



**Statement from the 10th Aotearoa-NZ National Interfaith Forum
Held in Dunedin 27-29 June 2014**

Members from a diverse range of faiths and beliefs came together over three days to deepen our mutual understanding, respect and cooperation, and celebrate our 'unity in diversity'.

Representatives of regional interfaith groups from throughout New Zealand participated.

We wish to state our continuing commitment to deepening open and honest relations between people, and acknowledging the innate humanity and dignity of people of all faiths and none.

The group endorsed the development of a religious and cultural diversity education programme for New Zealand schools.

We reiterate the principles of the Statement on Religious Diversity in Aotearoa New Zealand, first endorsed by the National Interfaith Forum of 2007.

In this election year, we call on all our political parties to place at their heart, the strengthening of community and the building of a compassionate, inclusive, just and sustainable nation.

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