



A Spiritual Declaration of New Zealand

We, as believers in the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and as indigenous people of Aotearoa New Zealand, exercise our God-given responsibility according to scripture and the leading of His Holy Spirit, to proclaim this spiritual declaration for New Zealand, envisioning our belief in the power of the living God the Lord of Hosts - to transform our nation, its people and the land. (Ex 3:6; Psalm 24: 10 NKJ)

We affirm our belief in the one true God, existing in three persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, who has revealed Himself through the Holy Scriptures of the Bible. We declare Jesus Christ is God's only Begotten Son, who died on the cross for our sins, was resurrected from death and is seated at the right hand of the Father and that if we believe in Him, we will receive salvation and a Heavenly inheritance through adoption as the 'sons of God'. We confirm the attributes of God existed in our lands and were

recognized by the ancestors who knew God. We believe our ancestors, prior to the arrival of Captain Cook, perceived the coming of a new God to our land, this being the revelation of Jesus Christ. As one seer said of the coming of the Europeans, "They would have another God, who is The Son-who-was-killed, a good God. However the people will be oppressed". We as Christian Maori are thankful for the missionaries who carried the gospel and the revelation of Jesus Christ to this land. (Rom 1:19-20; Col 3:1; John 17:3; Luke 24:27; Eph 1:20; Rom 8:14-15, 23; J. Binney, 'Songlines from Aotearoa', NZ Journal of History 38, p.2)

We believe that from one man He, the Almighty God the Father of Jesus Christ the Saviour, created all men and women in His own image, and made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and He determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. Just as He gave the land of Israel

to His chosen people, the tribes of Jacob, so He gave the land of Aotearoa to Maori to be custodians of this inheritance. We accept our God-given responsibility as the indigenous people, representing the many sovereign tribes, to be the custodians and inheritors of these lands. But now having received the revelation of Christ, we submit our lands to be redeemed and restored through the blood of Christ for the glory and honour of God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ. (Gen 1:26-27; Acts 17:26; Deut 1:8; Eph 1:7)

God has bestowed a purpose and plan for the Maori people. We offer our lives and our God-given gifts to the service of the Christian faith, for the nation, and for the manifestation of the Kingdom of God.

We confirm the existence of the Declaration of Independence of New Zealand (1835-1839) and the Treaty of Waitangi which was signed by Maori and the British Crown at Waitangi and other parts of New Zealand in 1840. We affirm the unique partnership created in modern times between Maori and the Crown, especially in regards to the process of redressing past historical grievances, as a result of the

signing of the Treaty of Waitangi. We confirm the rights of the British and their descendants to share these lands with us and invite you to walk alongside us as partners in the Lord, with Christ as our Head, for in Him all things hold together. (Eph 4:15-16)

We also pronounce our invitation for men and women of every nation, tribe, people and language to visit and to live in peace in New Zealand, and we as the indigenous people of the land and believers in Jesus Christ will treat foreigners, who are called to this land, as if they were 'native-born'. (Lev 19:34 NIV)

We believe the gospel is not only a message of salvation for individuals, but also for the reconciling of nations to God and to each other. Therefore, while we celebrate each other's diversity of culture and language, strengths and gifts, we seek the unity among all New Zealanders, British, Pakeha and foreign brothers and sisters by the 'one Spirit', The Holy Spirit, that we may stand as one, worship and work together to ensure the Body of Christ is complete. To truly achieve unity, we lay aside the past and forgive all hurtful actions of the British in this land. We also

acknowledge and repent of our own sinful actions towards foreigners that occurred in our territories in the past. We choose to put to death the enmity that has existed between us, caused by historical grievances, and seek reconciliation through the power of Christ. (Isaiah 2:4; John 17:20-25; Eph 4: 3, 13; Eph 2: 14)

We declare together that we will stand as a unified Christian spiritual army to wage war, not as the world does, but with spiritual weapons that have divine power to demolish strongholds, arguments and every principality and power in this land that would raise itself up against the knowledge of God, so that the nation of New Zealand will be released from demonic powers, healed and its people possess true freedom, hope and peace in Jesus Christ. (Eph 6: 10-18; Gal 3:28; 2 Cor 10: 3-5; John 8: 36; Rom 15: 13; John 14: 27)

As Jesus Christ prayed, 'Thy Kingdom come on Earth as it is in Heaven', we too desire to work in unison with God as He builds His Kingdom in New Zealand, that it would spread through the lives of His people in this nation to bring transformation to others who do not know Him.

(Mat 6: 10; 2 Cor 3: 18; Phil 3:21)

We declare New Zealand to be a nation where all people, tribes, communities, cities, and lands will be transformed into what God has called them to be, a nation where the good news is preached to the poor, where the broken-hearted will be healed, where freedom is given to the captives, where prisoners are released from darkness and those who mourn are comforted. We declare God's intention for New Zealand to be a nation where justice and righteousness flow like a never-ending stream, where love and joy prevail, where education is available, where health is restored, where poverty is crushed, where prosperity thrives, where environments are healed and rejuvenated, where miracles abound, and where fully functional families dwell in the favour of the Lord Jesus Christ. (Isaiah 61: 1-2, Amos 5:24; Ps 90:14; Gal 5:22; Matt 8:1-9:8; 2 Cor 8:9; Acts 2:42-45; James 1:27; Ps 25: 12-13; Zech 1:17; 2 Chron 7:1 4; Acts 2:42-43; 1 Cor 12:10, 28; Mal 4; 6)

We decree that our descendants will always remember the story of New Zealand and the great miracles the Lord has performed in this land, a

country we declare to be a nation dedicated to the Living God, standing as an example to all other nations. We therefore speak out and honour this declaration before the Lord Almighty, believing His word will not return void but will accomplish all He desires in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, and His favour will rest on New Zealand forever. (Is 55: 11; Job 22: 28 NKJ)

