



Kaimai Presbytery Council Minutes

22 January 2026 - 9:30 am – Zoom



**Our foundation:
Sharing in God's mission;
Shared in Jesus Christ**

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Spiritual Vitality



**Growing as disciples of Jesus Christ
Having a compelling mission plan
Including members of every generation**

New Fellowships



**Reaching new groups of people
Planting new congregations
Expressing our bicultural commitment**

New Christians



**Welcoming Christians new to faith
Sharing the good news in new ways
Appointing new leaders for the future**

Our vision: All our diverse churches- healthy, growing, and fruitful

KAIMAI PRESBYTERY COUNCIL MINUTES

Attendees:

Eoin Crosbie (Moderator - EC), Rev Jono Lange (JL), Graham Robertson (Property Committee - GR), Lynne Robertson (LR), Rika van der Linde (Administrator - RV), Vanya Wallis (Mission Coach - VW), Rev Enosa Auva'a (EA), Rev Sandra Warner (Candidates Committee - SW), Neville Watkins (Treasurer - NW)

Associated:

Rod Morris (CTC)

Apologies:

Rev Philipp Potgieter (PP), Lloyd Watkins (LW)

1. Opening & Devotions

The meeting opened at 10:00 am with a time of prayer and devotions.

Devotions by Rev Jono Lange

John 10: The I AM Statement



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We recognise that Jesus is the gate. He serves as the entrance to salvation and comfort for us, the sheep who have heeded His call. Together, we form a faith community alongside our brothers and sisters in Christ. Jesus is our protector, ensuring our safety; no one can take us away unless they first confront Him. Our Shepherd beckons us to venture into the broader world, urging us to assist those in need. We are called to foster community and emulate the example set by the Shepherd.

How does Jesus being the gate impact our lives?

2. Confirmation of Minutes & Procedural Matters

- AGREED: THAT the apologies are sustained.
 - AGREED: THAT Rod Morris and Neville Watkins be associated with the meeting.
 - AGREED: THAT the minutes of the last meeting be approved as accurate and correct.
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3. Key Decisions & Motions

Te Puke

- AGREED: THAT Rod Morris, Keith Hooker and the leadership team of Evans Road discuss Rod's report and the possibility of Evans Road establishing a transition ministry in association with Te Puke.

Finance

- AGREED: THAT the Kaimai Presbytery Council adopt the following financial reports and approve the payments made.

City to City

- AGREED: THAT Kaimai Presbytery seek further clarification from City-To-City Australia around the Next Gen report, so as to develop a culture, articulate issues, and provide a game plan moving forward.

Ohope Christian Camp

- AGREED: THAT Simon be reimbursed for travel and that this be paid for by Presbytery as an interim arrangement, subject to the commission's report.

Sacrament Authorisations

- PASSED: THAT The Kaimai Presbytery Council authorise all elders presently able to celebrate Communion to also conduct Baptisms. Therefore, this authorisation now covers the Sacraments and applies for a period of up to 5 years and/or the period of their current authorisation.



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- PASSED: THAT all such elders be written to, informing them of this change and encouraging them to attend training from KCML on administering the Sacraments on the 27th June.

MSB Katikati

- AGREED: THAT In the absence of Rev Philipp Potgieter, Eoin Crosbie stand in as temporary MSB Convener to facilitate the next step in their process.

Employment

- AGREED: THAT the Kaimai Presbytery agree in principle with the documents presented and amended, and the Kaimai Presbytery council, proceed with advertising the appointment for EO.

Moderator Designate

- AGREED: THAT the Moderator have a conversation with Rev Ian Guy regarding considering becoming Presbytery Moderator as from September this year.

4. Meeting Closure & Next Meeting

- Meeting Closed: 2:45 PM with The Grace, with Vanya Wallis closing with a prayer.
- Next Meeting: 18 February 2026 at 10:00 AM at St Andrew's, Matamata.