

Te Aka Puaho Presbyterian Maori Synod

MIHI: E te Motoreta, nga iwi o te Haahi Perehiritiriana o Aotearoa, tena koe, tena koutou katoa.

To the Moderator, greetings to you and to the members of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand, greetings to you all.

POROPOROAKI: E nga mate o o tatou pariha me nga iwi o Aotearoa, haere atu ki to taou Matua ite rangi, ki te kainga tuturu mo te tangata. Haere, haere, haere atu ra. *Since the last Assembly, we have been faced with many changes that required so much time and energy and often sensitive attention.*

SECRETARY/CLERK OF TE AKA PUAHO: The year 2005 began with the installation of Mrs Awatea Dawn Tupe to the position of Secretary/Clerk of Te Aka Puaho.

CELEBRATIONS: The year 2005 began with the celebrations to mark the 50th year when General Assembly granted Te Aka Puaho Synodal status. This was a very memorable occasion.

In April, a small group attended the special dinner held at Turakina College to mark the 100th year since the opening in the year 1905. This was followed later in October with a celebration weekend at which many church leaders were present.

Later in the year events were held to celebrate the tremendous work of our retired ministers and again many joined the reunion celebrations with the descendants of the Very Rev J.G. Laughton.

INDUCTIONS: The Rev Hariata Haumate was inducted to the Wellington Maori Pastorate and the parish has grown and developed under her wise and able leadership.

The Rev Rehia Rangitaurira was inducted to the Auckland Maori Pastorate and she is enjoying her ministry in her parish and with people of other parishes.

PARTNERSHIP MEETINGS: A meeting with members of the Church was held at which time, financial matters were discussed at length. A greater understanding and appreciation of each other has grown and developed. More meetings followed and it is mutually agreed that these will continue at regular intervals in the future.

Meetings with the Pacific Islanders Synod will continue and at this time, Te Aka Puaho has arranged a meeting with members of the Asian Congregations. We are giving more energy to forging stronger relationships with all groups in the Church.

Our ecumenical relationships continue with Te Runanga Whakawhanaunga I Nga Haahi o Aotearoa.

MINISTRY TRAINING: This has taken on a whole new dimension with trainees thoroughly enjoying their training sessions and fellowship with each other. Te Ahorangi o Te Wananga a Rangi and School of Ministry teachers are involved in the training of our future leaders.

Mrs Millie Te Kaawa
Moderator

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