



Kaimai Presbytery Council Minutes

25 March 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 - EC), Rev Jono Lange (JL), Graham Robertson (Property Committee - GR), Lynne Robertson (LR), Rev Philipp Potgieter (PP), Rika van der Linde (Administrator - RV), Vanya Wallis (Mission Coach - VW), Rev Sandra Warner (Candidates Committee - SW)

Associated:

Neville Watkins (Treasurer - NW)

Apologies:

Rev Enosa Auva'a (EA)

1. Opening & Devotions

The meeting was opened with prayer at 9:39 AM.

Rev Sandra Warner shared devotions on **Luke 19:28–40**:

This devotion reflects on Jesus deliberately walking toward Jerusalem and the cross, showing that God is at work even when the path is difficult and unclear. It reminds us that Christ leads faithfully through celebration, challenge, sacrifice, and ultimately resurrection and new life. As Kaimai Presbytery Council, our role is deeply spiritual—listening for God's voice together, praying, discerning, and leading with humility and compassion. We are encouraged to trust



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Jesus' guidance in all decisions, knowing he goes before us and walks with us as we serve his church.

2. Confirmation of Minutes & Procedural Matters

- AGREED: THAT the minutes of the last meeting be approved as an accurate and correct record.
 - AGREED: THAT all reports in the agenda be received.
 - AGREED: THAT the apologies are sustained.
 - AGREED: THAT Neville Watkins be associated with the meeting.
 - 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.
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3. Key Decisions & Motions

Te Puke

- AGREED: THAT Eoin Crosbie, Vanya Wallis, meet with Te Aka Puahou (Rev. Tamiana & Honey Thrupp and Rev. Mitchell Jaram) and provide them with the CTCA Report from Rod Morris for Te Puke.

Review of Rev Ian Guy

- AGREED: THAT Rev Ian Guy's call to EBoP be open-ended at 75%, in accordance with the request of Knox Whakatane.

St Paul's Katikati

- AGREED: THAT Lynne Robertson be approved as the new Presbytery Representative on the MSB for St Paul's, Katikati.

Moderator Designate for Kaimai Presbytery

- AGREED: THAT we hold a business meeting at the May Gathering 2026 on 9th May 2026 at St Luke's, Tokoroa.

Council Members

- AGREED: THAT Kaimai Presbytery Council accepts Lloyd Watkins' resignation.
 - AGREED: THAT We call for nominations for new Council members along with the Moderator Designate.
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4. Meeting Closure & Next Meeting

- Meeting Closed: 3:15 PM with the Grace.
- Next Meeting: 29 April 2026 at 9:30 AM at St Andrew's, Matamata (TBC).