

**A New Face 2020
Aug 17 – Sept 25th 2020**



**Agents of Change:
Indigenous and Minority Ethnic Ministers in Mission**

Programme Concept and Participant information

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Following the development of focusing A New Face on particular groups of ministers ANF 2020 will be a programme for ministers from indigenous, minority ethnic and migrant communities.

This will build on the work CWM has begun in the Legacies of Slavery project and alert us to other dimensions of the legacies of slavery and colonization within our member churches. The programme will also help us to explore the praxis dimensions of mission and racial justice. By inviting ministers who come from such communities we hope to share theologies, experiences and agendas which participants can use in their work and in their own struggles with majority/colonial cultures inside and outside church.

Racist and nativist powers and policies continue to threaten communities all around the world. Churches have become at risk from such action, and some churches tacitly support such action. Indigenous people continue to face violence and denial of land and cultural rights. Migration is at the heart of God's mission but migrants continue to be targeted and demonized, unless they come from dominant colonial communities. Many of our member churches are in contexts where migration has pluralized their communities and some of our churches are in contexts where Indigenous people continue to be present. We have some Partners in Mission who are ministering to migrant churches also.

Auckland offers us a context where the indigenous Maori people continue to fight to reshape Aotearoa/New Zealand in ways which reflect its Maori heritage and identity. It also offers a context shaped by the migration of a number of races, especially Pacific Islander. Many of our Pacific member churches have migrant churches in A/NZ and are beginning to navigate the question of when and should they indigenize. In the light of the Christchurch Mosque shootings, in which a White Supremacist murdered 51 people and injured 49, A/NZ has experienced a shocking realization of the racial violence within its own context and is seeking ways to address and overcome this.

Trinity College has deep connections with Maori theology and community action, and has become a particular place of expertise for Moana studies/Pasifika theologies and for developing leadership from migrant Island churches. It is well placed to deliver this programme. The model of ANF where the participants live as a small community also offers opportunity for participants to co-mentor each other in sharing, learning and strategizing and has shown it suits well the model of.

The programme will culminate with a Pacific Legacies of Slavery Talanoa organized by Trinity College where we hope to bring fresh voices and perspectives from across the region's academic community.

General Information

Participants will be chosen from member churches and ecumenical partners; numbers are limited so churches and participants are advised that not all applicants can be accepted.

CWM will cover the cost of travel, visa, accommodation and so forth. A small honorarium is paid to assist with remaining daily expenses. Participants will live together in a shared house and will be expected to cook, eat and share in domestic duties together.

Outline Programme Model

ANF is built around seminar input, exposure visit, shared reflection and personal study. The first week is spent in orientation to the Pacific and Aotearoa/New Zealand context and the final week for evaluation.

Key elements always include awareness raising about the struggle of Māori and Island people for respect and recognition as well as input on Māori and Island perspectives on Bible and Theology.

The college is committed to a liberation model for the church and this is demonstrated in its teaching staff and their research interests, which particularly focus on Bible, Moana theologies and hermeneutics, as well as ecotheology and eco-ethics.

You may also like to contact some of the former participants to learn more about their experience. If so, please contact the CWM Mission Development Department and we will put you in contact with someone from your region.

Application Deadline

Application will be via an application form, supported by the member church. Applications to be received to the Mission Development Department by **April 6th 2020**.

Please note the Immigration process is often difficult and time consuming. CWM and Trinity will give all the support and advice we can. However, we need participants to respond quickly to our requests for information. We cannot guarantee that visas will be issued and so we need to organize immigration process as early as possible.

More information is available from the Mission Development Department

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For more information on the Legacies of Slavery work see the CWM website, and in particular <https://www.cwmission.org/general-secretarys-new-year-message/>

If you would like to discover more about, Trinity Methodist College, our partner in this programme, check their website:

www.trinitycollege.ac.nz