

Rangatahi Disciples in Te Wai Pounamu



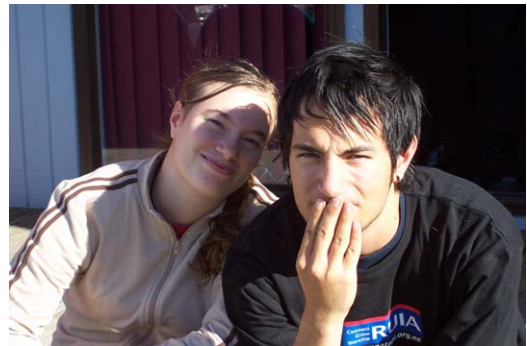
Otautahi rolled out the welcome rain on the 8th of April, the first day of the weekend long Te Waipounamu Hui Amorangi. What seemed ominous turned into sunshine, and overall it was a choice weekend.

Rangatahi presence was felt throughout the whole hui. Terry Timutimu gave his report as Manu Kokiri ki Te Waipounamu, followed by Hirini Kaa, Kaihautū, reporting on the activities of Te Māra. Exciting new developments like Ruia and Te Kupu thrilled the oldies and encouraged them all to be active in the building of Rangatahi Ministry. An example of this was the election of Hinekura Hollis (16) as a General Synod Representative for Te Waipounamu Rangatahi at next years Synod. Exciting indeed, as she'll be the youngest ever General Synod Delegate! Choice!

The Rangatahi led a night service held on Saturday and at the conclusion, Bishop John Gray spoke about how much he enjoyed the Service, and it was unanimous that Terry's energetic leading was refreshing and highly enjoyable.

Rangatahi highlights continued on the Sunday where Chris Huriwai (17) was made a Chalice Bearer at Te Heparā Pai Church. The same Service included Te Heparā Pai's Sunday school kids acting out Jesus washing the Disciples' feet, where little Genesis and Hinemoa Gray confessed to the congregation that they wash their Poppa's feet – Poppa being Bishop John!

The Service was an awesome conclusion to a successful and awesome Hui.



Te Manawa o Te Wheke Rangatahi Unite!

Over 40 rangatahi gathered on April 16-17 at the Rotorua Taapapa, to establish a Te Manawa o Te Wheke youth council in support of rangatahi ministry in the 14 rohe of the Hui Amorangi.

Rangatahi Kaihautū Reverend Arthur Hokianga set the vision for a youth council at the previous years Hui Amorangi in Maketu. The council will be comprised of 4 delegates from each of the 14 rohe within Te Manawa o Te Wheke. Seven of the rohe were represented at the hui, however Arthur sees this as a challenge to the rest of the rohe to become involved.

The rangatahi saw the council in a support and advocacy role for their ministry in their own rohe. The whanau from Murupara were very encouraged by the welcome they received and, are looking forward to the council's support in their newly established rangatahi ministry initiatives.

Part of the korero at the hui was the importance of involving pakeke in the life of the newly formed council. The rangatahi at the hui agreed that they needed the pakeke to be present for their wisdom and knowledge of the Church and faith.

The next council hui will be held at Taapapa on 29th May, when Council officers will be elected, and ideas will be discussed including Kura Raumati 06.



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TE KUPU NEWS

Hui Amorangi

Te Upoko o Te Ika are holding their Hui Amorangi from 22-23 April in Wanganui.

Te Wai Pounamu Action!

Te Wai Pounamu Hui Amorangi are holding a rangatahi camp at Marahau Outdoor Education Trust Camp, Marahau Beach (near Motueka) from Thursday 28 April to Sunday 1st May. The theme is Te Kaihanga o Te Atua, and the activities include interesting Bible studies, awesome karakia, kapa haka, waka ama, and whanaungatanga.

Registrations close Tuesday 26th April so hurry up and contact Terry Timutimu on 027 4730235 or email him at terry@rangatahi.org.nz

New Pihopa o Aotearoa

Pihopa Brown 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.

Aotearoa Ambassador Represents at AIN



From 8 to 16 April, 2005, Michael Tamihere travelled to the ninth gathering of the Anglican Indigenous Network (AIN) held on the Native American Reservation of the Pala Indians, in California, USA.

Accompanied by Pihopa Paraone Turei and his wife, Mihi, Hone Kaa and from Te Waipounamu Christine Tricklebank, Michael represented Aotearoa rangatahi. The delegates spent the week in Programme Groups focusing on issues relating to Kaumatua, Kahui Wahine, Clergy, Theological Education and Rangatahi. There were some great outcomes for the Youth Programme Group including support for the presence of the voice of young people at all levels of the Haahi as well as ongoing networking and exchange.

Pihopa Paraone spoke eloquently about the struggle of youth and the need for Kaumatua to actively bridge the gap between

elders and young people – to listen to the voice of young people and to offer young people their guidance and experience.

“I was inspired by the depth of wisdom, experience and leadership that was shown at the hui.” Michael said “The hui was an enlivening experience and showed the great extent to which indigenous peoples with shared histories can be examples and a source of strength for each other”.

TE KUPU INFO

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Rarangi

[Waiatatia ki a Ihowa he waiata hou; he mahi whakamiharo hoki ana.] Kua whakakitea e Ihowa tana whakaoranga, kua whakapuakina e ia tona tika ki te aroaro o nga tauwi. Waiata 98. [1] 2

[O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous things.] The Lord has made know his victory, and he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations. Psalm 98. [1] 2



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