



Kaimai Presbytery Council Minutes

29 April 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:

Rev Douglas Bradley (Candidates Committee - DB), 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 (Executive Officer - VW)

Associated:

Neville Watkins (Treasurer - NW), Julianne Managh (CYFC - JM), Rev Ron Bennett (Otorohanga Commission Convenor - RB)

Apologies:

Rev Enosa Auva'a (EA), Lynne Robertson (Lateness), Rev Philipp Potgieter (Lateness)

1. Opening & Devotions

The meeting was opened with prayer at 9:42 AM.

Graham Robertson shared devotions on Micah 6:8:

"No, the Lord has told us what is good; what he requires of us is to do what is just, to share constant love, and to live in humble fellowship with their God." (Good News Version)



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This response was placed in the context of the preceding verses, which describe a person questioning what offerings should be brought—animals, people, or even a firstborn child to pay for sin. The answer given in Micah is that God does not seek such sacrifices, but rather lives characterised by justice, love, and humility before God.

The devotion noted that while good behaviour, acting justly, and helping others are important marks of Christian faith, these alone are not sufficient. Equal emphasis must be given to living in humble fellowship and ongoing obedience to God. A challenge was offered to ensure that the call to walk humbly with God is not overlooked in favour of focusing only on justice and mercy.

Graham concluded the devotions with prayer.

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, Julianne Managh and Rev Ron Bennett 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.

3. Key Decisions & Motions

Vehicle Purchase

- AGREED: THAT Kaimai Presbytery approve the purchase of a presbytery car for between \$15- \$25,000 (plus GST).
- AGREED: THAT KPC explore the possibility of a car donated or sold to us at a reduced price.

NextGen

- AGREED: THAT a group of children/ youth/ family workers within the Presbytery and council members meet with David Rietveld to prioritise the recommendations within the report, to explore implementation options, and provide ballpark costings.

Te Aka Puahou

- AGREED: THAT Te Aka Puahou use the facilities of the Ohope campsite 12-15 November 2026 at no cost.



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Parish Review

- AGREED: THAT the MOU review for Waihi Presbyterian Parish be undertaken after July 2026, and that Rev. Dr Ron Mills, Greg Hollister-Jones, and Margaret Birtles (Methodist) be asked to be the review team.

Te Puke Property

- AGREED: THAT we write to CPT to advise that an initial two year period, with the option to request an extension, to retain the site at Te Puke while Presbytery explores new mission opportunities would be acceptable and that we forward a copy of the Presbytery resolution regarding the retention of the property.

Employment

- AGREED: THAT the Property Manager Job Description be adopted.
- AGREED: THAT KPC appoint Graham Robertson as the Property Manager.
- AGREED: THAT the Mission Coach role be split into three part-time fixed-term positions reviewable in June 2027.

Sacrament Authorisations

- AGREED: THAT the Kaimai Presbytery Council approves the renewal of both Catherine Schmidt and Jan Mummery. authorisation to celebrate the Sacraments at Scotts Presbyterian church for a further five-year term, effective from 19 April 2026.
- AGREED: THAT the Kaimai Presbytery Council approves the renewal of Graham Robertson's authorisation to celebrate the Sacraments at Te Aroha Co-operating Parish for a further five-year term, effective from 19 April 2026.
- AGREED: THAT the Kaimai Presbytery Council authorise Ivy Oosthuizen from Huntly Co-operating Parish to celebrate the Sacraments for a five-year term, effective from 5 April 2026.

Minister Emeritus Status

- AGREED: THAT In recognition of his long and faithful service to the Church, resolves to grant to the Rev Murray Lambert the status of Minister Emeritus, with effect from 1 May 2026.

Ministry Settlement Board

- AGREED: THAT KPC Agrees to establish a Ministry Settlement Board for St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Matamata.

4. Meeting Closure & Next Meeting

- Meeting Closed: 4:15 PM with the Grace.
- Next Meeting: 27 May 2026 at 9:30 AM at Bethlehem Community Church.