

## **Canterbury Tertiary Education Chaplaincy Committee (CTECC) Summary**

It has been a privilege to have taken over as the new chair of CTECC, whose purpose is to support, fund, encourage and oversee chaplains at tertiary institutions in Canterbury. We do this as an ecumenical body that expresses the diversity of the church in Canterbury with a close relationship and reliance on the Anglican Diocese of Christchurch. We greatly appreciate the support and partnership of the Anglican Church in tertiary chaplaincy. Without the support of the Diocese of Christchurch we couldn't continue the work we do on campus.

### **Overview of 2019**

Chaplaincy teams: with leadership from Rev Spanky Moore at University of Canterbury (UC) and Rev Sampson Knight at Lincoln University (LU), our teams continue to provide pastoral care and spiritual support to students and staff on their respective campuses. We saw the Chaplaincy team continue to grow in 2019, we are grateful for their ministries on campus. 2020 has seen the Rev Victoria Askin take over the role of Chaplain to Lincoln from the fantastic work Sampson has done.

Activities: 2019 has been a particularly busy year with hundreds of hours of direct contact with students and staff along with numerous religious services, blessing new buildings and various gatherings. Response to the March 15 shootings and pastoral care challenges in some halls of residence became a focus. Our many expressions of ministry include student drop-in sessions for prayer and a listening ear, provision of recycled warm clothing to international students, influencing key University policy, and running a postgraduate student group. We also reach thousands of students over the year by our columns and videos on various University blogs, Facebook pages and magazines.

Physical space on campuses: Lincoln now has a fantastic chapel on campus as of 2018, while \_\_\_\_\_ Canterbury has committed to some sort of inter-faith centre in it's strategic plan.

Financial resources: The past 6 months has seen a drop in funding for the committee, with the Rata Foundation withdrawing its funding. The committee is planning to launch an awareness and fundraising campaign later this year, to ensure that we can continue to fund and grow this essential ministry within our Universities.

### **Plans for 2020-2021**

Strategy: We are currently developing an active strategy to ensure the ongoing presence of Chaplaincy on campus. This involves the investigation of setting up social enterprises, communicating with greater clarity the purpose and work of University Chaplaincy to new partners, and recording the weekly impact our work has on campus.

### **Continuing Issues**

The spiritual, emotional, mental and relational well-being of students continues to be a challenge for all Universities. Also, the challenge of creating hospitable interfaith dialogue is obviously a new focus since March 15, as is greater pastoral care at halls of residence.

Respectfully submitted  
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