

Tai Rawhiti Rangatahi Represent!

A new Pihopa o Aotearoa, Representatives to General Synod / Te Hinota Whanui and the Anglican Consultative Council and an exciting community development initiative were the rangatahi highlights from the Tai Rawhiti Hui Amorangi 2005. The hui was held from 1-3 April at Whakato Marae, Manutuke.



Acknowledgement was given at the hui to Pihopa Brown Turei, who was recently elected Pihopa o Aotearoa. Pihopa Brown has acknowledged rangatahi as one of his main priorities for his episcopacy, including the recruitment and support of young minita.

Michael Tamihere (23), a Tai Rawhiti student at Te Rau Kahikatea, has recently been named as one of only two world-wide youth representatives to the Anglican Consultative Council that meets in Nottingham, England in June. Michael is also attending the Anglican Indigenous Network hui in California from 8-16 April with Pihopa Brown and other Pihopatanga delegates.

Tai Rawhiti continued the commitment of the other Amorangi to elect rangatahi to General Synod / Te Hinota Whanui by electing Tessa

Wolff (25) as one of the representatives to go to Christchurch next year.

Reverend Brent Swann led a presentation on *Te Aka Ora*, a community group that provides social services in Turanga. Te Aka Ora currently has 23 staff and provide programmes ranging from young mothers counselling, support and education through to music programmes. It is an exciting time for those involved as they continue to grow and bear fruit for their people.

Overall the Hui was an enjoyable experience for all who attended, and the hui concluded with a lovely service at the Manutuke Church led by Pihopa Brown.

TE KUPU NEWS

New Pihopa o Aotearoa

Pihopa Brown Turei has been confirmed as the new Pihopa o Aotearoa. Pihopa Brown is currently Pihopa o 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.

Youth Council Hui

Te Manawa o Te Wheke Youth Council are having a hui 15-16 April at Taapapa, Holdens Bay, Rotorua. For more information contact Reverend Arthur Hokianga hok-1@xtra.co.nz

Nga Hui Amorangi

Te Wai Pounamu are holding their Hui Amorangi from 8-10 April at the Hui Amorangi Centre in Christchurch.



Bishop K Calls for Action on rangatahi ministry



Bishop Te Kitohi Pikaahu called for action on rangatahi ministry at the Te Tai Tokerau Hui Amorangi held at Hoani Waititi Marae from 1-3 April 2005.

The highlight of the hui was the prominent place given to rangatahi. Bishop Te Kitohi dedicated a large and prominent part of his opening address to the importance of rangatahi in the Church, stating "the ministry to rangatahi must always be a priority in our church. It has to be high on our agenda at every forum in all our ministry units in Te Tai Tokerau... I urge you that as a Hui Amorangi we must not only be seen to be encouraging rangatahi we must be known by **DOING IT**, nothing less."

In an inspired move the rangatahi also asked to be able to host the Hui Amorangi in 2006 as part of the celebration for the upcoming Church-wide "Year of Youth". This was fully supported by the Hui.

Kersna Cherrington has also been chosen as the rangatahi representative to General Synod / Te Hinota Whanui. Kersna, from Whangarei, attended Hinota Whanui in 2004 as a rangatahi observer, and is looking forward to going to Christchurch as a full representative.

Another hui highlight was the Saturday night karakia led by the rangatahi. The kauwhau was delivered in the form of a rap by Paula Wallace, aka Lady C from Manukau Takiwā. Her efforts were followed up by the Bishop who freestyled on evangelism, including a shout out to all the pastorates. The Bishop even claimed a new title in his rapping debut – Bishop K. As the Pihopa says "Check it out!"

The hui concluded on Sunday morning with a large karakia at Holy Sepulchre Church on Khyber Pass Road that included three ordinations to the diaconate and the installation of Canon Dr Hone Kaa as Archdeacon of Tamaki Makaurau.

TE KUPU INFO

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Rarangī

Hamama, e te whenua katoa, ki te Atua: Himenetia te kororia o tona ingoa, kia whai kororia te whakamoemiti ki a ia. [Mea atu ki te Atua, 'Ano te wehi o au mahi! Me te nui o tou kaha.'] Waiata 66.1-3

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing to the glory of God's name; give to God glorious praise. [Saviour God, 'How terrible are your deeds! Great is your power!'] Psalm 66.1-3

