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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Members of the NZMWF

Sisterly greetings to you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ

It was a joy and privilege to be commissioned as NZMWF President with my National Executive Team last month. As a young woman and now a front-runner to the wider NZMWF with a supportive team, I look forward to work and serve NZMWF in the two years ahead. My aspirations for the ministry of the NZMWF is to support the Women Fellowship's goals, visions, and missions locally, nationally and globally, especially within the area of vulnerable women and children. NZMWF is a very special place of sisterhood fellowships to so many people and my ongoing prayer is that the NZMWF would continue to be a place where our women fellowships may find spiritual strength, renewed vision and peace.

May I also introduce and welcome you all to the first NZMWF Executive's *e-News* for 2018 - 2020. The e-News is a monthly newsletter that our team of Executive members are committed to create as an opportunity for all the NZMWF Districts to communicate. The best part of using the technology available is to develop services that improve our communication nationwide. As we only meet once a year, e-News will fill you in on what is happening throughout the year. It will be a tool and a resource to encourage regular sharing of success stories, local activities, women programs and

projects, events and any other NZMWF involvements which will be an inspiration to share with others in order for us all to learn from one another's strengths and ideas. In addition, e-News will be used to communicate up-to-date information and progress on all NZMWF projects from the National Executive Committee to all NZMWF districts and all task group committees.

There is much to share, discuss, and consider in order to add value to the current communication and operation of the NZMWF ministry and missions undertaken by the many women fellowships nationwide.

Members of the NZMWF, if we want to increase participation and involvement of women, both young and old, in our local and district Women Fellowships, we need to regularly communicate with one another and provide time to keep in touch as women of faith that are devoted to serve Christ and to proclaim his love and hope to those in need.

I wish our NZMWF members all the very best for the next few weeks as we approach and celebrate the festive season. Please contact me directly, or other Executive team members, if we can offer you any further assistance or advice.

Blessings to you all


Siniva Vaitohi

NZMWF THEME 2019 - 2020

CHOSEN PEOPLE CALLED TO PROCLAIM LIFE AND HOPE, FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN
1 PETER 2: 9; EPHESIANS 4: 4-6; JEREMIAH 29:11

The theme for 2019 - 2020: "**CHOSEN PEOPLE CALLED TO PROCLAIM LIFE AND HOPE, FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN.**" There are three bible verses that supports this theme.

- **1 Peter 2: 9** But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.
- **Ephesians 4: 4-6;** There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.
- **Jeremiah 29:11** ¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

To put our NZMWF Theme into action, here is an activity that you can do with your Women Fellowship members to see whether you are currently making a difference as chosen people called to proclaim life and hope for women and children.

Aim: How can we proclaim life and hope for women and children in our own local Women Fellowship?

Tasks to do: Divide the women into smaller groups to discuss the following questions, then report back on the outcome

- i) What are the local women fellowship programmes that we are currently doing that contribute to the NZMWF Theme 2019 – 2020?
 - a) List all your current local women fellowship programmes under the following headings:

Programmes or Activities that support life & hope for women and children	Programmes or Activities that I am not sure of its impact (directly or indirectly) on life and hope for women and children

(Questions you can ask to prompt the discussions: Do you have any outreach projects? What are current women programmes for the young girls or young couples? Do you have programmes that aim at youth and children?)

- ii) Is there a local women fellowship project that you can do to support our NZMWF theme for 2019 – 2020? If so, list down some of the ideas.
- iii) Is there a district women fellowship project that you can do as a district to support our theme – to proclaim life and hope for women and children?
- iv) Is there a national project that we can all involve in, as to make a mark on the NZMWF theme – which is to proclaim life and hope for women and children.

At the end of the exercise, you might find that:

- a) your women fellowship is currently doing a lot of projects that supports our theme and that the group feel satisfied that you are great ambassadors of chosen people called to proclaim life and hope for women and children
- b) burning desire for a new project to be initiated to mark your group of chosen people called to proclaim life and hope for women and children

Suggestion: You might want to share the outcome of this group activity with other people, as part of our monthly e-News.

CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN

CHOSEN PEOPLE CALLED TO PROCLAIM LIFE AND HOPE, FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN (1 PETER 2:9)

Today We, Women have been called and chosen by God to proclaim life and hope, for women and children. The text of 1Peter 2:9 empowered us with our calling, "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."

Responding to this awesome call, we, women have to be still and know



Vice-President & Chaplain, Mrs Finau Silila Kilikiti at the 2018 Convention, Christchurch
Back Row from L to R: Mrs Siniva Vaitohi (President NZMWF); Mrs Siosi Savinata Mahe from the Uniting Church of Australia Tongan Women Fellowship, Rev Setaita T. K. Veikune (President NZ Methodist Church), Miss Makelesi Ngata (Young Girl's Representative, Glen Innes Tongan Women Fellowship), Mrs Ika Vea (Ponsonby Women Fellowship Rep & Executive Buddy for Mrs Seniola Vea Williams)
Front Row: Mrs Lisia Kaufononga, Christchurch Kosipeli's Women Fellowship, Mrs Silila Kilikiti.

that God is calling us to move forward in this generation. Psalm 46, offer us encouraging words, "Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth. The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Yes, God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. We are strongly compelled by the New Zealand Women Fellowship two years' theme of proclaiming life and hope, for women and children. So it is our utmost task and responsibility to shine out life and hope throughout our commitment, dedication and passion to our callings. We have been commissioned in John 12:32, to lift up Jesus in our everyday walk of life and he will embrace and draw us nearer to his loving bosom. Jesus will then breathe us the breath of life for greater and stronger determination to achieve our theme of proclaiming life and hope, for women and children.

We are approaching the festive season of Christmas and we, chosen women of New Zealand Women Fellowship should be proud of ourselves as being strong women of God who are compelled to fulfil the tasks and responsibilities that Mary responded to Gabriel in Nazareth, "May it be to me as you have said," All of us chosen people have been called to fulfil goals and visions of the Fellowship. May the power of the Most High will overshadow us during the Christmas Festivities and may we embrace the New Born King to empower us All for the new year of greater hope and life for everyone. Let us therefore sing and rejoice with Mary glorifying God for this great gift of love and life for the whole of mankind. "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son that whosoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." Merry Christmas to All.

MISSION'S COLUMN

NZMWF CONVENTION 2018

On the 25-28 October 2018 the New Zealand Methodist Women's Fellowship (NZMWF) hosted their National Convention in Christchurch with the theme "*Chosen People, Called to Proclaim.*" There were 100 registered participants from all over New Zealand, who came together under the leadership of Dianne Cloughton (President 2016-2018) and her executive team, made up of Ofa Giblin, Valmai Horton, Moe Petaia, Philomena Petaia, Lynne Scott, Unaisi Tikoinaki and Roz Wilkie.

As women we celebrated the Methodist Suffrage Trail, 125 years since women gained the vote – a reminder of how far we've come as sisters in Aotearoa New Zealand. We paid tribute to members of the NZMWF who were called home to our maker and while it was great to see familiar faces of the past, it was also a blessing to see more and more young women take part in the 2018 convention.



Dr Seini Taufa,
Mission & Media Link



Group Photo of those in attendance – NZMWF Convention 2018

During their two-year term, Dianne and her executive team were tasked with choosing worthy causes for the combined MWF/PWA projects, this was also announced during convention. For 2018-2019 the two projects chosen were the **Social Empowering Education Programme (SEEP)** in Fiji - an initiative that aims to improve rural agricultural livelihoods and the **Bellyful**

Project here in New Zealand, which provides free meals for families with new-born babies, and families with young children who are struggling with illness, particularly those without a support network.

A highlight echoed by all in attendance was the bible studies run by Reverend Meryll Blair from Stirling Theological College in Melbourne. Over the course of two days she shared her wisdom and gave us a front row seat to the life of Sarah and Naomi. A reminder of the blessings that follow a life of servanthood, lived by those who came before us. As a first-time delegate the messages were truly empowering.

On the final day of convention delegates and observers alike took part in a communion service which saw the Commissioning of the new NZMWF President (Siniva Vaitohi) and Committee. For 2019-2020 the executive team will be accompanied by a support person (advisor) or buddy for each of the roles. As a member of the incoming executive team (2019-2020) we would like to thank Dianne and her executive team (2017-2018) for hosting a wonderful convention and for carrying the torch over the past two years. On behalf of our NZMWF President Siniva Vaitohi we ask that you keep the work of NZMWF and the eighteen districts represented in your prayers as we continue to move forward with the grace of God.



NZMWF Executive Committee 2019-2020 and their advisors/buddy

Faka'apa'apa 'atu
Written with Respect
Seini Taufa
(Mission and Media Lead)

DIACONATE'S COLUMN

NATIONAL METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP DEACONS LINKS

I had a good conversation with Deacon Margaret Birtles of Waikato, Bay of Plenty Area concerning the role of the Deacons within the NZ Methodist Women's Fellowship. Margaret stated that 'there is not a lot that NZMWF really can do. There are not many deacons now in the Methodist Church of New Zealand. She suggested that those districts that has a deacon need to support them in their ministry.'

There is a significant factor that Margaret raised that needs to be done, that is "to talk to all districts about what deacon's ministry. It is very important that the people understand what their role is." It is understandable that deacons work for the community, whereas the presbyters work for the church. It is interesting that the "presbyters do the talking, and the deacons do the walking," Margaret exclaimed. However, there are tasks that they both function such as visitation to homes, hospitals, prisons ... etc. With regards to Proclamation of God's Word, Presbyter and Deacon both perform. When the Presbyter is presiding at the Holy Communion, Deacon can help by serving the people.

I shared with Margaret that the Tongan MWF will be having a Convention on the 22 – 24 February 2019, and she is interested if she will be invited to talk about the 'Deacon's Ministry.' This will be raised with the NZMWF President to confirm.



Rev Siutaisa Tukutau
Diaconate Link

I am fortunate and happy to work closely with the deacons within NZMWF. I also need your support and co-operation from all the districts.

Grace and Peace to you all,

Rev. Siutaisa Tukutau.

NATIONAL METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP DEACONS LINKS

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NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN'S COLUMN

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN

The Gender Dashboard is one of three innovative projects within the Gender Equal NZ campaign. Gender Equal NZ is led by the National Council of Women.

The Gender Dashboard will collect, collate and analyse data to build a shared understanding of the status of all women in Aotearoa New Zealand. We are working with expert partners to illustrate key areas of inequality from an intersectional perspective.

The Gender Dashboard will show users what the data means, how the data connects and contextualise it within a narrative arc – a story! Stories will show the areas where we need to drive cultural change to achieve gender equality – and will demonstrate the progress currently being made.

You can find out more about the Dashboard here: <https://genderequal.nz/gender-dashboard/>

Nina Herriman from the National Council of Women is looking for volunteers to provide feedback on the data stories. You don't need to be very tech savvy just have an hour or so a month to look at our draft data stories online and answer 5-6 questions about each.

Nina is also interested in hearing about the stories of gender inequality that you would like the Dashboard to tell (or the achievements that should be celebrated!)

You can contact Nina on nina@genderequal.nz or 04-473 7623.

Public Health Events for November

MENS HEALTH

HELPING MEN TAKE ACTION

Men are dying six years earlier than women. For reasons that are largely preventable. Book now to see your family Doctor for Men's health check.

DIABETES

KEEP YOURSELF HEALTHY

You can prevent many problems with diabetes if you know about it early and take action to manage it.

How to try and avoid Diabetes with 3 simple measures

- Stay physical aim for 30mins each day
- Eat healthy
- Keep your weight in a healthy range

WHITE RIBBON DAY

White Ribbon aims to end men's violence towards women, encouraging men to lead by example and talk to other men.



Mrs Vaimoana Manukia
NCW Link



NZMWF CALENDAR 2019 - 2020

IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE DOWN

FRIDAY 1ST MARCH 2019
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

FRIDAY 4th – SUNDAY 6TH OCTOBER
NZMWF NATIONAL COUNCIL
IN AUCKLAND

MONTHLY BULLETINS

ALL DISTRICTS MONTHLY NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ARE WELCOME FOR THIS SECTION. PLEASE EMAIL YOUR DISTRICT NOTICES TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BY 21ST OF EACH MONTH.

1. SATURDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2018

TONGA DISTRICT WOMEN FELLOWSHIPS END OF THE YEAR PROGRAMME

Tongan Women Fellowships nationwide are celebrating their End of the Year Women Programme. This event includes a Closing Service, AGM meeting and election of Office Holders for the new year and some are elected for a two year terms. Following the AGM, there is always a big feast as part of the celebration, which mark the TD Women End of Year function and the coming of X-mas. Everyone is welcome to this event.

2. ENGAGING WITH THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDG)

FROM THE WORLD FEDERATION OF METHODIST AND UNITING CHURCH WOMEN & THE LAST SOUTH PACIFIC AREA SEMINAR, NZMWF WAS GIVEN THE TASK TO FOCUS ON SDG #13, #14, & #15

[GOAL 13: Climate Action](#)

[GOAL 14: Life Below Water](#)

[GOAL 15: Life on Land](#)

All NZMWF Districts and Congregations are welcome to explore a way to engage their women in some work, events, programmes or projects to support any one of the three SDG goals numbers 13 – 15 allocated to us.

3. The NZMWF Executive's e-News monthly newsletter

From December 2018 onwards, the monthly e-News will be released on the 28th of each month. Therefore, if you have district events or local women fellowship news, stories, district bulletins that you want to share or publish as part of our NZMWF Executive's e-News, please email the National Executive Secretary, Mrs Vaiolupe Talakai - vaiolupe.talakai@gmail.com the followings:

- i) a photo or some photos*
- ii) an accompanying story. (400 words maximum)*

The deadline for information to be received for the following month e-News is the 21st of each month.

DISTRICT NEWS

ALL DISTRICTS NEWS ARE WELCOME FOR THIS SECTION. PLEASE EMAIL YOUR DISTRICT NEWS TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BY 21ST OF EACH MONTH.

TONGA DISTRICT NEWS

Registration and preparation is currently underway for the upcoming Tonga District Women Fellowship **National Council** for 22nd to 24th February 2019 at Willow Park Convention Centre, Eastern Beach, Auckland. It is expected that two representatives will be attending from each of the 35 Tonga District Women Fellowships nationwide.

EXECUTIVE TEAM 2018 - 2020

NZMWF EXECUTIVE TEAM CONTACT DETAILS



NZMWF Executive Committee 2019-2020 and their advisors/buddy

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NZMWF President, Siniva Holani Moli Vaitohi with the National Executive Committee 2019-2020 and their advisors/buddy. *Seated in the middle is the President of the NZ Methodist Church, Rev Setaita Taumoepeau Kinahoi Veikune. Seated next to her is the Vice-President NZ Methodist Church - Nicola Grundy, Far Right: District Superintendent Minister for Vahefonua Tonga – Rev Tevita Makovina Finau; Far Left: Superintendent Minister for Auckland Manukau Tongan Parish – Rev Vaikoloa Kilikiti.*



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