



**MERCY  
GLOBAL  
PRESENCE**

# The Global Heartbeat

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## 1. Mercy Global Presence

**Ānei te Atawhai, te hokai nuku ko te hokai rangi**

**Here is the Mercy of God transcending the earth, ascending to heaven**

**'I he 'ao fakamaamani lahi 'oe Manava'ofa**

**God's womb love embracing the world**

**Tauaofiaga ole Aagalofa ile Lalolagi**

**Our world encircled by God's Mercy**

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## 2. Mercy Global Presence

**Earth and Integral Ecology**

**The Global Heartbeat**

"Indeed, the universe is the primary sacred reality.

We become sacred by our participation in this more sublime dimension of the world about us."

*Thomas Berry, "The Wild and the Sacred," in The Great Work, 49*

## 3. Whakawhanaungatanga - Making right relation happen with God, Self, Others, Earth

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Whakaminenga-Chapter Vision 2014*

## 4. Whakataukī - Maori Proverb

Kia whakarongo ake au

Ki te tangi a te manu nei

a te Matui

Tui-i-i, tui-i-i, tuituia -

Tuia i runga Tuia i raro

Tuia i waho Tuia i roto

Tuia i te here tangata

Ka rongo te po Ka rongo te ao.

Tuia i te muka tangata

I takea mai i Hawaiki-Nui

I Hawaiki-Roa, i Hawaiki-Pāmamao

Oti rā me ērā atu ano Hawaiki

Te hono a wairua

Whakaputa ki Te Whaiao

Ki Te Ao Mārama. Tihei mauri ora!

My attention is drawn to the cry of the bird nearby, **to the bush wren (extinct 1971)** calling "Bind, Join, be United as one. May it be woven above, enmeshed below, entwined outside and within our very beings, interlaced by threads of human love. May there be peace at night and peace by day.

5. Intertwined with the cords of humankind, originating from the great homeland, from the far homeland, from the remote homeland, and from all other ancestral lands merging with the spirits there, then coming out into the Light, out into the cosmos, the World of Consciousness. The living spirit is within us, constantly beating! Behold, it is life!"

**The extinct Bush Wren has a story for us...**

"I am a loss to the earth.

No longer can you hear my song

or appreciate my gift to you and this land.

Can the spirit of my song touch your hearts with a deepening consciousness of all that is interconnected ... our hearts beat as one. Look after the heartbeat of Mother Earth!"

Affectionally yours

Bush Wren

6. **"Ko te whenua te toto o te tangata,  
Land is the life-blood of the people"**

Papatūānuku Mother Earth

is the earth that we live upon. Not only is she the land we walk upon, she is also the life within the land. Everything is linked to the land... the plants, the trees, the birds, the lizards, the seals and the people.

Papatūānuku nurtures them all... feeds them all... houses them all... and at the end of their life forms the final resting place for all creatures great and small.

*Warren Pohatu ~ Maori Artist and Writer*

Mā te Atawhai ka puta mai te tūmanako me te oranga mō te katoa

Mercy invites us to act in ways which generate hope and life for all. *Pope Francis*

7. **Today Mercy is committed to**

preserving the integrity of creation, Papatūānuku ~ Mother Earth, seeing human beings as connected and dependent on all living species.

**Catherine McAuley's** spirituality enabled her to see the Divine presence in the whole of life.

*Dennis Horton*

8. Aotearoa

9. **Samoa** Pleads for Global Action to Tackle Climate Change

**Community-Based Adaptation in Samoa** focus on coastal ecosystems and the maintenance of their goods and services (erosion control, storm protection, water

filtration) in the face of climate change. The CBA portfolio in Samoa will be guided by The Samoa CBA Country Programme Strategy.

**“Standing with the displaced, we will model a world of welcome and inclusion. Actively engaged in the protection of our Common Home we will witness the sacredness of all creation”.** *MIA New Vision*

**Tonga’s** Battle to Keep its Head Above Water

**Some of Tonga's adaptation projects include:**

public awareness programmes, coastal revegetation ...The country is also dependent on foreign aid. Joint National Action Plan for Climate Change. Adaptation and Disaster Risk Management.

10. The Universe unfolds in God

The Universe unfolds in God who fills it completely. Hence there is a mystical meaning to be found in a leaf, in a mountain trail, in a dewdrop, in a poor person’s face.

*Pope Francis Laudato Si’*

11. **This is why we are here**

**To** listen with the ear of the heart,  
to be an inclusive human presence,  
open to the Divine, awake to the mystery of all life.

**We** are here to respond to what earth is asking of us,  
to honour the beauty of difference,  
to celebrate the interconnected bond holding us together  
and honouring the soul of each member.

**This is why we are here.**

*Father Jim Conlon*

12. **We enter** a new paradigm of solidarity which is born of **compassion** for the scarred and downtrodden of Earth. Living **manaakitanga** today calls for a **wider embrace of mercy gracious hospitality to all.**

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Leadership Report to the Congregation, Chapter 2019*

13. **Mercy** calls us today to be in **Hope, a Global Compassionate presence, the heartbeat of God** in the reality of this time, this place, this earth, this universe.

*Atawhai Mai Atawhai Atu Mercy Received Mercy Given  
Mission Resource Book 2014 Nga Whaea Atawhai o Aotearoa Sisters of Mercy New Zealand*

14. Holding the Heartbeat

15. “Our heartbeat must be in tune with the heartbeat of God.”

“We are called to be the heartbeat of contemplative love within the heartache of our realities.” *LCWR*

What is your mercy heart beating for?

16. Atawhai Mercy **does not gently rock us in a deceptive tranquillity and security; it causes us to get moving. It wants us to open our hands and our hearts.**

*Cardinal Walter Kasper,  
The Way of Mercy pg 38*

Tama tu, tama ora, tama noho, tama mate  
Stand and live or sit and die.  
*Whakatauki Maori Proverb*

17. The Future belongs to those who give the next generation reason to hope.  
*Pierre Teilhard de Chardin*

18. **Karakia**

"Kia tau te rangimārie  
o te Rangi e tū iho nei  
Papatūānuku e takoto nei  
o te Taiao awhi nei  
Ki runga i a tātou.  
Tihei Mauri ora!"  
*Whakatauki Maori Proverb*

**Prayer**

"May the peace of the sky above  
of the earth below and the  
All-embracing Universe  
Rest upon us all.  
Behold, it is life!"

19. Mercy Global Presence Earth and Integral Ecology Presentation:  
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