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Rev. Angus Macleod  
General Secretary  
National Council of Churches  
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Greetings from Te Kotahitanga,

Thank you for the support and good wishes extended to the Hikoi ki Waitangi. Now that the Hikoi is over the real work now begins, with I hope the help of those Pakeha organisation that has a real concern for this country, and <sup>working for a</sup> better relations within its peoples.

Unfortunately, the power of the state and the police force was used, this time against the constitutional right of the Queens representative, to meet <sup>with</sup> the Maori people. We broke no laws in petitioning the Governor General to meet us at Waitangi to receive submissions on behalf of Te Kotahitanga, and I know the majority of Maoridom. As the meeting did not take place because of Police interference Te Kotahitanga now has a committment to its people and Aotearoa to restore human rights and dignity to our people. We were conscious of the presence of Bishop Vercoe and Archdeacon Paul Reeves and other clergmen and I was personally greatful for the prayers and support that was given. I am more than convinced that the Prince of Peace walkd with us to Waitangi on the 6th and took a hand in the final events that took place, and I am looking forward to working for my people I raro ite Maru O Ihowa Tuarua onga Mano.

Te Kotahitanga is a movement dedicated to the unity of its people under spiritual guidance and also dedicated to Political freedom. The Treaty of Waitangi is the base of our beginning to right the wrongs. We can forgive the past, but it is another thing to forget the past.

I look forward to the support of the Churches.

No reira

Ma te Atua Koutou katoa e manaaki.

Na. *Juanita Eva Rickard*

*President*

*Te Kotahitanga United Tribal  
Council*