



NZCCA CONFERENCE 2025

Theme: The Gospel and the Treaty of Waitangi in This Ever-Changing World
Kaupapa: Te Rongopai me Te Tiriti o Waitangi o Tenei Ao Hurihuri

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16 ESV

Kia hora te marino
Kia whakapapa pounamu te moana
Hei huarahi mā tātou i te rangi nei
Aroha atu, aroha mai
Tātou i ā tātou katoa
Hui e, taiki e!

May peace be widespread
May the sea be like greenstone
A pathway for us all this day
Let us show respect for each other
For one another
Bind us together.

Ps 121: 7-8

The Lord will keep you from all harm he
will watch over your life; the Lord will watch
over your coming and going
both now and forever more.

All sessions will be held at the Copthorne in the Treaty 1 room.
CPD: 15 hours

Kaikōrero Matua | Speakers



Dr Alistair Reese

Dr Alistair Reese, is of Scottish/Welsh/Irish/English descent and was born and raised in Hamilton, NZ. His eponymous ancestor Alexander sailed to Christchurch from Glasgow in 1867. After high school he spent ten years as a peripatetic traveller, including a two-year Pacific sojourn with the Fri Peace Odyssey.

On his return to NZ, he settled in the Bay of Plenty in the Tapuika district of Paengaroa and has farmed there with his wife Jeannie [Canadian/Lebanese/Mi'kmaq] for the past forty years. His daughter Naomi, son in law, Koro Nicholas and their baby son Akaripa Sean live nearby – they dream together of a better future for all who live in this land. He has postgraduate degrees in Theology, History and Tikanga Māori.

Alistair is a Research Affiliate at the University of Otago and his research and speaking interests centre on New Zealand colonial history with a particular focus on the treaty and reconciliation.



Antony Nihoniho

Ngāi Tahu, Ngāti Porou, Ngāti Pākehā

Lecturer (University of Canterbury), Pou Tāhū (Laidlaw College).

Antony is a lecturer in Māori and Indigenous Studies and teaches into multiple disciplines to assist the integration of te ao Māori (a Māori worldview). His Masters thesis completed in 2021 examines the mechanisms of colonization of his papa kāinga (ancestral home) in Tuahiwi, North Canterbury, where he currently lives with his wife and three children. He is currently completing a PhD which investigates the intervention of colonial capitalism in Māori relations with whenua (land) and how Māori may achieve collective wellbeing.

Antony also lectures at Laidlaw College supporting theology, counselling and education students to engage in te ao Māori from a Christian worldview. He is advisor to Christian kura, various Christian social support organizations and churches.

He is passionate about the interface between Christianity and te ao Māori, the biblical imperative within the history of Aotearoa New Zealand and Te Tiriti o Waitangi. His wife Elizabeth (Ngāti Pākehā) is a counsellor with Te Whare Awhero. They attend Grace Vineyard Church.

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Huhana Pene

He uri tenei nō Ngāti Porou me Ngāti Maniapoto

Currently serving on Boards

Kaitiaki Whenua Trustee for both iwi o Ngāti Porou / Ngāti Maniapoto.

Kaitiaki Whakamōemihi mō te Hāhi Ratana. Chairperson for a local Community Association.

Counselling Practice - for over near 18 years working with tamariki, taiohi, whanau, roopu. Bicultural Mauri Ora Practitioner / Counsellor working with ACC Sensitive Claims, Family Harm Family Court Reg. Counsellor, Relationships, Intergenerational Trauma & Abuse, HospCurice, Youth Residential, Womens Prison, Teen parent unit. Clinical and Cultural Supervisor.

Counselling Educator - Te Taupuatanga o te Whanau Bachelor Applied Counselling with Te Pū Wananga o Anamata.

Currently working to complete PhD studies On wairua experiences of Mild Traumatic Brain Injury

Other work - Constitutional Review & Policy development.



Te Kitohi Wiremu

Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Kahu, Te Aupōuri, Te Rarawa, Te Roroa and Ngāti Whātua iwi.

Te Kitohi “Kito” Wiremu Pikaahu ONZM is a Māori Anglican bishop.

The ONZM recognises Bishop Te Kitohi Pikaahu's 33 years of service as a priest and 19 years serving Mihingare – Māori Anglicans in Northland and Auckland – as Bishop of Te Tai Tokerau, as well as numerous national and international responsibilities.

He has been the incumbent of the Episcopal polity of Te Pihopatanga o Te Tai Tokerau since 2002.

Originally from Taipā, Pikaahu affiliates to the Ngāpuhi, Ngāti Kahu, Te Aupōuri, Te Rarawa, Te Roroa and Ngāti Whātua iwi.

Kaikōrero Matua | Speakers

Thursday 6th March

8:00 - 9:00 pm

Waitangi-He Tatau Pounamu: A Covenant of Reconciliation 3 (Dr Alistair Reese).

Although rooted in historical consistency, my presentation will also reflect the changing national scenario.

However, it will be based on my newly released book, He Tatau: Waitangi, a Covenant of Reconciliation. This will help us understand the Treaty, tatau pounamu.



Mahinga | Keynote Sessions

Friday 7th March

9:00-10:30am

Waitangi-He Tatau Pounamu: A Covenant of Reconciliation 2 (Dr Alistair Reese).

This presentation will continue the journey to discover that, although rooted in historical consistency, and a changing national scenario, we can begin to understand the Treaty, tatau pounamu.

11:00-12:00pm

God's Unrelenting Hope - Our Nation's Covenant (Antony Nihoniho)
Christian values and Māori tikanga are often portrayed as incompatible. History demonstrates that Māori embraced Te Rongopai / The Gospel and responded to not only a message of peace as refuge from the impacts of colonisation, but a resonance with Māori values. In this session we will consider some of the history of Māori and Christianity from my two iwi, Ngāi Tahu and Ngāti Porou, and how the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi underpin God's aspirations and unrelenting hope for Aotearoa New Zealand.

1:30-2:15pm

Kia Whakatānanahia Te Tiriti o Waitangi – Embodying Te Tiriti o Waitangi in Practice (Huhana Pene).

Saturday 8th March

8:45-10:15am

Waitangi-He Tatau Pounamu: A Covenant of Reconciliation 3 (Dr Alistair Reese).

This final presentation will further help us to understand the Treaty, tatau pounamu.

10:45-12:30pm

Te Tiriti: A Pathway to Collective Wellbeing (Antony Nihoniho)
In this session, I will present a conception of ways of thinking about our identity as New Zealanders, our history and aspirations founded on our relationships with atua (God) and whenua (the natural environment).

Relationships between Māori and Pākehā, founded on Te Tiriti and Te Rongopai/The Gospel may be expressed in Māori culture in particular ways, opening pathways to informing inclusive and unifying approaches to living and our professional practice in Aotearoa New Zealand.

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Thursday 6th March

Time	Title
5:30PM - 6:20PM	Registration opens Please be seated by 6:20pm
6:30PM - 7:00PM	Mihi Whakatau - Pīhopa Te Kitohi Pikaahu (Bishop Kito)
7:00PM - 7:15PM	NZCCA Executive Committee Introductions
7:15PM - 7:30PM	Short Break – a cup of tea
7:30PM - 8:00PM	Pīhopa Te Kitohi Pikaahu (Bishop Kito)
8:00PM - 9:00PM	Waitangi-He Tatau Pounamu: A Covenant of Reconciliation 1 - Dr Alistair Reese

Hōtaka | Programme

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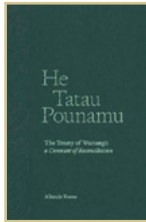
Time	Title
8:30AM - 9:00AM	Tikanga, Housekeeping and Waiata
9:00AM - 10:30AM	Waitangi-He Tatau Pounamu: A Covenant of Reconciliation 2 - Dr Alistair Reese
10:30AM - 11:00AM	Morning Tea
11:00AM - 12:00PM	God's Unrelenting Hope - Our Nation's Covenant
12:00PM - 1:30PM	Lunch
1:30PM - 2:15PM	Kia Whakatānania Te Tiriti o Waitangi – Embodying Te Tiriti o Waitangi in Practice - Huhana Pene
2:15PM - 3:00PM	Afternoon Tea & Make your way over to the Waitangi Treaty Grounds
3:00PM - 5:00PM	Explore Treaty Grounds, visit the Treaty museum. Guided tour of the Treaty Grounds
6:30 PM - 9:00 PM	Hangi & Concert @ the Treaty Grounds

Saturday 8th March

Time	Title
8:00AM - 8:45AM	Meditation & Waiata
8:45AM - 10:15AM	Waitangi-He Tatau Pounamu: A Covenant of Reconciliation 3 - Dr Alistair Reese
10:15AM - 10:45AM	Morning Tea
10:45AM - 12:00PM	Te Tiriti: A Pathway to Collective Wellbeing - Antony Nihoniho
12:00PM - 1:30PM	Lunch
1:30PM - 2:30PM	Panel Discussion with Dr Alistair Reese, David Moko, Huhana Pene, and Pihopa Te Kitohi Pikaahu (Bishop Kito)
2:30PM - 3:00PM	Poroporoaki

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Kōrero Ngā Pukapuka | Recommended Reading



**He Tatau: Waitangi a Covenant of Reconciliation
Dr Alistair Reese**

Publisher: self published, 2024, 124 pages

A copy of this book can be purchased via NZCCA for a special rate of \$25. Please email the office info@nzcca.org.nz to order your copy (we will have the book available to collect at the conference registration desk).



**First Love
Geoff Woodcock**

Publisher: Acacia Media, 272 pages



**Bride Arise
Geoff Woodcock**

Publisher: Acacia Media, 252 pages



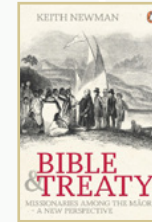
Ngāpuhi Speaks: He Whakaputanga o te Rangatiratanga o Nu Tireni and Te Tiriti o Waitangi: Independent Report

Publisher: Te Kawariki & Network Waitangi Whangarei, 2012, 357 pages.



Listen to the people of the land: Christianity Colonisation & the Path to Redemption

Publisher: Pax Christi ; 2019, 332 pages



**He Tatau: Waitangi a Covenant of Reconciliation
Keith Newman**

Publisher: self published, 2024, 124 pages



**Beyond Betrayal - Trouble in the promised land - Restoring the Mission to Maori
Keith Newman**

Publisher: Penguin Books, 2013, 328 pages



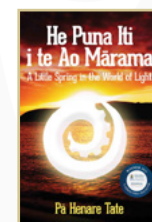
**Huia Come Home
Jay Ruka**

Publisher: Oati, 2017, 200 pages



**The Woven Universe
Selected Writings of Rev. Maori Marsden**

Publisher: Estate of Rev. Maori Marsden, 2003, 187 pages



**He Puna Iti i te Ao Marama - A Little Spring in the World of Light
Henare Tate**

Publisher: Oratia Media, 2012, 320 pages

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