**REPORT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY COMMITTEE**

**TE PUNA O NEHERA – 2020-2021**

MEMBERS

Tikanga Māori: Ven Dr Hirini Kaa, Canon Sharlene Douglas-Huriwai

Tikanga Pakeha: Rev’d John McCaul, Ms Jane Teal

Tikanga Polynesia: Rev’d Dr Eseta Mateiviti-Tulavu, Rev’d Sione Ulu’ilakepa

Archivist-Librarian: Mrs Judith Bright

Committee Rev’d Robert Bruere, Mr Samuel Carpenter,

Appointments: Rev’d Jay Ruka (resigned).

General Secretary: Rev’d Canon Michael Hughes

Ven Dr Hirini Kaa was appointed Chair in 2020, and the Revd John McCaul Co-Chair in 2021.

The Committee met by video conference six times.

HISTORY

1. Anglican Historical Society (AHS). Representatives of the AHS met with the Committee to discuss possible future joint directions, following the retirement of the Rev’d Earle Howe and Rev’d Alan Davidson from the leadership of the AHS. Rev’d John McAlpine is now the Chair and Rev’d Tony Surman is Secretary. Member Rev’d John McCaul reports to the Committee.
2. The Committee notes the lack of current capacity to tell our stories, without a specialist New Zealand Church History lecturer on the faculty of St John’s College, who can encourage research.
3. The new secondary schools’ history curriculum He Whakapono Tuku Iho, offered an opportunity for development of a resource which would provide missionary and church resources for schools. A sub-group of the Committee comprising Mr Samuel Carpenter, Rev’d Jay Ruka, Rev’d Robert Bruere, Mrs Judith Bright, Ven Dr Hirini Kaa, Rev’d Dr Eseta Mateiviti-Tuvalu, had a number of meetings to start to develop a vision for a funding application to the St John’s College Trust Board. This was subsequently moved from under the auspices of the Committee and now sits within the Archbishops Te Kurahautū project.
4. The Committee commends to the Church the publication *of Te Hahi Mihinare – The Maori Anglican Church,* written by Ven Dr Hirini Kaa. We note that this book has been under consideration for awards, shortlisted for Ockham, and won an Australian award for history. This an important piece of literature on our shared history.

ARCHIVES

1. A key piece of work identified for the Church are guidelines and assistance for the retention of and archiving of electronic records, as a number of episcopal and other offices have moved away from keeping paper copies of records. An outline webinar has been developed for delivery, with advice based on that offered by Archives New Zealand.
2. The Parish Archives Handbook has been revised to take the current hybrid model of record keeping into account and will shortly be available.
3. Data Sovereignty has been raised as an issue and the Committee has planned some education on this.
4. General Synod and other Anglican Archives: The John Kinder Theological Library continues to collect and make available the Provincial Archives of this Church and its various subsets. This work is regularly reported to the Committee and details are available in reports to the Committee. Of note are the online resources developments: Pumotomoto – the gateway to knowledge <https://kinderlibrary.recollect.co.nz/> which offers online access to Church newspapers and other publications, and photographs and Putake – the root https://putake.recollect.co.nz/ – which is a names database giving access to indexes of names from Anglican sources. This also has a subscription section through which there is access to church registers pre-1922. Secure storage with restricted access for electronic copies of key Committee minutes is under development.
5. Royal Commission on Abuse in Care: Research required for the purposes of this enquiry have been done by archivists in all Episcopal Units and the Provincial Archives. The time required has been significant.

**Tikanga Māori –**

The Pīhopatanga o Aotearoa records, previously held in Rotorua, are now in Gisborne. It is noted that with limited storage facilities and less than ideal conditions for archival records, the TPOA office have begun the process of digitising historic committees’ minutes.

Assistance was requested and has been given to most Hui Amorangi around record keeping, with visits from Mrs Judith Bright, and this is an on-going project.

The archival records from Te Aute College and Hukarere College were appraised and moved to the John Kinder Theological Library, where they have been carefully arranged and listed, with photographs and school student lists going online.

**Tikanga Pasefika** -

Covid travel restrictions have restricted any further development with the Archives of the Diocese. The Rev’d Sione Ulu’ilakepa and students have undertaken to keep the physical surrounding as clean and aired as it possible.

Diocese of Polynesia photographs which were at risk of destruction through damp are in process of being scanned and made available on Pumotomoto.

**Tikanga Pakeha**

Dioceses continue to have a range of solutions for storage of their archives. Of significance is that the Diocese of Christchurch Archives are finally in a permanent home in the new Diocesan Office building, which has been a huge job and their third move since the earthquakes. Digitisation of some records and indexing by volunteers has enabled these to feature on Pumotomoto and Putake.

Assistance has been given by staff of the John Kinder Theological Library where requested, with visits and especially in arranging digitisation of records for access online.

**GSTHW Bill**

The Committee are proposing a Bill to update the canon by way of a title correction.

The assistance of the General Secretary is noted with appreciation.

*Submitted jointly by the Committee*