

Standing Committee Report September 2018 – August 2019

MEMBERSHIP

The Right Reverend Andrew Hedge	Miss Alison Thomson
The Reverend Tim Barker	Mr John Binns
The Reverend Paul Williamson	Mrs Diane Mara
The Reverend Jo Crosse	Mrs Elaine Woods
The Very Reverend Ian Render	The Reverend Isobel Mordecai
The Reverend Jenny Chalmers (Vicar General)	

Note: The Reverend Julie Guest and The Reverend Deborah Wilson both left the Diocese for other roles. They were replaced on Standing Committee according to the process outlined in Canon 11 – Standing Committee by The Reverend Jo Crosse and The Very Reverend Ian Render. Ms Allana Hiha has also resigned but has yet to be replaced.

MEETINGS

Meetings were held on 1 November 2018, 5-6 December 2018, 21 February 2019, 11 April 2019, 20 June 2019 and 8 August 2019. The December two day meeting was held at All Saint's Church, Taradale, and all other meetings were held in the Napier Boardroom with the use of Video Conferencing facility for those not based in Napier.

PARISH FINANCES

The Finance Manager continues to attend the finance portion of Standing Committee meetings to talk through parish finances and any financial issues parishes may be facing. The Finance Manager continues to refine and present the 'Parish Health Sheet', which shows the current financial status of each parish and monitors financial viability.

PROPERTY

Standing Committee, in conjunction with the Waiapu Board of Diocesan Trustees (WBDT), have been working through the plan to dispose of sites that are no longer needed for worship in the case of St James, Mahora and in the case of St Augustine's, Napier South due to the Earthquake strengthening issues.

The population growth in two key areas of the Bay of Plenty have been a focus for Standing Committee over the last two years. The Papamoa East area is spreading towards Te Puke, and in conjunction with Anglican Care Waiapu, the Standing Committee have been exploring the potential for ministry and social services in that area. The other area of exponential growth is the Tauriko West area, where different styles of providing ministry are being considered.

IT PROJECT

Late in 2018, both Standing Committee and WASSTB received a proposal from their associated management teams to undertake a major IT project. This project was following on from a review completed earlier that identified four major areas of concern. These were:

- Substandard internet access or connectivity
- The lack of a consistent platform to run operations from (a combination of Google and a remote desktop platform were being used)
- Aging hardware not fit to run up to date applications
- An outdated Finance system that is cumbersome to operate

The proposal that was approved was to:

- Switch all sites to NOW for their internet and phone provision with the fastest speed connection available in that area.
- Switch all users onto Office 365 to enable more efficient sharing of information and resources.
- Replace hardware across parishes, services and teams in the Diocesan office to ensure they can operate on Office 365
- Replace finance system with a more efficient easier to operate system.

To date the only portion of the project yet to be actioned is the replacement of the finance system. There is still more work to be completed ensuring all systems are working across the board and an intranet is currently being designed for ease of sharing and accessing information.

Bishop Andrew Hedge
Chair, Standing Committee