

**REPORT OF THE DIOCESAN REGISTRARS, SECRETARIES, MANAGERS, ADMINISTRATORS,
KAIWHAKAHAERE TO THE GENERAL SYNOD / TE HĪNOTA WHĀNUI, 2026**

Farewells and Welcomes

This group of colleagues includes the Registrars/ Secretaries/ Managers/ Kaiwhakahaere of the five Hui Amorangi, seven Pākehā Dioceses, and the Diocese of Polynesia, plus the Tikanga Secretaries/ Administrators for Te Pihopatanga and Tikanga Pākehā Conference, as well as the General Secretary.

There have been several changes in this group over the past two years, 2024-25.

At the end of 2024 Rev'd Sepiuta Hala'api'api finished after 7 years with the Diocese of Polynesia to become General Secretary for Fiji Council of Churches. There has been a lengthy interregnum since during which the Archbishop's office has handled Dio Secretary/ Registrar matters until a new appointment is made.

In mid-2024 Chris Ward finished in Nelson, to be followed for a period by Graeme Michell working largely from Christchurch, and then Chris was able to return in late 2025.

Early in 2025 Edwin Boyce finished in Christchurch to be followed by Rachele Mathews.

During 2024 Ruth Goldsbury was working in Te Manawa o te Wheke, supported by Rev'd Wiremu Anania, and then by 2025 Mereana Moko had stepped in to support that role.

During 2024 and into 2025 Ven Ruihana Paenga has been covering these duties in Te Tairāwhiti and in 2026 has been supported by Nina Tarei.

Meetings

The Registrars and Secretaries meet regularly by monthly Zoom, sharing the chairing of these hui but also seek occasions when we can meet in person, both of which are invaluable for support and interaction over shared issues. We meet to discuss concerns and challenges, share contacts, resources, ideas, and solutions to common problems and demands, and to work together wherever possible to develop collective and shared policies, strategies, and programmes.

This group plans an annual Conference (historically every 'other' year with the Australian Registrars), and often another day, or overnight, meeting earlier in the year. So, in the past two years the usual biennial Australasian Anglican Registrars Conference was hosted in Christchurch in late 2024. The first in-person joint gathering since pre-COVID.

Our own annual Registrars Conference was held in Dunedin (Mar 2024) and the following year in Napier (Nov 2025). Business across these events has included such varied topics as: rural ministry, transforming faith communities, youth ministry, archives, safeguarding, Title D and MSC, redress, finance, investment, insurance, property, pensions, housing, statistics, collaborative buying, and cultural competency.

As usual at GSTHW, in 2024, this group attended at GSTHW invitation and supported the work of the secretaries, particularly recording proceedings when GSTHW is 'in committee'.

General

It is good that the Bishops, Dioceses and Amorangi recognise the importance of this group of people working amongst them and offer both personal support and funding to enable them to attend these gatherings. I wish to add my own personal note of gratitude to this group for their collegiality and support.

Michael Hughes
General Secretary
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