

# Hui Amorangi 2006

## Episcopal Unit Gatherings Embrace Challenges of Minita-a-Iwi and Tino Rangatahitanga



Above: Tai Tokerau Rangatahi go hard in the kapa haka

### Te Tai Tokerau

Tai Tokerau Hui Amorangi 2006 was hosted by Nga Rangatahi o te Pihopatanga o te Tai Tokerau on the 7-9 April at Whaiora Marae in Otara.

Hosting Hui Amorangi this year was an honour and a great privilege. It gave the rangatahi an opportunity to express their concerns for the church and to also voice their opinions. In one interesting session talking about youth ministry throughout Te Pihopatanga o Te Tai Tokerau some people in pastorates were expressing the need for a youth minister in their particular areas and some of them shared their visions for youth ministry in their pastorate, so it had good outcomes.

Many said it was the best Tai Tokerau Hui Amorangi they had ever been to. All the karakia was lead by rangatahi and everything we did was all focused on youth.

The Palm Sunday Service was led by rangatahi with Tapu Laulu and Kersna Cherrington leading, Paula with her rap song to kick start our day, mix of rangatahi doing the drama and some doing the readings - the service went off with a hiss and a roar.

After the service there were many positive comments and it was a day that we should not forget. The rangatahi should be proud of their achievements that yes they can show our church that they do mean business when it comes to the rangatahi of this church.

### Te Manawa o Te Wheke

Te Kaha and the Whanau-a-Apanui people provided wonderful hospitality for the Te Manawa o Te Wheke Hui Amorangi from 17-19 March. The hui was chaired by Te Pihopa o Aotearoa Bishop Brown Turei in his typically uplifting style, and his charge on the opening night was well received.

Much of the business of the hui was dominated by the upcoming electoral college for the Hui Amorangi which was held a fortnight later in Rotorua. Discussions over numbers of voters and representation took up a great deal of time. The challenges of the ministry of the minita-a-iwi was also brought forward in a motion, along with the future planning and resourcing needs of the Hui Amorangi.

The rangatahi report was put forward by Reverend Arthur Hokianga, who reported on the work of the Youth Council and expressed a wish to work with Te Māra Rangatahi Ministry School in the Hui Amorangi.



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## Te Upoko o Te Ika



Above: Te Upoko o Te Ika delegates at the Upper Hutt hui

Te Upoko o Te Ika held their Hui Amorangi from 24-25 March at O Rongomai Marae in Upper Hutt. As usual the hui received reports and korero from various rohe and committees that make up the day-to-day life of the Hui Amorangi. These various roopu and individuals gave witness to the challenge of ministry at the flax roots.

As usual the hui was well run, with wonderful kai and efficient sessions. The Saturday

morning was dominated by a discussion over assessments and a presentation by Te Māra Rangatahi Ministry School. This led to a good debate on rangatahi ministry in the Hui Amorangi, and in particular the funding of a Manu Kokiri position. This has now been referred to Amorangi Whaiti for action.

## Te Wai Pounamu

A new wave of rangatahi leaders were confirmed at the 18th Annual Hui Amorangi o Te Waipounamu from 7-9 April. Patsy Burke (Whakatū), Diane Edwards (Otepoti), Tutoko Wallace (Tai Poutini) and Raymond Hina (Otautahi) were confirmed by Bishop John, who also licensed Raymond in his role as Youth Enabler. Some of them already have planted seeds in their own areas being involved in rangatahi work or have indicated their interest in the development of rangatahi ministry in Te Waipounamu.

It was an emotional moment for all of them to be confirmed. Raymond described the experience as quite nerve racking not knowing what to expect. "I'm proud I took this step in my faith journey. As a new person to the church I sometimes doubt my faith but after calling several people on the morning about my doubts I was reassured and their support and encouragement gave me that boost. It showed me what it means to be part of our Haahi, its about whanau."

This year's Hui Amorangi was something to treasure for all of our rangatahi who were there. We can look forward to more growth in 2006.

## Te Tai Rawhiti

The gathering of Tairawhiti clergy & laity at the annual Hui Amorangi has always been a whanau affair. Most members of the Haahi here have whanau and long-standing friendship connections, so the Amorangi is a chance for a catch-up and a korero.

Hui Amorangi from 24-26 March did have a sense of weariness about it. Our people here work hard, suffer long, and serve beyond the call of duty. This hui, more than any before, began to raise the question of just what how long this kind of workload can be sustained – *the harvest is great, and the workers are still few.*

Tairawhiti has a strong and faithful ministry base. It also has huge potential and this remains largely untapped. My belief is that it wouldn't take much to get Tairawhiti thriving to its fullest potential. This was the sense throughout the presentation of korero and reports – yes, there are struggles. But if we work it out, we will succeed.

This set the scene for Ven Hirini Kaa and the Te Māra presentation. The message was clear and needed, and most there responded enthusiastically. In the next few months, the first group of Manu Karakia in Tairawhiti will be coming online. We really look forward to their contribution to ministry in Tairawhiti, and to hui like Hui Amorangi.



Above: Delegates at the Te Kaha hui

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