A Symposium to Commemorate the 160th Anniversary of the Mormon Church in New Zealand; the 125th Anniversary of the Translation of the Book of Mormon into Māori; and the early Māori Mormon Leaders Book Launch

Date: 8 November: 8.45am-5.00pm
Venue: Waikato University, S Block – Lecture Theatre S.1.04, Entrance and Parking Gate 8, Hillcrest Road (Parking here too)

Draft Programme:

8.45am Mihi whakatau: Tom Roa
9.00 Welcome by Symposium Chair: Dr Robert Joseph

Session 1: Keynote Panel: Waikato-Tainui Kaumātua – The Mormon Church and the Kingitanga
9.05-9.35 Whaea Mutual Broadhurst and other Waikato-Tainui Pakeke

Session 2: Ngā Amorangi o te Whakapono: Early Māori Leaders of Faith
Chair: Dr Selwyn Katene
9.35-10.00 Keynote Speaker: ‘Whanau Leadership’ by Professor Whatarangi Winiata
10.00-10.25 ‘The Māori Lehi: Hirini Whaanga’ by Jared Christy
10.30-11.00 ‘Between Two Worlds: Whatahoro Jury’ by Rawiri Smith
11.00-11.15 MORNING TEA
10.15-11.45 ‘Māori High Priest: Hohepa Heperi’ by Bill Heperi
11.45-12.15 ‘Saviour on Mount Zion: Stuart Meha’ by Dr Arapata Meha
12.15-12.45 ‘A Visionary: Wetekia Elkington’ by Nolamay Campbell
12.45-1.15 ‘Bird of the Heavens: Turake Manuirirangi’ by Hori Manuirirangi
1.15pm Book launch: Turning the Hearts of the Children: Early Māori Leaders in the Mormon Church – Dr Selwyn Katene
1.25-2.00 LUNCH

Session 3: Ko te Pukapuka a Moromona: A 125 Year Retrospective View
2.00pm Chair: Hori Manuirirangi
2.05-2.30 Keynote Speaker: ‘Māori and the Book of Mormon’ - Herewini Jones
2.30-3.00 Panel Discussion: Michael Taiapa and Pierre Lyndon
3.00-3.30 Whitiwhiti Korero Open Forum – Opportunity for people to discuss the day’s proceedings
3.30-3.45 AFTERNOON TEA

Session 4: He Korero Anamata: Future Challenges
3.45 Chair: Dr Nepia Mahuika
3.50 NZ Church History Centre Presentation: Mel Whaanga and Elder Randy Olsen
4.10 ‘2050 Destination’ by Dr Gina Colvin
4.40 Symposium Chair’s Concluding Remarks: Dr Robert Joseph
4.55 Poroporoaki: Tom Roa