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**MEMO TO:** All Episcopal Units

Warm greetings.

You will be aware that planning is well under way for the celebrations at Oihi in 2014 and of the significant work that is being undertaken by the Marsden Cross Trust Board. A very focused fund-raising campaign is under way and it is hoped that the outcome of this two year 'full-on' fund-raising campaign will realise \$500,000.

As the Oihi site is a significant place of pilgrimage and awareness-raising, we endorse the efforts of the Marsden Trust to construct and develop a visitors'/learning centre. Increasing numbers of New Zealanders are making the pilgrimage to Oihi, particularly our youth groups and Church Schools. What is proposed at Oihi will serve as a 'mobile' classroom which will offer students an holistic Christian learning experience in a Tikanga Maori and Tikanga Pakeha environment. We believe that more and more it will become a place where New Zealanders, young people and school students, will choose to gain greater historical awareness and overall Christian understanding of the events of Christmas Day 1814, and the partnership between Maori and Pakeha, expressed in Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

On behalf of the Church we are seeking funding from a variety of sources and commend the work of the Marsden Cross Trust as they progress this major project. We would be grateful if you could promote this appeal which will provide for and further enhance the experience of Oihi for our Church and all New Zealanders.

Thank you for commending this project to your ministry units and wider Diocese/Hui Amorangi.

Yours in Christ,

Archbishop David Moxon  
Archbishop of the New Zealand Dioceses



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