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Devotions was done by Rev Enosa Auva'a

Advent is a busy time of year, yet we carry a deep assurance that God is with us. Even in the fullness of life, God brings peace. We are invited to pause, breathe, and remember God's grace and steady presence.

Psalm 107:1 reminds us: *"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His steadfast love endures forever."* His mercy never fails.

As we look back over this year, have we seen God's hand and goodness? Yes. In the wisdom, clarity, and discernment we've experienced, we can recognise that God has been at work. God has brought unity in our decisions, opened doors for ministry, and sent the right people at the right time.

Ephesians 5:20 calls us to *"always give thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."*

Gratitude helps us notice the gentle ways God has guided and sustained us. As KPC, we give thanks for meaningful discussions, sound decisions, provision, and clear evidence of God at work among us.

Council members took a moment to reflect on where they have personally seen God working—in their own lives and within the life and ministry of Kaimai Presbytery.

Decisions made:

Ohope Christian Camp

The Kaimai Presbytery Council approve the Interim Terms of Reference to 30 June 2026 for the Ohope Christian Camp Committee.

The Kaimai Presbytery Council note the booking arrangements for the camp recorded in paragraph 3 of this report.

The Kaimai Presbytery Council confirm the commission's instruction to the camp for the closure of the footbridge at the camp based on the advice received from reNature.



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The Kaimai Presbytery Council note the commission's report on the meeting held on 3 December with the Ohope Christian Camp Committee to discuss the compliance and safety requirements of summer camping and endorse the conclusion that, with careful monitoring by the managers, summer camping for the current summer season may proceed.

Ohope Camp Managers

The Kaimai Presbytery Council formally appoints Jean-Pierre and Nicola Neethling as the new Managers of Ohope Christian Camp, subject to meeting 'condition of service manual' requirements.

That the Moderator be authorised to sign the finalised Employment Agreement and the Service Tenancy Agreement on behalf of the Presbytery/Church Property Trustees when ready.

City To City

The Kaimai Presbytery Council make a variation under the MOU for CTC Intentional Leadership Coaching to develop Kaimai coaches.

The KPC approves the Implementation Plan, subject to clarification of resourcing and timeframes.

Children Youth and Families

The proposed Mission trip be explored and approved in principle, subject to budget and comprehensive Health and Safety Child Protection Protocols being in place

Paeroa Youth Leader

The proposed Mission trip be explored and approved in principle, subject to budget and comprehensive Health and Safety Child Protection Protocols being in place.

Paeroa Co-operating Parish

A follow-up conversation be had with leadership regarding next steps in ministry provision.

Rev Iain Dickson

The Kaimai Presbytery Council provide a written recommendation to the Assembly Executive Secretary in support of Rev Iain Dickson's provisional certificate application, subject to suitable supervision in place.

Opotiki Mission Seedling: Oasis



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That Kaimai Presbytery agree to hire 102 St John's Street Opotiki for \$450+gst from 22 March 2026- 22 March 2028 with a further right of renewal for another term by mutual agreement confirmed in writing at least two months prior to the expiry date.

DV Bryant Trust

THAT the Kaimai Presbytery affirms Alistair McBride as the trustee on our behalf on the DV Bryant Trust for a three-year term (1 January 2026 - 31 December 2028)

Chartwell Cooperating Parish

THAT Kaimai Presbytery Council approves the capital ratios for Chartwell as Anglican 43.9%, Presbyterian 15.6%, and Methodist 40.5%

Minutes of the meeting held on the 22nd of January will be in the next newsletter

The next council meeting will be on the 18th of February 2026.
