

Bicultural Education Committee

E te whānau a te Karaiti, tēnā koutou katoa to our sisters and brothers in Christ.

The aim and purpose of this committee is to work with the ministry units of Tikanga Pākehā in the Diocese of Christchurch; developing understanding about the meaning and practice of partnership and bicultural development, and to promote understanding of Te Tiriti o Waitangi for Anglicans, within our multi-cultural society.

Over the last year committee membership has fluctuated with longer serving members reconsidering their continuing role. We have welcomed Frances Brown and The Rev'd Rawinia Douglas (Te Hui Amorangi o Te Wai Pounamu), who have begun to attend committee meetings; as well as developing a relationship between the committee and The Rev'd Stephanie Robson (Diocesan Ministry Educator).

Marjorie Smart, our longest serving committee member, has this year retired from the committee. Marjorie has been a faithful and hard-working member of the committee, maintaining a strong bicultural commitment, and good relations with both the Diocese of Christchurch and Te Hui Amorangi o Te Wai Pounamu. The committee sincerely thanks Marjorie for all that she has done on its behalf.

The committee has continued its work providing bicultural resources to aid in understanding and for use in liturgy: through the Diocesan e-Life and the Diocesan Website. We have also supported and worked with the General Synod Office over the reprinting and promotion of the committee's chief liturgical resource, *Tui Tui Tuia*, and we are thankful that this resource will be made more widely available. We are also working to organise the committee archives with a view to making further resources available.

The committee supports the teaching of New Zealand history and Te Reo Māori in schools. To this end we made a submission to the Minister of Education advocating this position. It has been encouraging to see some changes taking place in this area.

Members of the committee have supported the annual *Introduction to Te Reo Māori in the Liturgy* course, in conjunction with Theology House and Te Hui Amorangi o Te Waipounamu. We have also continued to support and assist at the weekly Diocesan Te Reo Māori services.

The committee continues to engage with members of the Diocese and Te Hui Amorangi over matters of bicultural importance; and attending events of bicultural significance; including the powhiri held for Archbishop John Sentamu's visit to Aotearoa.

We have provided assistance to a number of people who have approached the committee with requests for tikanga, pronunciation, or translation assistance.

The committee is focussed on strategic planning around our future structure, purpose, and vision. We have engaged in discussions with Bishop Peter Carrell and Diocesan Ministry Educator Stephanie Robson to assist us in this forward-planning.

Nō reira, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā tātou katoa,
The Rev'd Ben Randall *for the Bicultural Education Committee*