

# Kupu Whakapono

## (Confession of Faith)

From this land of Aotearoa New Zealand  
we confess that we believe in and belong  
to the one true and living God,  
who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
Love before all love.

We believe in God the Father,  
sovereign and holy,  
Creator and nurturer of all,  
Father of Jesus Christ,  
sender of the Holy Spirit,  
and Judge of all the earth.

We believe in God the Son, Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour,  
truly human and truly divine,  
who lived among us full of grace and truth.

For our sin he was crucified  
and by the power of God was raised from death,  
forgiving us, setting us free and bringing to birth God's new creation.  
Now ascended, he calls us to repentance and faith  
and restores us to God and to one another.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
the giver of life at work in all creation,  
who inspired the Scriptures and makes Christ known,  
who transforms hearts and minds  
and gathers us into the community of Christ,  
empowering the Church in worship and in mission.

We belong to this triune God,  
women and men,  
young and old,  
from many nations,  
in Christ he iwi kotahi tatou, [we are one people]  
witnesses to God's love in word and action,  
servants of reconciliation,  
and stewards of creation.

As God's people,  
we look forward in hope and joy  
to the return of Christ,  
to the new heaven and earth,  
where evil and death will be no more,  
justice and peace will flourish,  
and we shall forever delight in the glory of God.

This contemporary  
Statement of Faith has  
been developed by the  
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the General Assembly  
as worthy of use by the  
church.

