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TE WAKA KARITIANA: is the name of the newsletter of Te Aka Puaho. Te Waka Karaitiana translates as the 'the Christian waka'. In 1932 the Very Rev John Laughton CMG began Te Waka Karaitiana while ministering in Taupo. This was a Maori language publication that reached at least 10% of all Maori in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Welcome to this first edition of Te Waka Karaitiana in which we present news and views from Te Aka Puaho.



INSTALLATION OF MODERATOR OF TE AKA PUAHO



Moderator: Rev Te Ahorangi Wayne Manaaki Rihari Te Kaawa

On Friday 25th of February 2011 the Rev Te Ahorangi Wayne Manaaki Rihari Te Kaawa was installed into the position of Moderator of Te Aka Puaho. Around two hundred people from all parts of the country attended the day. Visitors included representatives of the Haahi Mihingare, Te Haahi Ratana, Kaimai Presbytery, Maori Party MP Te UruroaFlavell, Pacific Island Synod, and Turakina Maori Girls College. Presbyterian Church representatives included the Moderator Peter Cheyne, Martin Baker AES, and Service Team Leaders. Also attending were Rangatira from Te Arawa in Rotorua and from Ngati Porou from Rangitukia and Gisborne.

The Powhiri was scheduled for 2:30pm with the service beginning at 4:30pm. However due to the large number of people and speakers the Powhiri did not conclude until 4:30pm. Rangatira from Te Arawa reminded everyone that although the Moderator was born in Onepu and raised in Tuwharetoa and Tuhoe, that the Moderator was also Ngati Whakaue and taught by the late Te Hiko o te rangi Hohepa of Uenukukopako. MP Te UruroaFlavell also paid tribute to Te Aka Puaho for leading the country in returning gifted Maori land to various hapu while the Chairman of the Ratana Church spoke glowingly of the developing relationship between the two churches. A special guest for the day was the Rev Te RangimatanukuKaa from Rangitukia who was a mentor to the Moderator when he first left home in 1987 to pursue a career in nursing in Tamaki-makaurau.



Te Paepaetapu o Te Aka Puaho e powhiri ana ki te manuhiri tuarangi. *Left to right:* On mahau of wharenuī: Nanny Mira Turuwhenua, Nanny WaeretiKiwara, NannyMeri Collier. Standing: Moderator Mrs Millie A Te Kaawa, kairanga Rev EranaManihera. Rev Graham Te Rire, Rev Tamiana Thrupp, Rev Tumihitai Raerino, Rev Tom Hawea and the Very Rev Tame Takao.

The installation service finally began at 5:30pm one and a half hours late. The Moderator Mrs Millie Te Kaawa led the service assisted by the Very Rev Graham Redding who preached the sermon for the day and the Rt Rev Peter Cheyne Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand who lead the installation with the Rev Tom Hawea. Bible readers included the National Mission Enabler the Rev John Daniel, the Rev Messina Roberts of Rotorua and the Rev Horiana Hayes who was ordained an Amorangi minister the following month. Especially impressive were the Amorangi ministers gowned with stoles in a vast array of different colours.

The message by Very Rev Dr Graham Redding held a special message to the Moderator: *'Don't worry God has it all under control'*. A special moment in the service was the passing of the mantle of Moderator from Mrs Millie Te Kaawa to her son, the first time the mantle of leadership had been passed from a parent to a child. The Korowai presented to the Moderator was made specially by Te Wharehiraka Tamiana of Ngati Pahipoto in Te Teko. The

Korowai was made from muka and contains kereru, kaka and weka feathers from the Chatham Islands. Two muka korowai were made with the first korowai intended for the Moderator however this was given to Te Whanau a Apanui who gifted the korowai to te kahui ariki King Tuheitia and is on display in Mahinarangi wharenui at Turangawaewae marae.

The Moderator was presented to Te Aka Puaho by Mr Tamati Cairns of Ruatahuna now living in Te Whanganui a tara.



Tena koe e teMotareta: Moderator Mrs Millie A Te Kaawa greeting Moderator the Rev Te Ahorangi Wayne Te Kaawa.

An extra special moment of the installation was the presentation of the Moderator's stole by the Rev Tom Hawea. This stole was conferred upon the first Moderator of Te Aka Puaho the Very Rev John Laughton CMG in 1945. Since then it has been worn by all 27 previous Moderators. The Very Rev Pamela Tankersley also sent a specially made stole that was also presented to the Moderator. In response to the Rev Tom Hawea the Moderator in turn presented to him a stole that he had made especially for the day that had upon it the two emblems of Te Aka Puaho. Finally a greenstone cross was presented on behalf of Te Aka Puaho to the Moderator.

In his address the Moderator paid tribute to all those members of Te Aka Puaho both ministers and non-ministers who work tirelessly to present the claim of Jesus Christ. The Moderator also remarked from a previous booklet produced by Te Aka Puaho in the 1960s that it is now '*New ways for new days*' and the key is to build upon what we already have.

"The church is about people, for God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, who is the heartbeat of God. God gave his very own heart for us

and we must respond in the positive” said the Moderator. This is my theme: we are the heartbeat of God and we must endeavour to point the way to Jesus Christ as the risen Lord.



Nga tāngata whaikoreromote manuhiri tuarangi.*Left to right:* Mr Tokai Nohotima, Mr Pawson Hake, Mr Tamati Cairns, Rev W Te Kaawa, Rev Wi Te Pairi, Mr Ken Kennedy (Te Arawa), Arch-Deacon Te Waaka Melbourne, Rev Tokolne (PI Synod) Rt Rev Peter Cheyne – Moderator Presbyterian Church, MP Te UruroaFlavell, Apotoro Te Waaka Palmer-Chairman Te Haahi Ratana, Rev Te RangimatanukuKaa, Rev Canon Bill Tuhiwai, Mr Wi mutu Te Whiu.

To conclude the day’s festivities a hakari was enjoyed and further speeches continued into the night. And then Saturday arrived and the Moderator found himself convening his first meeting of Te Aka Puaho in a wonderful positive atmosphere. *‘I’ve been to many Te Aka Puaho hui since I was a child but sitting in the Moderators seat convening the hui was a new experience’* remarked the Moderator.

TE KOTUKU RERENGA TAHI

Once again Te Aka Puaho was represented at the annual Ratana celebrations of the 25th of January. Prior to attending Ratana the leadership of Te Aka Puaho attended the 70th hūritau of the Rev Hariata Haumate held at Turakina Maori Girls College in Marton. This was a wonderful day attended by many people from Ruatoki to Wellington.

Once these festivities were completed it was off to Motuiti marae in Foxton to be hosted by the Manawatu – Whanganui Presbytery. Foxton is the historical home of Te Aka Puaho, the place where the Rev James Duncan began his ministry to Maori in 1843. On the Sunday members of Te Aka Puaho attended and took part in a service with the Foxton congregation. Then it was off to Ratana.

Accompanying Te Aka Puaho was the Moderator of PCANZ the Rt Rev Peter Cheyne. As in previous years Te Aka Puaho were warmly received and treated royally once again. A highlight is always the arrival of the Kahui ariki King Tuheitia and his roopu. Sadly the Politicians were ever present for publicity purposes and then left immediately after the powhiri. The 25th of January is the celebration of the birth of Tahupotiki Wiremu Ratana and on this day a wonderful service that included marching by the combined bands, choir singing and the reading of the Constitution.

Our presence is always appreciated by the Ratana Church as the only other Maori Church present to support their special day. It is always mentioned by the Morehu that this day is not just a Ratana day but that Ratana himself established this day so all the Maori Churches can together as one and we are the only ones who honour that and as a result we are granted Iwi Morehu status !

Te Tiriti o Waitangi: For the fourth time in succession Te Aka Puaho attended and took part in the Waitangi Day commemoration at Waitangi. Acknowledgements have to be made to the Rev Judy Te Whiu and her support group who always look after us. As in previous years Te Aka Puaho attended the Prime Ministers Powhiri at Te Tii marae, with protesters and all. Again we are the only visible Church at Waitangi.

As in past years the dawn ceremony was attended at 5am however this service seems to have been captured by the Politicians and selected Iwi leaders. The official Waitangi Day service included the Moderators of Te Aka Puaho and PCANZ leading the service and conducting the bible readings. This year was extra special as the Moderator Designate of Te Aka Puaho was invited to give the Waitangi Day address in front of thousands of people including the

Governor-General. This was the first time that a member of Te Aka Puaho was given such an honour and he rose to the occasion. His sermon was concluded with the Rev Judy Te Whiu singing a song *On eagles wings* that received an ovation. Immediately following the service the Moderator Designate flew to Auckland to attend the Governor-General's Waitangi Day commemorations at Government House. During the commemorations the Governor-General sought out the Rev Te Kaawa and commented how much he enjoyed his sermon.

It is fair to say that those attending did Te Aka Puaho proud!

He Panui

The next meeting of Te Aka Puaho will be held at Ohope marae on Friday 27th May 2011. Since our last meeting of Te Aka Puaho we have lost the Rev Hori (George) Heta and the Rev Rangiora Rakuraku. The Moderator has invited the Whanau to bring the kawe mate of both Hori and Rangi to the Te Aka Puaho at Ohope marae.

Programme:

- 1:00pm: Opening karakia
Te Aka Puaho hui begins
- 4:00pm: Powhiri ki nga kawe mate
- 5:30pm: Hakari
- 7:00pm: Karakia maharatanga
Nga korero / mihimihi o te po

Naumai ***Haere mai**

HOLY WEEK WITH THE MODERATOR:

Some of the Eastern Bay of Plenty pastorates spent time with the Moderator of Te Aka Puaho at Ohope marae celebrating Easter 2011. On the Wednesday of Holy Week a special service was held where ministers and elders could recommit themselves to both their baptismal and ordination vows. This service was attended by 25 people from Rotorua, Putauaki, Whakatane and Ruatahuna Pastorates and also included the ecumenical chaplain at Starship hospital in Auckland. Following this service was a shared meal and ministers and elders were invited to stay at Ohope marae. This gave people an opportunity for time out to rejuvenate and re-energise themselves.

Behind this Holy Week programme was another kaupapa or purpose. For many years Te Aka Puaho used to celebrate Easter at Ohope marae. Over a period of time this concept was developed into the HuiAhurei, the Tuhoe festival along similar lines to our Easter festival. The agreement was that our Easter festival and the HuiAhurei would run alternatively, with the HuiAhurei held one year then our Easter festival held the next year. Due to a prior arrangement with the Christian camp the Youth camp of Bay of Plenty Presbytery would have first use of the Camp and Marae during Easter causing Te Aka Puaho to hold their Easter festival either one week earlier or one week later.

The HuiAhurei is still held every second year while the Bay of Plenty Presbytery Youth camp is no longer held at Ohope. This means that the Marae is now free during Easter and this Holy Week programme is about reclaiming this sacred time and space for Te Aka Puaho. In reclaiming this sacred time and space we pray that this will continue to grow and prosper in years to come.



MEMBERS OF TE AKA PUAHO CELEBRATING PASSOVER PASSOVER MEAL



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On the Thursday of Holy Week 30 members of Te Aka Puaho were given the opportunity to experience a Passover Meal. It was in this context that Jesus instituted what we celebrate as Holy Communion. This experience gave people a deeper appreciation of the context in which Jesus instituted Holy Communion.



MEMBERS OF TUHOE KI OTAUTAHĪ WHO STAYED AT OHOPE MARAE

Immediately following the Passover Meal sixty people of Tuhoe descent who live in Christchurch were given a late night Powhiri onto Ohope marae and hosted by Te Aka Puaho. These people were seriously affected by the Christchurch earthquakes and the Tuhoe Establishment Trust paid for them to travel to the Easter Tuhoe Festival. Te Aka Puaho provided their two marae (Te Kakano o te aroha in wellington and Ohope marae) and hospitality free of charge. This gave them a much needed and appreciated break from the earthquakes and trying to rebuild their lives.

TE ARA O TE RIPEKA



Members of Te Aka Puaho celebrating Good Friday with the Way of the Cross 'TeAra o te Riureka'.

On Good Friday after the Tuhoe people left the marae to attend the Tuhoe Festival members of Te Aka Puaho gathered together to celebrate their own version of the Way of the Cross in prayer, Bible readings, reflections and singing. In all there were sixteen presentations on various aspects of the journey that Jesus undertook to Calvary. While it rained heavily outside people gathered in the warmth of Te Maungarongo for a four hour service that proved to be both moving and inspirational.

We now look forward to developing Holy Week in 2012 when it will go beyond Eastern Bay of Plenty Pastorates to including all Pastorates from Te Aka Puaho.

AMORANGI MINISTRY TRAINING



Members of Te Kakano o te aroha in Wellington taking part in Amorangi Training.

In April the Moderator and supporters (Te Roopu Ohomairangi) held an Amorangi Training event at Te Kakano o te aroha Church marae in Wellington. Due to the high numbers of students there are now two strands to the Amorangi course. The first strand is the Te Taitokerau strands that include both Northland and Auckland and the second strand that covers south from Waikato to Wellington. On the journey to Wellington a visit was made to Turakina Maori Girls College to visit the chaplain.

The theme for the weekend Wananga was 'The Sacraments'. During this weekend seven of the students and twenty members of the Wellington Pastorate took part in classes that included baptism, Holy Communion, the synoptic gospels: Matthew, Mark and Luke, chaplaincy, Bible study and singing. At the end of 2010 the number of people attending Sunday service at Te Kakano was 54 people. In 2011 the number attending Sunday service is now 100 + people. The Pastorate is now the fastest growing Pastorate within Te Aka Puaho and they are determined to become the flagship of Te Aka Puaho. Kia kaha e hoa ma !

HE PANUI

A teruatekau ma whitu o Haratua (27th May) ka powhitihia a Te Aka Puaho ki nga kawemate o nga Minita i mate atu ara, a Rev Rangiora Rakuraku me Rev Hori Heta. A tewhahaora (4pm) a te ahiahi te Powhiri.

Nau Mai ***Haere Mai**

TE PARIHA O TE TAITOKERAU

Congratulations to the Rev Judy Te Whiu who has been appointed to the Maori Advisory Panel to the PCANZ National Chaplaincy Board.

Church in Da Shed: Judy and Wimutu are now living at 2 Garden Court, Haruru Falls and on the property is a huge multi storied multi room shed that has accommodated members of Te Aka Puaho attending the Waitangi Day celebrations. Regular Sunday services are now held in 'Da Shed' and includes Sunday school. Also operating from 'Da Shed' is a 'Pataka Kai' otherwise known as a food bank that to date has given out 179 food parcels.

Music Quest: Te Taitokerau has initiated a smoke free music quest run along similar lines as American idol. Anyone interested in giving it a go? Contact Judy Te Whiu on 0210324755.

Te Mahiate Pariha: he is a snap shot of some of the good work being done by our Pariha members:

Danish students: hosted 3 groups of Danish students, 30-35 people, teaching local history, customs, culture and religion and New Zealand Education. As part of the exchange they were also taught waiata, poi and haka and then preformed a Haka on the pedestrian crossing outside the world famous Hunderwasser toilets on the main street of Kawakawa !

Bible in Schools: The Pariha has been busy delivering Bible in Schools at Paihia Primary School and have an attendance of 59 children.

Kia kaha koutou e te Pariha o Te Taitokerau

News and Views

Anything exciting happening in your Pariha?

Drop us a line and we will insert this into the next edition of Te Waka Karaitiana.

NATIONAL PRAYER CHAIN FOR TE AKA PUAHO

What will move our Church? Prayer will move our Church not as we wish it but as God wills it.....Te Kakano o te aroha.

Would you like to be part of a national prayer chain for Te Aka Puaho? At 10am every Tuesday the leadership of Te Kakano o te aroha in Wellington meet for a prayer meeting.....

In Rotorua the Rev Messina Roberts also stops for prayers on Tuesday morning at 10am and prays for the work of Te Aka Puaho.....

Would you like to join them? At 10am on Tuesday if you are able individually or in a group stop what you are doing and join them in prayer.

Things to prayer for this month:

1. The work of Te Aka Puaho
2. Our kuia Nanny WaeretiKiwara, Meri Collier, Mericaton, Te Ao Biddle, Millie Te Kaawa.
3. Our leaders of Te Aka Puaho
4. Our children's holiday programmes
5. Turakina Maori Girls College

TE PARIHA O NUHAKA

CONGRATULATIONS:to Avon Raroa and Russell Lloyd married on April 2nd 2011 at Tanenuiarangi marae.

HuraKohatu for Ian Ropitini at Ruawharawhara on morning of April 23rd.

He mamae aroha kia Joe Northover, Ringatu tohunga in Heretaunga and a good friend of our Pariha of Heretaunga. Moe mai e koro.

TUKUTUKU PANEL WOVEN WITH LOVE

On the 7th of February I had the pleasure to officiate at the unveiling of a specially commission Tukutuku panel at the Knox centre for ministry and leadership in Dunedin. This Tukutuku panel was commissioned by the Principal the Very Rev Graham Redding to signify the relationship between Knox and Te Aka Puaho.

The weavers of the Tukutuku panel named 'Te Maungarongo' were Master weaver Roka Cameron and her husband Kerry Cameron. The panel depicts the Trinity. Mr Alex Whitaker carved three pieces onto the Tukutuku including a bible, a dove and a combination of bread and wine, the three central elements of our faith. The Tukutuku was framed in rimu by Mr Ricky Ngamoki, the son of Roka Cameron. Dr Redding said it represented the Centre's bicultural journey telling the story of its past and evoking a new design for its future.

He Mihi

He mihi tenei ki a Hone Te Rire. Acknowledgements to Mr Hone Te Rire who completed his Amorangi Ministry Training in 2010 and is awaiting ordination. Hone has now moved on from te Wananga o Raukawa as a tutor to Te Awamutu where he is now working for Te Wananga o Aotearoa as kaiwhakahanga Marau (Curriculum Designer).

Congratulations to Rev Horianana Hayes who was ordained an Amorangi Minister in March at the David Hogg Memorial Hostel in Whakatane.

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