

An opening karakia can be introduced with any of the following phrases:

- Me tīmata ā tātou hui i roto i te karakia, nō reira
- Me tīmata tātou, nō reira
- Tīmata tātou

## Toitū Te Whenua Opening karakia

Whāia te mātauranga  
kia mārāma, kia tupu,  
kia tiaki ngā whenua,  
ngā moana, ngā arawai

Kia whai take ngā mahi katoa

Aroha atu aroha mai,  
tātou i a tātou

Toi te kupu

Toi te mana

Toitū te whenua

Haumi ē, hui ē, tāiki ē!

Pursue knowledge for  
understanding, developing and  
caring for the lands, bodies of  
water and waterways

Seek purpose in all that we do

Let us show respect for  
each other

Hold fast to our language

Hold fast to our spiritual strength

Sustain the land

Gather and go forward together