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A gift from Elder Aunty Mary Ann Coconut - God's Creative Power for our Healing

Words are powerful and your body is listening to every word you speak everyday God created the universe by speaking it into existence. He has given you the same ability to speak that which is nothing to something. You must not allow yourself to speak words that create sickness. Speak of words that create life and new meaning. Our role as people of faith is to use our God given gifts, skills and grace with wisdom and venture into this present world with the key in our heart which is faith, wisdom and understanding knowing that God is with us and we are given the opportunity and the will to share abilities which is ours from creation.

I encourage each one of us to look prayerfully and deeply to the values and life left for us to take on by our forbearers. To understand and use what we feel in our hearts as a task we must fulfil.

To let the light of Christ shine and provide power to those we work with. May we all know that we are here for a reason and that our faith and rights under God, to encourage, strengthen and build each other must not diminish or fall apart.

Our Lord was raised from the dead. This diminished the power of evil and opened up a pathway whereby we can socially, culturally, spiritually and economically thrive. We are to set apart moments of meditation, prayer and fasting as we commit ourselves to the task of building God's kingdom in our Congregations and Presbyteries.

Do not allow temptation to overtake us. Our role as people of faith leads us to serve faithfully to the one who calls us by name and he says "I will never leave you nor forsake you or desert you." Be assured, be encouraged as He is with you.



We acknowledge the contributions of Elders past who are pictured above and apologise for any offence caused. Their spirit lives within our ongoing works.



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We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which we are meeting today and pay respects to Elders past and present for their knowledge sharing, bravery, care of creation, and leadership.

We acknowledge our spiritual Creator GOD stories held within our lands and shared by all First Peoples who contribute to the life of our church.

We hold up the young members of our communities, as the leaders of the future and we invite the Holy Spirit to guide the formation of their cultural, spiritual and Godly knowledge.

We pray that during our time together, we will enjoy the presence of kinship and friendship in our yarns and discernment.

Finally, we acknowledge that some of us will be holding sorrow or sadness, and we invite God to bring healing and renewed faith into our lives.