

## **BLESSING THE BOOK**

***“Listening to the People of the land.”***

### **EVOCATION:**

***E te Atua tō mātou Kai-hanga,  
ka tiaho te māramatanga me te ora, i āu kupu  
kōrero,  
ka timata āu mahi, ka mau te tika me te aroha;  
ka meatia kia ū tonu ki a mātou  
tōu aroha i roto i tēnei huihuinga.  
Whakakīa ā mātou whakaaro ā mātou mahi  
katoa e tōu Wairua Tapu.  
Āmine***

*God our Creator,  
when you speak there is light and life,  
when you act there is justice and love;  
Grant that your love may be present at this book  
launch, so that what we say and what we do may be  
filled with your Holy Spirit.  
Amen.*

### **DECLARATION:**

The book “Listening to the people of the land – Christianity, Colonisation & the path to redemption” was conceived to achieve two things; One, to look into the underlying causes of the harm of colonisation and Christianity’s contribution to that harm.