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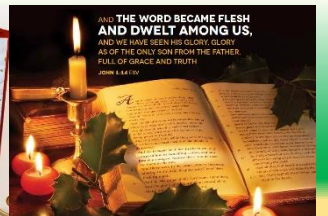
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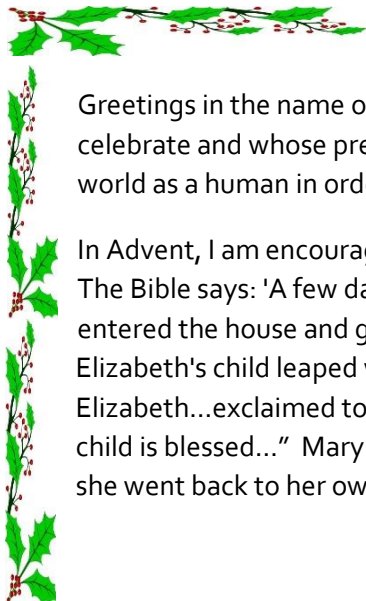
Christmas
BEGINS WITH
Christ



Dear NZMWF Sisters

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ whose birth we celebrate and whose presence we proclaim as the divine son who came to our world as a human in order to reveal God's everlasting love to us.

In Advent, I am encouraged to think about the Christmas story in Luke 1: 39-45. The Bible says: 'A few days later Mary hurried to the hill country of Judea...She entered the house and greeted Elizabeth. At the sound of Mary's greeting, Elizabeth's child leaped within her, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. Elizabeth...exclaimed to Mary, "God has blessed you above all women, and your child is blessed..." Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months and then she went back to her own home"' (Luke 1:39-42, 56).





There are many lessons that we can learn from the lives of these two women. We learned that not only Mary and Elizabeth are cousins, but they were 'spiritual friends'. They were connected in many ways culturally and socially but most importantly they were connected at a deeper level as spiritual friends. That was why Mary hurried to see Elizabeth and why she spent three months with her. It's also why Elizabeth confirmed the miraculous purposes of God that were being fulfilled in Mary's life and she commended her for her obedience.

So the question for us to meditate on then would be - how do we recognize a 'spiritual friend'? The answer is 'we would recognize spiritual friends for when they speak, something within you will resonate because you are both filled with the Holy Spirit and both are empowered by God to do His will.'

May the spirit of Christmas continue to resonate in our lives, as Chosen Women Called to Proclaim Love and Hope for Women and Children. May the Prince of Peace and His Holy Spirit dwell in our hearts so that we could be a "spiritual friend" to others.

Grace and Peace to all members of the NZMWF and Enjoy the rest of Advent. Have a joyful Christmas and a blessed and peaceful New Year.

'Ofa atu

Siniva H. M. 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



Happy Christmas season and all the best for the New Year to you all, our sisterhood women fellowships across New Zealand!

The National Executive Committee would love to hear stories from both local women fellowships or districts about activities or programs that the NZMWF women are currently involved with, or have planned to undertake in future, as part of the collective women contribution to the NZMWF Theme for 2019 – 2020 **“CHOSEN PEOPLE CALLED TO PROCLAIM LIFE AND HOPE, FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN.”**



Mrs Vaiolupe Talakai

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; ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.
- **Jeremiah 29:11** ¹¹For 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.



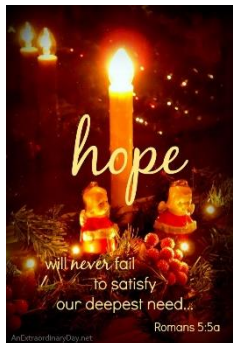
EVENT: LET THE CHILDREN LIVE - YOUTH SUNDAY SPECIAL SERVICE, 16 DECEMBER 2018.

Front Row: Superintendent for Auck-Manukau Tongan Parish - Rev Vaikoloa Kilikiti; Dr Maika Kinahoi Veikune; President NZ Methodist Church - Rev Setaita Kinahoi Veikune; President NZMWF - Siniva Vaitohi (*The Preacher for the Youth Sunday Service, Affirmation, and Rollcall 2018*); Vice-President Elect Methodist Church of New Zealand – Mr Edwin Talakai; Dominion Rd Tongan Methodist Brass Band Leader, Mr Penisimani Havealeta; **Seated on the floor** is Sunday School Member - Miss Tupou'atu Vaitohi.

Back Rows: Youth, Young People and Children of the Dominion Congregation Brass Band

CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN

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



Theme: "God's Purpose for Christmas"

Romans 8:3 *"For what the law was powerless to do ..., God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering."*

Christmas is the day that holds all time together. Have we ever pondered the real meaning of Christmas? Was it just God's attempt to give us a good example to show us the way to live? Was it simply the birth of a great teacher? Did that innocent little child in the feeding trough really hold the answer for us all?



Vice-President & Chaplain,
Mrs Finau Siliila Kiliiki.

Like the cattle around Him, the baby of Bethlehem was born for slaughter. He bore the brunt of a fallen world so we could escape its tragic direction. He gave us a way out of the horrible implications of our rebellion.

We can never fully understand the depths of all of God's mysteries. But thanks God that He has revealed His purposes to us, so we know why he sent Jesus to this broken planet. Yes, Jesus was sent into this world to die instead of us being cast into eternal punishment. God's promise is eternal and everlasting, For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten-son-that whosoever believe in him shall not perish but have eternal life.



Vice-President Chaplain Siliila's buddy
Rev Lute Pole Tu'uhoko

God demonstrated for centuries that the human condition could not be fixed by humans. It could not even be repaired by an external work of God. No, there had to be a sacrifice to pay the price; there had to be a person to live the human life; and it had to be perfect on both counts. And only God could do that. He thus clothed Himself in flesh to be born in a mysterious conception by a virgin. He died a horrible death of being crucified on the cross, and was raised to live, and He put His Spirit within us. He doesn't just give us life; He is our Life.

Christmas is our hope: Jesus came in our likeness to die in our place and He came in God's likeness to live our life. In Him, the image of God and the image of man meet. And

now He lets them meet in us.

Our purpose of Christmas can be found in Jesus' Righteousness, His mercy and love, His peace and calm, His patience, passions and purposes.

God bless you All and hope you enjoyed a Happy Christmas.

Wishing you All a blessed and Prosperous New Year.

MISSION & MEDIA'S COLUMN

MISSION & MEDIA 2018

I wish to begin by echoing the Bible studies conducted by Reverend Merryl Blair from Stirling Theological College in Melbourne at our last Convention about the life of Sarah and Naomi. A reminder of the many blessings that follow a life of servanthood, lived by those who came before us. Those blessings have passed on from generation to generation and to this day - our time and our generation, it is evident that God gave his only begotten son, Christ Jesus to dwell with us and among us, as foretold by the Prophet Isaiah "for unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and his government will be upon his shoulder and his name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Almighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Merry Xmas to you all and many blessings for the New Year.

From Mission, I and my Mission buddy, Mrs. Valeti Finau, would like to remind you about the combine MWF/PWA projects for 2018-2019:

The two projects are:

- (i) The **Social Empowering Education Programme (SEEP)** in Fiji - an initiative that aims to improve rural agricultural livelihoods
- (ii) 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.



Dr Seini Taufa,
Mission & Media Link



Group Photo of those in attendance – NZMWF Convention 2018.

As a members of the Executive Team (2019-2020) we would like to wish **Dianne and her Executive Team (2017-2018)** 'Ofa Giblin, Valmai Horton, Moe Petaia, Philomena Petaia, Lynne Scott, Unaisi Tikoinaki and Roz Wilkie many blessings for the New Year.

We also wish all **District Leaders** a Prosperous 2019 year – **To President Alison Kehely of Bay of Plenty District; Convenor Thelma Efford of Greymouth, Jocelyn Boys of Hawkes Bay; President Leotele Aumua of the Mafutaga Tama'itai Sinoti Samoa Ekalesia Metotisi Niu Sila, President Linda Clark of Manukau District, President Barbara Watson of Nelson-Marlborough, Co-Presidents Jennifer Delaney and Patricia Chapman of North Canterbury, Co-ordinator Beth Muir of Northland Dargaville Fellowship, Secretary Fay Richardson of Otago, Co-ordinator & Secretary Betty Watson of South Canterbury, Verna Eason of Southland Lindisfarne Fellowship (Invercargill), and of course not forgetting our Tonga District President Silila Kilikiti -.**

We look forward to working with you all as members of the NZMWF called by God as Chosen People to proclaim his greatness and goodness to the world, with a particular focus on women and children.

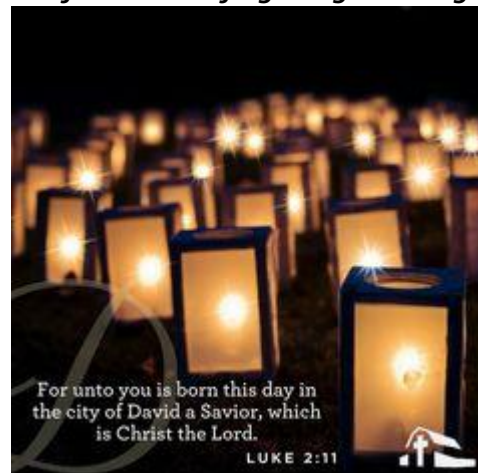
Happy Festive Season everyone. With Prayers

Faka'apa'apa `atu

Written with Respect

Seini Taufu

(Mission and Media Lead)



DIACONATE'S COLUMN

NATIONAL METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP DEACONS LINKS

"Glory to God in the Highest and on earth peace, goodwill toward women & men!"



I hope that all Deacons and those who represent the Deacons' Links within The **NZMWF - Northland Area, Bay of Plenty, Waikato - Thames Valley, Auckland Region, Taranaki, Manawatu - Whanganui, Wellington and Canterbury,** had a wonderful and a joyous Christmas.

It is my prayer that God bless you all your women's fellowships with a new year rich with the blessings of love, joy, warmth and laughter.

Wishing you good health, happiness and success in the coming year and always. Happy New Year 2019!

To the **Co-ordinator of Northland Dargaville Women's Fellowship, Mrs Beth Muir – Co-ordinator, and Dacia White – Treasurer & Communications,** I hope that you all had a pleasant and blessed Christmas.

May God be with you through New Year and fill your lives with comfort, love and cheer. May this day and the days ahead hold many blessings, for you and your fellowship. Happy New Year 2019!

Rev. Siutaisa Tukutau.



Rev Siutaisa Tukutau.
Diaconate's Link

NATIONAL METHODIST WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP DEACONS LINKS

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NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN'S COLUMN

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN

Just a quick reminder from the NCW to you that the Gender Equal NZ, led by the National Council of Women have a Gender Dashboard.

This Gender Dashboard collects, collates and analyses 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. You can find out more about the Dashboard here: <https://genderequal.nz/gender-dashboard/>

PUBLIC HEALTH EVENTS FOR DECEMBER 2018

- World Aids Day
- International Day of Disabled Persons
- National Safe Sleep Day- Te Rā Mokopuna
- World Human Rights Day
- International Migrants Day

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

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all members of the NZMWF nationwide.



Mrs Vaimoana Manukia
NCW Link



Advent, Advent. Ein Lichtlein brennt.

LIAISON & CULTURAL LINK COLUMN

THE LIASON LINK & CULTURAL LINK

Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child. LUKE 2:4-5



Have a Blessed Advent!

To all leaders and members of **all Districts** of the NZMWF

May the Spirit of Christmas bring you and your family hope, happiness and love.

I look forward to working, talking, and praying with you in 2019.



Mrs Seniola Williams
Liaison & Cultural Link

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to the NZMWF Scholarship Convenors namely the *Friendship Scholarship Convenor - Marie Smith; Kurahuna Scholarship Convenor - Gillian Laird; and Smethurst Scholarship Convenor - Annette Sharp* I represent to you the National Executive Committee in wish you all a joyful Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

Warmest regard

Seniola Williams
(Liaison Link coordinator)

UNITING CONGREGATIONAL LINK COLUMN

THE UNITING CONGREGATION LINK

To the Secretary of the Otago District, Fay Richardson and Treasurer, Margaret Connors

On behalf of the NZMWF National Executive Committee for 2019-2020 and as the Uniting Congregational Link Representative, I hope you all had a Very Merry Xmas and I would like to wish you, your members and families a Happy and Prosperous New Year.



I'm looking forward to working and sharing with you the Good News in the next 2 years.



Mrs Anga Takai Havea
Uniting Congregational Link

In addition, to the Co-ordinator of the South Canterbury, Betty Watson and Secretary, Rose Hunt, and Ruth Bilverstone the Treasurer for the District

I hope you and all women from the South Canterbury District had a Very Merry Xmas and I wish you all a Happy and Fruitful New Year on behalf of the NZMWF Executive Committee for 2019-2020.

Warmest Regards

Anga Havea
(Uniting Congregational Link Representative)



NZMWF CALENDAR 2019 - 2020

IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE DOWN

FRIDAY 1ST MARCH 2019
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

JUNE 30th
NZMWF MEMBERSHIP FEES DUE

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

THURSDAY 17th – 20TH SUNDAY OCTOBER
UCANZ
WELLINGTON

SATURDAY 26TH OCTOBER
WORLD FEDERATION OF METHODIST & UNITING CHURCH WOMEN DAY

Background: The WFM&UCW was founded on the 26th October 1939 and as a fellowship of officially recognized groups of Methodist, United and Uniting Church Women organised in national Units within their nations.

Each affirms the Federation motto: "To know Christ and to make him known."

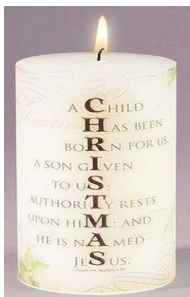


Mrs Amelia Hoglund
National Treasurer



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. **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](#)



Mrs Lesieli Tiulipe Pope
WFMUCW Correspondence

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 January 2019 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 from 22nd through 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.



Minutes & Distributing Secretary Buddy
Mrs Uinisi Vaitohi

NZMWF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE INFORMATION

Attached is the President ‘Draft’ Schedule Visit to the Districts for 2019 and 2020.

In order to help us plan for the President’s visit so that it would not clash with her other NZMWF commitments schedule for the two years ahead, we asked that the Districts indicate their preferences for a visiting time, as per indicated on the table below. Please email the *National Secretary, Mrs Vaiolupe Talakai, or myself as her buddy and helping-hand*, the following details: *(i) District Name, (ii) Date & (iii) Time*. We intend to put this information up on our **e-Newsletter** and it is based on a “first come first serve basis.”

Please note: The Presidential visit is intended for the President plus one or two other Executive Members to travel with her, unless you indicated some other preferences, for instance, *you might like majority of the Executives to be present on the visit ...etc*

Presidential Visit to the District for 2019	Presidential Visit to the District for 2020
February	February
March	March

April	April
May	May
July	June
August	July
November	August

EXECUTIVE TEAM 2019 - 2020

NZMWF EXECUTIVE TEAM CONTACT DETAILS



From the NZMWF Executive Committee 2019-2020 and their advisors/buddy we wish you, every member of the NZMWF a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year



from us to you!



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The National Executive Committee 2019-2020 and their advisors/buddy.
 Also present in the photo is the NZ Methodist Church President, Rev Setaita Kinahoi Veikune
 and Vice-President, Nicola Grundy.

from us to you!



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