

## Wintec Ecumenical Chaplaincy Provider Trust Board.

### Annual Report March 2021

The year started with the appointment of Carissa Allen as our new chaplain. She brought a new set of skills to the work and we waited to see what would unfold. Almost straight away the campus went into full lockdown in response to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. I want to acknowledge the way Joanne Spence stepped in to guide Carissa to points where she might be able to make a contribution in the on-line network, and then set about orienting her once lockdown was over.

Carissa's reports have been well received by the Board and she has grown into her role very well. I noted on our letter of appointment that we were to review her progress after three months but that would have been a difficult thing to do so we agreed to carry it out at the end of last year. The Rev Alisa Lasi took on the role of Chaplain Support and that seems to be working well.

Funding continues to be an issue and we are going to have to keep looking at finding other possibilities.

We have received the resignation of the Rev Murray Olson from the Board. Murray has served the Board from its inception and served as Chairperson a number of times over the years. We are grateful for the time and energy Murray has put into the role and wish him well. The Dean has appointed the Rev Mele Prescott and we look forward to her contribution.

The Methodist District Synod appointed the Rev Alisa Lasi, minister at St John's, Hamilton East to the Board at the end of last year and already she has taken up tasks for us, including standing in for me at the ITCC Zoom AGM. I would like to acknowledge the support and encouragement of the other board members, Phil and Margaret and the continuing support of Jo Spence from Wintec. This is also my last year as Chair and I would personally like to thank everyone for their support and encouragement.

I want pay tribute to Joan Joyce retiring as our Secretary and Treasurer. Her efficiency and her keen interest in the chaplaincy has provided us with a good administrative rock and encourager to the Board that has supported our work over the years. She has been with us from the start of the Board and we will miss her very much. We are grateful to the Diocese to continue supporting us with administration through Jill Schumacher and her team.

Despite the difficulties, we have moved forward in faith, and from the feedback we have a chaplain with an active presence on the Wintec campuses and look forward to the new year with hope.

Alistair McBride (Rev)  
Chairperson