



**TOTARA
COLLEGE**

Statement of Faith

1. We believe in one God, eternally existing in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. God is love, God is holy, and God is the source of all wisdom.
2. In his sovereignty, God created the heavens and earth, and declared them good. God upholds and sustains all things.
3. We believe in Jesus Christ, the only Son of the Father. Through him and for him all things were created. He is God incarnate, the true image of God, fully God and fully human.
4. God created human beings in his own image. As image bearers we are designed for relationship with God and with one another, are blessed to be fruitful and productive in all areas of life, to the glory of God, and are entrusted with the stewardship and care of God's world.
5. Our relationship with God, with others, and with creation was fractured when sin, evil, and death entered the world. All have sinned and are unable to restore their relationship with God by their own efforts.
6. Therefore, God sent his only Son into the world. Jesus Christ was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of a virgin, and lived a holy, loving, and sinless life. He was crucified, died, and was buried. On the third day he rose from the dead. He ascended into heaven and now reigns at the right hand of the Father.
7. Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, God revealed himself to the world, defeated the powers of sin, evil, and death, provided for our salvation and reconciliation to Him, inaugurated the kingdom of God, and is working to renew all things. Jesus' resurrection marks the beginning of the new creation.
8. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who is at work in the world bringing people to faith, drawing them to God, guiding them into truth, and working in them regeneration and transformation so that those in Christ will be conformed to his image. All the redeemed in Christ are united by the Holy Spirit and belong to one, holy, universal Church.
9. We believe that the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are inspired by God. As the supreme account of God's activity in the world, they attest to Christ and are trustworthy and authoritative. The Holy Scriptures are God's word to us through human authors.
10. Creation is moving toward its God ordained goal, when Christ will return as king, the dead will be resurrected, God will bring about his final justice and reconciliation, and the heavens and earth will be made new.
11. To be disciples of Christ is to respond to Christ's call and to participate in God's story as revealed in Scripture: to seek to know God's word and bear witness to his

gospel; to seek to know and share in God's work and world; to form communities of faithfulness; and to be co-labourers with Christ in the renewal of all things.

12. We also hold to the Apostles Creed and the Nicene Creed, the first two historic creeds of the Christian faith.

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I agree to read and support these statements of faith:

Signed _____ Date: _____

Kupu Whakapono.
Mai tēnei whenua o Aotearoa Niu Tireni
E whakaatu ana mātou
Ki te Atua kotahi, te Atua ora
Te Matua, Tama, Wairua Tapu
Te aroha i mua i te aroha

E Whakapono ana mātou ki te Atua Matua
Ki tōna mana me tōna tapu
Te Kaihanga, te Kaiāwhina o nga mea katoa
Te Matua o Ihu Karaiti
Te Kaituku o te Wairua Tapu
Te Kaiwhakawā o te ao katoa

E Whakapono ana mātou ki te Atua Tama
Kia Ihu Karaiti te ariki, te kaiwhakaora
he tāngata he Atua
Ka noho ia kei waenganui i a mātou
i te atawhai me te pono.

Mo o mātou hara ka ripekatia ia
na te mana o te Atua
ka ara ake ai ia i te mate
I murua o matou hara, kia wātea mātou
ki te whanau hou ki te mea hou
e noho mai nei i te rangi
ka karanga ia kia mātou ki te ripeneta me te
whakapono, na, ka honoa mātou ki te Atua
me mātou kia mātou ano.

E Whakapono ana mātou ki te Atua, te Wairua Tapu
te Kaihomai o te ora
te Kaimahi i roto i te ao katoa
te Kaihāpai i nga karaipiture
ki te whakamārama te Karaiti kia mātou
kia tahuri o mātou ngākau me o mātou hinengaro
kia noho ai mātou
hei iwi mo te Karaiti
kia kaha ai te Haahi ki te whakatinana haere
i nga whakahau o te Karaiti

No tātou tēnei Atua Tokotoru Tapu
Wāhine me nga tāne,
rangatahi me nga pakeke
o ngā iwi katoa
He iwi kotahi tātou i roto i te Karaiti,
I kite ai mātou i te aroha o te Atua
I roto i te kupu me te mahi
A tātou mahi he hohou i te rongo
me te manaaki, tiaki ranei
kia Rangī raua ko Papa-tū-ā-nuku

He iwi whakapono mātou
ka titiro whakamua mātou ki te hari me te koa
,ki te hokinga mai o te Karaiti
Ki te rangi me te whenua hou
kua mutu te kino me te mate
ka puāwai te tika me te rongo
ka noho mātou i roto i te
kororia o te Atua mo ake tonu atu

Confession of Faith.
From this land of Aotearoa New Zealand
We confess that we believe in & 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 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.