

Tihei Mauri Ora!

Take care of each other

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A science graduate of Victoria University and first president of the Association of Māori University graduates, Māori leader and Anglican Bishop Manuhuia Bennett considered it important that all human rights be honoured. Further, and going beyond that, is his point that the Treaty, in and of itself, is a sacred covenant “based on the promises of two peoples to take the best possible care of each other”.

The power of people helping to take care of each other is a fundamental part of any formula for self-improvement, and the bedrock of our society. It is the most substantial thing that you can do that shows solidarity with those in need of your attention and affection. It involves providing emotional support and encouragement, including pastoral care. Is it no small wonder that the characteristics of ‘Rangatira’ attributed to Bishop Bennett include manaakitanga?

Te kai a te Rangatira, he kórero - The food of a Rangatira is talk

Te tohu o te Rangatira, he manaaki - The sign of a Rangatira is generosity

Te mahi a te Rangatira, he whakatira i te iwi - The work of a Rangatira is to unite people

Taking care of each other is a key principle of what makes for a good leader – whether at home, at work, or at play. *Kia pai tó wiki!*



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