



**GUIDE TO  
NATIONAL RESOURCING ROLES  
FOR THOSE CONSIDERING STANDING IN THE  
2018 WMCNZ  
ELECTIONS**

***Vision (of the national team)***

To equip and empower congregations for the Great Commission  
(*Matt 28:18-20*) in the spirit of the Great Commandment (*Matt 22:37-39*).

## Introduction

The Apostle Paul wrote, “*Christ loved the church and gave his life for it.*” (Eph 5:25). He also said, “*We work together as partners who belong to God.*” (1 Cor 3:9)

We are all called to love and serve the church as it pursues the mission of God and we are partners together in this awesome task. The Wesleyan Methodist Church of New Zealand is a family of churches together. John Wesley used the term ‘connexion’ to describe the way people in his evangelical movement belonged to each other in a closely connected way.

Today we are still fully committed to working together to equip and empower congregations for the Great Commission in the spirit of the Great Commandment.

This booklet is a guide to the nature and expectations of, and the giftings required for, each of the national resourcing roles which will be elected at National Conference 2018.

Along with prayerful discernment it is hoped that this booklet will help us to say that “*it seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us*” (Acts 15:28) that those we elect to serve us in these roles for the next term are those who God has called into these leadership roles at this time.

*In Christian Service*

**Rev. Dr Richard Waugh  
National Superintendent**

## National Superintendent

The National Superintendent is the general spiritual and executive leader of the WMCNZ providing general oversight of all aspects of the movement and with specific responsibilities

- For developing and maintaining
  - ecumenical relationships with other denominational streams of the church in NZ and internationally
  - International relationships both within the Wesleyan Church and beyond
  - Strategic partnerships
- For official communications beyond the WMCNZ both within NZ and internationally
- As the official spokesperson of the church in all matters relating to major policy statements or issues affecting the church.
- For general oversight of local churches and Ministers.

The National Superintendent must be

- Committed to the Vision and Mission Statement of the WMCNZ
- Willing to accept the authority of the Constitution of the South Pacific Regional Conference of the Wesleyan Church and the National Constitution of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of New Zealand
- An Ordained Minister of the WMCNZ.

Key skills / gifts needed include

- Leadership.
- Grace.
- Encouragement.
- Relational
- Listening.
- Wisdom.
- Committed to unity across the body of Christ.

## **Assistant National Superintendent—Pastoral Care**

The Assistant National Superintendent—Pastoral Care works to encourage Ministers and to encourage local church leaders in their care of ministers and to harness a range of people across the WMCNZ network who have helpful skills in this area.

The Assistant National Superintendent—Pastoral Care must be

- Committed to the Vision and Mission Statement of the WMCNZ
- Willing to accept the authority of the Constitution of the South Pacific Regional Conference of the Wesleyan Church and the National Constitution of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of New Zealand
- An Ordained Minister of the WMCNZ.

Key skills / gifts needed include

- A passion for Pastoral Ministry.
- Grace.
- Encouragement.
- Listening.
- Hospitality.
- Wisdom.

Key Tasks include

- Ensuring there are regular opportunities for Ministers to be supported and encouraged.
- Facilitating Minister's Forums e.g. The Tongan Ministers Forum.
- Encouraging the development of prayer links across the WMCNZ network.
- Speaking with all Ministers regularly.
- Advising churches on how to take all reasonable pastoral care of their Minister(s) (and family)

## Director Ministerial Development

The Director Ministerial Development heads the National Board of Ministerial Development (NBMD) which is empowered to recruit, train and support all ministers serving in the network of WMCNZ churches.

Key skills / gifts needed include

- Passionate about the Ministry of Word and Sacrament.
- Organisation.
- Planning.
- Wisdom and discernment.
- Leadership

The Director Ministerial Development must be

- Committed to the Vision and Mission Statement of the WMCNZ
- Willing to accept the authority of the Constitution of the South Pacific Regional Conference of the Wesleyan Church and the National Constitution of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of New Zealand
- An Ordained Minister of the WMCNZ.

Key Tasks include

- Providing leadership to the National Board of Ministerial Development and Ministry Development Portfolio Holders.
- Developing and implementing strategies to assist in identifying promising candidates for ministry selection and training.
- Checking and approving Ministerial credentials following a criteria for recognition and approval of suitability for ministry service.
- Overseeing the training of all Ministers studying toward licensing, commissioning and ordination. This includes liaison with providers and oversight of Wesley Ministry Institute.
- The development and implementation of licensing, commissioning and ordination procedures encompassing academic, experience and skills development.
- Serving as a Trustee of the Hornblow Ministerial Training Fund which has been set up to provide some limited financial assistance for costs of Ministers training.
- Organising professional development days for ministers each year.
- Providing input into other national training events including EQUIP, The Gatherings and The Stream Theological Symposium.
- Co-ordinating the provision of the guidance and involvement of national church leaders in the appointment process for local church ministers.

## National Council Members (5)

Together with the National Officers and National Treasurer the five (5) National Council Members form the **National Council of the WMCNZ** which carries out the will of the National Conference, promotes the interests of The Wesleyan Methodist Church, and serves as the chief governing body between National Conferences.

Key skills / gifts include

- Wisdom and discernment
- Strategic planning
- Governance

Every Representative to the National Council must be

- Committed to the Vision and Mission Statement of the WMCNZ
- Willing to accept the authority of the Constitution of the South Pacific Regional Conference of the Wesleyan Church and the National Constitution of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of New Zealand

Key Tasks include

- Attending every meeting of the National Council.
- Adequately preparing before National Council meetings by reading the material provided and researching the matters on the agenda.
- Actively participating in the discussions and decision making of the National Council by providing their input (thoughts, views etc.)
- Participating in task groups as required.

Note: In electing National Council Members - Conference members are asked to consider Para 431 (3) of the National Constitution which says that along with the National Officers and the National Treasurer the National Council shall include

*Five (5) partners of the Wesleyan Methodist Church of New Zealand elected by the National Conference, who have leadership giftings and strategic ability with the intention that the combined membership of the National Council shall comprise a cross-section of those called to national leadership roles from across the Church including from the different ethnic groups and geographical areas as well as the ordained ministry and laity.*