

TE PĪHOPATANGA O AOTEAROA

Mō te Oranga Ake o te Iwi, o te Ao



1 July 2026

Kāore te aroha ki te korōria tapu.

Ko te Atua taku piringa, ka puta ka ora!

Kia haupū ngā manaakitanga ki a Te Arikinui Kuini Nga wai hono i te po,

Tōia Tainui, tōia Te Arawa, tōia Mataatua, Te Manawa o Te Wheke e tau nei e,

E ngākau hari ana Te Pīhopatanga o Aotearoa kia whakamōhio atu ki te katoa ka tū he Rūnanga Tohu ki Te Hui Amorangi ki Te Manawa o Te Wheke a te 2 ki te 3 o ngā rā o Oketopa o tēnei tau 2026, kia noho ai te minenga ki te inoitanga me te whakaarotanga e tika ai, kia āta whiriwhiria i raro i te mana o Ihowa o ngā mano tētahi hei Pīhopa hou o Te Hui Amorangi ki Te Manawa o Te Wheke.

Tēnā tātou i runga i te ingoa o tō tātou Ariki a Ihu Karaiti,

With joy and thanksgiving, it is our pleasure to formally announce the vacancy in the office of Bishop of Te Hui Amorangi ki Te Manawa o Te Wheke, following the retirement of the Right Reverend Ngārahu Kātene in 2025.

We honour Bishop Ngārahu, his beloved wife Kāmana, and their whānau for their ministry and devoted service to our hāhi, to iwi, and to the people of Te Hui Amorangi ki Te Manawa o Te Wheke. Across 19 years of episcopal ministry, Bishop Ngārahu shepherded Te Hui Amorangi ki Te Manawa o Te Wheke with incredible grace, servanthood, and a deep love for his people.

We now commit ourselves to a time of collective prayer, as the clergy and laity of Te Manawa o Te Wheke seek to discern together with Te Wairua Tapu, who has been called to be the next Pīhopa and servant of the people. The approved electoral process adopted by Te Rūnanganui o Te Pīhopatanga o Aotearoa and recently used for the election of the Bishop of Te Hui Amorangi ki Te Waipounamu, will once again guide and support our discernment.

Details of the process, including the requirements for nominating candidates for consideration by the Electoral College on the 2nd and 3rd October 2026, will be shared by the Te Pīhopatanga o Aotearoa office over the coming months.

As this sacred work begins, let us join together in prayer, asking God to guide all who share in this discernment, and all who may be listening for God's call.

He inoi mō te mahi tapu a te Rūnanga Tohu o Te Hui Amorangi ki Te Manawa o te Wheke

E te Ariki, nāu nei te kī ko koe hei hoa mō tāu iwi whakapono i ngā rā katoa, a, ki te mutunga rā anō o te ao: Titiro atawhai mai ināianei ki tēnei wāhi o tōhau Hāhi. Tohutohungia hoki te Rūnanga Tohu o tēnei Hui Amorangi i te mea e anga ana ki te whiriwhiri i tētahi pononga pai hei hēpara mō tēnei wāhi o tāhau māra wāina, kia whiriwhiria ai ko tāhau e pai ai, he hēpara pono e kakama tonu ana ki te kauwhau i te Rongopai, ki te tautoko i te mea ngoikore, ki te whakamārie i te ngākau iro, ki te rapu i te mea ngaro, ki te whāngai i āu tāngata ki te kai i te wā e tika ai. Whakarongo ki a mātou, e te Ariki, e Ihu, e ora nā, e kingi tahi nā me te Matua, me te Wairua Tapu, ā, ake ake. Amine.

Ngā manaakitanga,



The Most Reverend Dr Don Tamihere
Te Pihopa o Aotearoa
Commissary for the Electoral College