

## Te Aka Puaho

### Recommendations

1. That General Assembly approve a grant of \$300,000 from the Resource Sub-committee towards the modernisation of Ohope Marae.
2. That the Association of Presbyterian Women be acknowledged and thanked by General Assembly for their continued support of Turakina Maori Girls' College.

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### Introduction

**He honore he kororia ki te Atua  
Maungarongo ki te whenua  
Whakaaro pai ki nga tangata katoa**

**Honour and glory be to God  
Peace on earth  
Goodwill to all people**

As is traditional we would like to acknowledge all those from Te Aka Puaho and indeed from the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand who have passed away since 2008 including Sir Norman Perry, the Very Rev Michael Thawley and the Very Rev Neil Churcher, good friends of Te Aka Puaho.

*Haere atu katoa e rau rangatira ma ki to tatou Matua nui i te rangi.  
Māna e tiaki e Manaaki o koutou wairua mo ake tonu atu.*

It has been two years since our last report to General Assembly and Te Aka Puaho has a number of exciting developments that it would like to share with General Assembly.

### Report

#### 1 Leadership

Since 2005 Te Aka Puaho has concentrated its resources in growing new leaders. Our research in 2005 showed the following data:

2005:            11 Parishes                            6 Amorangi ministers

Five years on the landscape has changed significantly:

2010:            14 Parishes                            23 Amorangi ministers

There are four new Amorangi ministers to be licensed, ordained and inducted in October 2010 and currently there are 12 new Amorangi students in training. Aligned with their continuing education, two Amorangi retreats are held every year which stimulates and challenges Amorangi ministers in their growth and development.

During the same period the list of elders has decreased from 76 to 42 Elders. The decrease has been due to people passing away. Te Aka Puaho has made a commitment to grow its eldership numerically and strength wise.

## **2 Covenant relationship**

Under the wise leadership of the Right Rev Dr Graham Redding, Director of the Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership, a Covenant relationship has been established with Te Aka Puaho and Te Wananga a Rangi. Under the Covenant relationship, both the Knox Centre and Te Wananga a Rangi are to work in mutual cooperation offering support, advice and resources to each other.

## **3 Mission Advisor**

To further strengthen its commitment towards being a mission Church that its outward looking, the Rev Hariata Haumate has been appointed *Mission Advisor* to Te Aka Puaho. Currently Rev Hariata is one of two National Ordained Ministers within Te Aka Puaho and is based in the Wellington Pastorate. The arrangement is that from time to time she will be released from her pastoral responsibilities to travel throughout Te Aka Puaho working with pastorates to develop their mission to be a Church that is relevant to our context. We ask that the General Assembly commend in prayer the Rev Hariata Haumate as *Mission Advisor* to Te Aka Puaho.

## **4 Kids Friendly**

Stemming from a visit by the Kids Friendly Coach Jill Kaiser in August 2009, Te Aka Puaho has developed a vision for its Children's Ministry.

### Historical:

In 1918 a special relationship developed between Rua Kenana and the Rev John Laughton that resulted in Te Rua gifting the children of Maungapohatu to the Presbyterian Church saying to Laughton:

*'You have the children but leave the Kaumatua to me'.*

In 1921 a visiting Kaumatua to Maungapohatu described the Presbyterian Maori Missions to the Rev John Laughton as:

*'A Church of young people'.*

A year later at Tanatana marae, while negotiating to establish a School in Waimana a statement was made by a senior leader of Waimana:

*'Leave the old ways to us; let the children have the new world'.*

While John Laughton was visiting Kawerau in 1928 Ringatu Bishop the Right Rev Eru Tumutara also gifted the children of Kawerau to the Presbyterian Church saying:

*'Teach our children the wisdom of this world and the wisdom of God'*

During this significant period the Presbyterian Maori Missions established nine Mission Schools, one Maori Girls Boarding School and one Maori Boys Farm Training School.

The vision today:

Building upon this significant history the vision of Te Aka Puaho today is to develop a Church that contributes positively to the growth and development of children within Te Aka Puaho.

At the May 2010 meeting of Te Aka Puaho Ms Jackie Coleman was commissioned as the Te Aka Puaho Kids Friendly co-ordinator. Jackie is a qualified early childhood teacher and is studying towards a Master of Education. As part of her mission Jackie has developed a successful children's holiday programme at Ohope Marae. Jackie is also researching the viability of establishing after school programmes and a pre-school franchise. We ask that General Assembly commend in prayer this vision for our children.

## **5 Modernisation of Ohope Marae**

Ohope Marae has become an important institution within the life of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand. It is a sacred place and space that many within the Presbyterian Church can identify with. As the first Church Marae in Aotearoa New Zealand it has become a place of pilgrimage for many people. It is with this in mind that we need to focus our attention towards modernising Ohope Marae for some of the following reasons:

1. Ohope Marae is now 63 years old.
2. The facilities at Ohope Marae have not been modernised since 1977
3. The upper and lower ablution blocks are in need of modernisation
4. The Marae needs to be urgently insulated against any threat of fire
5. National statistics show that every year six Marae will be totally destroyed by fire
6. Modernisation of Ohope Marae will enable Te Aka Puaho to market the Marae professionally as a conference venue, Marae stays, Presbyterian Church events and other opportunities that will benefit both Te Aka Puaho and the Presbyterian Church
7. With the help of the Communications team of the Presbyterian Church a marketing strategy will be developed to market the Marae professionally
8. In 1984 Te Aka Puaho hosted General Assembly. It is our hope that Ohope Marae will once again host General Assembly in 2012
9. Ohope Marae has been used extensively by the Presbyterian Church since 1947 as an important venue for all sorts of different events. Modernisation

of Ohope Marae will enhance the use of the Marae by the Presbyterian Church

Funding of modernisation:

1. Total costs for the Ohope Marae modernisation has been costed by professional consultants to be in the vicinity of \$1.08m
2. Te Aka Puaho has committed \$200,000 towards the modernisation from its Sites and Building Fund.
3. Te Aka Puaho will also raise funds from the sale of three of its properties.
4. The Tuhoe Establishment Trust has committed at least: \$50,000 towards the modernisation project.
5. It is planned to raise about \$50,000 from Personal donations and sponsorship.
6. Funding applications have been made to:

New Zealand Marae Heritage	\$150,000	(approximate)
Bay of Plenty Energy Trust	\$ 83,000	

**Funding:**

Te Aka Puaho Sites and Building:	\$200,000
Sale of Te Aka Puaho Properties:	\$200,000
Tuhoe Establishment Trust:	\$ 50,000
New Zealand Marae Heritage:	\$150,000
Bay of Plenty Energy Trust:	\$ 83,000
Sponsorship-donations:	\$ 50,000

**Total:** **\$733,000**

It is with this in mind that we humbly request a grant of \$300,000 from the General Assembly towards the modernisation of Ohope Marae as an important institution of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand.

## **6 Leadership of Te Aka Puaho**

The term of Moderator of Te Aka Puaho for Mrs Mille Te Kaawa comes to an end in February 2011. At the same time, Mrs Te Kaawa has also indicated her retirement from all aspects of Church work bringing to a close 60 years of working for and with the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand at different levels and in different capacities. The Rev Te Ahorangi Wayne Te Kaawa has been elected as Moderator Designate for Te Aka Puaho beginning in February 2011.

Ms Katarina Irving of Opotiki is the Administrator of Te Aka Puaho having being installed in the position since March 2010. Katarina is the 10<sup>th</sup> Administrator of

Te Aka Puaho following the path that was set by her predecessors who include J N Smith, Athol Kirk, Ian Breward, Makarini Temara and Millie Te Kaawa.

## **7 Turakina Maori Girls' College**

As many of you will be aware at the last General Assembly an urgent appeal for financial support for Turakina Maori Girls College was presented. The Association of Presbyterian Women (APW) began an appeal for scholarships which was well received. Te Aka Puaho also has 18 girls at the school on the Te Whaiti scholarship and 22 boys on Te Whaiti scholarships at Lindisfarne College in Hastings. One of the main issues at Turakina was leadership. In 2009 Mrs Terehia Channings took up the position of principal of Turakina Maori Girls College and has provided much needed leadership. We would like to commend the following for responding in such a positive way providing support and guidance to Turakina Maori Girls College:

Association of Presbyterian Women (APW)  
 Mr Brendan Sweeney – Manager of Financial Services of the Presbyterian Church  
 The Rev Martin Baker – Assembly Executive Secretary of the Presbyterian Church  
 The Rev Ken Wall – Convener of Board of Proprietors of TMGC  
 The Right Rev Dr Graham Redding – Moderator of the Presbyterian Church

And the many people who gave willingly of their time and services. It can now be reported that Turakina Maori Girls College is working through many issues and is in good heart at the moment.

## **8 Pastorates of Te Aka Puaho**

Currently there are 14 Pastorates within Te Aka Puaho as listed below:

Te Tai Tokerau (Northland)	Auckland	Rotorua
Putauaki	Whakatane	Taneatua
Waimana	Opotiki	Southern Urewera
Ruatahuna	Nuhaka / Wairoa	Heretaunga
Wellington	Taumarunui	

In 2007 Te Aka Puaho stated its goal to grow new parishes where there has been a historical link primarily:

Gisborne	Manawatu	Whanganui
Invercargill	Dunedin	

Aligned to this is also Australia where there is a significant Maori population especially in Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth and Adelaide.

## **9 Acknowledgement**

Finally in this report Te Aka Puaho would like to publically acknowledge and thank the Moderator the Right Rev Dr Graham Redding for his leadership and

friendship to Te Aka Puaho during his term of office. Graham has attended many events and functions with Te Aka Puaho including the national Waitangi Day celebrations, the Boyd Memorial in Kaeo, the Gen-i summit, Amorangi graduations, and Te Aka Puaho Synod meetings that included establishing the Covenant relationship. It has been wonderful having a journey partner to share our trials and triumphs and we thank you for your contribution to the life of Te Aka Puaho.

**Wayne Te Kaawa**

Te Ahorangi (Director) of Te Wananga a Rangi

Te Aka Puaho Moderator Designate 2011