational mentoring and leadership opportunities.
3. Strengthen unity across 36 Fellowships	Maintain District meetings, parish communication and inclusive participation through face-to-face and Zoom gatherings.
4. Support vulnerable women and families	Continue pastoral visits, practical assistance and compassionate outreach to elderly, isolated, sick and financially vulnerable members.
5. Promote environmental sustainability	Encourage sustainable gardening, vegetable planting, recycling and responsible stewardship of God's creation.
6. Strengthen cultural and spiritual heritage	Continue September Women's Fellowship celebrations, Tali Ui, choir festivals and opportunities for collective worship.
7. Support national and international mission	Maintain contributions to NZMWF Special Projects and active participation in National Council and wider Methodist women's ministries.

These priorities reflect our four guiding themes:

District Name	TONGA DISTRICT OF THE NZMWF	
Report by: Your full Name	SINIVA VAITOHI	
Your Position/ Role:	SECRETARY	
Contact details Phone	**M: 0273796767**	**Other:**

1. **United in Faith. Called to Serve**. 1 Peter 4:10-11
2. **Arise and Shine, for the Glory of God Is Upon You** – inspiring women to serve with faith, courage, and purpose. (Isaiah 60:1)
3. **To Know Christ and Make Him Known** – strengthening discipleship and Christian witness.
4. **A Sustainable Future: Caring for God's Creation** – encouraging responsible stewardship and climate action.

Our commitment is to nurture a Fellowship where women of every generation are encouraged to grow spiritually, serve faithfully, and lead with confidence and humility.

3. Recommendations for National Council 2026

The Tonga District respectfully recommends that National Council:

1. Receive and adopt the Tonga District Annual Report 2026, acknowledging the faithful service, spiritual ministries, community outreach and contributions of its 1,081 financial members across 36 local Women's Fellowships.

2. Receive and acknowledge the Tonga District's nomination of Mrs Tokanga Filiai as a candidate for NZMWF National President for the 2027–2029 term, subject to the prescribed election procedures.

3. Formally acknowledge and honour the late Mrs Silila Kilikiti for her ten years of distinguished leadership as Tonga District President and more than three decades of devoted service to the Methodist Women's Fellowship, through an appropriate tribute at National Council or National Convention.

District Name	TONGA DISTRICT OF THE NZMWF	
Report by: Your full Name	SINIVA VAITOHI	
Your Position/ Role:	SECRETARY	
Contact details Phone	**M: 0273796767**	**Other:**

4. Special Project/Activities

a) NZMWF Special Projects 2026–2027
The Tonga District supported both NZMWF Special Projects for 2026–2027. Funds raised through local Fellowships have been forwarded to the NZMWF National Executive.
Financial details are provided separately in the Tonga District Treasurer's Report.

b) Community Outreach and Compassionate Ministries
Local Fellowships continue their Christian witness through visits to the sick, elderly and isolated; practical support for financially vulnerable families; and reconnecting with women who have been absent from Fellowship life.

c) Environmental Sustainability and Creation Care
The District continues to support the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, particularly SDG 1 (No Poverty) and SDG 13 (Climate Action), through local gardening, vegetable planting, arts and crafts, and reduce–reuse–recycle initiatives.

d) September Women's Fellowship Celebrations
Annual Tali Ui and Women's Choir Festivals remain treasured opportunities to celebrate faith, cultural identity, fellowship and the contribution of Methodist women.

e) Leadership and National Representation
The Tonga District's appointed representatives to NZMWF National Council 2026 are:

REPRESENTATIVE	POSITION
Mrs Vaimoana Manukia	District Vice-President
Mrs Siniva Vaitohi	District Secretary
Mrs Fekita Halaleva	District Executive Member
Mrs Tokanga Filiai	Auckland–Manukau Executive Member

The Tonga District has also formally nominated Mrs Tokanga Filiai as its candidate for NZMWF National President for the 2027–2029 term.

Other matters

Closing Acknowledgement

District Name	TONGA DISTRICT OF THE NZMWF	
Report by: Your full Name	SINIVA VAITOHI	
Your Position/ Role:	SECRETARY	
Contact details Phone	**M: 0273796767**	**Other:**

On behalf of our newly elected President, Mrs Lesieli Tiulipe Pope, and the Tonga District Executive Committee, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to Madam President Mrs Judith Herbert and the NZMWF National Executive for their dedicated leadership, encouragement and faithful service.

We remain committed to walking together in faith, nurturing future generations of Methodist women, caring for God's creation, and serving our churches and communities with humility and love.

May our Fellowship continue to be strengthened not only by the number of women we represent, but by the depth of our faith, the generosity of our service, and the unity of our Christian witness.

"Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labour in vain." — Psalm 127:1

FINANCIAL REPORT TONGA DISTRICT for NZMWF Council Meeting
Tonga District Annual Subs & Special Prjoects contribution 30 June 2026

	Members	Amount
1 Gisborne Parish	10	$ 200.00
2 Pukekohe Parush	25	$ 500.00
3 St Johns Avalon	9	$ 180.00
4 Wesley Wellington Parish	32	$ 650.00
5 Saione Parish	25	$ 500.00
6 Blenheim Parish	9	$ 180.00
7 Christchurch Parish	15	$ 300.00
8 Tokaima'ananga Parish	35	$ 700.00
9 Lotofale'ia Parish	100	$ 2,000.00

10 Auckland Manukau Parish	821	$ 16,420.00
TOTAL	**1081**	**$ 21,630.00**

Tonga District 1081 x 4.00 $ 4,324.00
NZMWF Subs & Special Projects **$ 17,306.00**

World Day of Prayer 6th March 2026

Lotofale'ia Parish		$ 800.00
Pukekohe Parish		$ 200.00
Auckland Manukau Parish		$ 4,395.00
Dominion & Panmure WF	$ 560.00	
New Lynn WF	$ 410.00	
Glen Innes WF	$ 160.00	
Onehunga WF	$ 500.00	
Epsom WF	$ 1,000.00	
Manurewa WF	$ 420.00	
Ellerslie WF	$ 500.00	
Northcote WF	$ 235.00	
Henderson WF	$ 210.00	
Otahuhu WF	$ 400.00	
TOTAL		**$ 5,395.00**

Distribution of 2025 Offerings

Christian World Service

1 Tongan Community Devp Fund and its work with Amatakiloa women's groups in Tongan Village Communities	$ 17,000.00
2 **Bible Society of the South Pacific**	$ 17,000.00
3 **Hospital Chaplaincy Aotearoa**	$ 6,000.00
4 **Church Women United Aotearoa NZ**	$ 1,000.00
6 **WDP International Committee**	$ 3,000.00
7 **WDPANZ Travel Fund**	$ 500.00

World Assembly 25th - 29th August 2026

Registered 28 members

Amelia Hoglund Tonga District Treasurer

4. North Canterbury District's Report

District Name	North Canterbury District Women's Fellowship	
Report by: Your full Name	Jennifer Delaney	
Your Position/ Role:	President	
Contact details Phone	**M:**	**Other: 03 3859828**
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Please provide a brief summary under the following

District Memberships and Statistics

- **Who are your Executive members**
  Jennifer Delaney, Patricia Chapman, Lynne Scott, Glenda West, Joan Adamson
- **Total number of members** 27

Highlights and Achievements for 2025/26

During the past year we have held executive meetings when necessary. Our AGM was held on the 10th August, invitations were sent to other church women's groups. Rev Norman West chaired the meeting. Our guest speaker was Jill Hawkey, the Executive Director of the Christchurch Methodist Mission. Jill spoke about the need for more affordable housing in Christchurch, and showed a video of people who spoke about their housing needs. A shared lunch was held at the end of the morning.

A proposal to close the District Executive was presented. This action was taken as there are now only two members on the Executive who attend a Fellowship. A discussion will now be held with the two remaining North Canterbury Fellowships as to the way forward.

Goals/Objectives and work plans for 2026/27 This coming year the Executive will support the two Fellowship groups where needed. Are there any guide lines for these groups to stay under the NZMWF umbrella, could you please send me the information.. Does National have an individual membership structure?
Special Project/Activities
Recommendations for National Council 2026 - That this report be received
Other matters
Jennifer Delaney President
Lynne Scott Secretary

5. Wasewase District's Report

District Name	Wasewase Methodist Women's Fellowship	
Report by: Your full Name	Timaleti Nairoti	
Your Position/ Role:	Secretary	
Contact details Phone	**M:022 321 9588**	**Other:**
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Please provide a brief summary under the following

District Memberships and Statistics

- Who are your Executive members

1. District President – Talatoka Ducivaki
2. Vice President – Charlotte Bainimoli
3. Treasurer – Lusiana Waqalevu
4. Assistant Treasurer – Luisa Gonedina
5. Assistant Secretary – Losalini Koroi
6. Secretary – Timaleti Nairoti

- Total number of members - Total 340, Financial Members 141

Highlights and Achievements for 2025/26 –

A total of six Fijian Congregations spread the entire North Island & South Island, to make the Wasewase District Women's Fellowship... Each has their own Plans and Duties carried out within their Congregation. We have our yearly AGM at the Weekend of Kings Birthday, and each Congregation takes turns in Hosting.

It is the second AGM that the current Executive Team have had, and there has been a big increase in Young Mothers from across the Island that have joined this year as well.

During the AGM, we also had the Lady Presbyter, Talatala Takalesi Uluinavanua over from Fiji, to continue to work within our Young Mothers, in trying to re-connect them strongly with the Lord and to the Mother's Group in general.

Goals/Objectives and work plans for 2026/27 – "To Uplift and Nurture the Young Mothers of the Wasewase"'

Pass the Batton – That is one thing that was spoken of a few times at this AGM. Elders need to know and be ready to delegate and involve the young mothers in some of the positions or tasks, whether in leadership or committee members, and as matured Women of Christ we need to learn to step aside and make way for our young mothers. Also be prepared to help and guide our young leaders of tomorrow through the task at hand.
Visitation of the Executive Teams to two Congregations with the hope and faith to encourage and strengthen the bond within the elders and the young mothers and encourage the young Mothers to join the Women's Group.

Special Project/Activities
Continue to try and help the Women in the Wasewase to find their talents, gifts or skills that they may choose to pursue as extra financial stability in their lives and doing something that they would love. Also at the AGM, we have a chance for these talented Ladies to showcase their material. And it might work for the Ladies who are at home, looking after the little ones.

Recommendations for National Council 2026

- That this report be received

Other matters

1. Photos from our AGM 2026, which was held at Willow Park Christian Camp, East Auckland and Hosted by the Tabacakacaka Viti Okaladi Methodist Church at Meadowlands
2. Our AGM 2027 – we look forward to travel to Wanganui – Tabacakacaka Peceli

We were given Choices to act out and Showcase a Significant Woman in the Bible – Tabacakacaka Peceli, chose Sarah – The Mother of all Nations
Some of our Young Mothers with Lady Presbyter, Talatala Takalesi Uluinavanua
More of Our Young Mothers
Some of the Wasewase ladies, with the Talatala (Presbyters)

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Some of our Young Mothers with Lady Presbyter, Talatala Takalesi Uluinavanua



More of Our Young Mothers



Some of the Wasewase ladies, with the Talatala (Presbyters)







Signed by: ***Date:***

31/08/2026_____

President: _____ Secretary:

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Name:Talatoka Ducivaki *Name:Timaleti Nairoti*

6. Waikato/Thames Valley District's Report

District Name	Waikato/Thames Valley District	
Report by: Your full Name	Dacia White	
Your Position/ Role:	District Secretary	
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Please provide a brief summary under the following

District Memberships and Statistics

Who are your Executive members

- Dacia White – Secretary/Treasurer
- Catherine Dickie – Chaplain and Greetings
- Doreen Lennox – Mission
- Margaret Birtles – support person

Total number of members

- Total number of members - 62

Actions from NZMWF Council Meeting 2024 Minutes

Highlights and Achievements for 2025/2026

2025 AGM

The AGM was held at Atawhai Assisi House, a property now owned by Tamahere Eventide Home. Manager David George spoke on the history of Assisi House, and Rev. Tau Lasi led Communion.

November Meeting – Te Awamutu

Three ladies spoke about their impressions of the recent MWF Convention, and Judith described the impressive induction service of the National Executive. Margaret Birtles chaired the meeting and divided everyone into groups to discuss how young people like to gather today, with a view to developing new ideas for Fellowship.

The groups shared ideas about what they already do and what they could consider for the future:

- People are seeking spiritual fulfillment, not necessarily in the form that we understand it, but the church could be a place of discovery and searching.
- Encourage younger people to take on leadership roles.
- Notice new people and personally invite them to attend.
- Some groups were inviting men to join their fellowship.

February Rally – Te Aroha

A highlight of the rally was the celebration of the King's Service Medal citation awarded to Myra Caldwell, along with congratulations on her 70 years of membership in MWF. Myra has also served as an organist since 1943 and has given long-standing service to many sporting and community organisations.

Goals/Objectives and work plans for 2025/26

Although our numbers are growing smaller, we still want to keep meeting as a district to share news of members and the activities of our groups. We still plan to support Judith Herbert and the National Executive as much as possible.

We also want to keep thinking about new ways of being Fellowship, and ways to encourage younger women to become involved. We have considered starting evening groups so that working women can attend. We also had the idea of holding a meeting on a Saturday when we could do something quite different that would be of interest to women who are not involved in church.

An urgent matter to address is leadership. Without a permanent President, it has become much more difficult to arrange meetings and carry on the business of the MWF District. We are very grateful for the loyal support of our members and their willingness to hold meetings in their own areas. We love to keep in touch with them and hear about the activities of their groups.

As the rabbi said, "The Messiah is among us," and we look to Him for answers.

Special Project/Activities

Special Project Day

Malcolm Sproull outlined the CWS Project, which is in partnership with the Tongan Community Development Trust. The project focuses on women's empowerment, disaster risk reduction, livelihood and income diversification, financial solutions, and mental health.

Dacia provided information about the Starship Foundation, showed a video, and distributed a sheet of key messages highlighting the Foundation's work.

Another highlight of our meetings was the devotions led by Chaplain Catherine Dickie. One favourite was the story of an elderly monastery that was about to close. The abbot sought advice from a rabbi, who told him, "The Messiah is among you." From that moment, the monks began treating one another—and themselves—with extraordinary respect. Visitors sensed the renewed spirit within the monastery and began to come in increasing numbers, until there was no longer any need to close it.

Recommendations for National Council 2026

- That this report be received

Other matters

Signed by: ***Date:*** *7 August 2026*

President: _____ Secretary: DM White
Name: *Name: Dacia White*

7. Mafutaga Tama'ita'i Sinoti Samoa Ekalesia Metotisi Niu Sila District's Report

Faatalofa atu, Lau Afioga ile Peresiteine Judith Herbert ma le Komiti Fa'afoe o le NZMWF, Malo le soifua, Malo le lagi matafi. Greetings in the Name of our Saviour Jesus Christ. MTSSEMNS is made up of 6 districts, within those districts we have 14 local fellowships. Our membership for 2026 - 2027 is 303. On highlight this year for MTSSEMNS is our Musted Seed Gisborne. For many years this fellowship has been one or two. This year alone, they have grown to 14 members. Musted Seed is under the guidance of Rev Sioa and Ruanna Letalu.

Each district holds their own events, fellowship and annual programmes to suit their surroundings and their schedules. Some of these programmes include, World Day of Prayer, Mother's Day, Master Chef competition, World Federation Study Day, Camp/retreats, exchange programmes with other districts, How to Lalaga (weave), How to grow own produce, how to make a bow for gifts, sustainability and Bible Study, collection for local foodbanks to name a few.

Climate Action is a huge focus for MTSSEMNS. Being sustainable at home and within churches. As we see many Climate issues and its huge impact in New Zealand especially in the Pacific Islands.

MTSSEMNS held its Leaders meeting at Naumi Hotel Auckland Airport, Auckland. Leaders (3) of each local fellowship and a young woman (under 30 years old) attended to explore ways to grow our district. We had 24 young women attend. We were blessed to have many leaders attend to share their journey within NZMWF and World Federation. Mataiva Robertson, Autagavaia Salevao, Lautaliepaia Aumua, Olive Amani, Leu Pupulu as guest speakers. It was a weekend of fellowship and fun.

Our district is so blessed. We have Silika Isaia, one of Helen Kim Memorial Scholars, Autagavaia Tuituivao South Pacific Area vice President, Fuatino Sagote who will be attending The World Day of Prayer training in Thailand. We wish them well in their roles and travels...

Soifua ma ia manuia

Siniva Isaia

Recommendations for National Council 2026

- That this report be received

8. Waitemata District's Report

District Name	Waitemata	
Report by: Your full Name	Annette Sharp	
Your Position/ Role:	President/Treasurer	
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Please provide a brief summary under the following

District Memberships and Statistics

- Who are your Executive members Valerie Shepherd, Peggy Nicholls
- Total number of members 22

Actions from NZMWF Council Meeting 2025 Minutes

Returning from the 2025 Convention, Valerie and I were able to continue the enthusiasm we gained from the gathering, hearing and experiencing what other groups and individuals were doing.

We now only have two groups but we try to keep them up to date with the work of the wider organisation. There are two ladies from congregations that does not have Fellowship groups now but they are included in any emails sent out. They get their congregations to support the Special Projects

Highlights and Achievements for 2026

As both groups consist of older members and they have had members pass away, some of the activities are focused on remembering the past, our associate member is involved with a group who meets once a week for fellowship and conversation.

Meeting with the Dargaville group when Judith and some of her team were there was certainly a highlight.

Goals/Objectives and work plans for 2026/27

Although there has not been a formal District meeting, contact is made through emails and invitations to group meetings and the goal is to keep the contacts going.

Special Project/Activities

The Warkworth group held an Op Shop Fashion parade in May and Dargaville and Whangaparaoa groups were invited as well as other local church and community groups. It was very well received with a successful stall and the sale of some of the clothes, made a good contribution for the Special Projects.

The World Day of Prayer was well supported, this was hosted by the Roman Catholic ladies this year.

The fellowship continues with Christmas baskets for the elderly, purchasing Bibles for Baptisms, catering for funerals and making donations to Leprosy Mission, World Vision, and helping young people in the parish as they start University.

After the Easter service one group held, they then reminisced about attending Easter Camps. There are plenty of people in the congregation that can be asked to be a speaker.

Recommendations for Convention 2026

- That this report be received

Other matters

I would like to acknowledge the passing of Hazel Williams who was our District Secretary of recent times. She also served on the National Executive in 1970-1972

Signed by: ***Date: __19th August 2026_____***

President: Annette _____ Secretary: _____

Name: Annette Sharp *Name Valerie Shepherd*
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PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES PROFILES

1. Tokanga Filiai, from the Vahefonua Tonga District

Nominee Details:

Title	**Mrs** Ms | Miss | Rev | Dr | Prof (please circle)		
Surname	**FILIAI**		
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Profile of Nominee (Use an additional sheet if required). 100 words each question.

What qualities do you believe are essential for an effective Women's Fellowship President and what skills do you believe you would bring to this role?

I believe an effective Women's Fellowship President is a servant leader who leads with faith, integrity, humility, wisdom, and compassion. If elected, I will strive to inspire unity, encourage spiritual growth, listen with empathy, and work collaboratively across our diverse Fellowship. I bring over 15 years of ministry experience, proven leadership, and a strong background in accounting, governance, and financial stewardship. I am passionate about empowering women, mentoring emerging leaders, and serving with dedication. If entrusted with this role, I will lead prayerfully, communicate openly, and

work alongside our members to strengthen our Fellowship and glorify God through faithful service.

Please tell us about any leadership roles you have previously held within NZMWF (or other organisations) and share what motivates you to lead and serve others.

I served as NZ Methodist Women's Fellowship Treasurer from 2023–2025, where I gained experience in financial stewardship, governance, and national leadership. Since 2015, as the wife of a Methodist presbyter within Vahefonua Tonga, I have served as the Women's Leader in each church where we have been stationed, supporting women's ministry and spiritual growth. Since 2023, I have also been Chairperson of Tauheloto Trust. I am motivated by a desire to serve God through serving others, empowering women, mentoring future leaders, and leading with humility, integrity, compassion, and a collaborative spirit.

What role do you believe the Women's Fellowship should play in the life of the church and community and how would you try to encourage this among our groups?

I believe the Women's fellowship has a vital role in strengthening the mission of church by nurturing women in faith, discipleship, and servant leadership. Our Fellowship should continue to build strong relationships across cultures, support local fellowships, and encourage outreach that responds to the needs of our communities with Christ's love. I would encourage this by district visits, listening to our members, sharing ideas and resources, promoting leadership development, and creating opportunities for women of all ages to participate. Together, we can build a united, prayerful, and mission-focused Fellowship that faithfully serves God and our communities.

What challenges do you think NZMWF faces at this point in time and how would you work with your Executive team to try and address these things?

I believe the NZ Methodist Women's Fellowship faces several challenges, including engaging younger women, developing future leaders, adapting to changing communities, and strengthening connections across our culturally diverse Fellowship. Financial sustainability and supporting local fellowships are also important priorities. I would work closely with the Executive team through prayer, open communication, and shared decision-making to develop practical and sustainable solutions. Together, we can encourage leadership development, strengthen relationships between fellowships, embrace innovation while honouring our Methodist values, and equip women to serve confidently in God's mission throughout New Zealand.

How do you balance family, work, church and leadership responsibilities?

Balancing family, work, church, and leadership responsibilities requires prayer, good planning, and clear priorities.

I seek God's guidance in managing my time and ensuring my family remains a strong foundation while fulfilling my work and ministry commitments. I value teamwork and believe leadership is most effective when responsibilities are shared and others are empowered to use their gifts. I also understand the importance of setting healthy boundaries and making time for rest and renewal. With God's help, I strive to serve

faithfully, remain organised, and give my best in every role entrusted to me with humility, commitment, and joy.

Please tell us briefly about yourself for example favourite bible verse, hobbies and interests, favourite way to spend your time.

My favourite Bible verse is Proverbs 3:5–6: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight." This verse reminds me to place my trust in God in every season of life. In my free time, I enjoy spending quality time with my family, serving in church ministry, reading, and supporting community initiatives. I also enjoy encouraging and mentoring others, especially women and young people, and finding opportunities to serve God through practical acts of love and care.

2. Talatoka Ducivaki, from the Wasewase District

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Profile of Nominee (Use an additional sheet if required). 100 words each question.

What qualities do you believe are essential for an effective Women's Fellowship President and what skills do you believe you would bring to this role?

Qualities I believe are essential a r e as follows:

- God fearing woman who will seek God for any decision making
- Good listener and understanding
- Good communication skills where your goals, vision and mission are transparent.

• Integrity where honesty is paramount
• Walk the talk
• Ready for challenges

As a committed and loving mother, wife, colleague, Leader, I always give my all to Uplift and Encourage Women in the Wasewase Synod, for their strengths, talents and most of all knowing Christ, so that they will have the wisdom to make decisions for their families and future and to rise and stand up, to continue the work of Our Lord, I am hoping to bring the same God Driven energy to the NZMWF in whole.

Please tell us about any leadership roles you have previously held within NZMWF (or other organisations) and share what motivates you to lead and serve others.

1. Member of the PAC Funding Distribution Team

- I am part of the group that makes decisions to fund all types of applications that we receive yearly. It's challenging when it comes to money. Your decision and rationale during the meeting makes a difference as that will be the outcome of a particular application. If the application is not fully completed but the content and project is useful for a particular congregation, this is where your integrity comes in.

2. President - Wasewase Synod Women's Fellowship

• Currently holding the position of the President within the Wasewase and it's so challenging. Past years, hardly see young women and young mothers join the Women Fellowship. It's noted that these young women and mothers had thoughts that did not seem to be considered or add value to our Women's Fellowship as we see them as young and vulnerable. As a President with 5 beautiful daughters, I had to make that changes in order, for my own daughters to feel that their
thoughts and voices are heard in our Wasewase Women's Fellowship. Challenges were evident but without God's guidance, this vision would not have been possible. To be given an opportunity to nurture these young women was a blessing that was awaiting to take the baton. Changes within the Women's Fellowship are evident to this day. Young women are now part of the Leadership team within the Wasewase.

3. Local Area Committee (LAC) - 2026 World Assembly

• As part of this working group, it has enabled me to work alongside other members from Tonga and Samoa congregations who were able to share their knowledge and skills to equip us for the World Assembly. Though this team consists of young women, the knowledge and skills that we share during our meeting is of another level. The knowledge that we share to uplift each other in order
to get through this event.

What role do you believe the Women's Fellowship should play in the life of the church and community and how would you try to encourage this among our groups?

I believe that the Women's Fellowship should play the part as a backbone for the church and community and assist in any way whether it's for a small or big congregation. Display a positive role model and encouragement among members if you see there is potential and opportunity that should not be missed. In saying that, encourage young women to take up the opportunity of Leadership if they are asked. Do not let that opportunity walk away from you. As I am advocating for Young Mothers and Women within the

Wasewase, I would like to see more of them step up in their role, not only as group members, but personal and spiritual growth. Also hoping for women to be heard, whether in a small group or large group, in Congregation or Synod, Methodist Circuit, especially coming from a male dominant place.

What challenges do you think NZMWF faces at this point in time and how would you work with your Executive team to try and address these things?

The challenges that we face is transparency, still have differences within the NZMW but this will take time to come to par. But I can say, "Differences we bring, we wil be able to come to an agreement" through God's will alone. As we approach one model within the NZMF, I can see that this will work through by having a "Talanoa" session with all parties. We understand that we have different ways of doing.

How do you balance family, work, church and leadership responsibilities?

This role is nothing new to me as I have been leading in most places that I involved myself in. I was brought up by a true and faithful leaders and that has instilled in me till today. I am good in time management and able to work around things in order to balance life as a whole.

Please tell us briefly about yourself for example, your favourite bible verse, hobbies and interests, favourite way to spend your time.

I am a 52-year-old wife, a mother to five daughters and grandmother to ten grandchildren. I come from the Island of Lau, Fiji Islands, from a family of two brothers and four sisters, and married to Rev Joeli Ducivaki at Wellington Methodist Parish.

I grew up in a Methodist Family where my father was a lay preacher. Gave my life to Jesus Christ at the age of fourteen and started to join the Choir while still in Sunday school. I was appointed as a secretary in the Youth Fellowship and part of the committee who conducted Youth Camp in Fiji. I was baptised spiritually in March 1993. In 2010, started to share the Word of God in Daily Devotions, and became a Lay-Preacher in Practice in 2020. My favourite bible verse is Isaiah 40:31 which says, "But those who wait on the Lord will renew their strength; they will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint". Love this verse as I can see myself in it. Inspiration verse that keeps me going through the valley of darkness. With all the prayers He alone made it possible as I waited on Him. Today, I recite with 1 John 4:15 which says, "Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God". This verse highlights the deep connection between faith in Jesus and living in union with God. During my free time, I love to do house chores and spend more time with families.

3. Leū Pupulu, from the Mafutaga Sinoti Samoa District

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Profile of Nominee (Use an additional sheet if required). 100 words each question.

What qualities do you believe are essential for an effective Women's Fellowship President and what skills do you believe you would bring to this role?

An effective Women's Fellowship President should demonstrate strong faith, servant leadership, integrity, compassion, vision, and the ability to unite and inspire women from diverse backgrounds. The role requires excellent communication, sound decision-making, good stewardship, and a commitment to empowering others to grow in their faith and service.

I believe I bring a combination of leadership, management, financial, and relationship-building skills to this role. As a qualified accountant, I have extensive experience in budgeting, financial planning, accountability, and governance. Through my involvement in church and community organisations, I have developed strong communication skills, organisational abilities, and a passion for serving others. My multicultural background, having been born and raised in Samoa and educated in New Zealand, enables me to relate to women from different cultures and walks of life. I am committed to fostering inclusion, encouraging participation, and ensuring that every woman feels valued and heard.

Please tell us about any leadership roles you have previously held within NZMWF (or other organisations) and share what motivates you to lead and serve others.

I have had the privilege of serving in several leadership roles within NZMWF and related organisations. I served as NZMWF National Treasurer from 2009 to 2011, where I was responsible for financial management, budgeting, reporting, and stewardship of Fellowship resources. From 2011 to 2013, I served as NZMWF Liaison Link, strengthening communication and collaboration between districts and international partners.

I was also honoured to serve as World Treasurer for the World Federation of Methodist and Uniting Church Women (WFMUCW) for eleven years - from 2011 to 2022. This role provided extensive experience in international leadership, governance, strategic planning, and financial oversight.

Currently, I serve on the Mafutaga Tamaitai Sinoti Samoa District Executive Committee and as Chairperson of the Wellington Women Samoa Region. Over the years, I have chaired several regional women's groups and have worked alongside church, community, and non-profit organisations.

What motivates me to lead is my faith in God and my desire to serve others. Leadership, for me, is about helping people discover their gifts, supporting them to grow, and creating opportunities for meaningful participation. I believe leadership is a calling to serve with humility, compassion, and commitment.

What role do you believe the Women's Fellowship should play in the life of the church and community and how would you try to encourage this among our groups?

The Women's Fellowship plays a vital role in strengthening the spiritual life of the church, nurturing fellowship, supporting mission, and serving the wider community. It provides opportunities for women to grow in faith, develop leadership skills, care for one another, and respond to the needs of society through practical service and advocacy.

I believe the Fellowship should continue to be a visible and active voice within the church, promoting justice, compassion, inclusion, and Christian witness. It should also be a place where women of all ages and cultures feel welcomed and empowered to participate.

To encourage this among our groups, I would promote greater collaboration between districts, encourage intergenerational participation, support leadership development, and create opportunities for sharing successful ministry initiatives. I would also encourage groups to engage with their local communities, identify areas of need, and develop outreach activities that reflect Christ's love in action.

What challenges do you think NZMWF faces at this point in time and how would you work with your Executive team to try and address these things?

NZMWF faces several challenges, including declining membership in some areas, the need to engage younger generations, cultural and demographic changes within the church, financial sustainability, and ensuring effective communication across districts.

To address these challenges, I would work collaboratively with the Executive team to develop clear goals and strategies that strengthen engagement, participation, and visibility. We would seek ways to connect with younger women through mentoring, leadership opportunities, and programmes that are relevant to their lives and interests.

I would also encourage stronger communication channels between the National Executive, districts, and local fellowships, ensuring that information, resources, and opportunities are shared effectively. Financial stewardship would remain a priority, ensuring that resources are managed responsibly and aligned with the mission and objectives of NZMWF.

Most importantly, I believe these challenges can be addressed through prayer, teamwork, open communication, and a willingness to embrace innovation while remaining grounded in our Methodist values and traditions.

How do you balance family, work, church and leadership responsibilities?

Balancing family, work, church, and leadership responsibilities requires prayer, planning, discipline, and a clear sense of priorities. Throughout my professional career and church service, I have learned the importance of effective time management, setting realistic goals, and maintaining healthy boundaries.

I prioritise tasks, plan ahead, and ensure that responsibilities are delegated appropriately when needed. I recognise that leadership is a shared responsibility, and I value teamwork and collaboration. My experience in leadership roles has taught me the importance of trusting others, empowering people to use their gifts, and working together to achieve common goals.

My faith remains the foundation of my life and helps guide my decisions and priorities. By maintaining a strong support network of family, church, and colleagues, I am able to remain committed to serving effectively while also caring for my personal wellbeing and relationships.

Please tell us briefly about yourself for example, your favourite bible verse, hobbies and interests, favourite way to spend your time.

My go to bible scripture is Psalm 145:1 (MSG) – "I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever."

I enjoy spending time with my grandchildren, watching C or K dramas especially with my granddaughters, video or phone calls catching up with family and friends. I most of all enjoy meditating to clear my mind.

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