

Te Reo o Hamuera Hui
Saturday 24 May, 2014

KARAKIA

Labour Hawaikirangi acknowledged and welcomed Arahi Jagger from Ratana Pa who came to Moteo Marae to talk about TW Ratana, the Church and te haahi o te Morehu.



Pictured: Arahi Jagger of Ratana Pa, Whanganui



Whetu Marama

8 November 1924 TW Ratana went of a world tour including Japan. During Ratana's world tour, his daughter Maata married Boyce Whenuaroa on 8 November. A photo of TW Ratana and a Japanese female sits in Rangimarie at the top of all the photos. He is dressed in a ceremonial samurai outfit. This was the day of his daughters wedding. TW Ratana also had four sons – Arapa, Omeka, Piriwiritua (still born) and Hamuera.

1925 People wanted a church, so TW Ratana put together a church.

13 April, 1925 TW Ratana writes up a Memorandum which said:
"To be a member of the Ratana Church you must not shed human blood."
A covenant is created and signed by them but, Maori broke the Covenant.

23 May 1926 Te hahi o te morehu

5 July 1925 The church of Ratana was created worldwide. 80th Anniversary in 2015

21 July 1925 The church was taken to the whole world

25 January 1927 A corner stone is put where the church is to be built.

1928 The consecration of the Ratana Temple takes place. Matua, tama, wairua tapu, anahera pono, me te mangai hei tautoko ae.

1936-1939 The prohecies are set up

1939-1945 During the war years, the Church began to defragment.

The hapu present wanted answers to their questions:

Why did the meeting house change its name to Rangimarie? How did Hamuera get its name? Arahi replied by saying the answers are in the names. Read the Covenants for more answers.

HAMUERA – Gateway to Seeing the Light



The meeting house was named after TW Ratana's youngest son Hamuera, who died when he was still a boy. A photo of Hamuera sits above the entrance into Hamuera dining room looking over everyone that passes through the doors. He represents the spirit left behind by the mangai.

RANGIMARIE – Divine Peace

The name was altered from Tumahuki to Rangimarie to bring about change in Moteo. TW Ratana was invited to Moteo by the Karauria whanau to help heal the sickness that was spreading around the marae. Cantations from previous tohunga caused the sickness among the people and TW Ratana brought with him the spirit of the mangai and teachings of the Ratana Church. To keep out the demons, the wharenuī name became Rangimarie. A spiritual change came about after TW Ratana had left and whanau changed their mindset and illness was overcome.



Rewi (Dave) Karauria was an Apotoro at Moteo Marae and carried out the teachings of the Ratana Faith until his death in April 1964. A copy of his records of births, deaths, christenings and weddings can be found at Ratana Pa. Church was held Sunday mornings and continues to this day.