

## 2022 Report to General Synod 7-12 May 2022 , Nelson, Aotearoa/New Zealand

E te Atua aroha me te ngawari, kua homai e koe kia matou he kawenga mo te kaiarahi o te hahi mihingare puta noa I Aotearoa me te Moana Nui A Kiwa

E inoi ana matou mo ou manaakitanga ki runga ki nga tangata katoa, o tenei huihuinga o te Hinota Whanui. Homai kia ratou katoa te manawanui, te maia, me te whakaaro nui kia mohio ratou ki to hiahia i roto i nga raruraru maha o tenei wa. Ka inoi matou I runga I te ingoa o te Kaiwhakaora, a Ihu Karaiti me te Wairua Tapu, to tatou Kaitohu, a Kaitiaki hoki. Amine

*Ever loving and gentle God, you have given us a responsibility for the leadership of the Anglican Church throughout New Zealand and the Pacific. As General Synod gather, we ask your blessings upon everyone present. Grant them patience, courage and wisdom to discern your will amid the many conflicts of this present time. We ask in the name of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, our Guide and Protector. Amine*

Kalou dau loloma, keimami vakararavi ena nomuni veituberi, me kakua sara ni keimami lako tani mai na sala koni sa vakarautaka tu vei keimami. Keimami tataunaka vei kemuni na neimami soqosoqo lotu ena wasewase ko Polinisia kei Aotearoa, moni veiliutaki ka solia na vuku kei na lewa matau vei ira na nomuni lumuti. Ni qai rogoca na neimami masu sa cabo ena yaca i Jisu Karisito, Emeni.

*Suafa ole Tama ...le Alo....ma le Agaga Paia.*

*Lo matou Tama oi le Lagi faafetai ilou alofa mo i matou uma o lau fanau....le Atua ua faafetai i aso uma i lau foai i mea e ai...ole vai...ae maise le ola ma le filemu. Faafetai i lau tausiga ua matou mau ai le ola ma le tino malosi. Le Atua e ole atu i lau afio faamolemole puipui matou mai inei faamai ole Koviti 19..lau afio...aveese lenei faamai matautia mai le lalolagi le Atua.*

*Faamanuia le matou mafutaga a Tina ole matou Ekalesia Anglican ole AWSC...i ona taitai faapea i matou oloo au ai. Ole tatalo lea i lau afio Le Atua ma nisi o mea ua le taua faamolemole le Atua foai mai. Ile suafa ole Atua...Amine*

Ko ko e koe 'Alifa mo e 'Omeka.

Ko koe koe Aoniu, hangai fofonga mai Ongona 'a 'emau lotu 'oku hake atu. 'Oku mau tofanga i he ngaahi faingata'a kehekehe i ho mamani ka oku ikai ko ha me'a ia kemau hanu ai ka ke kei langilangi'ia pe ho huafa toputapu. Tuku ke ako ai emau mo'ui pea mau laka aipe kimu'a i he tui mo e 'amanaki lelei. 'Ia Sisu Kalaisi ko homau 'Eiki, 'Ameni

The Anglican Women's Studies Centre has over 15 years of being a project of justice and equity: to ensure the equitable representation, and education of women in the Anglican Church in this Province. We are pleased to present this report to General Synod 2022.

### May you live in interesting times.

The Anglican Women's Studies Centre has had a very interesting two years. Covid 19 arrived in New Zealand early 2020, changing our familiar and expected landscape. Like the rest of New Zealand, Polynesia, and indeed the world, AWSC learned to exercise flexibility, creativity, resourcefulness and hope. AWSC was fortunate to have two face-to-face gatherings of Council and Links in February of both years, in one case, narrowly missing a snap lockdown by a few hours.

These in-person events provided a solid base of personal contacts which allowed the ensuing Zoom meetings to have vitality and connection. The rapid development of the website, and the introduction of Virtual Theology Chats have

been a positive result of limited travel, while the postponement of the large Provincial Hui, twice, and then its cancellation, has been a negative consequence.

AWSC continues to increase its network, visibility and impact. In February this year, the Council engaged in an intensive strategic discernment time, over several days, by Zoom.

### Purpose of AWSC

AWSC was set up around 2006 to serve and advance the interests and needs of the **women of this Church**, especially those undertaking theological training. The issue of increasing numbers of women in representative positions across the councils and committees of the church is a high priority. The practice of **intentional mentoring** by those already in national and international roles is a good way to enable women of this Church to develop their potential as **leaders**.

### Membership

The six **Councillors** are appointed by General Synod, who are required to select women with the skills for these positions.

The **Link representatives** from each Diocese, Hui Amorangi, and Archdeaconry, are chosen for their leadership ability to identity, gather, facilitate, resource and encourage women in their educational preparation for ministry, whether it is lay or ordained. These 15 representatives meet with the Council once a year in person, and several times by Zoom, for networking, sharing resources, professional development and planning local events.



### The Provincial Hui is a major focus for Leadership development and theological education.

The Hui planned for 2020, was postponed to October 2021. This in turn was postponed to April 2022. It was to be held at St Peter's School, Cambridge, with over 100 women from all three tikanga expected. However the on-going Omicron outbreak of Covid-19 has seen the large gathering transition into local based one day events provisionally titled 'Empowering Women in Leadership: Party and Pray'.

### Theological education- Virtual Theology Chats

Begun in late 2020, Virtual Theology Chats are presented on Zoom. One hour on a Thursday evening is devoted to this innovative educational opportunity to share research projects, publications, reflections, and interests, with a wide and interested audience of women associated with the Anglican Women's Studies Centre, across all three tikanga- Maori, Pakeha and Polynesia. Speakers may be post graduate students, advanced practitioners, enthusiasts, creatives and thinkers. To date there have been 12 evenings, with an audience of 20-36 participants each time, both from within and outside the church, in New Zealand and overseas.

**2021 presenters top:** *Dr Jane Simpson, Chch; Ms Eleni Leven-Tevi, Tonga; Ms Jana Thea, Dunedin*

*middle: Revd Jean Palmer, Blenheim; Revd Ruihana Paenga Gisborne, Revd Bettina Maxwell, Torere;*

*lower: Ms Jenny Campbell, Mossburn; Very Revd Jacqui Paterson, New Plymouth*



**Networking-** Within Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia, AWSC has informal contacts with AAW, Mothers' Union and Kahui Wahine.

Internationally, there are relationships with International Anglican Women's Network, Movement for the Ordination of Women and United Nations Commission on the Status of Women.

## Social media.



The website [www.anglicanwomen.nz](http://www.anglicanwomen.nz) features stories, theology, resources, poetry and art submitted from Anglican women throughout our Province.

**Monthly Newsletters** – The AWSC emails out a monthly newsletter. This highlights new additions to the website, up coming events, and most importantly the next Virtual Theology Chat.

The email database of over 700 includes women, men and some organisations, from across the three tikanga and into our international relationships via IAWN and ACC.

**Facebook:** There is a new public facebook page, *Anglican Women's Leadership*, alongside the private facebook group: *Anglican Women's Studies Network*.

**Mentoring** Over the last two years the Council has mentored in the following ways:

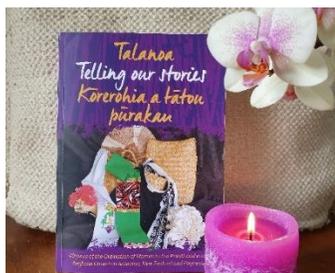
Eight women in Fiji financially supported for study towards Diploma in Pastoral Counselling- by January 2022, four had graduated

2021 Mary Redmayne granted \$700 towards distribution of her book, 'Out of the Blue'

2021 Diana Mockford in Invercargill – fees and travel to Hui

2021 Merekaraka Te Whitu granted \$1000 for Toastmasters training

## Publishing



## Talanoa, Telling our Stories, Kōrerohia o tātou pūrakau

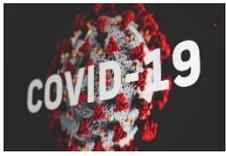
In December 2017 our province celebrated forty years since the first ordinations of women to the priesthood, in the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia. To recognise the importance of this event, and the four decades which have seen over 800 women offering their gifts and commitment to the Church in the province. AWSC produced our next publication, Talanoa, Telling our Stories, Korerohia o tātou Pūrakau,

This is a fitting record of many of these outstanding women. The book was launched in October 2020. Writers include Patricia Allen, Jenny Quince, Brenda reed, Janet Crawford, Denise Ferguson, Eseta Mateiviti Tulavu, Rosemary Neave, Jenny Dawson, Numia Tomoana, Miliakere Oli and Jekheli Singh, along with many other notable women.

The next publication is envisaged as a response to the Climate Emergency and will draw contributors and inspiration from the 2022 Hui Te Orokohanga o te Ao/The Earth as our Mother/Na Tina ni Vanua.

## Three tikanga Council

The Council meets twice a year face to face, and at other times by video conferencing. We now use ZOOM, which is generally satisfactory, but there has been difficulty with ensuring that everyone is able to access and use the technology.



The first AWSC Council meeting for 2020 was held from Wednesday 4 March– Friday 6 March, in Morrinsville, at the home and parish church of the Revd Val Riches. As well as planning, reporting and developing the work of the AWSC, the Council joined in with the World Day of Prayer, enjoyed a community dinner and welcomed local women clergy and lay leaders to an open evening. This was the last time, to date, that the representatives from Fiji, Samoa and Tonga, were able to be present in person, because of the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions.

We continue to enjoy our ministry across our 3 Tikanga Church, and particularly with women who are offering so much in their local communities; the leaders, educators, nurturers, poets, weavers and mentors.

The ministry of the Council is facilitated and administered by the commitment and work of our administrator, Ms Ceridwyn Parr for the last three years.

**AWSC- a way forward.** In early February 2022, the Council and advisors meet for two days of strategic planning, facilitated by Revd Caroline Leys. We drew on the vision and achievements of the last fifteen years, and on the women who walked these paths before. Two gatherings were held of our foremothers/alumnae, and we wish to acknowledge and name some of them here:

Jenny te Paa-Daniel, Amy Chambers, Brenda Reed, Carole Hughes, Cecilia Rooderkerk, Ellen Bernstein, Erice Fairbrother, Evelini Langi, Helen Roud, Jenny Dawson, Jenny Chalmers, Karena de Pont, Mere Wallace, Nai Cokanasiga, Numia Tomoana, Tai Tuatagaloa.

Kia ora to General Synod/Te Hinota Whanui for your aroha and support.

**Current Councillors**, who are appointed for an initial 4 year term. Only one from each tikanga may be replaced at each General Synod.



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Revd Ruihana Paenga, Gisborne (till 2024)

### TIKANGA PĀKEHĀ:

The Ven Val Riches, Morrinsville (till 2024)

The Revd Dr Nyasha Gumbeze, (replaced Revd Helen Roud in April 2021) Auckland (till 2022)

### TIKANGA PASEFIKA:

Ms Kelera Oli, Fiji (till 2022)

Mrs Zita Reid, Samoa (till 2024)



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