

The Association of Anglican Women Report

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report to Synod 2019. In August last year three of the Executive committee, Wendy Probert, Rev Dorothy Brooker and myself travelled to the Bay of Plenty to attend two gatherings organised by Elaine wood. These were held at St Georges Gate Pa and St Johns Te Puke. AAW membership for the Waiapu Diocese is 204 including 15 Lone Members. There are 11 parishes, Hawke's Bay (5), Eastland (2), Bay of Plenty (4). It was sad to hear of the closure of St John's Te Puke.

Executive meetings were held by Zoom in September 2018 and March 2019 with a further scheduled for August. I have attended two Provincial meetings in Wellington (October, 2018, March, 2019). Members have received 3 newsletters from me. In October 2018 four Executive members attended the AAW Triennial Conference in Wellington A new theme for the next three years was set: Growth through: Gratitude, Grace and Guidance. This was a well organised event with Christian fellowship and a successful programme.

In 2019 the new year began with the marking of the 50 years of the Association of Anglican Women in New Zealand. AAW groups throughout New Zealand are planning Golden Jubilee events. In the Waiapu Diocese a weekend celebration will be held at the Cathedral in Napier (November 16-17). In February I attended St Peters Waipawa's 50 years celebration. It began with a Church service coinciding with AAW Sunday, followed by lunch. Our AGM was held in Gisborne in April presided over by Bishop Andrew. It was agreed that raising the subscription would be put to members for consultation. Most of the existing committee were re-elected with the exception of an Overseas and Outreach convener. This has since been organised. A guided tour of Historic Churches occurred in the afternoon. After dinner guests were Pimia and Bryan Hewitt who shared their journey of becoming the recipients of a Habitat for Humanity home. They concluded with a duet of a hymn Bryan composed for guitar. A parade of banners, worship and a commissioning service were held on Sunday. My thanks to Catharine White and Julie Walker for a well organised programme.

In July I attended the Hawke's Bay Regional Conference held at St John the Baptist in Dannevirke. Presentations were offered on Anglican Care Waiapu, the Messy Church International Conference 2019 and a discussion of motions for Synod. I would like to thank my AAW Executive for their continued love and support.

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