

Wintec Ecumencial Chaplaincy Provider Trust Board.

Chairpersons Annual Report 2022-2023.

Tena Koutou Katoa and Talofa lava to one and all.

Our group is smaller in numbers with the departure of Rev Mele Prescott who is now a chaplain at Middlemore hospital. We wish her all the best in her new role.

It was good that our ecumenical chaplain attended the “Chaplains conference” in Dunedin last year. After the difficult years of COVID and travel restrictions a time of refreshment with colleagues can bring renewal and new ideas.

Carissa s review was positive last year and thanks to Ofa for organising that. Thanks also to Jill for updating the increments. We note the request for more hours.

The 2023 year started on a positive note with Carissa, just recently, acquiring a space in the Hub, which is a God send. Thank you for your prayers. A visit to the space, will be worthwhile as we meet next week.

Alistair kindly attended the ITCC AGM in Wellington on our behalf which included discussion re chaplains of other faiths and different models of pastoral care, due to ethnic and religious diversity. The Tertiary Chaplains Association has released a statement about accreditation and proficiency, which they are preparing to take to the next level.

Thank you to Jo Spence as Carissa’s manager, once again, for your support for the chaplaincy and Carissa especially over the past few years. We are grateful for the space offered in the past at Rotokauri and at the city campus. We are blessed that Carissa now has a space in the hub, which is enhances the visibility of the service. The chaplaincy being under the umbrella of the health Centre has pros & cons and this will be explored more, moving into the future.

May we remember the staff at Wintec as “Te Kupenga” brings change. There is a lot of uncertainty among the staff and the support services have yet to be considered in the changes. So the monthly prayer meeting for WINTEC by Carissa and Jenny is a positive innovation to be applauded and I’m sure that the numbers will grow, if times are advertised. Well done!

We are grateful to the Bryant Trust and the Tidd Foundation for funding which enables the chaplaincy to continue. The ITCC also paid a grant towards

Carissa's fees to conference, for which we are grateful. These applications will continue and maybe more applications to other philanthropic groups. We are grateful also to the substantial support from WINTEC and our local churches within the district.

Thank you to each board member, in particular I mention Jill for the hard work you do behind the scenes, as we support this significant ministry at WINTEC in the city of Hamilton.

The emergence of Te Kupenga brings changes, but opportunities will also arise so be of good heart & faith. Please continue to pray that 2023 will be a positive year in terms of our chaplains engaging with more students and staff, after the challenging past 3 years, especially now with the International Students back on campus.

Lastly, I wish to thank & bless Carissa and Father JP for the ministry & support provided to students and staff both here and at the Uni. This is the reason we are here. It is an additional blessing to see you working together when possible.

Keep up the good work and Kia kaha.

Ma te Atua tatou katoa e manaaki.

Alisa Lasi.