



Kaimai Presbytery Council Minutes

24 June 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

KAIMAI PRESBYTERY COUNCIL MINUTES

Attendees:

Rev Enosa Auva'a (EA), Rev Ian Guy (Moderator Designate), Rev Jono Lange (JL), Graham Robertson (Property Committee - GR), Lynne Robertson (LR), Rika van der Linde (Administrator - RV), Vanya Wallis (Executive Officer - VW)

Associated:

Julianne Managh (Children, Youth, Families Ministry Coach)

Apologies:

Eoin Crosbie, Rev Philipp Potgieter, Rev Douglas Bradley

1. Opening & Devotions

The meeting was opened with prayer at 9:37 AM.

Rev Ian Guy shared devotions: Rev. Ian Guy opened the devotion by inviting reflection on the kind of leadership congregations need, asking whether leaders should be experts with answers or disciples who listen and discern God's voice together. While acknowledging the Presbytery



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Council's responsibilities for discernment, oversight, and decision-making, he noted the temptation to believe leaders must always have the answers. Instead, he pointed to Philippians 2:3–5, calling for humility and the mind of Christ.

Drawing on Jesus' example, he highlighted leadership marked by presence, attentiveness, and service. Jesus listened deeply, noticed those overlooked, and exercised authority through humility. The Council was reminded of James 1:19—to be quick to listen and slow to speak—and encouraged to listen to one another, to congregations, to their communities, and above all to the Holy Spirit. Rev. Guy noted that humble and attentive leadership builds trust, while distant or unlistening leadership weakens it.

He emphasised the Presbyterian practice of shared discernment, reminding the Council that no one person sees the whole picture. Referencing Acts 15:28, he encouraged them to seek decisions that reflect "what seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us." In prayer, he asked for forgiveness for times of poor listening and for the gift of Christ's mind, praying that their leadership be marked by humility, grace, and service. The devotion concluded with a call to listen deeply, speak graciously, and seek God's wisdom together as they carried out their work.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

- AGREED: THAT the minutes of the last meeting be approved as an accurate and correct record.

3. Key Decisions & Motions

Terms of Call

- AGREED: THAT Kaimai Presbytery Council approves a variation to the Terms of Call for the shared ministry role of Rev. Rob Williams and Rev. Cate Williams with the Rotorua District Presbyterian Church (RDPC), effective from Monday 20 July 2026, as follows:
 - Rev. Rob Williams will serve at 0.4 FTE (16 hours / 5 units); and
 - Rev. Cate Williams will serve at 0.6 FTE (24 hours / 7 units)

Sacrament Authorisations

- AGREED: THAT the Kaimai Presbytery Council approves the renewal of Vanya Wallis's authorisation to celebrate the Sacraments at St Paul's Katikati for a further five-year term, effective from 28 June 2026.
- AGREED: THAT the Kaimai Presbytery Council approves the renewal of Sharon Mackie's authorisation to celebrate the Sacraments at Huntly Co-operating Parish for a further five-year term, effective from 7 June 2026.

Moderator

- AGREED: THAT the Kaimai Presbytery Council appoint the Rev. Nigel Crocombe as Moderator at Huntly Co-operating Parish.



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- AGREED: THAT Rev Douglas Bradley is nominated as Moderator of St Paul's, Papamoa while Rev Philipp Potgieter takes leave during September and October.
- AGREED: THAT Rev Dr Jaco Reyneke is nominated as Moderator of St James, Greerton, while Rev Philipp Potgieter takes leave during September and October.

4. Meeting Closure & Next Meeting

- Meeting Closed: 3:11 PM with the Grace.
- Next Meeting: 29 July 2026 at Bethlehem Community Church.