**THE KINDER LIBRARY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE – REPORT TO GENERAL SYNOD 2022**

**Purpose and function**

The Kinder Library Oversight Committee is appointed by Te Kotahitanga from nominations by Tikanga ministry bodies. Membership includes representation of all Tikanga. Governance is devolved from Te Kotahitanga, and the line of accountability is through Te Kotahitanga. The role of the Kinder Library Oversight Committee is to provide governance, oversight and support for the John Kinder Theological Library. The Chair and Librarian make a presentation to Te Kotahitanga annually.

**Vision**

To boldly support theological education, ministry formation, research and knowledge dissemination for Three Tikanga Church mission.

**Goal**

To be considered the leading resource for the Anglican Church in Aotearoa New Zealand and Polynesia Te Hāhi Mihinare ki Aotearoa ki Niu Tireni, ki Ngā Moutere o Te Moana Nui a Kiwa.

**Committee membership**

The Rev’d Adrienne W. Bruce (Chair)

Mark Hangartner, Librarian Good Shepherd College (bringing library experience & Tikanga Pākehā)

The Rev’d Dr Rangi Nicholson (Tikanga Māori representing Te Kaunihera, St John’s College)

Karen Spoelstra (representing Te Kotahitanga)

The Rev’d Eseta Mateiviti-Tulavu (Tikanga Pasifika)

The Rev’d Deborah Broome (representing regional ministry, theological education and Tikanga Pākehā)

Mrs Judith Bright, Librarian, John Kinder Theological Library (non- voting member)

The Committee has continued to meet four times each year and with Covid-19 all meetings have been held digitally. Meetings normally focus on implementation of agreed strategy by monitoring progress against the business plan, with an annual budgeting meeting additional to this.

**Focus of the work**

The John Kinder Theological Library and the Kinder Library Oversight Committee continue to offer expertise and resources to enable a unified strategy and quality support of diocesan and hui Amorangi regional libraries and archives, thus enabling more equitable access for those studying, researching and in ministry at a distance.

**Strategic Goals**

The new strategic goals developed for the 2019-2023 period, have continued to be the focus over the last two-year period. Within the constraints of Covid, this has included a reminder of our bicultural and Three Tikanga role for the Church, equity of access to resources, with forward-thinking to take advantage of ever-evolving informational access opportunities.

**The Goals**

**Library identity**: Develop Library identity and visibility

* operate within a bicultural and three Tikanga context
* Support the church’s prophetic voice in collection development plans
* Increase visibility of support and resources offered

**Library for the future:** Develop new directions to lead the Library into the future

* Enable knowledge dissemination in this digital age in new ways
* Offer a model and platform to enable access to the many current ministry and worship resources developed across this Church
* Offer new models of library/resourcing relevant to each Tikanga

**Documentary heritage leadership:** Provide leadership in honouring and preserving our past

* Lead the preservation of the cultural and documentary heritage of the Three Tikanga Church to honour the wisdom of the elders
* Empower others to ensure the whole Church story is recorded adequately and is accessible
* Develop a projected model for ongoing storage of and access to the physical taonga of Church, Trust Boards, and Anglican Schools, and seek support for implementation

**Resource curriculum development:** Resource future curriculum development and academic delivery.

* Support / offer excellence in resources for theological education, ministry formation and research
* Take a role in advising on potential resources in a range of formats to support courses and postgraduate study
* Proactively source resources that provide a range of viewpoints, and with an Anglican emphasis

**Key achievements**

* The launch of Pumotomoto has been an exciting development with significant digitized content added
* Putake (ie the parish registers and other name lists) is now live online with the free access material. Paid subscription options are now also available.
* Continued support for distance students, those in ministry and lay personal education, outside of the Auckland area, however physical book ordering over lockdown was suspended due to staff being off-site and the risk of packages being left on doorsteps by couriers.
* E-book content relevant to course work continues to be sourced with a good relationship developed between lecturing staff and the library to ensure needs are met.
* The Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care and the church’s role in this has seen an increase in load with Judith heavily involved in offering practical support to many Trust Boards and Dioceses by ensuring that their records are accessible and safe.

Covid-19 and the lockdowns has particularly affected the Librarian and staff who have continued to offer amazing service often from their homes, thanks to the high level of technological support and digitization available, and their commitment to serving the Church.

*The Rev’d Adrienne W. Bruce*, Chair