

## 9.1.4 Milestones of the Journey

### 1902-4

The Presbyterians put a uniting proposal to the Congregational Union and the Methodist Churches.

### 1940

Congregational Union, Methodist and Presbyterian churches set up Church Union Committees

### 1943

First Union Parish at Raglan. Partners: Congregational Union, Methodist and Presbyterian.

### 1949

*Model Constitution for Union Parishes* approved.

### 1948-49

Vote on Church Union between Methodist and Presbyterian churches.

### 1950

Joint Standing Committee on Church Union set up by the Congregational Union, Methodist and Presbyterian churches.

- Anglican Church sets up Commission
- Associated Churches of Christ become members of the Joint Standing Committee on Church Union.

### 1951

Congregational Union, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches each declared their willingness to accept members of the other two denominations

### 1956

Vote on principle of Church Union.

### 1960

Draft *Basis for Union*.

### 1964

Standard Agreement for Joint Use of Buildings

### 1965

Joint Commission on Church Union held first meeting.

### 1966

Joint National Committee on Church Extension held first meeting

**Act of Commitment** entered into by the five Partners.

Associated Churches of Christ agreed to join the arrangement for reciprocal membership

### 1970

Many Congregational Churches integrated with the Presbyterian Church.

### 1971

*The Plan For Union 1971* published

### 1972

*Guidelines for Forming a Cooperating Parish* published

Referendum on *The Plan for Union*

### 1975

Glenfield Cooperating Parish inaugurated – first Anglican/Methodist.

First Consultation on Union and Cooperating Parishes.

### 1976

General Synod regrets that the Anglican Church can't enter into union.

**1984**

Negotiating Churches Unity Council formed combining JCCU and JNCCE

**1989**

*Venturing Forward* Conference held at Karori

**1992**

*Conference of Cooperative Ventures* at Upper Hutt.

Forum of Cooperative Ventures proposed

**1995**

1<sup>st</sup> Biennial Forum *Growing Together* at Kapiti.

Forum of Cooperative Ventures established to replace NCUC.

First Standing Committee of the Forum elected.

**1997**

2<sup>nd</sup> Biennial Forum *Living and Working in Unity and Diversity* at Tawa.

**1999**

3<sup>rd</sup> Biennial Forum *Together we Can* at Linwood

**2001**

4<sup>th</sup> Biennial Forum *Light on the Way* Hamilton.

Forum of Cooperative Ventures establish Website <http://www.ucanz.org.nz/>

**2003**

5<sup>th</sup> Biennial Forum *Community Centred Christ Focused* at Karori. The Forum of Co-operative Ventures changed its name to "Uniting Congregations of Aotearoa New Zealand" and the Chairperson was elected for the first time.

**2005**

6<sup>th</sup> Biennial Forum, *Braided Rivers* at Dunedin

2007

7<sup>th</sup> Biennial Forum, *Riding the Wave* at Upper Hutt

**2009**

8<sup>th</sup> Biennial Forum, *Weaving Threads*, Wanganui

**2011**

9<sup>th</sup> Biennial Forum, *Beyond the Walls* at Motueka

**2012**

Procedures for Cooperative Ventures 2012 approved by Partner Churches