

On The Move: Northern Wairoa



Te Pihopatanga o Te Tai Tokerau is made up of 10 pastorates: Parengarenga-Ahipara-Peria; Whangaroa; South Hokiaanga; Waimate-Taumarere; Whangarei; Northern Wairoa; Nga Tapuwae o Te Arika; Te Mihana Maori o Tamaki Makaurau; Manukau Takiwā; and CIMAH. As a vital part of our work as Manu Kokiri we will spend time in each Pariha listening to the needs of the whanau and sharing our vision for rangatahi ministry.

As part of this work Kersna and I visited the rangatahi and the whanau of Northern Wairoa. On the 25th June we met at the James Buller Memorial Centre with some of the parents of the rangatahi and some of the parishioners. It made us very happy to see just how supportive the whanau in Northern Wairoa are for the rangatahi. Then on Friday night all the rangatahi gathered

at the James Buller Centre. That night we all hung out and spent some down time with them enjoying games and activities like writing prayers. Following all that we travelled back Sunday morning to be part of the youth service.

Reverend Riki Toia celebrated Kai hapa that morning and it was really good for the church congregation to see rangatahi leading the service. The rangatahi led the "476" liturgy with heaps of confidence and they were very fluent in the reo. This was an awesome sight to see which the rangatahi and the whole whanau really enjoyed and should happen more across Te Tai Tokerau.

One of the biggest outcomes of the hui was two rangatahi leaders were identified by the whanau themselves and will be supported by us and by the whanau towards commissioning as Manu Karakia (Youth Ministers) later this year.



YOUNG LITURGICAL YOUTH YEAT!
 ADVENT 2005 - ADVENT 2006

Tapu? Tapu! Tapu.



Sometimes you may wonder who I am. "that Tapu, is he Manu Kokiri or Manu Samoa?" And the answer: I am both.

I love my work within Te Pihopatanga O te Tai Tokerau. I believe that this is where I have been called to serve and still feel that sense of belonging in the midst of young Maori throughout Te Tai Tokerau. I may whakapapa from a long line of Samoans but I still choose to worship with Maori in te reo Maori and work along side to support young Maori in our church.

I started in this ministry as a member of the Manukau Youth Dynamic roopu. The youth coordinator then was the late Reverend Patana Wihapi, and as the years went by I was then introduced to Reverend Lloyd Popata when I became part of the G shock youth

based at Te Karaiti Te Pou Herenga Waka in Mangere. In 2003 I was elected to be the chairperson of the Tai Tokerau Youth Council, and in 2005 I became the Manu Kokiri (Youth Enabler) o te Pihopatanga o te Tai Tokerau.

I have only recently turned 21 years old, and I look forward to seeing what else I can offer to the Church and to God in this role and in others He may call me to.

RESOURCES

Youth Yeah!

<http://www.youthyeah.com>

Youth Yeah! is a celebration of the young people in the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia. The Youth Yeah! website has everything you need to know for Youth Yeah!, including resources, visions, events, and even 100 good and crazy ideas for Youth Yeah! Check it out!

MANU KOKIRO

Please contact the Manu Kokiri (Youth Enablers) to discuss your rangatahi ministry. *Manu Korero* is the monthly news from the Manu Kokiri. If you have any questions, comments or content contact below:



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Confirmations

Date: 25 June 2006

Venue: St Clements, Ahipara
Bishop Kito will confirm rangatahi in their calling

Contact:

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Rangatahi Hui

Date: 23 June

Venue: Peria Marae

A rangatahi hui with members of the Parengarenga-Ahipara-Peria pastorate

Contact: Tapu or Kersna

Holy Sepulchre

Date: 24 June – 02 July

Venue: Holy Sepulchre Church
Holy Sepulchre commemorates 125 years of age

Contact: temihana@ihug.co.nz

TTYC Hui

Date: 7-9 July

Venue: Whangarei

Paving the way for youth ministry in Tai Tokerau

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www.rangatahi.org.nz