



## **A message from the island of Iona to the people of Samoa and to the Commonwealth Heads of Government**

We send you greetings from the sacred island of Iona on the Atlantic coast of Scotland.

We are people from around the world of diverse religions and beliefs, invited by Interfaith Scotland and the Iona Community to spend time together in the ancient Abbey on the island. In prayer, pilgrimage and discussion we have reconfirmed our commitment to promote climate justice and we send this message of hope to you.

To the people of Samoa and the Pacific, we send our love. Iona is an Atlantic island long suffering wind, rain and storm and now facing the greater danger of climate change. We know that you too are threatened by the increased force of tropical cyclones, flooding, rising sea levels, and droughts and, from one island to another, we understand your peril.

To Commonwealth Heads of Government we say: act now with increased urgency to tackle climate injustice, loss of biodiversity and all the associated injustices of poverty, gender inequality and race. We call upon you in particular to remember the needs of island communities and their unique heritage and biodiversity, all put in jeopardy by climate change.

We call upon you to do these things in the names of our diverse religions and beliefs.

*Signed,*

*Interfaith Scotland, Iona Community and Eco-Congregation Scotland*

