

# **‘Being True to the Gospel and Honouring the Treaty of Waitangi’ hui Saturday, 4 October 2014, at Nga Kete Wananga Marae, MIT, Auckland**

## **Biographies for speakers**

### **Te Aroha Rountree**

He uri no te iwi o Nga Puhi, no te hapu o Ngai Tuteauru.

Te Aroha Rountree is currently working at Trinity Methodist Theological College as a Co-Director of the Lay Ministry Training Programme, specialising in Māori society and culture. Te Aroha also works for the University of Auckland; Continuing Education Department, as a part-time lecturer for both the New Start Programme and Loyola University Programme. Te Aroha has also worked various research projects for the University of Auckland and other government agencies with a focus on nineteenth-century Māori language texts. Her most recent research has focussed on Māori interaction with Christianity in Hokianga and the Bay of Islands.

### **Kukupu Tirikatene**

Kukupu Tirikatene was born at Rātana Pā, Whanganui, the eighth of 12 children born to Sir Eruera and Lady Ruti Matekino Tirikatene. He is Ngāi Tahu, Kāti Māmoe, Waitaha and Ngāti Pahauwera o Te Rōpu Tūhonohono o Kahungunu. From 1976, he mentored students and led Māori language learning at Rosehill College in Papakura before moving in 1993 to Manukau Institute of Technology to continue passing on his language and tikanga. “Papa Ku” soon became an icon for the students at the campus. Ku served recently as Iwi Kaumātua on behalf of Ngāi Tahu for the marae at Te Papa, the National Museum of New Zealand. He has now returned to MIT as head of the Maori Department. Papa Ku is a composer of whakataukī and waiata. In 2009, he received a Tā Kingi Ihaka award from Creative NZ in recognition of a lifetime contribution to the development and retention of Māori arts and culture.

### **Keith Newman**

Keith Newman is an award winning journalist with 40-years of writing for mainstream and trade media. He's the author of *Beyond Betrayal* (2013), *Bible & Treaty* (2010) and *Ratana - the Prophet* (2009) and is passionate about reconnecting New Zealanders with the stories of the early missionaries and their relationships with Maori as a richer context for understanding the Treaty of Waitangi and subsequent nation shaping events. Keith has two adult children and lives with his wife Paula Novak in the coastal township of Haumoana, Hawke's Bay.

### **Manuka Henare**

Manuka Henare is presently Indigenous Economic & Business Development and Research Consultant at the University of Auckland Business School. Manuka is a distinguished Māori historian and anthropologist, and has done much work for the Christian churches in the fields of social justice and Treaty related issues. His presentations on the Māori world view give particularly valuable insight into the moral and spiritual basis for Māori philosophy and action.

## **Mark Grace**

Mark Grace is married to Emma. They have three children, Hannah (12) Ben (9) and Zoe (5). Together they live in the Manawatu. In his role as NZ CMS 2014 Bicentenary Co-ordinator Mark speaks across New Zealand about the gospel in early New Zealand and the incredible implications for us today. He is of Te Arawa, Ngai Tahu and Pakeha descent. He is passionate about Jesus, his family, his church, kayak fishing and the Warriors!

## **Glyn Carpenter**

Glyn Carpenter has been National Director of New Zealand Christian Network since March 2003. He is married to Christine (married in 1981) and has three sons - two in medical school and one studying computer science. Prior to working at NZCN Glyn worked for nearly 30 years in the business world in information technology, training, and management in NZ and overseas, including 10 years running ACE Training, a company he co-founded in 1986. Glyn has been an associate fellow of the NZIM, and has a master's degree in Christian ministry. As part of his role at NZ Christian Network, Glyn serves on a number of boards and committees. He is also chair of the South Pacific Evangelical Alliance.

## **Wendy Fowler**

Wendy Fowler has extensive teaching experience in a range of educational roles. She has been a pre-school teacher, a primary school teacher, Head Teacher of a secondary school and of a primary school, as well as a Deputy Principal. She has taught in both private and state schools in South Africa, Botswana and New Zealand. She has a Bachelor of Primary Education and an Honours degree in history and recently completed a post graduate certificate in the Arts through Massey. She studied through UNISA in South Africa and has been a resident of New Zealand for over 16 years. She currently lectures in the School of Education at Laidlaw College with the Social Sciences being her main foci. Her research interests are focussed on issues relating to Te Tiriti o Waitangi and she is currently completing a post grad diploma in Theology.

## **Paul Long**

Paul Long came from Malaysia to New Zealand in 2007 to take up the position of Pastor at Kelston Community Church, Auckland. He is married with two sons and has been in full time Christian ministry since 1990. He is a graduate of Malaysia Bible Seminary (B.Th, M.Min, MCS).

## **Nick Tuatasi**

Nick Tuatasi Q.S.M. is Acting Regional Projects Manager for Tamaki Makaurau and Te Tai Tokerau - Te Wananga O Aotearoa. He is married to Vasa, and they are both Pasifika presenters for the Parenting Place programme. Nick spent 25 years with the New Zealand Police and has been honoured several times by government and community organisations for his ground breaking work with youth at risk. He is a gifted orator, his faith being an important part of his work with youth, men and families.

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