



**CICC BICENTENNIAL PROCLAMATION - 2021**  
**KARERE NA TE CICC NO TE RUA-ANERE MATAITI - 2021**

Arutanga, Aitutaki

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**John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.**

**WHEREAS**, two hundred years ago, Christianity landed on Aitutaki and was readily embraced by our forebears of Aitutaki. Today, two hundred years later, we, the people of the Cook Islands join together in a twelve-day festival from 21 October to 1 November 2021 to celebrate this historic milestone as we recall the dawning of a new beginning for our island nation on October 26, 1821; and

**Ioane 3:16 I aroa mai te Atua i to te ao nei, kua tae rava ki te oronga anga mai i tana Tamaiti anau tai, kia kore e mate te akarongo iaia, kia rauka ra te ora mutu kore.**

**I TE MEA OKI E**, e rua anere mataiti i topa ake nei, kua tae mai te Evangelia ki runga ia Aitutaki e kua ariki ia e to tatou ai metua. I teia ra, e rua anere mataiti i muri mai, ko tatou, te iti tangata Kuki Airani te taokotai nei i roto i tetai maeva'anga i roto i nga ra e taingauru ma rua, mei te ra 21 o Okotopa, ki te ra 1 o Noema, i te akararangianga i teia angaanga maata tei tupu i te akamaaraanga tatou i teia

**WHEREAS**, the Cook Islands Christian Church (CICC) profoundly acknowledges the resolve of those early pioneers of 1821 including the Reverend John Williams of the London Missionary Society and Tahitian Teachers Papeiha, Vahapata and Faaori (arrived in 1822) who were responsible for giving us the opportunity for a new and enlightened way of life; and

**WHEREAS**, the Church also acknowledges the pivotal role of Tamatoa Uma-tetiki Ariki and the Taunga Tepaki of Aitutaki in upholding the advent of Christianity in those early days and to all Ui Ariki throughout the Cook Islands for their support in growing the Church in the Pa Enuu; and

**WHEREAS**, the Church further acknowledges all LMS Missionaries who devoted part of their lives to serving in the Cook Islands and by their teachings we believe that the Holy Bible reveals the facts of our faith, and is supported by Christian experience through the ages; and

akirata ou no to tatou pa enua i roto ia Okotopa ra 26, mataiti 1821; e pera

**I TE MEA OKI E**, ko te Akonoanga Cook Islands Christian Church (CICC) te akangateitei nei i te maroiroi o ratou tei akamaka i te ara i te mataiti 1821 mei te Orometua John Williams o te Taiate Tutu Evangelia o Paratane (LMS) e nga Puapii Taiti ko Papeiha, Vahapata e Faaori (kua tae mai i te mataiti 1822) tei oronga mai kia tatou i teia tikaanga no tetai oraanga ou e te marama; e pera

**I TE MEA OKI E**, te akamaara nei te Akonoanga i te tuanga puapinga rava ta te Ariki Tamatoa Uma-tetiki e te Taunga Tepaki o Aitutaki i te mouanga i te taeanga mai o te Evangelia i taua tuatau ra, e pera katoa ki te Ui Ariki o te Kuki Airani no ta ratou turuturu i te akatupuanga i te Akonoanga i te au Pa Enuu; e pera

**I TE MEA OKI E**, te akamaara katoa nei te Akonoanga i te au Tutu Evangelia o te LMS tei akaatinga i tetai tuanga o to ratou oraanga i te tavinianga i roto i te Kuki Airani, e na roto i ta ratou apianga kua irinaki tatou e ka akari mai te Bibilia Tapu i te tumuanga o to tatou irinakianga, tei

**WHEREAS**, we believe that God created the world and man, and that His purpose eternally is for man to live as His children; that He came into the world in Jesus Christ who lived and died and rose again for our salvation; and that He works still through the Holy Spirit so that all men may be brought into His Kingdom; and

**WHEREAS**, we believe, that men can find everlasting life only through faith, which is shown in repentance, and through the forgiveness and grace, which God in His love offers to the world; and this new life in Christ means a continual obedience to the will of God; and

**WHEREAS**, we believe that God calls His people together to form the Church, which lives to worship Him and proclaim His Gospel in word and deed until the end of all things when Christ will rule all men; and

akaari ia mai na roto i te oraanga Keretitiano i roto i te au tuatau i topa; e pera

**I TE MEA OKI E**, kua irinaki tatou e na te Atua i anga i teia nei ao e te tangata, e ko Tona anoano mutukore no te tangata nei kia noo te tangata mei Tana tamariki; e kua aere mai aia ki roto i teia nei ao na roto i Tana Tamaiti ko Iesu Mesia tei ora e tei mate e kua tu akaou ei ora no tatou; e te angaanga nei Aia na roto i te Vaerua Tapu kia o mai te au tangata roarai ki roto i Tona Basileia; e pera

**I TE MEA OKI E**, kua irinaki tatou, e ka rauka i te tangata nei te oraanga motu kore mari ra na roto i te akarongo, tei kitea na roto i te tatarara, te akakoreanga ara e te aroa, ta te Atua tei oronga mai ki teia nei ao no Tona inangaro; e ko te aiteanga o tei oraanga ou i roto i te Mesia kia kauraro ua rai ki te anoano o te Atua; e pera

**I TE MEA OKI E**, kua irinaki tatou e kua kapiki kapiti te Atua i Tona iti tangata ei akatupu i te Ekalesia, e te vai nei ei akamori Iaia ma te akakite i tana Evangelia na roto i te tuatua e te angaanga e tae uatu ki te openga i te

**WHEREAS**, we recall with profound gratitude the establishment of the Church and acknowledge our Lord Jesus Christ as the Head of the Church; and

**WHEREAS**, the vision of the Church is to worship and serve God, and to make Jesus known to all people; and

**WHEREAS**, it shall be the sacred duty of the Church to seek for the attainment and fulfilment of God's Will through the following goals:

- To preach salvation;
- To provide a means of worship;
- To provide religious fellowship;
- To hold up moral stands as stipulated in the Bible;
- To promote the aims and objectives of organizations which have aims and objectives similar to those of the Church; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2021, we as a Church recall special highlights in our journey commencing

tutaraanga te Mesia i te au tangata roarai,  
e pera

**I TE MEA OKI E**, te akamaara nei tatou ma te akameitakianga maata i te akamou ia anga o te Akonoanga, ma te aaki e ko to tatou Atua ko Iesu Mesia te Upoko o te Akonoanga; e pera

**I TE MEA OKI E**, ko te orama a te Akonoanga koia ko te akamori e te tavini i te Atua, e kia kitea te Mesia e te au tangata katoatoa; e pera

**I TE MEA OKI E**, e akakoroanga tapu to te Akonoanga kia rauka e kia akatupuia te anoano o te Atua na roto i teia au akakoroanga:

- Kia ako i te akaoraanga;
- Kia oronga i te au ravenga no te akamori;
- Kia oronga i te taokotaianga akarongo;
- Kia aru i te au akanooanga tau tei akatakaia i roto i te Bibilia;
- Kia akakite ite au akakoroanga e te inangaro o te putuputuanga tei aite ki te akakoroanga e te au anoano o te Akonoanga, e pera

**I TE MEA OKI E**, i roto i teia mataiti 2021, kua oki tatou te Akonoanga i te akamaara i tetai

in 1821 when we were known as the London Missionary Society (LMS). In 1852, we became the LMS Cook Islands. In 1965 the LMS operations ended in the Cook Islands which heralded in the creation of the CICC which assumed the management of church activities formerly performed by the LMS; and

**WHEREAS**, the CICC Constitution was passed by the Parliament of the Cook Islands in 1968 (and was updated in 2003 and 2015) which gave us the mandate to advance as an independent Church; and

**WHEREAS**, from our humble beginnings, we proceeded to stand on our own feet, financially supporting the growth of the Church and sustaining the welfare of God's servants from the Church spreading the Gospel across the Pacific; and

au tupuanga manea i roto i to tatou tereanga mai akamata mei te mataiti 1821 e ko to tatou ingoa ko te Taiate Tutu Evangelia o Peritane, te London Missionary Society [LMS]. I te mataiti 1852, kua riro mai tatou ko te Taiate Tutu Evangelia o te Kuki Airani, LMS Cook Islands. I te mataiti 1965, kua motu te au angaanga a te LMS i te Kuki Airani nei tei riro ei akatupu i te Akonoanga CICC tei mou i te au akateretereanga o te au angaanga tei apai mai ana te LMS; e pera

**I TE MEA OKI E**, kua akamanaia te Papa Ture Metua a te Akono'anga CICC e te Paramani o te Kuki Airani i te mataiti 1968 (tei akaou ia i te mataiti 2003 e te 2015) tei oronga mai i te tikaanga kia tatou ei Akonoanga takake; e pera

**I TE MEA OKI E**, mei to tatou tupuanga akaaka mai, kua tu tatou ki runga i to tatou uaorai vaevae, tauturu i te tutakianga i te tupuanga o te Akonoanga ma te ngakianga i te oraanga o te au tavini o te Atua no roto mai i te Akonoanga i te akatotoa atu anga i te Evangelia na roto i te moana Pacifika; e pera

**WHEREAS**, we formally established our first Church Branch in Auckland, New Zealand in 1978 and our first Church Branch in Sydney, Australia in 1991. We now have 23 branches in the Cook Islands, 26 in New Zealand and 26 in Australia and growing; and

**WHEREAS**, the CICC has established strong working relationships with other religious denominations including the Religious Advisory Council of Rarotonga and those of the outer islands and is a founding member of the Pacific Conference of Churches and the Pacific Theological College, and has partnership arrangements with the Maohi Protestant Church of French Polynesia, the Uniting Church of Australia, the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand, the Congregational Union of New Zealand and the Casey Bible Church in Melbourne, Australia; and

**WHEREAS**, the CICC owns and operates Takamoa Theological College established in 1839, one of the oldest theological colleges in the South Pacific and responsible for training over one thousand Pastors,

**I TE MEA OKI E**, kua akatupu tatou i ta tatou Ekalesia mua ki Akarana, Niu Tireni i te mataiti 1978 e to tatou Ekalesia mua i Sydney, Autireiria i te mataiti 1991. I teia nei e 23 o tatou au Ekalesia i te Kuki Airani nei, e 26 i Niu Tireni e pera e 26 i Autireiria e te tupu uatu nei rai; e pera

**I TE MEA OKI E**, kua akamou te Akonoanga CICC i tetai au pirianga angaanga ki tetai au putuputuanga ke atu mei te Konitara Evangelia o Rarotonga (RAC), e pera to te au Pa Enuā e koia tetai mema mua i te akamata ia anga te nga putuputuanga Uipaanga Evangelia o te Pacifica, e te Apiianga Evangelia o te Pacifica, e pera e pirianga tona ki te Akonoanga Porotetani Maori o te Pae Porinetia Varani, te Akonoanga Taokotaianga o Autireiria, te Akonoanga Porotetani o Niu Tireni, te Akonoanga Putuputuanga Okotai o Niu Tireni, e te Akonoanga Casey Bible Church o Melbourne, Autireiria; e pera

**I TE MEA OKI E**, ko te Akonoanga CICC te ona e te akatere nei i te Ngai Apiianga Orometua i Takamoa, tei akamou ia i te mataiti 1839, tei riro e ko tetai nga apii orometua takere roatu i te pa moana Pacifica nei, tei

Church Leaders and Evangelists who were sent to evangelize all of the Cook Islands and many other nations in the Pacific region; and

**WHEREAS,** two centuries have passed and still being the largest religious denomination in the Cook Islands, we have gained wisdom and experience and having matured as a Church, we now enter our third century of embracing the Christian faith with renewed dedication; and

**NOW THEREFORE,** we, the undersigned, being the national leaders of the Church, and collectively representing the present-day generation of Cook Islands Christian Church memberships of 2021, hereby commit to charting fresh directions and perspectives for the Church in a progressively modern, vibrant and tolerant society. So let us be uplifted by our accomplishments over the past 200 years and let us be inspired to achieve even more over the next 200 years. May

apii atu e ara atu i te tai tauatini Orometua, Arataki Akonoanga, e te au Tutu Evangelia tei tukuia ei akamarama i te Kuki Airani katoatoa e te manga nui uatu anga o te au pa enua o te pae Pacifica; e pera

**I TE MEA OKI E,** e rua anere mataiti i topa i teia nei e te vai nei rai e ko te akonoanga evangelia maata roatu teia i roto nei i te Kuki Airani, kua rauka ia tatou te pakari e te kite, e i to tatou matutu mai anga ei Akonoanga, te tomo nei tatou ki roto i to tatou toru anere anga mataiti i te mou piri anga ki to tatou irinakianga Keretitiano ma te maroiroi ou; e pera

**I TEIA NEI,** ko matou tei tataia i raro nei, e ko matou te au akaaere o te Akonoanga, e te mata kapiti nei i te au mema o te uki o teia ra o te Akonoanga CICC o te mataiti 2021, te akamou nei i tetai au kaveinga e te akaraanga ou no te Akonoanga i roto i tetai iti tangata e aru nei i te tauia tuatau, e te tupuanga matutu ma te nooanga au. No reira kia apaipai tatou i tei rauka ia tatou i nga rua anere mataiti i aere ia mai, e kia akamaroiroi tatou kia rauka mai e manganui uatu, i nga rua anere mataiti e tu mai nei. Kia ora uatu rai

the Christian legacy live on in our lives  
and that of our future generations.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF,** we hereunto set our  
hands this 26<sup>th</sup> day of October in the  
year of our Lord two thousand and  
twenty one.

**Rev. Tuaine Ngametua**

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**Mr Ngatokorua Mataio**

*General Secretary*

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*Treasurer*

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**Rev. Oirua Rasmussen**

*Representative, New Zealand Branches*

**Mr Mona Ioane**

*Representative, Australia Branches*

**Rev. Tere Marsters**

*Principal, Takamoa Theological College*

te taoanga o te oraanga Keretitiano ki roto  
i to tatou oraanga e pera ki roto i to tatou  
au uki ki mua.

**EI KITE I TEIA NEI,** te akairo nei matou i raro ake  
i to matou rima i teia ra 26 no Okotopa i  
roto i te mataiti o to tatou Atu e rua  
tauatini e rua ngauru ma tai.

**Rev. Tuaine Ngametua**

*Orometua Ngateitei*

**Mr Ngatokorua Mataio**

*Tekeretere Maata*

**Numangatini Ariki Tangi Tereapii**

*Mou Moni*

**Mr Ngatokorua Ngatokorua**

*Roia Akamarama*

**Rev. Tinirau Soatini**

*Mata, Kumiti o te au Orometua*

**Rev. Vaka Ngaro**

*Mata, Konitara Ekalesia o Rarotonga*

**Rev. Panu Rouru**

*Mata, Pa Enuua Tonga*

**Mr Makirere Poila**

*Mata, Pa Enuua Tokerau*

**Rev. Oirua Rasmussen**

*Mata, au Ekalesia o Niu Tireni*

**Mr Mona Ioane**

*Mata, au Ekalesia o Autireiria*

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*Akaaere o te pae Tutu Evangelia*

**Mr Mauri Toa**

*Akaaere o te pae Tataanga*

**Mrs Nga Teao-Papatua**

*Akaaere o te pae Oraanga*

**Mr Bob Williams**

*Akaaere o te pae Mapu*

**Orometua Vaine Akevai Ngametua**

*Peretiteni, Taokotai'anga Vainetini*

**Orometua Vaine Mamatira Patia**

*Tekeretere, Taokotai'anga Vainetini*

