

Rev Dr Margaret Mayman – Bio

Margaret is the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand representative for Refugee Services and in that role is committed to sharing the work of RS with the church and increasing awareness about the contributions and needs of refugee communities.

Margaret has been Senior Minister at St. Andrew's on The Terrace since 2002. She has led St Andrew's through a period of change including adoption of a new constitution and a restructuring of the governance systems of organisation. She has managed the successful completion of a \$1.5 million fundraising and building restoration programme. During this project, the community life of the organisation has flourished resulting in significantly increased membership and participation in activities and programmes run by the church.

Margaret has served on the board of Queen Margaret College since 2003 and is currently the chair of the Education sub-committee. This has provided valuable experience in governance, including financial management, human resources, and strategic planning.

She has a BA from Victoria University and BTheol from Otago. She gained STM and PhD degrees in Christian Social Ethics from Union Theological Seminary in New York (an affiliate school of Columbia University). During her 12 years in New York, she also taught social ethics and religious studies.

From 2002 to 2005, Margaret participated as an NGO delegate in the annual Commission on the Status of Women meetings at the United Nations in New York.

Since 2006, Margaret has been working with the Kettering Foundation in the United States, a non-partisan foundation, which fosters citizens' participation in democracy. She has undertaken training in deliberative democracy and now applies this in interfaith dialogue and community justice work.

Margaret's interests include politics and economics, human rights advocacy, and peace issues.