



TE PIHOPATANGA O TE TAI TOKERAU

MANU KORERO

Te Panui o nga Manu Kokiri

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Hokianga 07: Luv God, Luv ur Neyba

From the 17-21 January Rangatahi from all over Te Tai Tokerau gathered in the beautiful South Hokianga in Waimamaku at Te Whakamaharatanga marae for the Tai Tokerau rangatahi summer camp. The weather was hot, the kai was mean and the whanaungatanga was awesome awesome awesome. over 100 rangatahi attended and the theme of the camp was Aroha: Luv God, Luv ur Neyba.

What an awesome privilege it was working alongside some of the leaders in the Tai Tokerau rangatahi network and also other leaders from across Te Tai Tokerau.

The camp was a good training ground for all who are entering into youth ministry. There were young leaders whom we have identified and are now yet to be commissioned as Manu Karakia. The rangatahi that



Above: Awa (Northern Wairoa) administers the wine to Tegan (Whangaroa)

attended the camp face many difficult challenges in their lives and amongst their whanau, including domestic violence, drugs and poverty. It had also become a challenge for the leaders in action who were

learning how to deal with young people. The kaupapa of love certainly helped deal with some of these issues. And of course the rangatahi are amazingly creative young people who are a pleasure to be with.

I will conclude by saying thank you to all who helped host and to all who made the camp possible and to the Te Tai Tokerau Youth Council for all the hard work they put into the camp, especially the Chairperson Reverend Peter Naera and Treasurer Reverend Marina Naera.



Above: Karakia at the Omapere School hall



Above: swimming in the beautiful harbour



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Being in the Presence of God



Te Tai Tokerau Manu Karakia candidates were put through a challenging weekend to kick off their ministry training.

The Manu Karakia Spiritual Formation and Discipleship Wananga was held at Te Rawhiti Marae, in the beautiful Bay of Islands, from 9-11 February. Manu Karakia ministry is a lay office for those aged 16-40 called to love and serve their people.

The wananga set out to stimulate the Manu Karakia to further develop their personal relationship with God in Christ.

"Christian ministry must begin with this relationship" Manu Kōkiri (Youth Enabler) Tapu Laulu said. "Spiritual formation, at least the beginning of it, is the necessary foundation for Ministry formation."

The theme of the wananga was "Being in the Presence of God". The wananga included many hours of prayer and silent reflection, along with sessions including biblical reflection and Bishop Kito sharing his



faith and ministry journey.

Participant feedback included "It strengthened my faith... an experience I will not forget " and many thoughts about God's love and support for the Manu Karakia candidates as they approached their ministry.

Te Māra Rangatahi Ministry School Kaihautū, Ven. Hirini Kaa was pleased that the Te Manawa o Te Wheke Manu Kōkiri, Ngira Simmonds, was able to be part of the wananga Team. "it shows the strength that Te Pihopatanga o Aotearoa can bring to support Manu

Karakia across the Hui Amorangi." "It was also a pleasure to have Bishop Kito present throughout the hui, supporting this kaupapa."

Spiritual Formation and Discipleship is one of 6 core skills that Manu Karakia will train in. the others are Evangelism and Mission; Karakia; Mihinaretanga; Safe Practise; and Tikanga. Thanks must also go to the Mothers' Union Tamaki Makaurau Branch for their awahi and wonderful catering.

Check interviews with participants on RADIO RUIA at www.rangatahi.org.nz

UPCOMING EVENTS

Hui Amorangi

Date: 20-22 April

Venue: Mangere

The annual hui of Te Pihopatanga o Te Tai Tokerau

Contact: Lynnore

Manu Karakia Training

Date: 11-13 May

Venue: Whangarei

A training wananga for Manu Karakia and other leaders.

Contact: Lynnore

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