



Kaimai Presbytery Council Minutes

26 July 2026 - 9:30 am -Bethlehem Community Church, Bethlehem



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), Rev Philipp Potgieter (PP), Lynne Robertson (LR), Rika van der Linde (Administrator - RV), Vanya Wallis (Executive Officer - VW), Graham Robertson (Kaimai Property Manager - GR)

Associated:

Neville Watkins, Rev Eric Oosterbroek, Val Milne

1. Opening & Devotions

The meeting was opened with prayer and devotions led by Rev Douglas Bradley, who shared a reflection on Zephaniah 3:17:

"The Lord your God is with you, He is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you. He will quiet you with his love; He will rejoice over you with singing."

Key takeaways from the reflection:

- God is with us: Continuously present through Jesus Christ (Emmanuel).



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- God is mighty to save: Jesus ("God saves") is our mighty deliverer.
 - God delights and quiets us: Encouragement to rest in God's presence amidst busy lives.
 - God rejoices over us with singing: Imagining God's voice singing over each person with delight.
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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

Ohope Christian Camp Commission

- AGREED: THAT KPC write a letter to the Camp Committee, Te Aka Puahou, Knox Cluster, and Camp Commission communicating the Council's intention moving forward and the ongoing interface with the commission.

Te Awamutu Local Shared Ministry (LSM) Team

- AGREED: THAT the Kaimai Presbytery Council approve the members of the proposed St Andrew's Te Awamutu Presbyterian Church Local Shared Ministry Team, including Jamie Budd as Ministry Team Leader/Enabler.
- AGREED: THAT the Kaimai Presbytery Council approve the formation of the St Andrew's Te Awamutu Presbyterian Church Local Shared Ministry Team as a means of settling ministry within TAPC (the third strand).
- AGREED: THAT the Kaimai Presbytery meet at 6:15 PM on 16 August 2026 at Te Awamutu Presbyterian Church to hold a service commissioning the team members in accordance with supplementary provisions.

Finance

- AGREED: THAT the budget as presented be updated and forwarded to the Kaimai Presbytery for approval.

St Andrew's, Hamilton

- AGREED: THAT the Parish Clerk be advised that the Presbytery is not qualified to give advice on the effect of the Public Works Act, and the Parish must obtain advice from its own lawyer (noting this cost should be covered under legal expenses met by HCC).
- AGREED: THAT the Parish Clerk be advised that the CPT has confirmed proceeds from the sale are Property Capital and (net of legitimate costs) will be invested in their PIF account. Use of these funds for property capital expenditure requires consent from the Congregation, Church Council, Presbytery, and CPT, regardless of the transaction value.



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Study Leave

- AGREED: THAT KPC approve the study leave application for Sandra Warner.

Presbytery Membership

- AGREED: THAT Kaimai Presbytery Council invite Amanda Guy to become a member of the Kaimai Presbytery while serving in her Chaplaincy role.

Council Governance & Policies

- AGREED: THAT no staff member on the Kaimai Presbytery Council is a voting member, with the exception of the Executive Officer (an exception may also be made for Graham Robertson).
- AGREED: THAT Kaimai Presbytery Council update its reimbursement mileage rates in accordance with PCANZ rates, effective 1 July 2026.

Sacrament Authorisations

- AGREED: THAT Kaimai Presbytery Council approve the renewal of Bruce Bevins and Gail Grayburn's authorisation to celebrate Sacraments at St Aidan's, Putaruru, for a five-year term (effective 5 July 2026).
- AGREED: THAT Kaimai Presbytery Council authorise William and Sue Berryman to celebrate Sacraments at Knox Whakatāne for a five-year term (effective 26 July 2026).

Ministry Review

- AGREED: THAT KPC appoint Rev Donald Hegan to undertake the ministry review for Rev Kevin Finlay at St Stephen's, Reporoa.

Staff Appointments

- AGREED: THAT KPC offer Lynne Robertson the fixed-term 12-month position of Compliance and Process Manager (up to 10 hours per week), commencing immediately.

4. Meeting Closure & Next Meeting

- Meeting Closed: 3:45 PM with the Grace.
- Next Meeting: 26 August 2026 at St Andrew's, Matamata.