



GA18 News Wednesday 3 October

Installation of Moderator Right Rev Fakaofu Kaio



The 2018 General Assembly opened the evening of 3 October at St Andrew's College in Christchurch with a powhiri, followed by worship and installation of the new Moderator, Right Rev Fakaofu Kaio. The service involved the transfer of a ceremonial cloak (Te Korowai Tapu) and the laying on of hands by past Moderators.

[Download images](#) of the installation of Moderator Right Rev Fakaofu Kai.

[View videos](#) on the sermon delivered by Right Rev Fakaofu Kaio and the past Moderators prayer for Right Rev Fakaofu including the laying on of hands

Youth Commissioner orientation day



Presbyterian Youth Ministry (PYM) had an orientation day with presbytery appointed Youth Commissioners at General Assembly on 3 October. Youth Commissioners had already undertaken training with PYM in preparation - watch the training video for new Youth Commissioners below. It's a useful introduction for all the Church's new Commissioners explaining how General Assembly works.

Ministers' Day

On Wednesday 3 October, 80 ministers gathered around the theme of life-long learning at the GA18 resourcing Ministers' Day. Rev Dr Steve Taylor, Principal, Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership says the day began with input from Rev Linda Hope, Rev Darry Tempero and Dr Rosemary Dewerse who lead a Bible study using original song, art and Scripture, to consider Jesus as a life-long learner. Afternoon workshops were led by staff from Kids Friendly, Knox Centre for Ministry and Leadership (KCML) and the Presbyterian Research Centre.

The day included the launch of a ministry resourcing website - <https://livinglibrary.org.nz>. The website is based on research commissioned by KCML in which over 280 leaders of the Presbyterian Church were asked "what the church needed to learn going forward". Their responses were gathered into five thematic areas: Faith, Community, Witness, Leadership and Innovation and one delivery portal: the Living Library.

The Living Library recommends books and websites, videos and archival materials, short courses and provides webinar and coaching opportunities. It offers human stories in which the Church's ministry agents offer their wisdom in ministry and provides access to BeWise, a leaders training curriculum. A Maori whakataukī encapsulates the hopes and dreams for this Living Library: He waka eke noa – naaku te rourou, naau te rourou, ka ora ai te iwi. Resourcing each other empowers each other to grow.