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*From now and forever,
never again let there be war
as this day has seen.*

Nunuku Whenua

If this task of building a peaceful world is the most important of our time, it is also the most difficult. It will, in fact, require far more discipline, more sacrifice, more planning, more thought, more co-operation and more heroism than war ever demanded.

Thomas Merton (1915-1968)

THE ROLE OF AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND IN PEACE INITIATIVES

Aotearoa New Zealand has a rich heritage of peace initiatives in its indigenous and other cultures.

It has an established international reputation for peace activities and initiatives and has taken a leadership role in the anti-nuclear movement, furthering the abolition of nuclear weapons globally.

Regionally, Aotearoa New Zealand has assumed a growing peace-keeping and peace-building role in the Pacific.

Domestically, the Treaty of Waitangi, the Waitangi Tribunal and the treaty settlements process serve as examples of working towards positive biculturalism. The conference process for dealing with youth and adult offenders is a model example of restorative justice at work. Peace education has been integrated into the school curriculum. These landmarks in our country's development which acknowledge and implement the partnership between Mori/ri/Maori and Pakeha provide an evolving framework for peace in our society.

THE CENTRE FOR PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES

In order to enhance Aotearoa New Zealand's active role in building and sustaining peace, both in the Pacific region and throughout the world, there needs to be a deepening and developing of knowledge, skills and understanding of conflict prevention, management and resolution.

To ensure that there is a constant focus in Aotearoa New Zealand on engendering peace a dedicated and well-funded 'Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies' is needed where research, teaching and training will have international integrity.

The Centre will be based at Otago University but have a significant presence in Auckland.

Co-operation and collaboration will be developed with other universities and tertiary education institutions in New Zealand as well as emphasis given to developing strong partnerships with tangata whenua peace centres and with indigenous and other peace education initiatives here and overseas.

VALUES AND PRINCIPLES

- Non-violence in all areas
- The international human rights framework
- Truth, compassion and social justice
- A focus on New Zealand's contribution to international peacemaking
- Honouring Te Tiriti/Treaty of Waitangi
- Bicultural principles and processes within our multi-cultural society
- Academic endeavour, integrity and credibility at the highest levels of the universities.
- The role of universities as critics and conscience of society
- Wider community education
- A teaching methodology which is harmonious with the aims of peace and conflict resolution
- Inter-faith and intra-faith exploration and dialogue in the area of peacemaking
- Recognition of the role of religion and spirituality in providing resources for peacemaking
- Recognition of the role of women in peace-building
- The role of indigenous and traditional peoples worldwide to foster peace and harmony on earth.

*Establishing lasting peace is the work of education;
all politics can do is keep us out of war.*

Maria Montessori (1870-1952)