

SCHEDULE OF MOTIONS

BAPTIST NATIONAL HUI 2024

Arā e pūkana mai nā

JUSTICE

MERCY

HUMILITY

Below are the list of resolutions that will be put at the 2024 National Hui.

We have had queries about whether proposed amendments to the proposed constitution changes should be made from the floor given that these would only be considered by delegates present rather than Church leadership.

We have checked in with BUNZ lawyer and the advice is that in order to follow good process, no material amendments not already signalled can be made.

The leadership will take all comments from the floor into account – ie. They still matter.

Thursday, 7 November 2024 10:30 AM Constitution of Assembly

Motion A1: That the delegates whose names appear on the delegates list, constitute the 142nd Assembly of the Baptist Union of New Zealand and the 139th Assembly of the New Zealand Baptist Missionary Society.

Thursday, 7 November 2024 2:00 PM Serious Misconduct Process

Motion S1: That Ruby Duncan be appointed as Chair for this business session.

Motion S2: That the Serious Misconduct Process as circulated and amended by the insertion of the new clause below - 4.5.1 (a) be accepted, and that for the period to Hui 2025 adoption of the Serious Misconduct Process is on an opt-in basis.

“(a) Initial triage of the allegation of serious misconduct by the National Support Centre, a representative of the local church and an external advisor, then, as agreed by the local church and the National Support Centre, followed by;”

Thursday, 7 November 2024 4:00 PM Constitution Amendment

Motion C-A1: That Rod Robson be appointed as Chair for this business session.

Motion C-A2: That the following amendments to the notified constitution be accepted as follows:

- The alteration to clause 4 (d) be removed in favour of retaining the existing clause

“establish and maintain a Baptist Theological College or colleges for the purpose of training students for the ministry of the gospel or for other forms of Christian service; e)

To maintain a Superannuation Fund for Baptist Ministers, NZBMS Missionaries and persons holding paid official employment in the Union and NZBMS in New Zealand.”

- Clause 11 as notified (below) be removed

Any Associated Church, related trust or company that owns real property, other than property held on trust by the Union, shall include in its constitutional documentation, that the property must be held and used on terms consistent with the Union’s objects and the doctrinal basis of this constitution.

- The two uses of the word “huis” in clauses 13 (b) and 23 be replaced by the word “hui”

Motion C2: That the delegates adopt an amended Constitution for the Union, and that this amended Constitution shall replace the current Constitution from 1 January 2025.

Motion C3: That the President and Vice-president of the Union shall be appointed by the Assembly Council, not elected by Hui delegates.

Motion C4: That Assembly Council members be elected and appointed in accordance with provisions specified in the proposed Constitution (clause 19 and rule 7(f)).

Motion C-A3: That the following amendments to the notified constitution be accepted as follows:

- The word “(if any)” be inserted into clause 36 (d)

For the avoidance of doubt, the amount determined to be payable (if any), by the departing church to the Union in consideration for the transfer of any property (real estate or otherwise), whether by agreement or arbitral award, should reflect:

Motion C5: That a new clause (36) be inserted to deal with churches wishing to leave the Union

Friday, 8 November 2024

1:30 PM

Business Session

Appointment of members to Councils and Boards

Appointment of members to the New Zealand Baptist Missionary Society (NZBMS, trading as Arotahi) Mission Council, the Carey Baptist College Board, and the Baptist Women’s Board are ratified via a digital vote of delegates.

Motion B1: That the Assembly ratify the Assembly Council’s motion:

“On the basis of the majority support of the movement, as expressed at the Regional Hui, that Assembly Council does not seek nominations for Assembly Council for 2024/25 and extends the term of all current Assembly Council members for a further one year.”

The current elected members and extended term expiries are as follows:

- Greg Motu – 5/11/2026
- Rachelle Martin – 5/11/2026

- Sarah Beisley – 5/11/2026
- Angus Budge – 6/11/2025
- Rod Robson – 6/11/2025
- Blue Bradley – 6/11/2025
- Das Premdas – 5/11/2026
- Netta Sititi – 5/11/2026

Annual Report

Motion B2: That the Annual Report of the Baptist Union of New Zealand and New Zealand Baptist Missionary Society for the year to 31 August 2024 be adopted.

Baptist Union of New Zealand Financials

Motion B3: That the Financial Report of the Baptist Union of NZ for the financial year ended 31 August 2024 as presented be accepted.

Motion B4: That the Assembly Council be authorised to accept the final consolidated Financial Report of the Baptist Union of NZ for the financial year ended 31 August 2024 when completed and authorise the National Leader and Assembly Council Chair to sign the financial statements.

Motion B5: That the Budget of the Baptist Union of New Zealand for the financial year 2024/2025 be adopted.

Appointment of Auditor

Peter Conaglen, Charity Integrity Audit, has notified that his practice will be concluding. The engagement of a new auditor is ongoing and thus it is proposed that Assembly Council be authorised to make the appointment of Auditor.

Motion B6: That the Assembly Council be authorised to appoint an Auditor for the 2024/2025 financial year for the Baptist Union of New Zealand; and the Missions Council be authorised to appoint an Auditor for the 2024/2025 financial year for the New Zealand Baptist Missionary Society.

New Zealand Baptist Missionary Society Financials

Motion B7 That the Financial Report of the New Zealand Baptist Missionary Society for the financial year ended 31 August 2024 be adopted.

Motion B8: That the Budget of the New Zealand Baptist Missionary Society for the financial year 2024/2025 be adopted.