



Kaimai Presbytery Council Minutes

18 February 2026 - 9:30 am – St Andrew's, Matamata



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

Attendees:

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

Associated:

Rev Eric Oosterbroek, Neville Watkins (Treasurer - NW)

Apologies:

Rev Sandra Warner (Candidates Committee - SW), Lloyd Watkins (LW)

1. Opening & Devotions

The meeting was opened at 9:39 AM with prayer and devotions led by Lynne Robertson:

In leadership, we often carry a significant amount of responsibility—managing activities, conversations, and decisions. Along the way, we must learn to navigate both criticism and praise. The demands continue to grow, and it can be a challenge to maintain energy and enthusiasm.



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If we rely solely on our own strength, we can become weary, which may lead to apathy. As Galatians 6:9 reminds us: *"Let us not grow weary while doing good."*

Our belief in the purpose of our work brings joy and makes the sacrifices worthwhile. The God who created everything in intricate detail—from the tiniest to the vastest—also cares personally for you.

A key question for leaders is: How do we sustain motivation and energy when the work sometimes feels fruitless and the rewards are unseen? Matthew 11:28 provides guidance: *"Come to me, all who are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."*

Some council members shared ways they stay connected with Jesus daily, including taking walks and spending quiet time in prayer or reflection.

2. Confirmation of Minutes & Procedural Matters

- AGREED: THAT the minutes of the last meeting be approved as accurate and correct.
- AGREED: THAT all reports in the agenda be received.
- AGREED: THAT Rev Eric Oosterbroek and Neville Watkins be associated with the meeting.

3. Key Decisions & Motions

Finance

- AGREED: THAT the Kaimai Presbytery Council adopt the following financial reports and approve the payments made. Including the balance sheet, aged receivables, and monthly payments. Note that the payments are made under delegated authority as listed in the monthly payments report.
- AGREED: THAT KPC Endorse the proposed 2026/27 implementation budget.

Property

- AGREED: THAT the Kaimai Presbytery Council write to the Church Property Trustees seeking approval to retain the St Andrew's, Te Puke site.
- AGREED: THAT The Presbytery Council formally adopt the Property Ratio for the Waihi Beach United Parish as Presbyterian 34.62%; Methodist 34.62%; Baptist 30.76%.
- AGREED: THAT the Free Church of Tonga uses the Te Puke premises from 4pm each Sunday and that the charge be \$50 per Sunday.

Study Leave Report

- AGREED: THAT a letter should be written to thank Rev Douglas Bradley for his report and the initiative in the parish.



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MSB Te Awamutu

- AGREED: THAT Kaimai Presbytery Council authorise a discernment process be undertaken to establish a Local Shared Ministry (LSM) at Te Awamutu Presbyterian Church.
- AGREED: That Jamie Budd be appointed as the Ministry Enabler for the LSM of Te Awamutu Presbyterian Church, subject to meeting the requirements of motion 2 above.

City to City Tirau Project

- AGREED: THAT Kaimai Presbytery Council agree to Tirau Cooperating Church being one of the CTCA/Kaimai Ministry Supported Projects subject to:
 - THAT a written request from the Tirau Cooperating Church Council to proceed and that the Church Council understands that Kaimai coaches will be trained concurrently
 - THAT agreement from the Church Council to pay \$3000 excl gst towards the ministry project cost of \$15,400 excl gst
 - THAT written approval from the Anglican Church as the other Cooperative Venture Partner, be sought.

Easter Camp

- AGREED: THAT the funds on hand post Easter Camp be credited up to a \$1500 balance by the Presbytery Council.
- AGREED: That the Easter Camp 2026 price is set as \$170 per person, with an allowance for sibling discount and three sponsorships, as per the Easter Camp Budget.

Moderator

- AGREED: THAT Graham Robertson be appointed as Moderator for Waihi/ Waihi Beach.
- AGREED: That Kaimai Presbytery accepts the resignation of the Rev Phil Bettany as Interim Moderator for Waihi Church, writes to thank him for his faithful service, and assures him of its prayers for his health and wellbeing.

Sacrament Authorisations

- AGREED: THAT the Kaimai Presbytery Council approves the renewal of Janet Freeman's authorisation to celebrate the Sacraments at St Columba Presbyterian Church for a further five-year term, effective from 8 February 2026.

Oasis Mission Project

- AGREED: THAT the employment contracts be approved.

Vanya Wallis

- AGREED: That Kaimai Presbytery Council approves Vanya Wallis' involvement and allocation of time to assist Alpine with the Seedling Waypoint/Project review.



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4. Meeting Closure & Next Meeting

- Meeting Closed: 2:45 PM with the Grace.
- Next Meeting: 25 March 2026 at 10:00 AM at Bethlehem Community Church (BCC).