

Report to Synod 2022

The Board has continued to implement the plan developed for 2020-2025 based on a theological framework for Anglican Care with a clear statement of our Christian and Anglican identity which shapes our strategic direction and influences staff appointments etc. This framework informs our priorities for the mahi/work of Anglican Care under the following 5 main pillars;

1. The City Mission
2. Advocacy and Social Justice
3. Building relationships with significant partners and collaborators where we don't do the doing.
4. Partnering with Parishes
5. Building up the work in South and Mid-Canterbury and potentially the West Coast and rural areas

Particular themes in these areas that the Board has focused on are rising inequality in incomes and housing, mental well-being including youth mental health and social isolation particularly amongst the elderly and understanding rural needs.

Progress on each of these five pillars, including the above themes is reported below

1. City Mission

The City Mission is privileged as an organization. It has the honour of serving and holding hope for an ever-increasing number of people across our community, and this is undertaken by a team who are truly passionate and invested in all they do. While the statistics are reported, these are only a very one-dimensional measure, and it is the change in trajectory of so many lives and the consequential societal change that is the true measure of the mission investment.

This is not only evident in the outcomes, but in the mana in which the City Mission is held across Canterbury and in the increasing proactive engagement from a wider cross-section of our communities. With the continuous growth in need, the City Mission is actively fostering partnerships and relationships to provide a solid support to underpin all it does. From local and central government to private individuals, meaningful partnerships are such an important part of being able to deliver the services.

When the decision was made not to have the annual Christmas day lunch due to the COVID restrictions there was the danger that the community could have reacted adversely however the opposite was the reality and the community gave generously of their time and resources.

The redevelopment of the campus on the North side of Hereford St is proceeding according to plan despite the COVID related difficulties and supply chain disruptions. It is expected that the Stage 1 of the project being the new Café and Transitional Housing will be completed by July this year and Stage 2 (New Foodbank/Shop/Warehouse and offices) will be completed by mid-2023. These new facilities will hugely enhance the experience for clients in engaging with the City Mission as well as providing a safer and more secure environment for clients and staff.

Sadly, the City Missioner - Matthew Mark left us in April this year after 5 years with the City Mission to be with family in the UK. We are grateful to Matt for his passion for the Mission and the positive changes he has introduced. We have been blessed that Corinne Haines, formerly Managing Director of Trimble Navigation, has agreed to step in as Acting City Missioner and the City Mission is in safe hands while the recruitment process is underway for a new City Missioner.

Our Christchurch City Mission team continue to undertake an incredible work and remain passionate and focused on making a meaningful difference within our community. We count it a privilege to serve and to be known for enabling positive change within our community.

2. Advocacy and Social Justice

The Anglican Advocacy team is steadily building its capacity and networks amongst community groups and decision makers in Canterbury under the leadership of Director Rev'd Jolyon White. The goal is to focus on structural change on social issues affecting the most marginalised and vulnerable and some of the projects and campaigns being worked on are reported below.

A part-time advocacy researcher and organiser, Gabrielle Baker-Clemas has been appointed in the Maurice Goodall Fellowship position focusing on equity and unfair structures and processes. A key element of the role is assisting with submissions and research in response to local and national public consultations such as the ECAN public forum on free bus fares and the consultation with the Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment (MBIE) on Modern Slavery and Worker exploitation and in the longer term the Select Committee considering future legislation in this area.

In addition, a partnership has been formed with the Living Wage movement, Gen Zero, the Tertiary Education Union and Sustainability Ōtautahi to advance issues such as insecure work, housing and climate change prior to the next election. The partners have jointly agreed to fund a youth organiser focusing on these issues prior to the next local and then general elections and being on the steering group will keep Anglican Advocacy up to date and connected with other youth organisations.

A need has been identified for legal aid services to complement the 'one to one' advocacy services in Mid and South Canterbury. Anglican Advocacy, in partnership with Community Law, has begun a 12-month trial for a combined project to increase legal aid services in Ashburton and Timaru. Anglican Advocacy hosts an office space to welcome clients, establish a Zoom link to a Community Law lawyer and if required sit with clients during the meeting. The clinics are progressing well and we appreciate the support of our local 'one to one' advocacy coordinators in Ashburton and Timaru.

Anglican Advocacy continues to be involved in advocating for migrant workers and also the Ukrainian Fishing Crews on Ukrainian and Russian Fishing vessels. There is currently a concern about the difficulty of informing Ukrainian crews that they are eligible to apply for refugee status in New Zealand. This issue is under investigation to determine the appropriate course of action.

Rev'd Jolyon and his team are running community organising and campaigning workshops which are expanding and collaborating with other social justice networks.

As always there are an endless array of issues that Anglican Advocacy could be involved with and although with limited resources the team is endeavouring to prioritise on a few issues, they are always interested in discussing projects or problems that parishes are facing in their local communities.

3. Partnerships with other Providers.

We recognise we do not do this work alone and that other organisations have strengths and skills that we do not have. By collaborating with others, we can achieve far more as already noted under the City Mission and Anglican Advocacy reports. Two other valued partnerships that we have are with the Te Hurihanga ō Rangitahi Youth Hub Trust to build a new Youth Hub on Anglican Care land on Salisbury St and with the Methodist Mission operating social housing on the old Churchill Anglican Care site.

The Youth Hub - Te Hurihanga ō Rangatahi Trust

There continues to be a shortage of facilities for at-risk youth in Christchurch to address the increasing rates of mental ill-health of Canterbury young people. It is estimated that there is a lack of housing and opportunities for access to support for up to 20% of young people.

The Youth Hub Trust under the leadership of Dame Sue Bagshaw, is well advanced in their planning for the new Youth Hub on Anglican Care land at 109 Salisbury St that will have short-term accommodation and wrap-around health, counselling and employment support programmes. The Resource Consent has been granted and the lease for the land has been signed.

The project has been awarded \$10m of funding under the government's 'Shovel Ready' scheme and the application for building consent is now being prepared. There are still challenges to overcome to raise the necessary funding to complete Stage 1 of the project, but it is hoped that the building work can get underway very soon.

Christchurch Methodist Mission (CMM) Housing Development at Guild St

The 15 social housing units and community house on the old Churchill Anglican Aged Care site built in partnership with the Christchurch Methodist Mission and with the support of Kāinga Ora and the Ōtautahi Housing Trust are now providing 15 families with safe, warm and secure housing. The complex was visited by the Board on the first anniversary of the completion of the project and they were impressed by the facilities and by the management and level of social service support being provided by the CMM to the families.

4. Partnering with Parishes

The Board wishes to connect with Parishes in a meaningful way that delivers to the needs of their communities but also allows parishioners to become engaged as well.

The **Energy Poverty project** run by the **Community Projects team**, under the leadership of Janette Sprott, continues to successfully meet a number of the Board's objectives despite the COVID restrictions. The initial focus of the programme is addressing energy poverty in low decile neighbourhoods by providing LED lightbulbs, energy assessments and advice. The programmes are usually run, in conjunction with local parishes, with some volunteers from the parish joining the team on neighbourhood door-knocks to provide extra support and local knowledge. This assists Anglican Care build connections with local Parishes and the community. In addition, the programme results in reduced emissions but most importantly gives the opportunity to assist the vulnerable and socially isolated link with support services and local activities (such as the City Mission and the Elder Care programme – see below). The programme has attracted the attention of Green MP Eugenie Sage and the Energy Minister Dr Megan Woods who accompanied the team on a door-knock in her constituency of Wigram and we have recently received additional booster funding from MBIE to extend the programme.

The **Elder Care** programme is currently offered by eight Elder Care Centres each hosted by an Anglican Parish and run by a part-time paid co-ordinator under project manager Rev'd Anne Russell-Brighty. The programme is designed to support the elderly and combat social isolation with a strong emphasis on health and well-being. The physical meetings continue to be disrupted by the COVID lock-downs but the co-ordinators have kept in telephone contact with the guests and provided valuable support and social contact to the vulnerable and isolated during the pandemic.

The synergies with parishes and other Anglican Care programmes are now starting to be realised and there is considerable further potential for development in the future.

If any parishes would like more information on these programmes please contact Patrick Murray (Executive Officer) or the programme leaders.

5. Anglican Care, South Canterbury and Mid-Canterbury

The services offered in South Canterbury and Mid Canterbury by a small but enthusiastic team of staff and volunteers are the Anglican Advocacy Service under Ruth Swale in Timaru and Warren James in Ashburton and the Oceans Grief and Loss peer support programme run by Matt Cameron. These services have been identified as a need in Mid and South Canterbury and are being expanded into some of the smaller centres in the area.

The South Canterbury Committee is reviewing its structure and resources in conjunction with the Board and local parishes to determine how it can best function to meet the needs of its communities in the future.

The Board is keen to further expand the scope of services offered in these areas as well as the West Coast and other rural areas of Canterbury and is considering how it can best use its limited resources to achieve this goal.

Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care

Anglican Care absolutely supports the vision of the Commission to 'transform the way we, as a nation, care for children, young people and vulnerable adults in our communities' and has fully cooperated with the inquiry in an open and transparent manner. As reported last year, one complaint of historical abuse while under the care of Anglican Social Services, was heard by the Royal Commission and Anglican Care is in the process of providing redress to the survivors on a fair and transparent basis.

Trust Board 2021-22

Our grateful thanks to the members of the Board who have served faithfully during the year:

Bishop Peter Carrell (Warden), Ms Moka Ritchie (Chair), Miss Jane Evans (Deputy-Chair), Mrs Nalini Meyer (Chair, Christchurch City Mission), Rev'd Peter Beck, Mr Chas Muir, Rev'd Ben Randall and Mr Neil Shewan and our Minute Secretary Ms Lynne Havenaar.

Finally, we would like to thank our Divisional and Trust Board committee members, dedicated staff, teams of volunteers and our generous donors for their generous contributions and support for Anglican Care during the year.

Mr Patrick Murray (Executive Officer)

Ms Moka Ritchie (Chair)