

Operations Management Board

The Anglican Centre is the central administrative hub of the Diocese. This unincorporated partnership of the Diocese, Anglican Care, and Church Property Trustees is governed by the Operations Management Board (OMB). OMB has seven members; with the Bishop and two members appointed by each of the three partner entities. The Diocesan Manager, the Executive Officer of Anglican Care, and the General Manager of CPT are ex officio members of OMB with speaking rights but no voting rights. Meetings are generally held on alternate months throughout the year.

The Anglican Centre staff provide administrative support for the parishes in the Diocese. They manage the accounts for 27 of the 58 parishes in the Diocese, which includes making payments, managing GST, providing monthly financial reports to vestries, and liaising with the auditors at the end of the financial year. Staff also manage the finances of the Diocese and the Anglican Diocese Ministry Support Centre; preparing annual budgets, financial reports for the various governing bodies, and managing the flow of funds to the various Diocesan entities. There are four payrolls, paying 320 people every two weeks and stipends monthly. The staff manage PAYE, Kiwi Saver, pension funds, student loans, and, when necessary, ACC payments and administration.

Church Property Trustees [CPT] was established in 1854 under its own Act of Parliament to hold and administer the property and investments for the Anglican Diocese of Christchurch. CPT has four functions-

- Property – overseeing the Diocesan real estate portfolio, including insurances and regulatory compliance.
- Finance – administering the Diocesan and parish investments and funds as well as the Estates and numerous trusts.
- Recovery – managing the earthquake repair and rebuild programme (concluding in 2021).
- Governance – strategy, risk management, regulatory compliance and monitoring, trusts compliance, policies etc.

Anglican Care staff were located at the Anglican Centre until November when they relocated to Hereford St. That team support the Anglican Care Trust Board and provide financial, accounting and administration services for Anglican Care and its divisions, including the City Mission. Their work is much the same as both the Anglican Centre and CPT staff, along with managing relationships with collaborating bodies such as the Youth Hub Trust and the Methodist Mission. Anglican Care staff also provide fund-raising, HR and management support services for the smaller non- City Mission Anglican Care divisions of Social Justice, Community Projects, Elder care, Mid and South Canterbury and, by Service Level agreement, the City Mission Foundation.

OMB is also responsible for the Diocesan Archives. The Archives and our ever helpful Archivist, Jane Teal, have been a valuable resource for historic information being requested by the current Royal Commission of Inquiry - Abuse in Care. The lease for the Archives building at Grove Road was recently extend for a future two years.

OMB acknowledges and thanks God for all our loyal staff who work so diligently behind the scenes to provide these administrative services for the Parishes that make up our Diocese, ensuring that we all comply with both the statutes and regulations of the Anglican Church and the ever increasing burden of regulation imposed by the nation in which we live.

Finally, I am pleased to report that the work started in 2018 to provide a more cost-effective and permanent home for the Anglican Centre progressed well in 2019. As I write, the planning team are still taking stock of the normality appearing during the slightly tenuous freedom of COVID Alert Level 1. However, both the board and staff alike are looking forward to the centre returning to the heart of the city in the latter part of 2021.

Dr Bruce Deam
OMB Chair

