



“Awesome Experience” for Te Wai Pounamu Youth

Six rangatahi leaders from Christchurch took part in a historic occasion for Te Hui Amorangi ki Te Waipounamu. A handing over of three stone taonga representing the three tikanga, marked the rededication of St Andrews Anglican Church in Blaketown, West Coast of the South Island.

This event was the culmination of 138 years, where local Maori had donated the land for the first Anglican church in 1867.

The rangatahi sung a spine tingling gradual hymn during the service which followed by a gospel reading by Chris Huriwai (17). Tereeza Kira (16) who has been involved in several rangatahi leaders’ wananga in Te Waipounamu spoke of how the handing over ceremony of the church was an “awesome experience.”

A long serving parishioner of the church, Mary Heinz, spoke to the gathered congregation about the very early days of the church when it first opened 65 years ago. She recalled how the parish had a Sunday school choir and being taught the values of respecting your elders.



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Pihopa Installation

Pihopa Bown Turei has been confirmed as the new Pihopa o Aotearoa. Pihopa Brown is currently Pihopa ki Te Tai Rawhiti, and will be the 5th Pihopa o Aotearoa since the office began in 1928. He will be installed into his new position in Turanga on 7th May.

Rarangī

E te Atua, whakaritea taku whakawa, whakatikaia aku korero ki te iwi atuakore: whakaorangia ahau i te tangata tinihanga e mahi nei i te he. Ko koe hoki te Atua o toku kaha. Waiata 43.1-2

Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people; from the deceitful and unjust, deliver me, for you are the God in whom I take refuge. Psalm 43.1-2



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Tai Tokerau Rangatahi Worker

My name is Tapu Lau and I am the Kaitakawaenga rangatahi for Te Hui Amorangi o Te Tai Tokerau. I am currently studying at the University of Auckland completing a diploma in youth studies.

I have been a part of the Tai Tokerau rangatahi networks for six years. Now I feel that God has called me to further my ministry to help teach and nurture the new believers and to also help rangatahi within the church to strengthen their faith and help them on their journey.

Some of the tasks I have been working on for Tai Tokerau Rangatahi include organising our Evangelism Camp, which is coming up in the September holidays.

Part of my job is to identify and nurture young leaders, and I have also been working on building leaders throughout Tai Tokerau.

Earlier on this month I had my first pastorate visit. I was invited by the whanau of Hemi Tapu at Kelston to come along and take part in their service on

6th March. It was an awesome experience being part of the worship with the rangatahi from the parish. The highlight of the day was a 7 year old boy reading the epistle reading - that was cool.

I will continue my pastorate visits during the year and will keep working on youth ministry throughout Te Tai Tokerau, proclaiming the Good News.

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