

THE KINDER LIBRARY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE – REPORT TO GENERAL SYNOD 2026

This report from the Kinder Library Oversight Committee (KLOC) picks up major developments relating to KLOC and the Library for the period 2024-2025. KLOC was established in late 2004 as a subcommittee of Te Kotahitanga, responsible for governance and policy for the John Kinder Theological Library. Its membership is appointed by Te Kotahitanga from nominations from Tikanga ministry and other specified bodies and includes representation from all Tikanga.

Attached is the 2025 Annual Report / Pūranga-ā-Tau for the John Kinder Theological Library, in which members of General Synod / Te Hīnota Whānui can find more detailed information.

Focus of the work

The John Kinder Theological Library and the Kinder Library Oversight Committee continue to focus on future planning and direction for the Library as it resources the whole Church for Library and Archives work, as well as offering expertise and resources to enable a unified strategy and quality support of Diocesan and Hui Amorangi regional libraries and archives. It's important to note that the Library is both a regular "library" – the key theological library in our Province – and also the major institution for the preservation of our Church's documentary heritage, and the facilitating of research: Kinder is both Library and Archives. The Library – and, indeed, KLOC – takes seriously its identity as a Three Tikanga body in this Hāhi.

During the period 2024-2026 the Vision and Mission statements of the Library were updated, the better to acknowledge its role in providing leadership for excellent and creative library and information resourcing for diverse educational and research needs of Te Hāhi Mihinare ki Aotearoa ki Niu Tirenī.

Key focuses over this reporting period include increased development of e-databases and e-books, and further digitized titles on the Pumotomoto website of New Zealand Anglican newspapers, magazines, yearbooks and synod proceedings, as well as photographs. Support of distance students as well as those studying at St John's College remains a priority.

Committee membership as at December 2025

The Rev'd Dr Deborah Broome (representing regional ministry, theological education and Tikanga Pākehā) Chair

The Right Rev'd Dr Peter Carrell (Te Kotahitanga)

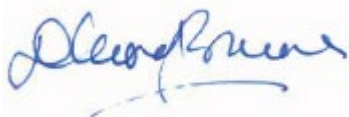
Canon Sharlene Douglas-Huriwai (Tikanga Māori)

Mr Mark Hangartner, Librarian Good Shepherd College (bringing library experience & Tikanga Pākehā)

The Rev'd Liliani Havili (Tikanga Pasifika)

Mrs Judith Bright, Librarian, John Kinder Theological Library

KLOC meets usually four times a year, with most meetings conducted by video conference. The Committee met in-person in March 2026 to coincide with a function recognising 50 years of service on the part of the Kinder Librarian, Judith Bright – a significant achievement!



The Rev'd Dr Deborah Broome, Chair