General Synod/Te Hīnota Whānui Report

**COMMON LIFE LITURGICAL COMMISSION 2020-2022**

**Membership**

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| **Tikanga Māori** | The Rev’d Canon Christopher Douglas-Huriwai  The Rev’d Teri-Rori Kirkwood |
| **Tikanga Pākehā** | The Ven Carole Hughes - Chair  The Ven Nick Mountfort |
| **Tikanga Pasefika** | The late The Most Rev’d Fereimi Cama, succeeded by The Very Rev’d Orisi Vuki  The Rev’d Sione Ulu’ilakepa |
| **Liturgical Consultant** | The Rt Rev’d George Connor |
| **General Secretary** | The Rev’d Canon Michael Hughes |

A global pandemic has not stopped the CLLC members from meeting together (by zoom), and working on key liturgical projects across our three tikanga church.

We hope that the General Synod/Te Hīnota Whānui will share in some of our excitement about the progress that has been made over the past two years, more specifically around the revised publication of *A New Zealand Prayer book/He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa* and the resources provided for that.

It is with deep sadness that during this period we lost one of our members, Archbishop Cama. As a commission, we greatly appreciated Archbishop Cama’s insightful contribution to liturgy reform and his progression of authorising the Tikanga Polynesia’s liturgical translations for the revised publication of *A New Zealand Prayer book/He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa.* He is deeply missed.

The following is a summary of some of the tasks that CLLC has been working on:

**Printing of revised publication of New Zealand Prayer Book /He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa**

In Advent 2020 CLLC launched a revised hard copy of *A New Zealand Prayer book/He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa*, which was first published in 1989 – over thirty years ago. This is a huge achievement for the three tikanga liturgical life of our church. This new edition embraces more Tikanga Māori and Tikanga Polynesia contributions, and includes the new alternative Great Thanksgivings, including two *Alternative Great Thanksgivings for Use with Children*. It also contains the 2010 Schema, updated in 2019 for this publication, of sentences, collects and readings, along with approved Te Reo translations as well as new Fijian, Tongan, Samoan, and Hindi approved translations of some of the Eucharistic Liturgies.

**Online** **New Zealand Prayer Book /He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa**

In addition to the publication of the revised hard copy of *A New Zealand Prayer book/He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa*, updates have been made to the online version. The use of the online prayer book continues to increase. The Commission is grateful for the ongoing work of Benjamin Brock-Smith who has been contracted to up-date the online version.

**General Synod/** **Te Hīnota Whānui Website**

While acknowledgement is made that the General Synod website requires up-dating, the CLLC continue to add new liturgical resources to the site. Over the past two years Pasefika and Te Reo audio recordings have been added.

1. **Traditional Collects**

Over the past three years the new collects, which previously the CLLC had invited various people across the province to write, have been trialled. They have recently been revised by some members of CLLC and the next stage is for tikanga liturgical groups to offer feedback. It is then anticipated that the final form could be submitted to the formulary process at a later GSTHW.

**Daily Prayer App – ‘Tuia’**

The Reverend Stephen Black, with the support of CLLC, has been working with a group over the last few years to create a mobile app that equips and informs Christians in the principles of their faith and prayer life through a pattern of ANZPB-based daily prayer. The free app is intended to:

* Promote biblical studies through the inclusion of Scripture readings determined by Te Maramataka.
* Acknowledge that what we pray is what we believe; that such belief is informed by Scripture, reason and tradition and that this is reflected in our formularies.
* Encourage theological reflection through the promotion of prayer, social justice issues, and our Christian story in Aotearoa.
* Celebrate the history of Anglicanism in this Province.
* Undergird pastoral care with a foundation of regular prayer.
* Deepen spirituality by regular engagement with prayer, reflection, and our stories

It has taken extra time to work on copyright issues and facilitate consultation, but the app is intended to be launched sometime this year. CLLC is grateful for the work of Stephen and the team

**Matariki resource**

A small working group (Bishops Ross Bay and Te Kitohi Pikaahu, Rev’d Canon Michael Wallace and Rev’d Sione Ulu’ilakepa) was invited by CLLC to work on a Matariki liturgical resource. The commission are grateful for their contribution. To develop this resource further commission members from each tikanga have been reviewing, rewriting and/or creating other resources based on the small working group’s initial work. Matariki is important across the Pacific in varying forms, and the commission recognises the importance of each Tikanga celebrating according to context within Aotearoa as well as in all nations of Polynesia. At the time of writing this report draft resources are awaiting Tikanga feedback, which may result in three resources, one from and for each Tikanga, and/or a three Tikanga resource.

**Bills to GSTHW for Confirmation of previous Statutes assented**

CLLC continue to work on liturgical reform and updates and the following bills, that were introduced to GSTHW 2020 but deferred are being presented to the GSTHW 2022, represent some of the work done:

**Statute 733** – (to revise p 549 collect endings) – to confirm a decision taken at GSTHW 2018 and assented to by the tikanga.

**736 –** (to revise p 511 A form for ordering the Eucharist) - to confirm a decision taken at GSTHW 2018 and assented to by the tikanga.

**740 –** (G/V, Paipera Tapu 2012 added to approved translations) - to confirm a decision taken at GSTHW 2018 and assented to by the tikanga.

**742 –** (to add to, p 13, v. Ecumenical - Week of prayer for Christian Unity) - to confirm a decision taken at GSTHW 2018 and assented to by the tikanga.

**GSTHW 2020 new Bills** – deferred to next GSTHW 2022.

**A Bill** to move existing All Saints Day prayers into the relevant place in the Eucharistic Liturgies resources, and to regularise the Seasons Titles.

**A Bill** to add some Alterative Gloria choices into the Liturgies of the Word.

The work of the commission is supported and enhanced by the tremendous contribution of the General Secretary, the Reverend Canon Michael Hughes, and the liturgical consultant Pīhopa George Connor. The commission is hugely appreciative of the time they give and the insights they offer to liturgical formation and understanding. Both Michael’s and Bishop George’s attention to detail, in depth understanding of liturgy, and wise guidance is a taonga to our church.

The Venerable Carole Hughes (Chair)