



# TE PIHOPATANGA O TE TAI TOKERAU

# MANU KORERO

Te Panui o nga Manu Kokiri

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## Manu Karakia: Takiwira!



*Above: administering the sacrament at the commissioning service*

The 18th of February 2007 was a day to remember for the whanau in Northern Wairoa Pastorate. Pihopa Te Kitohi Pikaahu on this day commissioned Awahirere Timutimu and Letitia Te Pana as Manu Karakia (youth ministers) and at the same time ordained Doreen Riki to the Holy Order of the Diaconate. It was a wonderful day with all the whanau and friends gathered at the Bethlehem Church at Te Kopuru in support for Awahirere and Letitia. The Principal of Dargaville High School, Mr David Bargh, and the head of Maori Mrs Ripeka Paraone were also present at the service to support their students in this ministry. At the

powhiri at Ripia Marae Mr Bargh gave an interesting korero and insight as to

what the life in Takiwira (Dargaville) is like, with rangatahi heavily influenced by gangs, drugs and all sorts of other challenges young people face.

The challenge for Awahirere and Letitia is to be the face of Christ in the midst of their friends, community and whanau. Awahirere and Letitia through the years have been nurtured and taught well by Reverend Riki and Ramari Toia. Leonie Toia was the youth co-ordinator in Northern Wairoa, and twice a week they would run homework nights at the James Buller Memorial Centre, and education was the top priority for all the rangatahi and today it still is.

Awahirere and Letitia will work with those in need in their ministry, and have already been featured on Te Karere for their work in the community amongst the rangatahi. Their ministry will span from leading fortnightly karakia in church through to leading programmes in their school. May God grant to them the strength and guidance they need to do their ministry and may God continue to bless them as they go fourth in amongst their communities, peers and whanau to share their faith.



*Above: Awa, Mr Bargh, Letitia, Mrs Paraone*



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# TTYC Moving Forward



The Tai Tokerau Youth Council held its Annual General Meeting at the Whangarei parish hall on Saturday 17th March, the founding place of the council in 1992. There was a good representation from Northern Wairoa, Waimate Taumarere, Hokianga, CIMAH and Tamaki Makaurau. The hui agreed that the council's Hokianga summer camp was a great success, so much so

that the Youth Council will commit to one camp or hui per year and possibly engage in a Youth Yeah every three years! After a long day and a lot of positive discussion the newly elected officers for 2007 happily accepted their positions. We wish the Chairperson Reverend Pita Naera, the Secretary Kersna Cherrington and the Treasurer Reverend Marina Naera all the best with their ministry to Rangatahi in Tai Tokerau. *photo: the new executive gets to work*

## Manu Karakia Wananga



From 11-13 May at Ngararatunua Marae near Whangarei, Te Māra Rangatahi Ministry School will be holding *Liturgy!*, a training wananga for Manu Karakia. The wananga will focus on Anglican and scriptural understandings of worship, alongside building tools for developing worship that meets our needs as rangatahi in 21st century Aotearoa.

This wananga will enhance one of the identified 6 core ministry skills that complement a Manu Karakia's existing gifts. This will also be an opportunity to develop networks, share ideas and build whanaungatanga with the other Manu Karakia and rangatahi leaders across Te Tai Tokerau.

The wananga is a compulsory component of the Manu Karakia programme, and attendance is required for all those who are licensed as Manu Karakia in Te Pihopatanga o Te Tai Tokerau so that all may be more skilled and equipped in their ministry. *Check out future issues of Manu Korero for a report about this hui.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Manu Karakia Commissioning

*Date:* 22 April

*Venue:* Mangere

Zion Reihana and Arohanui Nicholson will be commissioned as Manu Karakia

*Contact:* Tapu

### Manu Karakia Training

*Date:* 11-13 May

*Venue:* Whangarei

A training wananga for Manu Karakia and other leaders.

*Contact:* Lynnore

## RESOURCES



### The Tapu Blog

[www.rangatahi.org.nz](http://www.rangatahi.org.nz)

Check out the adventures and ramblings of Tapu on his blog.

## MANU KOKIRO

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