



Kaimai Presbytery Council Minutes

26 August 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 Enosa Auva'a (EA), 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 (Convener of the Property Committee - GR)

Associated:

Neville Watkins

Apologies:

Rev Douglas Bradley

1. Opening & Devotions

The meeting was opened with prayer at 9:35 AM.

Rev Ian Guy shared devotions: Ian reflected on Fredrik Backman's portrayal of Nadia in *Anxious People* as an illustration of the many voices that influence our thoughts and decisions. He noted that, while Christians listen to many voices, Scripture remains the final authority, with God's voice standing above all others. He emphasised the importance of humility, careful listening,



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and openness to correction in collective discernment. Recalling 2 Timothy 3:16-17 and John 10:27, he encouraged the Council to seek not merely good decisions, but faithful obedience to the voice of the Good Shepherd.

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

Paeroa Co-Operating Parish

- AGREED: THAT Kaimai Presbytery approach Judy Bedford or Rilma Sand for the moderator role at Paeroa Co-Operating Parish.

Te Awamutu

- AGREED: THAT Rev Ron Bennett become a mentor for Jamie Budd in his role as LSM Enabler at Te Awamutu Presbyterian Church.

MSB Fairfield

- AGREED: That Kaimai Presbytery endorse the recommendations approved at the parish congregational meeting on 16 August and invite the MSB to proceed to advertise the Ministry Team Leader accordingly.
- AGREED: That if the Ministry Team Leader does not settle ministry, then the MSB collaborate with KPC around the 'Position Description', the 'terms of the call' and links to Presbytery.

MSB St Paul's Katikati

- AGREED: THAT St Paul's Katikati MSB is given permission to adjust documentation and advertise to accommodate a Ministry Team Leader in a broad sense and a NOM as a preference.

Property Committee

- AGREED: THAT Presbytery inform the CPT that it has consulted with the Te Awamutu Parish Council who have advised they agree to the removal of the first right of refusal, and that Presbytery agrees to their decision. Also, that it sees no problems with updating the trustees on the title.
- AGREED: THAT Presbytery approve the request from the Taumaranui Union Parish to use funds from the sale of the Manunui Church to undertake the work upgrading the rear wall including replacing all glass with safety glass and authorise the Property Manager to sign the paperwork on behalf of Presbytery.



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- AGREED: THAT Presbytery approve insuring the buildings at Te Puke for Replacement Value.

Ministry Review – Rev Kevin Finlay

- AGREED: That Rev. Kevin Finlay's appointment at St Stephen's, Reporoa continues for at least a two-year period, with the formal approval of both the Anglican and Presbyterian parent bodies. To be reviewed in August 2028.

Sacrament Authorisations

- AGREED: That the Kaimai Presbytery Council authorise Delwyn Heron (Elder at St Paul's Cooperating Church) to celebrate the Sacraments for a five-year term, effective from 30 August 2026.

Moderator

- AGREED: THAT Rev Philipp Potgieter become Moderator of St Andrews Presbyterian Church, Matamata on 1 November 2026.

Terms Of Call

- AGREED: THAT Kaimai Presbytery Council agree to amend the Terms of Call of the Rev Ian Guy from 0.75FTE to 0.85 FTE effective from 1 September 2026.

Presbytery Members

- AGREED: THAT the Kaimai Presbytery Framework is adopted by KPC, and Vanya Wallis as Exec Officer and Graham Robertson as Property Manager are affirmed as members of Presbytery at the next Presbytery meeting.

4. Meeting Closure & Next Meeting

- Meeting Closed: 3:00 PM with the Grace.
- Next Meeting: 23 September 2026 at St Andrew's, Matamata.