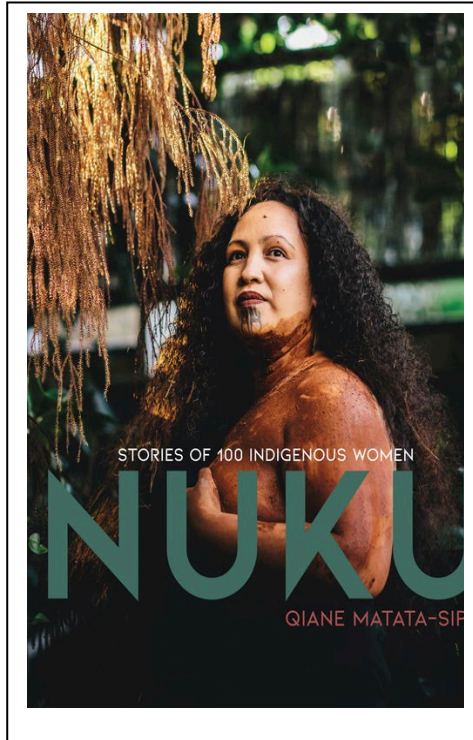


With the resignation of embattled management leadership is at the top of us have recently found discussions about what okay to stand down like no more gas left in the sacrifice everything for topics that are confronting for us as whatever form that



Jacinda Ardern and the of the floods in Auckland, everyone's lips. Many of ourselves caught up in makes a good leader? Is it Jacinda did when there is tank? Or should we leadership? These are hot challenging and church leaders in leadership takes.

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## **What is leadership? Book Review: Qiane Matata-Sipu, ed., *Nuku: Stories of 100 Indigenous Women***

As a lucky recipient of the Women's Leadership Development Programme book token recently (thank you!!!), I headed off to the Auckland Women's Bookstore on Ponsonby Road (love that bookstore!) to purchase a book to read and review. The book that caught my eye was *Nuku: Stories of 100 Indigenous Women*. The book features, as the title suggests, write-ups and photos of 100 indigenous women who are leaders, changemakers, and experts in a variety of fields. The advice that they dispense is like a gold-mine, steeped in indigenous values and wisdom as well as being current and fresh. It's also bite-sized – you can easily just pick it up and spend 5 or 10 minutes reading about one wahine in order to inspire you for the day. The book shows what is possible in leadership given the diversity of roles, ages and spaces that the women inhabit.

Some kōrero that stuck out for me was from a tohunga of rongoā Māori (Māori medicine) Donna Kerridge (Ngāti Tahinga, Ngāti Mahutu):

**“When we look at the plant world, a kauri doesn't grow strong by itself. A kauri needs a community in order to be well – that's why they don't live in isolation, they live as a community.” (p 142)**

This really lends itself to the reason why a leadership community like the Women's Leadership Development Programme and its initiatives are so important for our church. We grow in community and then we can give back. **Rev'd Sarah Pidgeon-Walton**