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Moderator of Te Aka Puaho (Maori Synod), Mrs. Millie Te Kaawa, and Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand General Assembly, Rt Rev. Garry Marquand, with a plaque presented by the church to the synod on the event of its 50th jubilee celebration in early 2005.



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