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*Les protestantismes polynésiens à l'épreuve du genre. L'exemple de l'Église presbytérienne de Nouvelle-Zélande*

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Migrations of Pacific Peoples in New Zealand – mainly Polynesians from Samoa, Cook Islands, Tonga and Niue – which grew from the 1960s, relied strongly on familial networks and religious organisations. Contrary to the discipline of Island Protestant churches where they come from, the Presbyterian Church in New Zealand that most of them joined allows women to become pastors since 1965. This article examines the itineraries of Polynesian female pastors in New Zealand, the various strategies these women have adopted to face logics of disqualification, and the institutional context in which the claim for gender equality takes sense. Male domination appears less as a Polynesian cultural character than as an element of power relationships within the Presbyterian Church linked with identity claims and strong generational divisions.

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