

Bicultural Education Committee

A Recommended Reading List

Welcome to the Diocese of Christchurch in the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand, and Polynesia. The following resource list might be a helpful start when getting to grips with New Zealand's bicultural history, particularly its intersections with the Anglican Church.

BOOKS

- Title Aotearoa: The New Zealand Story
Author Gavin Bishop
Date 2017
Bishop is one of NZ's best known and loved children's authors. This book is a wonderful introduction to our national history.
- Title Wai Karekare (Turbulent Waters): The Anglican Bicultural Journey
Author John Bluck
Date 2012
Bluck is a former Bishop of Waiapu and Dean of Christchurch Cathedral. His book offers a very readable and engaging timeline of key moments in our church's bicultural journey this far and offers a summary of central players.
- Title Christianity in Aotearoa: A History of Church and Society in New Zealand
Author Allan Davidson
Date 2004 (3rd Ed.)
This volume is widely used as a textbook for Church History courses in NZ. It's a handy book to have on the shelf to dip into when wanting more depth on a particular part of our history.
- Title Huia Come Home
Author Jay Ruka
Date 2017
This is a magnificently readable re-telling of the history of faith in NZ. It offers informed scholarship with a prophetic edge, and an eye to the future.
- Title God's Never-ending Story: Book 5: The Story Includes Us
Author
Date
- Title Tui, Tui, Tuia
Author Joan Metge
Date
This gem of a book introduces the reader to some of the richness found in our very own Prayer Book. It offers some wisdom about certain translation issues and some practical advice on how to introduce more Te Reo into everyday liturgy.
- Title He Karakia Ataahua: An Anthology of Prayers (3rd Edition)
Author

Date

Title Wharenui: House of Hope – Christ’s open space for life
Author Raymond Pelly
Date 2016

Title Te Ao Hurihuri
Author Aroha Harris
Date

WEBSITES

<http://anglicanlife.org.nz/education-resources/bicultural-education-and-policy/>

This is the website for our organisation – The Bicultural Education Committee. Here you’ll hopefully find a number of useful links, and contact details for our committee should you have any further questions. Please know we’re keen to help in whatever way we can.

<http://folksong.org.nz/waiata.html>

Depending on the church you’re at, you may find that Maori songs (waiata) or hymns (himene) are common. This website is a good resource for becoming familiar with popular tunes and finding lyrics and translations

<http://nwo.org.nz>

Network Waitangi Otautahi is a Christchurch based organisation working to educate Cantabrians about the implications of our founding documents. Particularly useful on their website is their free-to-download book [“The Treaty of Waitangi: Questions and Answers.”](#)

<https://nzhistory.govt.nz/culture/maori-language-week/100-maori-words>

New Zealanders are slowly getting better at using Te Reo Māori in their everyday parlance. This website offers sound files for 100 of the most common and/or important Māori words for us to be familiar with.

<http://www.maorilanguage.net/speak-maori/>

On this site you’ll find some helpful podcasts to give you an introduction to the language. The first podcast on vowel sounds is particularly helpful (don’t be put off by the first 45 seconds which is all in Te Reo).

<http://www.anglican.org.nz/About/Constitution>

Our province is fairly unique in the Anglican Communion, having been set up in 1992 as a “Three Tikanga” church. Reading our constitution will help expand on what that means in practice.

<http://www.anglican.org.nz/Resources/Lectionary-and-Worship/Te-Reo-Maori-Worship-Resources>

Here you’ll find bicultural resources for our whole province, including some recordings from our Prayer Book

<http://www.anglican.org.nz/Resources/Lectionary-and-Worship/For-All-the-Saints-A-Resource-for-the-Commemorations-of-the-Calendar>

Perhaps the best introduction to the story of Māori Anglicanism is to spend a year reading through “For All the Saints” as part of your devotions. The full biographical version gives some great stories of God at work in these islands.