**THE REPORT OF TE KOTAHITANGA**

We welcome the opportunity to once again report to the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui.

**Current Membership**

The Right Reverend Te Kitohi Pikaahu  *(Tikanga Maori)*

The Venerable Dr Hirini Kaa *(Tikanga Maori)*

Ms Susan Wallace *(Co-Deputy Chair)* *(Tikanga Maori)*

The Right Reverend Andrew Hedge *(Tikanga Pakeha)*

The Revd Dr Tim Meadowcroft *(Co-Deputy Chair)* *(Tikanga Pakeha)*

Ms Karen Spoelstra *(Tikanga Pakeha)*

The Most Reverend Fereimi Cama *(Tikanga Pasefika)*

The Venerable Christopher Solomona *(Tikanga Pasefika)*

The Reverend Sereima Lomaloma *(Chair)* *(Tikanga Pasefika)*

Ms Paula Jakeman *(Executive Officer)*

**Canon II Title E Clause 3.11.**

Under Canon II Title E Clause 3.11 Te Kotahitanga is responsible for exercising oversight of theological education, ministry training and formation, and other education and training relevant to advancing the mission and ministry of the Church.

**Talanoa**

Te Kotahitanga usually hold three face-to-face meetings and one virtual meeting annually. The frequency of these meetings has increased due to the change in the funding application process for scholarships. The video conferencing facility and more recently Zoom, provides the opportunity for members to join the meeting virtually, when they are unable to attend in person.

Te Kotahitanga meet annually with the relevant Chairs of Kinder Library Oversight Committee and Te Kaunihera, as well as the Manukura of St John’s College.

The Chairperson and Secretary of St John’s College Trust Board continue to meet with Te Kotahitanga at each meeting.

These talanoa sessions provide the opportunity for better understanding of the issues and developments within the respective bodies.

**Funding for Programmes & Scholarships**

The St John’s College Trust Board continue to make available approximately $15 million annually for “theological education, ministry training and other education relevant to advancing the mission and ministry of the Church.”

(i) The advice from Te Kotahitanga to SJCTB has resulted in some significant distributions to the Church. In 2018 and 2019, $14m and $14.5m respectively was made available to be distributed to beneficiaries. These figures do not include the costs associated with the lands and buildings on the St John the Evangelist site.

(ii) Funding for “new initiatives” in 2018 and 2019 were $1.3m and $1m respectively.

**Te Kaunihera**

A separate report from Te Kaunihera, the Council that serves as the Matabose governing body of St John the Evangelist, is attached to this report.

I wish to thank and acknowledge the Revd Canon Tony Gerritsen for his contribution as the first Manukura of St John’s College.

**Kinder Library Oversight Committee (KLOC)**

A separate report from the Kinder Library Oversight Committee is attached to this report. Te Kotahitanga has continued its involvement with membership on that Committee since its inception in 2004.

**Te Pae Tawhiti 2040 / The Far Horizons 2040 - a project to develop a roadmap for theological education and ministry training for the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia 2020-2040**

Te Kotahitanga is mandated under Canon II Title E with “ exercising oversight of the Church’s theological education, ministry training and formation , and other education and training relevant to advancing the mission and ministry of the Church, whether residential, regional or distance, and facilitating the resourcing of such education and training. “

In order to do that it is important that the key priority areas identified by the Church is summarized and an overall strategy for the delivery of theological education, ministry training and other education and training relevant to advancing the mission and ministry of the Church over a period of twenty years (2020-2040) is developed.

The desire in doing so is that the resourcing of Te Kotahitanga’s mandate for training and formation better reflect the needs of changing patterns of mission and a changing societal context for the mission of the church.

This mandate also reflects Te Pouhere and the foundational aspiration that our Church should reflect the tikanga (ways of being) of our three constituent parts. Training and formation should recognise the diversity of worldviews and approaches, including the guarantees of Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

While the overall purpose of the roadmap/strategy is to guide current and future SJCTB investment in education and training in the Church, the roadmap/strategy will ensure transparency in decisions on funding and enable a more strategic and prioritized approach to the said support in light of changing needs.

Te Kotahitanga sought expressions of Interest from groups or individuals to develop this strategy and a successful candidate was appointed at the end of 2019.

**Office of Te Kotahitanga**

The administrative role of the office has reduced dramatically as a result of the online application process. This will allow time to focus on the strategic work and the areas of responsibility mandated in the Canon.

**Conclusion**

I wish to conclude this report by acknowledging the members of Te Kotahitanga: Bishop Te Kitohi Pikaahu, the Venerable Hirini Kaa, Ms Susan Wallace, the Venerable Ngira Simmonds (Tikanga Maori alternate), Bishop Andrew Hedge, the Rev’d Tim Meadowcroft, Ms Karen Spoelstra, Archbishop Fereimi Cama and the Venerable Chris Solomona.

The Commission are ever grateful to the Executive Officer, Paula Jakeman. Her service to the ministry of Te Kotahitanga is evident and a blessing across our 3 Tikanga church.

The Revd Sereima Lomaloma, (Chair)