

Chaplains AGM Report March 2021

It has been an interesting and exciting first year for me as Chaplain and I have thoroughly enjoyed every minute of it. Starting right on lockdown was not what any of us expected but it did allow for a more gradual start and with the whole position being new to me I knew no different so simply took each obstacle, change and challenge in my stride.

I have enjoyed building relationships with both staff and students and joining in and being part of campus life, both in the city and at Rotokauri. I have several staff who I meet with on a regular basis at both campuses. Building relationships has been a large aspect of my first year. Through these relationships I was able to move my working space to the marae office and explore a more Mātauranga Māori approach to chaplaincy, a move which coincides with Wintec's own move towards a Mātauranga Māori approach to learning with the new Toia Mai excellence framework being rolled out at the end of March. As part of this I have been asked to put together a proposal for a Kaimahi Ora program, a group for all staff to build unity and resilience within the staff while focusing on their Spiritual (Taha wairua), Mental and emotional (Taha hinengaro), physical (Taha tinana), land and roots (whenua) and Family and social (Taha whanau) wellbeing.

I am continuing to see more staff than students and I am currently looking at ways to increase my visibility and accessibility on campus. I have a meeting set up to discuss having a chaplaincy page on the wintec website, this will include my information and Father JPs information as well as information relating to what we can offer and when we are available. I am also due to be getting a Wintec hoodie when the new order arrives.

I am still waiting for a date for the course that I am required to do through the Wesleyan church as I head towards ordination. Frank is also in the process of finding me a suitable supervisor from within the Wesleyan church.

I am continuing to enjoy my role as chaplain and look forward to the coming year and all that it has for me and for Wintec.