

# *Tihei Mauri Ora!*

## *The Good News*

*He honore, he kororia ki te Atua, he maungarongo ki te whenua,  
he whakaaro pai ki ngā tangata katoa*

*Glory to God in the highest, Peace on earth, Goodwill to all men*



Anglican Archbishop, Whakahuihui Vercoe's simple eloquence one summer's morning in 1990... *"One hundred and fifty years ago, a compact was signed, a covenant was made between two people... But since the signing of that treaty... our partners have marginalised us. You have not honored the treaty"...*

What was actually said at the Archbishop's Waitangi speech, the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Treaty, some said was radical, and unexpected but his message was 'good news' to Māori generally, but it made others including royalty, the authorities, and other dignitaries present to sit up and take notice. It was impromptu – in the same way, perhaps, as the messages from the Old Testament prophets were unscripted and forthright, but with plenty going on to stir up even the who's who of heavyweights in those times.

In a comparable vein, over two millennia ago, One who was called "Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, the Prince of Peace", caused a similar stir with his 'good news' message for mankind. While supportive of the downcast and vulnerable, His message threatened the establishment. Today His message is as valid as it was during His lifetime. Actually, it is hard to imagine any time in history that has been more in need of peace and goodwill among all people than now.

As we head into Christmas it is a time for returning home, for gatherings and for enjoying precious time with whānau. Look forward with optimism to a brighter, challenging future in 2010. Kia pai tō wiki!

***This is the last Tihei Mauri Ora for 2009. Our Monday Motivator will resume 1 March 2010.***

***Meri Kirihimete kia koutou, me ngā mihi mahana mō te tau hou.***



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