



The Methodist Church of New Zealand
Mission Resourcing



Information Pack

MCNZ Mission Statement

For the People of Aotearoa / New Zealand
who are associated with the Methodist tradition,
both in Methodist Parishes & in Co-operative Ventures

Our Church's mission in Aotearoa / New Zealand is to reflect and proclaim the transforming love of God as revealed in Jesus Christ and declared in the Scriptures. We are empowered by the Holy Spirit to serve God in the world. The Treaty of Waitangi is the covenant establishing our nation on the basis of a power-sharing partnership and will guide how we undertake mission.

In seeking to carry out our mission we will work according to these principles:

Christian Community

We are a worshipping, praying and growing community, sharing and developing our faith, and working through its implications in our social context.

Evangelism

We are able to challenge people to commit to Christ and Christ's way.

Flexibility

We are able to be flexible, creative, and open to God's Spirit in a changing world and Church, so that the Church is relevant to people's needs; to release energy for mission rather than to absorb energy for maintenance.

Church Unity

We are able to foster networks and relationships with communities of faith which have similar goals.

Inclusiveness

We are able to operate as a Church in ways in which the diversity of the people e.g. all ages, all cultures, female and male, will be able to participate fully in the whole life of the Church, especially within decision-making and worship.

Every Member a Minister

We encourage each person to develop his / her full potential by accepting and nurturing each other, developing skills and providing resources, challenging and enabling for service in the Church and community.

Cross-Cultural Awareness

We are able to be aware of and to be challenged by each other's cultures.

Justice

We work for justice for any who are oppressed in Aotearoa / New Zealand, keeping in mind the implications of the Treaty of Waitangi. We are able to share resources with the poor and disadvantaged in Aotearoa / New Zealand and beyond.

Peace

We are able to be peacemakers between people and in the world.

Healing

We are able to listen for hurt and work for healing.

Ecology

We are able to care for creation.