



Kaimai Presbytery Council Minutes

27 May 2026 - 9:30 am – Bethlehem Community Church



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 Enosa Auva'a (EA), Rev Douglas Bradley (Candidates Committee - DB), Eoin Crosbie (Moderator - EC), Rev Ian Guy (Moderator Designate), 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), Very Rev Garry Marquand, Robert Pearson, Gayle Pearson

1. Opening & Devotions

The meeting was opened with prayer at 9:40 AM.

Rev Philipp Potgieter shared devotions:

Reflection on Luke 10:25–37. This devotion reflects on the Parable of the Good Samaritan as a call to confront and be liberated from personal prejudice. It highlights how biases and past experiences can hinder compassion and emphasises that true discipleship requires us to genuinely love and serve others—especially those we might feel resistant toward. The



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Samaritan's actions model overcoming division and choosing mercy, which has the power to transform individuals and break cycles of prejudice.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

- AGREED: THAT the minutes of the last meeting be approved as an accurate and correct record.
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3. Key Decisions & Motions

Property

- AGREED: THAT The Property Committee recommends that the CPT be advised the Presbytery sees no reason to retain ownership of the land occupied by the Donald Grant Memorial and that it should be transferred to the Matassoni Family Trust on the condition they continue to maintain the memorial.
- AGREED: THAT the Kaimai Presbytery Council Supports the use of the funds held by the Methodist Church for the repair of the Waihi Beach United Church's roof.

Sacrament Authorisations

- AGREED: THAT the Kaimai Presbytery Council approves the Authorisation of Olive Adams and Jo Waugh of Discovery and Donna Henstock and Ross Freeman from Oaks to celebrate the Sacraments for a five-year term, subject to attending Sacrament training.
- AGREED: THAT the Kaimai Presbytery Council approves the renewal of Dick Everts and Chris Whyte's authorisation to celebrate the Sacraments for another five-year term effective from 31 May 2026.

Minister Emeritus

- AGREED: THAT Rev Murray Lambert be granted the status of Minister Emeritus.

Employment

- AGREED: That Exec be given authority to advertise and appoint a Mission Facilitator and a Compliance Process Manager for 20 and 30 hours per week respectively.

Stipend Allowances for 2026-2027

- AGREED: That the moderators/MSB Convenors/Convenors of workgroups remuneration rate be increased by the same %age as the Stipend increases.

Moderator

- AGREED: THAT the Kaimai Presbytery Council appoint the Rev. Clive Thomson as Moderator at St David's Otorohanga with the intention of making significant progress towards the strategic mission plan goals. This will be reviewed at the end of 2027.



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Vehicle Purchase

- AGREED: THAT KPC approve to buy this car (or equivalent) for approximately \$30,000 excl GST Subject to Vanya's approval.

Presbytery Appointments

- AGREED: THAT Rev Ian Guy be appointed as Moderator Designate of Kaimai Presbytery.

4. Meeting Closure & Next Meeting

- Meeting Closed: 2:35 PM with the Grace.
- Next Meeting: 24 June 2026 at 9:30 AM at St Andrew's, Matamata.