



**TOA Pacific Inc.**  
*Treasuring Older Adults & Pacific Aiga Carers*

# **2009 International Conference on Ageing and Spirituality**

*Plannery Session*  
*Cultural Ethnic Context*



# Fakalofa lahi atu and warm Pacific Greetings

- *Personal Introduction.*





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- *Treasured Older Adults*
- *Project Leader: EANP*
- *Address*



# What is it like to be a member of a minority ethnic group growing older in NZ.

- Connections with community
- Cook Islands, Niueans, Tokelau
- Samoans, Tongans, Tuvalu
- WINZ, Health, Education



# How does your culture view older people? Is this view challenged by majority / Pakeha views on ageing?

- *Niuean culture*
- *Challenges*
- *Pakeha Views*





What is the dominant religious/spiritual understanding of the role of older people in your culture

- *Suffering in silence*
- *Role of older people*



**Is there a gap in local services for older people in your culture, especially around spiritual care.**

**How could this be address?**

- Gap in local services
- Home Visitation
- Language
- How could this be address

