

## AOTEAROA

### Decolonising & Peace Making from a Māori Perspective

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**Indigenous Peacemaking:** is Relational, Restorative and Sacred. Approaches to peacemaking are deeply rooted in whakapapa, wairuatanga and whanaungatanga.

My intention is to highlight how trauma when understood through the lens of decolonisation, can inspire transformative action—for healing, balance and peace with Papatuanuku, her diverse kin and all forms, woven with mauri, seen and unseen.



Uncle Wayne "CoCo" Wharton, activist



The Peace-making Series from [Pax Christi Aotearoa New Zealand](#) will conclude on 19 August at 7 pm NZST with a session on “**Decolonising & Peace Making from a Māori Perspective**” by Rangi Davis (Ngāti-Te Ara, Ngāti Hine, Te Kauimua, Ngāti Wai, Te Rarawa, Hokianga, Ngāpuhi). [Info and registration here.](#)

On August 2, 2025, Pax Christi Queensland member, David Tutty, participated in the **Pacific Peace Network Conference** in Brisbane. Participants discussed the growing militarisation in the region, AUKUS and nuclear submarines, the ongoing effects of nuclear testing, Indigenous rights and climate change. [Read more here.](#)

On 6 and 9 August, 2025, during the 80th anniversary memorial Masses in Hiroshima and Nagasaki, **Anselmo Lee** (Pax Christi Korea) and **Giulia Bordin** (Pax Christi International) read the **Pax Jubilee 2025 Declaration**, calling for a nuclear-free Asia-Pacific and global disarmament. Endorsements continue to grow. [Read more here.](#)

## JAPAN



Sansei-To won 14 seats at the Upper House election, which was held on July 22, 2025. The party holds nuclear-armed Japan since nuclear armament is “inexpensive and safe”. The party emphasizes that the cause of poverty and low wages is the flood of foreigners into the nation. **Japan is grappling with rising xenophobia.** Read more [here](#) and [here](#).

## PHILIPPINES



Workshop on the Mindanao State University System's Colleges of Education: Peace Education Assessment and Ways Forward

33 educators from 12 Mindanao State University campuses gathered at Miriam College last June to **assess and strengthen Peace Education**. They shared best practices and mapped ways forward—from curriculum reforms to deeper student engagement. This is vital in peace education as it empowers teachers to build a culture of peace in classrooms and communities. [Read more.](#)

## SRI LANKA



In Sri Lanka, two recent **moments of resilience and remembrance** stand out: June’s solidarity for Dilshan, a survivor of police torture, and July’s commemoration of Fr. Selvarajah, a priest who vanished in 1990. Both urge truth, accountability, and compassion. Read [about Dilshan here](#) and [about Fr. Selvarajah here.](#)