**THE KINDER LIBRARY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

**Purpose and function**

The Kinder Library Oversight Committee is appointed by Te Kotahitanga from nominations by Tikanga ministry bodies. Membership includes representation of all tikanga. Governance is devolved from Te Kotahitanga, and the line of accountability is through Te Kotahitanga. The role of the Kinder Library Oversight Committee is to provide governance, oversight and support for the John Kinder Theological Library.

**Vision**

To boldly support theological education, ministry formation, research and knowledge dissemination for Three Tikanga Church mission.

**Goal**

To be considered the leading resource for the Anglican Church in Aotearoa New Zealand and Polynesia Te Hāhi Mihinare ki Aotearoa ki Niu Tireni, ki Ngā Moutere o Te Moana Nui a Kiwa.

**Committee membership**

The Rev’d Adrienne W. Bruce (Chair)

Mark Hangartner, Librarian Good Shepherd College (bringing library experience & Tikanga Pākehā)

The Rev’d Dr Rangi Nicholson (Tikanga Māori representing Te Kaunihera, St John’s College)

Karen Spoelstra (representing Te Kotahitanga)

The Rev’d Eseta Mateiviti-Tulavu (Tikanga Pasifika)

The Rev’d Deborah Broome (representing regional ministry, theological education and Tikanga Pākehā)

Mrs Judith Bright, Librarian, John Kinder Theological Library (non- voting member)

The Committee has met four times each year with some meetings held digitally. In July 2018 we met for two days to develop our strategic directions for the 2019-2023 period. Meetings normally focus on implementation of agreed strategy by monitoring progress against the business plan. There have been three changes to Committee membership in this reporting period, with the appointment of Eseta Mateiviti-Tulavu in place of the Rev’d C. Amy Chambers, and Deborah Broome to contribute knowledge of regional theological training. Te Kotahitanga appointed Karen Spoelstra as their representative, and Adrienne Bruce was co-opted as per the Canon to act as Chair. The Committee wishes to thank Amy Chambers for her service to the Committee.

**Focus of the work**

The John Kinder Theological Library and the Kinder Library Oversight Committee continue to offer expertise and resources to enable a unified strategy and quality support of diocesan and hui Amorangi regional libraries and archives, thus enabling more equitable access for those studying, researching and in ministry at a distance.

 **Strategic Goals**

New strategic goals were developed for the 2019-2023 period, with a focus towards a reminder of our bicultural and Three Tikanga role for the Church, equity of access to resources, with forward-thinking to take advantage of ever-evolving informational access opportunities.

**The Goals**

**Library identity**: Develop Library identity and visibility

**Library for the future:** Develop new directions to lead the Library into the future

**Documentary heritage leadership:** Provide leadership in honouring and preserving our past

**Resource curriculum development:** Resource future curriculum development and academic delivery.

**Key achievements**

* Continued support for distance students, those in ministry and lay personal education, outside of the Auckland area, with the posting of over 1000 books each year.
* Further development of e-databases and e-books, focusing on text-books where available
* Further titles including a full run of *Anglican Taonga* on thefully searchable *Church Papers Online* web site of New Zealand Anglican newspapers, yearbooks and synod proceedings.
* Consultation and discussion with Registrars, Ministry Educators and Boards to ensure that the support offered is relevant and meeting needs.
* Education around long term strategies for digital record preservation

The current structure of the Kinder Library Oversight Committee provides good support for the Library and is enabling a diversified library service to the whole Church.

*The Rev’d Adrienne W. Bruce*, Chair