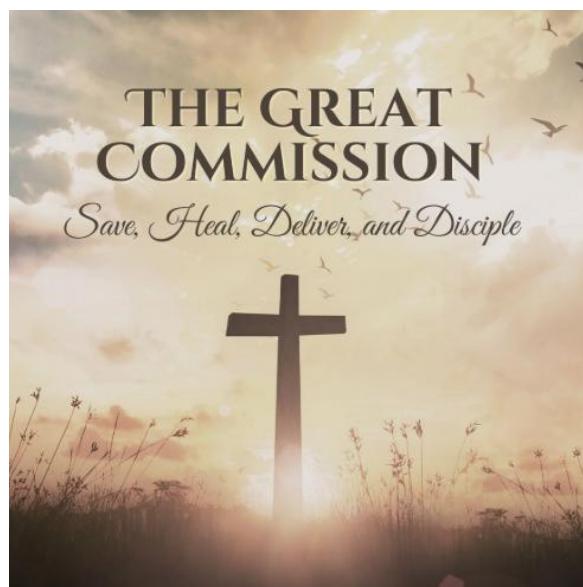


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**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2026**

## **COMMISSIONING SERVICE**

*Haere mai ki tēnei Whare Karakia Welcome  
to this House of Prayer*



**We are a multi-racial Christian community:  
Methodist in affiliation – Ecumenical in intention –  
Diverse in theology – Inclusive in outreach.**

**Kia ora koutou katoa — Talofa Lava  
Malo e lelei — Bula Vinaka Greetings to you all!**

# **Combined Commission Service**

**1<sup>st</sup> February 2026**

***Lower North Island Synod Superintendent***  
***Rev. Neti Petaia***

This evening we commission Kisione Finau as student supply to Wellington Methodist Parish.

A special welcome to all who join us for worship.  
Your presence enriches our gathering and contributes to the creative evolution of community.

**SAFETY BRIEFING**

**Leatuavao**

**INTROIT**

**Samoan Congregation**

**WELCOME AND GATHERING**

**Rev. Neti Petaia**

Ko te mihi tuatahi ki te Atua, nana nei nga mea katoa  
E ngā mate kua wheturangitia, hāere, hāere, hāere, atu rā  
E mihi ano ki te hunga ora, tēnā koutou katoa  
E ngā iwi o nga moutere, e ngā iwi o nga hau e wha, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa.  
Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou kua tae mai ki tēnei whare karakia.

Haere mai e te whanau

Haere mai e te manuhiri.

Kia ora e te whānau, Talofa lava, Mālō ē lelei, Ni sa bula Vinaka. Welcome and greetings!

Our first greetings are to God, the God we celebrate, the God of all creation, the God of all beings, God of the past, present and future.

We greet all of you who have come from around the motu to be with us today as we worship God, to give thanks for the ministry of Rev Simote Taunga and to Commission Kisione Wesley Finau as a Supply Ministry Student to the Wellington Methodist Parish for the year 2026.

Let us join in unity celebrating Christ with us here and now.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

**Leader:** We gather to give thanks for this day. Each morning, we are renewed by the steadfast love of God who brought forth the mountains and formed the earth and the world. We rest in the love of God. God be with you

**People:** **And with you also**

**Leader:** Sisters and brothers in Christ, we are gathered here to worship God, to receive Kisione Finau who has been appointed to serve as a Supply Ministry Student in the Wellington Methodist Parish and together to recommit ourselves to the service of God. Gracious God awaken our spirits.

**People:** **Sustaining God, renew our faith.**

**Leader:** Loving God, fill us with compassion

**People:** **Empowering God, equip us all for ministry**

*Kisione Finau comes forward*

**Rev. Neti Petaia:** The ministry of Rev Simote Taunga has come to an end. We give thanks for Simote's ministry in this place. The work of God moves on. A new partnership in ministry is about to begin. Here and now our God does a new thing. On behalf of the Lower North Island Synod, I present to you, Kisione Wesley Finau who will provide ministry here in the Wellington Methodist Parish in 2026.

*A welcome is extended to Kisione by the Parish Council Chair/Parish Superintendent*

**HYMN (H&P 463)                    TO GOD BE THE GLORY**

1. To God be the glory, great things he has done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin  
And opened the life gate that all may go in.

**Refrain:**

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!  
Let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!  
Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,  
And give him glory! Great things he has done!

2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
To every believer the promise of God!  
And every offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

***Refrain***

3. Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son.  
But purer, and higher, and greater will be  
Our wonder, our rapture when Jesus we see.

***Refrain***

*Frances Jane van Alstyne 1820-1915*

**Rev. Kalolo Fihaki: Let us pray**

For the mystery of creation  
For the wonderful diversity of the natural world  
For the beauty of the land and sea which nurture us:

**People: We praise you, O God**

**Rev. Kalolo Fihaki:** For Jesus Christ who lived and died and lives again; for the power of his suffering love in the midst of life; we are called to proclaim.

**People: We praise you, O God.**

**Rev. Kalolo Fihaki:** For the Holy Spirit who strengthens us; for the love that fulfils our deepest needs and calls us to love and serve others; for the joy of Christian hope which give meaning to the future.

**People: We praise you, O God.**

**Rev. Kalolo Fihaki:** For the church and the love that has made us your people; for your coming reign when all shall be one in Christ.

**People: We praise you, O God.**

**Rev. Kalolo Fihaki:** Let us seek God's forgiveness.

Silence.

All:

Forgive us, God  
When we forget to praise you,  
When we turn your love into legalism,  
Your freedom into slavery,  
Your promises and gifts  
Into demands and duties.  
Forgive us when we forget  
We are your people  
And make church exclusive.  
Forgive us when we forget  
That you are active here and now,  
And try to lock you up  
In forms and customs  
Words and structures

*Silence*

**Rev. Kalolo Fihaki:** God is rich in mercy. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**People:** Amen, thanks be to God.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER / TE KARAKIA O TE ATUA

E tō mātou Matua i te rangi  
Kia tapu tou Ingoa  
Kia tae mai tou rangatira-tanga.  
Kia meatia tau e pai ai  
ki runga i te whenua,  
kia rite ano ki to te rangi.  
Homai ki a mātou aianei  
he taro mā mātou mo tēnei ra.  
Murua o mātou hara  
Me mātou hoki e muru nei  
i o te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.  
Aua hoki mātou e kawea kia whaka-waia;  
Engari whaka-orangia mātou, i te kino:  
Nou hoki te rangatira-tanga,  
te kaha, me te kororia,  
Ake, ake, ake. Āmine.

**ANTHEM:**

**Tongan Congregation**

**READING OF SCRIPTURES**

**SERMON PREACHER:**

***Taina Tupou (Vice President Elect)***

**HYMN (H&P 4267)**

**“LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING”**

**1. English:**

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven, to earth come  
down;  
fix in us thy humble dwelling;  
all thy faithful mercies crown!  
Jesus thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation;  
enter every trembling heart.

**2. Tongan:**

‘Ofaange ke lilingi  
Ki he fakataha ni  
‘A e kelesi Hotau ‘Eiki  
Hono ivi ngau mai!  
Ka tau hao mei he kovi,  
Ka tau laka pe ki mu’ā  
‘O tau tupu ai ke ofi  
Ki he anga he ‘Otua.

**3. Fijian:**

Sa dau yaco mai na gauna  
Kivei keda kecega,  
Me da digitaka kina  
Na vinaka se na ca:  
Me da vakatudaliga

**Ki na kaci i Jisu,**

**Se muria ga na meca**  
**Era cati Koya tu.**

**4. Samoan:**

Le Ali’i e, silasila  
Ia i matou uma nei  
O tagata agasala  
Ma ua matua sese  
A ia e sisila lava  
I le maliu o lesu  
Le na matua saunaia  
O le olataga fou.

**5. English:**

Finish then thy new creation,  
Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see thy great salvation,  
Perfectly restored in thee:  
Changed from glory into glory  
Till in heaven we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before  
thee,  
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

*Charles Wesley, Tune: Blaenwern*

## OFFERING

Holy God, with confidence we come to you and bring you what is yours. Accept us and these gifts for your service and glory. Amen.

### 10AM Congregation Singing Group

*Kisione Finau comes forward*

## THE COMMISSIONING

**Rev. Neti Petaia:** Kisione, you have been appointed to serve in the Wellington Methodist Parish and with these people. It is your ministry to lead in worship, preach the Gospel of Christ and celebrate the Lord's Supper with them. It is your responsibility to call people to repentance, assure them of God's forgiveness, and baptise.

Ministry is prophetic, questioning, finding resources for futures, and calling forth talents from the congregations. You are called to teach and encourage by word and action, to reflect constantly, and share your reflections.

Taking Christ, the Good Shepherd as your example, care for these people and serve with them in witness to the world.

Do you accept this appointment as being God's call to you?

**Kisione:** I do. I will equip myself for this ministry through prayer, study and the reading of the Bible. By God's grace I will preach the Word of God, I will teach, administer the sacraments, love and serve these people.

I will encourage them in their ministry. Accepting my appointment, I will carry out my duties in accordance with our Methodist discipline.

**Rev. Kalolo Fihaki:** **Let us pray:**

Loving God, in every age you have chosen servants to speak your word and lead your people.

We thank you for Kisione whom you have called into this parish. Fill him with the Holy Spirit and nourish his gifts for ministry in this place.

May Kisione have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus and as a faithful disciple be an example to your people and a witness in this community, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*People of the Wellington Methodist Parish, please stand:*

**Rev. Neti Petaia:** As members of the Wellington Methodist Parish, it is your task to use the gifts that God has given you to minister to one another and to the community in which you are set.

Do you affirm your ongoing call to be the servant people of God?

**Parish Members:**            **We do.**

**With God's help, Christ's love will reach others through us.**

**We will equip ourselves for this ministry through regular worship, prayer and study of the Bible.**

**Rev. Neti Petaia:**            **Let us pray:**

Loving God, in every generation you have called people to be your disciples and follow your way. We give thanks for the Wellington Methodist Parish and pray for its mission. May the Spirit continue to release gifts for ministry in this place. Amen.

Kisione has been appointed as a Student Supply to work with you in this parish. This appointment is part of Kisione's formation and training towards ordained ministry, and it is offered as a space for learning, reflection, and the practical application of theological study in the life of the Church.

Do you, members of the Wellington Methodist Parish commit to walk together with Kisione in a spirit of grace and mutual respect, recognising that this ministry will involve growth, supervision, and shared discernment?

**Parish Members:**            **We do.**

**We receive this placement as an opportunity to support Kisione and his family as he integrates learning with practice, and as a time for the community to participate generously in the shaping of future ordained leadership.**

**We promise him our prayers, our loving support and our active participation in ministry.**

**We welcome Kisione into our midst.**

Please be seated.

*Parish Council, Synod Reps, Presbytery Reps, and other Presbyters and Ministers gather around Kisione in solidarity and prayer.*

**Rev. Kalolo Fihaki:**      **Let us pray.**

We pray for the witness of this parish as it works in and for this community. May the Spirit guide the parish leadership in their governance role, may the people find encouragement in each other, in their worship and in their service.

We pray for Kisione. May your Spirit enliven this ministry, bringing insight to his proclamation of the Word, compassion to his pastoral care, and challenge in his tasks as prophet and leader.

Gracious God may Kisione and these people find you strong to help. Give them courage to be your faithful people in the wider community. By your Holy Spirit, guide and lead them to love and serve others. Grant that in all things they may fulfil their ministry without reproach in your sight. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, who offered to you the perfect ministry. **Amen.**

*Now in silence let Kisione pray for the people, and the people pray for Kisione. Those surrounding Kisione extend a greeting.*

*Symbols of ministry are presented to Kisione by members of the parish.*

**Rev. Neti Petaia:** Kisione, let all these be signs of the ministry that is ours as the baptized people of God. We rejoice that the Methodist Church, is present in this community through your ministry and that of this parish. Amen.

A new partnership in ministry has begun. Together you are the people of God in this place.

**Rev. Neti Petaia:** Kisione, be a good pastor to the people.

Preach the Word. Minister to the sick.

Restore the outcast. Seek the lost. Abide in Christ.

People of the Wellington Methodist Parish, be the people of God.

Meet regularly for worship and study.

Serve daily in the world. Cherish your minister.

Value his gifts. Care for one another. Abide in Christ.

***Please be seated Copies of the Ethical Standards are Signed***

*Kisione offers his greetings and concludes the leadership of the service of worship.*

The church is a waka on the water;  
It is the water that it was made for.  
It was launched from one land in hope of reaching another.  
When the maunga will be visible – piercing the horizon – the church cannot tell.  
But still, in hope, it moves forward.

The church is a waka on the water;  
the water can be peaceful, tranquil and still.  
It can also be volatile, aggressive and unforgiving.  
Its stillness can reflect the stars above.  
Its waves can tower and destroy in a single sweep.  
In whatever water,  
still in hope, the church moves forward.

The church is a waka on the water;  
It is filled with voyagers.  
People on board for a variety of reasons, roles and responsibilities.  
People on the waka belong to it.  
Their place on board is crucial to its journey.  
The waka finds purpose through its people and the people  
seek purpose on the waka.  
The hope in which they move forward, is a reciprocal hope.  
A voyage towards restoration.  
The church is a waka on the water.  
God the parent is the timeless navigation system and guide.

The stars and moon. The temperature and current.  
The Holy Spirit is the wind in its sails.  
Helping the waka to glide across the seas of great unknown.  
Christ is the Rangatira. The head of the waka.

**People: He is the shaper of its journey.**

The church is a waka on the water.  
We who are on board, row with our backs,  
facing towards the future, and our eyes  
towards where it is that we have come from.

Ka mua, ka muri, the journey continues.  
And where Christ, our captain, our Rangatira leads,

**People:** **So, it is where we will go. Amen.**

**HYMN:** **'Here to celebrate God's loving'** [Hope is our Song 58]

1. Here to Celebrate God's Loving  
in this moment called to share,  
partners in love's gracious purpose,  
God invites us all to care.

***Refrain:***

**Hang out the hallelujahs,  
hang out a loud amen,  
love is God's final word in Christ,  
a love that knows no end.**

2. Here to celebrate God's working,  
there's a task for everyone.  
none is greater, none is smaller:  
just love's service to be done.

***Refrain:***

3. Here to celebrate God's welcome,  
finding Christ in me and you;  
for the world and for each other  
doing what the Lord would do.

***Refrain:***

4. Here to celebrate God's goodness,  
here to listen, here to pray;  
sent from worship into service,  
called to live Christ's loving way.

***Refrain:***

Colin Gibson

**Kisione:** Go into the world in the power of the Spirit

**People:** **We go to serve in the name of God.**

**All:** **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.**

**Himene:** 'Mā te mārie' (sung unaccompanied to tune: Old 100th)

Mā te mārie a te Atua	The peace of God
Tātou katoa e tiaki.	Keeps us all.
Māna anō e whakaū	He will confirm
ō Tātou ngākau ki te pai.	Our hearts in goodness.

Mā te Atua Tamaiti rā, mā te Wairua Tapu hoki rātou, Atua kōtahi nei, tātou katoa e whakapai.	May the Son of God and the Holy Spirit too, one God Bless us all.
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