


# SHIFTING THE NATION THROUGH PRAYER



INTERCESSORS AOTEAROA  
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CONFERENCE BOOKLET

## WELCOME

On behalf of the Intercessors Aotearoa team—Moka, Alfred, and all of us—we warmly welcome you to the third Shifting the Nation through Prayer Conference, 2025. We are living in a significant moment. As we gather, we lean into the eternal words spoken by the Lord to King Solomon:

“If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”

To seek the face of God is to pursue intimacy with Him—and it’s from that deep place of communion that true intercession for our land flows. King David understood this well. He knew that the Presence of God always comes before the Power of God. And in Psalm 27:4, he pours out this longing:

“One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek Him in His temple.”

Our intention is simple and unwavering: to welcome the PRESENCE of God—allowing Him to lead us into Holy Spirit-led worship and intercession on the mountain of Government. It is there that we contend to see the Power of God move, shifting the nation away from injustice and unrighteousness.

You can expect clear, grounded teaching from Scripture, alongside powerful, homegrown testimonies from indigenous, international, and Kiwi intercessors. **This is not a time to settle in—this is a time to be alert. Don’t get comfortable. Get ready.**

Nga mihi nui and God Bless  
Alfred & Mokauiina Ngaro

## INTERCESSORS AOTEAROA



### Our Purpose

Intercessors Aotearoa is a nationwide movement focused on interceding for the Mountain (a significant place of influence and authority in our nation) of Government. The purpose is to equip, inform, and mobilise intercessors with strategies, information, and prayer points on the whole of government, its branches and different departments, legislation and heritage to impact our nation our whanau and future generations.



### Weekly Intercession

Every Wednesday night, from 7pm, Intercessors Aotearoa gather over Zoom to pray for the Mountain of Government, which involves: parliament, the 123 elected representatives, the 6 current political parties, government officials, and the different departments.



### 72/72

This Is an initiative we felt the Lord led us to commit 72 hours of continuous prayer for all 72 electorates (65 general seats and 7 Maori seats) in our nation. It is a powerful time of uniting the people from across the nation, and we have seen significant shifts happen through this strategy of intercession. We have held 4 of these sessions and are planning more.



### Nationwide Conference in Wellington

A significant gathering where the community of faith creates this House of Prayer in the Capital City on the Mountain of Government. We have seen powerful shifts in the Spirit realm and the natural.

**In 2018, Jesus was removed from the Parliamentary Prayer without consultation. The prayer had been used for 165 years and was the first debate and motion passed on 24th May 1854.**

**The History of the Parliamentary Prayer** Those who drafted the New Zealand constitution were emphatic that it should guarantee strict equality for all. That was accepted as an axiom. Members met, therefore in a watchful mood, ready to scotch any infringement of the principle. The question arose almost at once. A South Island Scot, James MacAndrew, moved that the first act of the House of Representatives should be a public acknowledgment of the divine being and a supplication for his favour on its future labours. Seconded by a Scot from Nelson, this was at once challenged by a Roman Catholic from Auckland, who protested against converting the House into a conventicle. An Aucklander said that he too felt deeply grateful to providence for having brought him

to New Zealand, but as members were of various denominations, he would not care to see a clergyman of any particular sect brought in to say a prayer.

James Edward Fitzgerald, the supreme constitutionalist, held that the very appearance of a state religion should be avoided. With that in view, when the Canterbury Provincial Council was about to meet, the Church of England members attended service in their own parish church. At this stage, Mr Weld, who later became Sir Frederick Weld, Premier, begged that nothing should be done to impair the perfect religious equality of members. Mr Weld was an English-born Roman Catholic. His amendment affirming the principle of religious equality was lost by 20 to 10, and MacAndrew's motion was carried. Prayers were read by the Reverend F.J. Lloyd, Church of England, who was said to be the first clergyman to be found. The House then saw no harm in giving the assurance that Weld had asked.

**The Original Parliamentary Prayer** *"Almighty God, Humbly acknowledging our need for Thy guidance in all things, and laying aside all private and personal interests, we beseech Thee to grant that we may conduct the affairs of this House and of our country to the glory of Thy Holy Name, the maintenance of true religion and justice, the honour of the Queen, and the public welfare, peace and tranquillity of New Zealand, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."*

**The Amended Parliamentary Prayer used today** *"Almighty God, we give thanks for the blessings which have been bestowed on us. Laying aside all personal interests, we acknowledge the Queen and pray for guidance in our deliberations that we may conduct the affairs of this House with wisdom, justice, mercy, and humility for the welfare and peace of New Zealand. Amen."*

**"God Defend New Zealand" was written as a poem in the year of 1875 by Thomas Bracken of Dunedin. In 1876 a competition to compose music for the poem was won by one John Joseph Woods of Lawrence.**

God of Nations at Thy feet,  
In the bonds of love we meet,  
Hear our voices, we entreat,  
God defend our free land.  
Guard Pacific's triple star  
From the shafts of strife and war,  
Make her praises heard afar,  
God defend New Zealand.

Men of every creed and race,  
Gather here before Thy face,  
Asking Thee to bless this place,  
God defend our free land.  
From dissension, envy, hate,  
And corruption guard our state,  
Make our country good and  
great,  
God defend New Zealand.

Peace, not war, shall be our boast,  
But, should foes assail our coast,  
Make us then a mighty host,  
God defend our free land.  
Lord of battles in Thy might,  
Put our enemies to flight,  
Let our cause be just and right,  
God defend New Zealand.

Let our love for Thee increase,  
May Thy blessings never cease,  
Give us plenty, give us peace,  
God defend our free land.  
From dishonour and from shame,  
Guard our country's spotless  
name,  
Crown her with immortal fame,  
God defend New Zealand.

May our mountains ever be  
Freedom's ramparts on the  
sea,  
Make us faithful unto Thee,  
God defend our free land.  
Guide her in the nations' van,  
Preaching love and truth to  
man,  
Working out Thy glorious  
plan,  
God defend New Zealand

**A Te Reo Māori version of the song was produced in 1878 by Thomas Henry Smith of Auckland, a judge in the Native Land Court, on request of Premier George Edward Grey.**

E Ihowā Atua,  
O ngā iwi mātou rā  
Āta whakarangona;  
Me aroha noa  
Kia hua ko te pai;  
Kia tau tō atawhai;  
Manaakitia mai  
Aotearoa  
Ōna mano tāngata  
Kiri whero, kiri mā,  
Iwi Māori, Pākehā,  
Rūpeke katoa,  
Nei ka tono ko ngā hē  
Māu e whakaahu kē,  
Kia ora mārire  
Aotearoa

Tōna mana kia tū!  
Tōna kaha kia ū;  
Tōna rongo hei pakū  
Kī te ao katoa  
Aua rawa ngā whawhai  
Ngā tutū e tata mai;  
Kia tupu nui ai  
Aotearoa  
Waiho tona takiwā  
Ko te ao mārama;  
Kia whiti tōna rā  
Taiāwhio noa.  
Ko te hae me te ngangau  
Meinga kia kore kau;  
Waiho i te rongo mau  
Aotearoa

Tōna pai me toitū  
Tika rawa, pono pū;  
Tōna noho, tāna tū;  
Iwi nō Ihowā.  
Kaua mōna whakamā;  
Kia hau te ingoa;  
Kia tū hei tauira;  
Aotearoa



### **Pastors Rick & Patricia Ridings**

Pastors Rick & Patricia Ridings were with us at our inaugural conference in 2023 and are returning this year as keynote speakers for this event. They are global intercessory and prophetic leaders based in Jerusalem where they founded Succat Hallel, a 24-hour house of prayer, 25 years ago. They are also the authors of the book "Shifting Nations Through Houses of Prayer" which has so shaped Intercessors Aotearoa. We look forward to welcoming them again!



### **Matua Bradford Haami**

Matua Bradford Haami is a lecturer in biculturalism and a board member at Laidlaw College. From 2012 to 2016, he led a reconciliation movement with UK intercessors across New Zealand's battlefields. He has long preached and taught on biculturalism and reconciliation nationwide. Since 2015, he has led Māori intercession teams to Mongolia, the Pacific, and Israel. He also represents Māori on the All Pacific Arise Council and co-founded the Māori Christian Leaders Forum, Te Oko Hou (The New Bowl).



### **Pastor Karen Dey**

Pastor Karen Dey is an anointed woman of God, ministering in Sri Lanka, and used across the world to transform lives and bring in God's presence. Since 1988, she has been planting churches into many nations. Karen is based in Whanganui when in NZ and is involved in teaching, training leaders, and intercession for the nation with an emphasis on redemption of the whenua (land). She will be sharing her insights on "Sweeping the Land".



**Pastor Ross Smith and Dr. Helen Kong-Smith**

These two are prominent figures in ministry. Dr. Kong-Smith has been an associate pastor in Malaysia since 1991, known for her global ministry and prayer dedication, while also founding two businesses. She now lives on the Kapiti Coast with husband, Pastor Ross Smith, who has led Celebration Church in Wellington since 2001 and focuses on prophetic teaching and the 'Jesus for NZ' movement, advocating for a righteous nation.

**Bob McCoskrie**

With a background in teaching, social work, and talkback radio, Bob has spent over 15 years working with young people in South Auckland and advocating on key social issues. His frontline experience has made him deeply aware of the social impacts of family breakdown and the challenges facing families in New Zealand today. As the spokesperson for Family First New Zealand, he is a strong advocate for the role of stable families, parental rights, and free speech.

**Pastor Samuel Lo**

Pastor Lo and his wife join us all the way from Taiwan. Formerly Director of the Administration Department and Director of Church Planting at Taipei Bread of Life Church and Senior Pastor of Kaohsiung Bread of Life Church, Pastor Lo currently sits as the Advisory Pastor of Kaohsiung Bread of Life Church, Scripture Union (Taiwan), and the Bread of Life Global Apostolic Network. Pastor Lo is also now the Honorary Chairman of the Kaohsiung Marketplace Unity Association.



### **Reverend Mikaele Mudreilagi**

Rev. Mikaele Mudreilagi is an experienced educator and minister dedicated to teaching and spiritual leadership. He worked in the Fijian education system from 1989 to 2021 as a science teacher and principal, and has been preaching since 1993 at Wesley City Mission Church in Suva. Ordained by the International Christian Embassy Jerusalem in 1994 and inducted into the Methodist Church of Fiji in 2007, he served as ICEJ Fiji's National Director from 2013 to 2023.



### **Pastor Shalini Dreadon**

Pastor Shalini Dreadon is an experienced leader with over 30 years in prayer ministry, pastoral care, and discipleship. As an elder at Manukau New Life Church and a credentialed pastor with New Life Churches of New Zealand, she oversees international branches of the School of Faith in the UK, Europe, and South Africa. Passionate about intercessory prayer, her mission is to transform lives through faith and encounters with God's presence.



### **Pastor Brian Ormond**

Of Rongomaiwahine descent, leads City Rock Church in Napier with his wife, Cheree. They have raised five children and have thirteen grandchildren. Brian also serves as a director for his family's farm in Māhia, upholding stewardship and kaitiakitanga over their land. He is known for his prophetic gifts and ability to communicate the Word of God clearly, bringing encouragement and a sense of expectation for transformation within the Body of Christ.



### **Reverend Dr Mele'ana Puloka**

Rev. Dr. Mele'ana Puloka is a prominent Tongan theologian and educator, holding degrees from the University of Hawai'i and Oxford. She has greatly influenced theological education and church leadership in Tonga and the Pacific, focusing on interfaith dialogue and cultural preservation. As a proponent of faith-based nation-building and ethical leadership, she advises the Queen on national issues and contributes to global discussions on Pacific identity and moral leadership.



### **Kaumātua o Whanganui – Gavin Brooks**

Gavin Brooks is a Kaumātua of Whanganui, serving as a respected elder and community leader. He is a Pastor who fosters spiritual growth and moral clarity, an Advocate for the rights and dignity of all, especially Indigenous communities, and an Entrepreneur focused on aligning innovation with cultural values. His work is guided by principles of divine responsibility and sovereignty, emphasizing the importance of agency, cultural identity, and collective strength amidst change.



### **Hon Alfred & Moka Ngaro**

Alfred & Moka have more than 20 years of ministry and ten years in politics. They believe the Lord led them to initiate Intercessors Aotearoa in 2021 to pray on the Mountain of Government. Their ministry 'Footprint of Faith' encapsulates Intercessors Aotearoa, 72/72, speaking engagements nationwide and this very conference. They believe that prophetic intercession leads to apostolic action.



### **Pastors Desiree & Waipatu Winitana**

The pastors of Wairoa Rock Church and parents to eight tamariki and eight mokopuna. They run a kingdom-focused security business that provides local employment and are part of a team retracing old evangelistic rallies along the East Coast.



### **Pastor Whiromena Acraman**

With over 40 years of Christian leadership experience and serves on the Assemblies of God NZ national executive. She leads Te Haerenga, a ministry empowering Māori identity, theology, and intercessory prayer to transform the nation.



### **Chris & Melissa Runciman**

Chris and Melissa Runciman aim to strengthen families in faith and help tamariki develop lasting relationships with Jesus. Their passionate support, alongside Moka and Alfred, has been vital in pioneering Intercessors Aotearoa.



### **Pastors Ken & Tai Roach**

Serving in ministry for over 20 years and the senior pastors of Elim Porirua, they're deeply engaged in the Porirua and Wellington community while raising three awesome children.

*"I just feel very strongly that the Lord is encouraging me in my heart that He is so ... in fact, I believe I can put it in the first person... this is what the Lord is saying...*

*I am so blessed with your unity, I am so blessed with the coming together of generations, I am so blessed with the coming together of ethnicities, I am so blessed with the coming together of various kinds of church backgrounds and because I am so blessed I must command a blessing upon New Zealand says the Lord. I must command a blessing upon New Zealand. I will and I am commanding a blessing upon New Zealand, upon Aotearoa.*

*This nation shall be ... a ... so she's a turning point from this moment because of your obedience to sacrifice to come together from so many different backgrounds so many different ages so many different things that could separate you but because you have come together at the feet of My cross says the Lord, I am going to bless in great ways in this nation.*

*The balance is changing, the balance is changing, the balance is changing and the Lord says as you continue to worship Me in unity across generations across backgrounds, as you continue to do this it's like each time it puts another piece of gold on the balance and instead of New Zealand being in the balance, it is tipping and tipping and tipping towards becoming a sheep nation says the Lord.*

*Thank You Lord. "*

## DAY ONE – WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

**8am** Open for registration

**8.30am** Praise & Worship

**9am** Mihi Whakatau

- Kaumatua Gavin Brooks

Te Whariki Weaving the strands together

- Pastor Whiromena Acraman & Pastor Cheree Ormond

Karakia

- Pastor Brian Ormond

**10am** Welcome – Melissa Runciman

**10:15am** Morning Tea

**11am** Intercessors Aotearoa

- Hon. Alfred Ngaro & Rev. Katie Lawrence

**11:30am** Session 1: A Witness Stone

- Matua Brad Haami

**12:30pm** Lunch Break

**1:30pm** Panel: Waka Atua Ki Te Taumata

- Matua Brad & Selina Haami
- Pastors Greg & Leonnie Motu
- Pastors Brian & Cheree Ormond
- Pastors Desiree & Waipatu Winitana

**2:30pm** Session 2: Sweeping the Land Pt 1 & 2

- Pastor Karen Dey

**4:30pm** Dinner Break

**6pm** Praise & Worship

**6:45pm** Offering

**7pm** Session 3: Temple Mount/Carmel Mountain

- Hon. Alfred Ngaro & Paul Samuels

**7:30pm** Session 4: During the War

- Matua Brad & Selina Haami
- Pastor Greg Motu

**8pm** Guest Keynote Speakers

- Pastors Rick and Patricia Ridings

**9pm** Day One Concludes

## DAY TWO – THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

**5am** Prayer on Parliament Grounds  
 • Hon. Alfred Ngaro & Melissa Runciman

**8.30am** Praise & Worship

**9:30am** Welcome – Hon. Alfred Ngaro

**10am** Session 1: No Longer Right or Left –  
 A Call to Protect Family Values  
 Beyond Politics  
 • Bob McCoskrie

**11am** Morning Tea

**11:30am** Session 2: Resetting the Governance  
 of Nations  
 • Pastors Rick and Patricia Ridings

**12:30pm** Lunch Break

**1:30pm** Session 3: Pacific Nation – She has  
 the Ear of the King  
 • Rev. Dr Mele’ana Puloka

**2:30pm** Session 4: Pacific Nation – Seasons  
 • Reverend Mikaele Mudreilagi

**3:30pm** Session 5: Pacific Nation – Servanthood

**4:30pm** Dinner Break

**6pm** Praise & Worship

**6:45pm** Offering

**7pm** Guest Keynote Speakers  
 • Pastors Rick and Patricia Ridings

**9pm** Day Two Concludes

## DAY THREE – FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

**5am** Prayer on Parliament Grounds  
 • Hon. Alfred Ngaro & Melissa Runciman

**9am** Praise & Worship

**9:45am** Welcome

**10am** Guest Keynote Speaker  
 • Pastor Samuel Lo (Taiwan)

**11am** Morning Tea

**11:30am** Session 1: Sovereign Strategies for National Transformation  
 • Pastor Ross Smith & Pastor Dr. Helen Kong-Smith

**12:30pm** Lunch Break

**1:30pm** Session 2: Intercession is a Calling  
 • Pastor Shalini Dreadon

**2:30pm** Intercessors Aotearoa

**3:30pm** Acknowledgements & Gift-giving

**4:30pm** Dinner Break

**6pm** Praise & Worship

**6:45pm** Offering

**7pm** Session 3: Prophetic Intercession Leads to Apostolic Action  
 • Pastor Brian Ormond

**8pm** Session 4: Prophetic Intercession Leads to Apostolic Action  
 • Hon. Alfred Ngaro

**9pm** Conference Concludes



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