



**The Archbishops and Primate  
of Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia**

12<sup>th</sup> March 2019

**BISHOP OF NELSON ANNOUNCEMENT**

We are delighted to announce the election of the Reverend Stephen Maina Mwangi as the 11<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Nelson.

Bishop-elect Steve has been the National Director of the New Zealand Church Missionary Society for the past ten years. Prior to that appointment he served as a priest in the Anglican Church of Kenya, as had his father and grandfather.

Steve brings a proven mission focus to all aspects of his ministry and is widely respected for his energetic and innovative proclamation of the Gospel. His leadership of NZCMS has revitalized its response to the sending of mission partners around the world, dramatically increased the numbers serving overseas and involved a significant number of young people in mission initiatives.

We look forward to sharing with Steve in the leadership of our Church at a time when the challenges of presenting the Gospel in word and action require creative responses, alongside confidence in the enduring and simple Gospel message of God's love for all people made known in Jesus Christ. Steve brings both a pastoral heart and a clear-thinking strategic approach to all that he does.

Thanks be to God!

His ordination as a bishop will take place later this year at a time to be determined.

Yours in Christ,

**Archbishop Donald Tamihere**  
Primate (Tikanga Maori)

**Archbishop Philip Richardson**  
Primate (Tikanga Pakeha)

**Archbishop Fereimi Cama**  
Primate (Tikanga Pasefika)

