

President's Report

Greetings in the name of our Risen Christ.

Firstly, I want to acknowledge members of the New Zealand Lay Preacher's Association that have passed away since our last AGM, Margaret Inglis, Dene McConnochie, Dianne Claughton, Ken Skinner, Coral Martin, Alan Bettany and Joan Myles. We acknowledge these and other names we have not been made aware of yet, and others who were active lay preachers within their synods. In May of this year, we received a letter of resignation from one of our Executive members, Rosalie Gwilliam. I have thanked her on behalf of NZLPA for her commitment and support during her time on the committee.

As many of you will be aware from our last Annual General Meeting, we have had some vacancies in our National Executive Committee. Some of these offices have been appointed by the National Executive already and need to be confirmed at this year's Annual General Meeting. Other vacancies have had nominations which will be discussed at our meeting also.

So far, my time on the National Executive has been one of building relationships and sharing my hopes and those of the rest of the committee. We are looking at reviving our newsletters, input of our members would be invaluable! We're updating our website, and will need members input to share what is happening within your congregations and synods. There are some short bios of our 'newest' members on Executive, so check them out!

My apologies that I am unable to make this Annual General Meeting. I want to thank Josh Robertson for stepping in as acting President until January 2025. He is doing this to help me as I complete my master's dissertation, I am grateful for his willingness to do so.

God bless,

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