

THE KINDER LIBRARY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE – REPORT TO GENERAL SYNOD 2024

Purpose and function

The Kinder Library Oversight Committee (KLOC) 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 / Te Puna Atuatanga.

Vision

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

Goal

To be considered the leading information 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 as at December 2023

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

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

The Rev'd Liliani Havili (Tikanga Pasefika)

The Ven Dr Hirini Kaa (Te Kotahitanga)

Mrs Judith Bright, Librarian, John Kinder Theological Library

The Ven Dr Hirini Kaa has since resigned and Te Kotahitanga has not yet made a new appointment. The Rev'd Adrienne Bruce, the Rev'd Dr Rangī Nicholson, the Rev'd Dr Eseta Mateiviti-Tulavu and Ms Karen Spoelstra also resigned during the period of this report. The Committee wishes to thank them for their contribution to the work of the Committee.

The Committee has continued to meet four times each year with some meetings held digitally. Meetings normally focus on implementation of agreed strategy by monitoring progress against the business plan. This period has included substantial work on the next five-year plan.

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. The concept of a single unified framework for sharing of information resources and maintaining access to the stories of this Church, and the related cost savings to individual episcopal units, is a key driver.

Strategic Goals

New strategic goals were developed for the 2024-2029 period after much discussion. Directions included discussion re KLOC needing to be very aware of the environment in which the Library operates, and how this might be done creatively, being clear about the strengths, look at the potential for artificial intelligence to support and enhance what we are doing, what our role might be in learning design, maintain accessibility for all, and look at Tikanga-appropriate curation of material.

The Strategic Goals 2024-2029

1. **Build relationships.** Including commitment to further develop relationships to underpin support of church mission, being Maturanga grounded and a key driver of the Maturanga wisdom; building empowering relationships that assist awareness of church mission initiatives.
2. **Resource curriculum development present and future.** Including maintaining the standard of the theological collection to offer excellence; take a role in advising potential resources and formats, proactively sourcing resources that provide a range of viewpoints, and balancing ownership with access to resources.
3. **Develop future directions in documentary heritage leadership.** Including providing leadership in honouring and preserving our past, leading directions for preservation of cultural and documentary heritage, and to empower and educate in these areas.

Key achievements

- Continued support for distance students, those in ministry and lay personal education, outside of the Auckland area, with the posting of over 1000 books each year.
- Continued development of e-databases and e-books, with a commitment to both print and e-book for all titles in readings lists for courses from Anglican providers.
- Further digitized titles on the *Pumotomoto* website of New Zealand Anglican newspapers, magazines, yearbooks and synod proceedings, as well as photographs.
- Continued consultation and discussion with Registrars, Ministry Educators and Boards to ensure that the support offered is relevant and meeting needs.
- Moving the Library and archives of the Diocese of Polynesia into refurbished buildings.
- Education around long-term strategies for digital record preservation.
- The Librarian attended the Te Kotahitanga Forum for Te Pai Tawhiti, to ensure that library directions would be aligned with any future theological education directions.

The current structure of the Kinder Library Oversight Committee provides good support for the Library and is enabling a diversified library service to the whole Church.

The Rev'd Deborah Broome, Chair