

# TIKANGA TORU YOUTH COMMISSION

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*“He whakahau i te rangatahi kia pono ki a te Karaiti i roto i tō tātau Hāhi Tikanga Toru”*

*“Discipling ALL young people to be Christ-centred in our Three-Tikanga Church”*

### Mihi & Summary

#### **Tena koutou, Bula, Namaste, Malo, Talofa, Greetings,**

Thanks to Staff, Commission Members, and supporters for their dedication and effort toward the advancement of the Commission’s objectives, plans and work throughout the reporting period. The past two years have been overshadowed by the Covid-19 pandemic and the crippling effects it has had and continues to have on all people culturally, socially, economically, and spiritually. The full effects of which we will feel for some time in the future.

During the transition period between Commissioners, the organization was managed by the Tikanga Youth Facilitators, Ruihana Paenga, Lorna Gray and Bolivia Smith who, together with Aleshia Lawson, carried the Commission through the initial wave of Covid-19.

We acknowledge those who have passed since the last Tikanga Youth Synod; especially the late Archbishop of Polynesia, the Most Reverend Fereimi Cama. Not having been able to pay our respects as we usually would, we acknowledge them here today, confident in the resurrection and promise of eternal life.

The reporting period has been a time of huge change for the Commission. Long serving commission members have moved on making way for new members, a new Commissioner was appointed, and we have not been able to meet in person as a full Commission at all. However, we persevere and celebrate the small successes that we have been able to realize.

The Commission’s outputs have historically been realized through the organization, management, and hosting of in-person events; and our funding has been sought on that basis. With the challenges of not being able to meet, most of our events have not been able to take place. As such, a substantial amount of unspent funding has been returned to our funders.

The following report details the Commission’s realized outputs for the two-year reporting period from 01 January 2019 to 31 December 2021. As we gather just beyond the beginning of a New Year, may we continue to have our eyes on New Horizon’s looking to the future with hope and confidence.

**Noreira, kia kaha, kia maia, kia manawanui.**

Chaans T.C  
**Tikanga Toru Youth Commissioner**

O’Love Uluave  
**Tikanga Toru Youth Commission - Chair**

## The Commission

### Commission Members

The commission is made up of (12) members in total, representing each of the three Tikanga, the House of Bishops and the GSSC. Those members are detailed below, including our first-term Chairperson O’Love Uluave.

<b><u>Name:</u></b>	<b><u>Representation:</u></b>
<b>O’Love Uluave</b>	Chairperson/Tikanga Pakeha
<b>Archbishop Donald Tamihere</b>	House of Bishops
<b>Caroline Chambers</b>	Tikanga Polynesia
<b>Lorna Gray</b>	Tikanga Pakeha Youth Facilitator
<b>Edmund Hilder</b>	Tikanga Pakeha
<b>Michael Hughes</b>	General Secretary
<b>Penisima Lepa</b>	Tikanga Polynesia
<b>Ruihana Paenga</b>	Tikanga Maori Youth Facilitator
<b>Zhane Tahau-Whelan</b>	Tikanga Maori
<b>Luke Tukana</b>	Tikanga Polynesia Youth Facilitator
<b>Hineauripo Waenga</b>	Tikanga Maori
<b>Etienne Wain</b>	General Synod Standing Committee

### Commission Meetings

The Commission has met 10 times over the reporting period, including 7 General Meetings and 3 Special Meetings.

<b><u>Date:</u></b>	<b><u>Meeting Type:</u></b>
<b>28 Jan 2020</b>	General Meeting (Zoom)
<b>27 Feb 2020</b>	General Meeting (Zoom)
<b>14 May 2020</b>	General Meeting (Zoom)
<b>19 Sep 2020</b>	Induction (Zoom)
<b>23 Jan 2021</b>	General Meeting (Zoom)
<b>30 Jan 2021</b>	Special Meeting (Zoom)
<b>20 Feb 2021</b>	Special Meeting (Zoom)
<b>25 Mar 2021</b>	Special Meeting (Zoom)
<b>15 Apr 2021</b>	General Meeting (Zoom)
<b>15 Jul 2021</b>	General Meeting (Zoom)
<b>14 Oct 2021</b>	General Meeting (Zoom)



### Commission Events

The Commission’s tangible outputs are realised mainly through the organisation, management, and hosting of events. The events we were able to host in the reporting period are detailed below.

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Event:</b>	
<b>28 Jan – 1 Feb 2020</b>	TYS 2020	(In-Person)
<b>20 Feb 2021</b>	He Raukura	(Online)
<b>5-7 Mar 2021</b>	Raukura	(In-Person)
<b>18 Dec 2021</b>	TYS 2021	(Online)

### He Raukura

He Raukura was an open forum online event that the commission undertook as a form of fellowship for young people in response to the isolation and uncertainty presented by Covid-19. We held a prayer service with bible study and played zoom friendly games like charades and kahoots. Thoroughly enjoyed by those who participated.

### Raukura

Raukura is an annual Three Tikanga education/training conference for youth enablers throughout the province. It was the only event that we managed to hold in-person. International travel restrictions meant that the larger part of Tikanga Polynesia could not be participate. However, we took advantage of the opportunity to meet taking the initiative to open the event to youth workers and young people as well.



The event was held at Tuahuru Marae in Mahia, Wairoa. Here participants were able to hear some of the history of the local Iwi, the arrival of the Gospel to the area and just genuinely enjoy the privilege of fellowshipping with other young people and youth workers.

The formal content was a series of project management sessions, which were presented by Heather Stallmach of Gisborne. The practical skills learned, and tools acquired are certain to help participants with the planning and management of youth projects and events.



## TYS 2021

Again, with an inability to meet safely in person, it was decided that TYS 2021 be an open forum, conducted online via Zoom conference. We used this as an opportunity to share information about what we do, and the responsibilities and expectations of being involved. Information covered included the Tikanga Youth Synod, the Tikanga Toru Youth Commission and the Pononga Programme.

## Commissioner's Engagements

### 2020

<b><u>Date:</u></b>	<b><u>Engagement:</u></b>
<b>03 August</b>	Kahui Rangatahi - Live Interview
<b>05 August</b>	T3Y Commissioner Orientation
<b>06 August</b>	T3Y Commissioner Orientation
<b>24 August</b>	NKII/NZ Herald Interview
<b>19 September</b>	T3YC – Induction (Zoom) Meeting
<b>08 October</b>	Kahui Rangatahi – Interview Peni Henare
<b>10 October</b>	NPDT – Prospective Rangatahi Initiatives
<b>20-22 October</b>	T/Maori Enablers retreat Rotorua
<b>16 November</b>	Adjust Group Auckland
<b>16 November</b>	General Synod Office
<b>28 November</b>	Tairawhiti Ordinations
<b>24 December</b>	T3YC Xmas Message

### 2021

<b><u>Date:</u></b>	<b><u>Engagement:</u></b>
<b>12 February</b>	Hukarere Girl's School Powhiri
<b>13 February</b>	TPOA/Province 9 Zoom Youth Exchange
<b>8 March</b>	NZCMS Colab
<b>23 April</b>	John Graveston Ordination
<b>11-12 May</b>	T/Pakeha Enablers Retreat
<b>27-29 May</b>	T/Maori Tipuranga Pilot
<b>10 July</b>	Memorial Service ++Fereimi Cama
<b>19-22 July</b>	T/Maori Tipuranga Launch
<b>2 August</b>	SJTC Powhiri Ahorangi Te Hira Paenga
<b>17 October</b>	T/Polynesia Tikanga Youth Sunday Video
<b>27 Nov 2021</b>	Tairawhiti Ordinations (Zhane, Ruihana)
<b>4 December</b>	T/Maori Te Runanganui
<b>24 December</b>	T3YC Xmas Message

In the first month there was a bit of hype around the appointment of the Tikanga Toru Youth Commissioner. Amongst others the Commissioner was interviewed by Br Zhane Tahau-Whelan with the session being livestreamed to the Kahui Rangatahi Facebook page.

The commissioner makes as much of an effort as is practicable to be visible throughout the Church. There have been several interactions with the different tikanga ranging from programs like Tipuranga to enablers retreats and synodical bodies like Te Runanganui.



Networking to leverage resource and opportunity for mutual benefit has also been a side-line undertaking. Finding synergies with other organisations like the New Zealand Church Mission Society, the Adjust Group and the Ngati Pahauwera Development Trust who have varying levels of focus on young people and rangatahi. It is quite possible that relationships can be activated in the future to help further enable Tikanga Toru Youth opportunities.



A highlight has been being invited to be part of the ordinations of some young people. Including my own priestly ordination in 2020, I have been privileged to also attend the ordinations of Rev John Gravestone who works in the Diocese of Dunedin and Rev's Ruihana Paenga and Zhane Tahau-Whelan, both commission members of Tikanga Maori. Were it not for covid restrictions we would also have been present for Rev Lorna Gray's ordination to the diaconate. However, we acknowledge and continue to pray for young people and youth workers who have taken up Holy Orders throughout the province.



### Conclusion

Again the past two years have been challenging, but there are still a number of small successes that we are able to celebrate. The next two years will be crucial in terms of consolidating and restrengthening who and what we are in a post pandemic environment. It will take some robust planning and focus to assess what direction we will take there on out. But we look forward to the challenges and rewards that the future has instore for the Commission and Three Tikanga youth ministry.

Our sincere thanks again to all Commission Members, staff and supporters who have been intrinsic to what we have been able to achieve throughout the reporting period.

Tena koutou! God bless!

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