

TAUWI CHILDREN YOUTH FAMILIES MINISTRY

The Methodist Church of New Zealand / Te Haahi Weteriana o Aotearoa



Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and
He will establish your plans
Proverbs.16.3 (NIV)



Kia Ora, Talofa Lava, Malo e Lelei, Nisa Bula Vinaka, Greetings!

Thanks be to God for all the amazing blessings He has bestowed over our lives and our Church

I hope wherever you find yourself, 2015 has been going great so far! It has been a busy last few months for me and I've been blessed to have been able to have met many amazing and passionate people of God. The biblical understanding of the Church being us, the people, rings true in all my experiences around the country. We are blessed to have many people with a hunger to see God connect with our children and youth and I thank you all for your tireless efforts and inspiring passion.

THE METHOD

Work is currently being done to create an online database of resources for Children's ministry teams and Youth groups. The aim of this database called *The Method* will be to equip local churches with resources that they need to effectively minister to young people. Games, devotions, songs and other material will be offered through this resource, so watch this space!



I've had the chance to spend time with a lot of awesome people. Spending the weekend down at Journeys End Camp in Christchurch was an amazing spirit filled experience with the young adults of CSI Synod.

Another highlight has been spending time down in Wellington with the Wesley Wellington Parish. Camping with the Fijian youth, attending Sinoti Cultural night, coffee with the English speaking youth and attending the morning Tongan service gave a great perspective of the ethnic value that God has placed in our Church. Let's continue to celebrate the fact that we are of many cultures and ages, yet One in Jesus!

SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES FOR YOUTH MINISTRY NGĀ TIKANGA WHAKAUKA

CHURCH EMPLOYMENT OF YOUTH WORKERS IN
AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND
MŌ NGĀ KAIMAHI WHAKAWHANAKE RANGATAHI KA
WHAI MAHI I ROTO I NGĀ HĀHI KI AOTEAROA

For a long time our Church has been crying out for the need for better support structures of our Youth workers and Volunteers. I am immensely happy to present *Sustainable Practices For Youth Ministry*! This is an adapted resource that has been moulded to reflect NZ context. It is a practical training resource that has been produced by the National Youth Leaders Denominational Meeting, which includes the MCNZ. I strongly urge all to have a look out for this resource by heading over to sustainablepractices.org.nz and look out for this resources introduction into the life of our Church in the very near future.



We continue to support the vision of Let the Children Live. There are numerous stories of great projects and initiatives that are taking place across the Connexion. A reminder that there are funding possibilities which can support whatever ideas you may have toward this vision, so feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Please also note we would love to hear about the projects that are taking place across the Connexion. Sharing your stories can help others and inspire action. Being salt and light to the children of our country deserves to be made known! Contact Mission Resourcing should you have stories to share.

COMMUNICATION

I note in my first 6 months of this role that we at times struggle to communicate with each other, even on the most basic of levels. With Children and Youth ministry sometimes feeling isolating, our communication channels in many cases are very poor. In response to this, work is currently being done to strengthen the communication channels for our young people. The Children's Workers Database is currently being updated, and a Youth Leaders Database is currently being set up. The aim will be for every Children and Youth Ministry worker of the Connexion to be on database by the end of 2015. Database forms will be out in the next few weeks and I will be also collecting information in my travels across our beautiful country. Facebook pages will also be set up in the near future, with more info to come.

I continue to ask for your prayer and support, both for myself and for each other. Let's continue to commit everything we do as a Church to the LORD, and trust in His faithfulness to make things happen. As always, feel free to contact me with any queries on;

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