

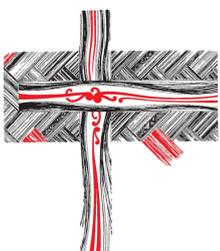
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SOCIAL JUSTICE UNIT 2018 - 2019 OVERVIEW



a project of the
Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia
Te Hahi Mihinare ki Aotearoa ki Niu Tireni, ki Nga Moutere o Te Moana Nui a Kiwa

www.anglicansocialjustice.nz

GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT UPDATE

The GSTHW 2018 agreed to further suspend the Commission in Title B/Canon XXXIV to allow GSSC to continue to act as the governing body for Social Justice while a new trial model was consolidated.

GSSC has now worked through the establishment of a Social Justice Unit to manage and coordinate three tikanga Social Justice ministry and so propose to GSTHW 2020 that the best model for the future is that GSSC continue to hold overall governing responsibility for this critical aspect of our three tikanga ministry and be empowered to form a permanent Sub-committee of GSSC members with power to co-opt expertise.

This subcommittee will report regularly to GSSC and be mandated by Canon to govern the Social Justice Unit, develop its strategic direction, recruit and recommend staffing, manage financial support, and be accountable for the work of the Unit to the GSSC and to GSTHW.



To this end the existing Unit, under GSSC governance, has secured funding, and recruited a Social Justice Unit Manager (Ms Kristy Boardman) to support advancing Social Justice educational priorities, maximise existing Social Justice resources and agencies, and resource/ assist/ and advise key church leadership in Social Justice matters and public policy.

RESOURCE CREATION & PROMOTION

It is an important mandate of the Social Justice Unit to offer education and raise awareness of social justice issues, leading to engagement.

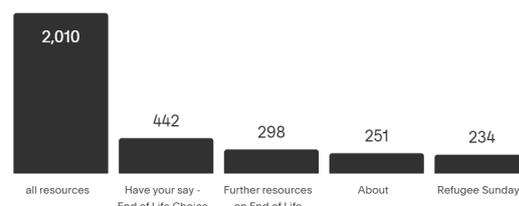
The main method for this is the design, transformation, commissioning and promotion of resources to the social justice website.

The screenshot shows the homepage of the social justice website. At the top, there is a dark red navigation bar with the logo 'anglican resources for social justice' on the left and links for 'HOME', 'ALL RESOURCES', 'ABOUT', and a 'SUBMIT RESOURCE' button on the right. Below the navigation bar is a 'Whats new' section with a grid of resource cards. The cards include: 'Whakamana Tāngata - Restoring Dignity to social security in NZ' (research, statement, video), 'Women & Children', 'Environment', 'Housing', 'Employment', 'Rangatahi / Youth', 'Crime & Punishment', 'Disability Ministry', 'Refugees', 'Other Resources', and 'Turangawaewae'. A prominent quote reads: 'with your food basket, and my food basket, the people will thrive.' At the bottom of the page, there is a red banner for 'Get email notifications of new resources' with a 'SIGN UP' button, a 'Back to top' link, a 'QUICK SEARCH BY RESOURCE TYPE' section with links to 'bible', 'news', 'prayers', 'policy', 'research', 'statement', 'story', 'study', 'submission', 'video', and 'website', and a footer stating 'this website is a project of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia'.

Over the past two years, there have been 5,516 unique visitors to the site, and 11,200 page views.

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Popular content



Most popular resource

Have your say - End of Life Choice Bill

31 January 2018 · other



In order to assist your understanding of the Bill - and its potential effects - we attach the work of the Inter Church Bioethics Council (ICBC) which is endorsed by the Anglican Church. We trust this will help you formulate an opinion and equip you to make a submission before midnight on Tuesday, 20 February, 2018.

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RESOURCE CREATION & PROMOTION

COMMISSIONED RESOURCES

The sharing of educational resources, best practice, and stories across our growing Social Justice network adds an unquantifiable benefit for all of us. Support takes on different forms, that may or may not include funding.

'Word's that Work' - workshop tailored for people of faith who work in news, communications or advocacy spaces and were wanting to help achieve lasting change in community attitudes regarding the rights of people seeking asylum.

OUTPUT: Daylong participants workshop, and shared resources online.

Sexual violence - Dr Emily Colgan approached the SJU to support the development of a face-to-face training program aimed at clergy and lay leaders. A workshop happened in November 2019 and was well received. The resource is available to redeliver when needed, but requires the appropriate person to do so given the sensitive nature of the material.

OUTPUT: A one-day workshop, with ongoing organising group dialogue.

Collaboration for housing - In 2018 GSTHW passed Motion 11, which sparked new interest in how Dioceses, parishes and individuals can use resources to address the housing crisis. This project seeks to inspire and equip Anglicans to undertake initiatives to respond to the housing crisis.

OUTPUT: Document existing and unfolding examples of church housing initiatives, and create a stand-alone study for small groups.

Study on investment - Wayne Kirkland has been commissioned to create a teaching resource out of Motion 11- mission-aligned investment theology, written by Rev Dr Lyndon Drake.

OUTPUT: A small group study guide

Redesign of 'Gods Earth, our Home' - to celebrate Earth Day's 50th anniversary we have redesigned and relaunched the God's Earth, Our Home, a 5 week study resource, utilising Archbishop Rowan Williams 2005 series of lectures on his beliefs of how we are called to live in God's Earth.

OUTPUT: A professionally designed 20pg PDF small group study guide

RESOURCE CREATION & PROMOTION

SHARED RESOURCES

An example of the resources currently on the SJ website:

Whakamana Tāngata - Restoring Dignity to social security in NZ

2 October 2019 · housing, employment



In this 21 min presentation (originally meant for Diocesan Synods), Charles Waldegrave unpacks the findings of WEAG (Welfare Expert Advisory Group), set up by the government, highlighting the crises around income, housing, asset stripping, leading to the dignity of not only the system but people also.

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School Strike 4 Climate NZ - 27 September 2019

17 September 2019 · environment, rangatahi / youth



Wellington City Council declared a climate and ecological emergency on June 20.

Some things are worth breaking rules for, so students are taking to the streets again on 27 September, demanding action on climate change, and this time they're inviting adults to join them. The strike will mark the end of a week of global climate-focused events and challenges running from September 20. Students want adults to show their support by walking out of work to join them.

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Season for Creation 1 September - 4 October 2019

3 September 2019 · environment



The Season of Creation started on the first day of spring here in Aotearoa New Zealand, and the Anglican Communion Environmental Network have developed some liturgical resources for the Season of Creation period. These are now available for your use.

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Further resources on End of Life Choice bill

26 August 2019 · other



As the 'end of life choice' bill heads towards it's final reading, we encourage you to browse these resources, and let them guide your prayers and petitions.

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'Religious Diversity and Anti-Discrimination' workshops are up and running!

5 September 2019 · other



Discrimination against Aotearoa New Zealand's Religious Diversity is something Christians can learn to understand, cope with, and combat through training. The 'Religious Diversity and Anti-Discrimination' Centre is here to do just that! The innovative and highly interactive workshops are being very well received.

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Bank rolling Climate Change

10 July 2019 · other, environment



Banks operating in Aotearoa are minimising their role in the climate crisis. They hold significant power in supporting the fossil fuel industry's continued development, by financing their operations. As the custodians of our savings, the banks have a duty to take real action on climate change and cut their ties with this industry. 350.org is organising a petition, as well as practical demonstrations around the country, to let ALL of the banks know that we want a Fossil Free banking option, and that we will support whoever makes the commitment first.

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Let children lead the way in plastic free July

13 July 2019 · environment



Strandz, the hub of Children + Families ministry in the Anglican Dioceses of New Zealand, is encouraging us to sign up for the Plastic Free July challenge this month, and think about how our care for creation is reflected in the items we purchase and throwaway. We'd love to see our churches and children participate.

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In search of a genderless God

7 August 2019 · women & children

search of a genderless God

Exploring personal investigations into the male-female partnership



By Bridie Boyd

As a woman, I have often felt a sense of longing for a God who is not defined by gender. In my search for a genderless God, I have found a sense of peace and belonging. This article explores my personal journey and the challenges I have faced in my search for a genderless God. I hope it will inspire others to explore their own faith and the role of gender in their lives.

The Anglican Women's Studies Centre regularly publishes a newsletter, and in June of this year, Bridie Boyd authored a thought-provoking article on the way we see (and do) male-female partnership.

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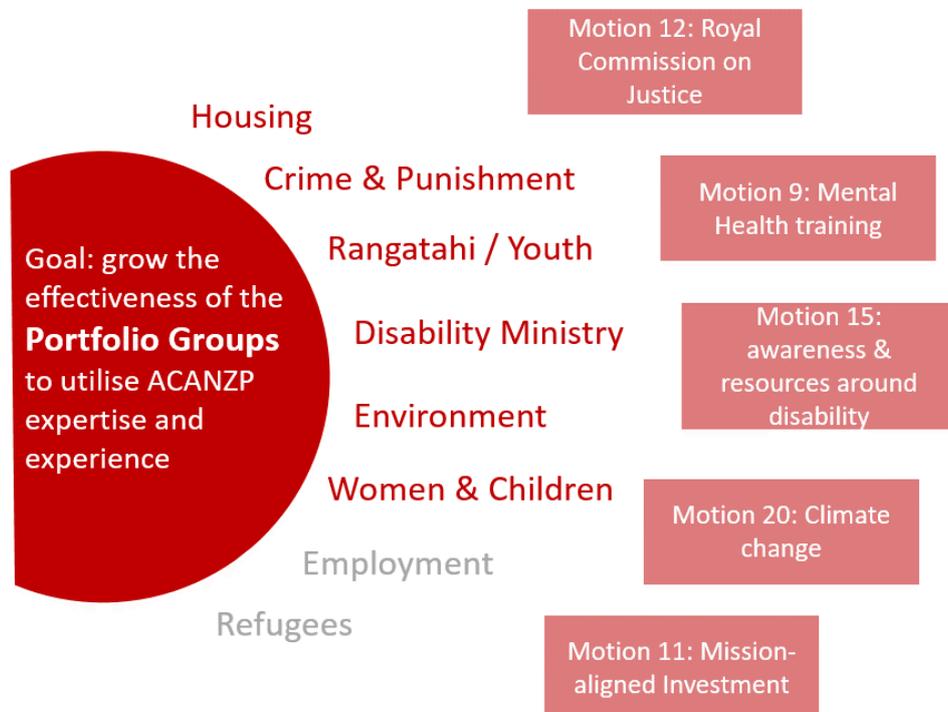
SUPPORT OF PORTFOLIO GROUPS

AIMS

Establish/nurture positive working relationships across a range of experts, advocates in membership in 6-8 Portfolio Groups (PGs).

Empower PG's to and identify how and when the church should:

1. Develop educational opportunities and resources
2. Contribute to development of (government) policy
3. Speak into the public square proactively



SUPPORT OF WORKING GROUPS

MOTION 11: INVESTMENT

This SWG, formed around the Motion 11 has met a number of times making great progress towards identifying their workplan. To include a theology of responsible investment (already completed); definitions of responsible investment, impact investment, ethical investment and Mission Aligned Investment will be provided and their intersection with the theology; trustee principles; legislative context briefing; data collection; creation of case studies. The SJU is kept informed of their work, and previous Coordinator Paul was on the SWG.

RANGATAHI PG/SWG

The SJU has supported the work through a number of face to face meetings, and check-ins. The PG has a re-energised membership, and has highlighted three priorities: mental health and wellbeing, LGBTQI+, institutional racism. They have submitted a number of funding proposals, including to the new initiatives fund, and the SJ Exec is working with them to clarify and prioritise their goals and framework.

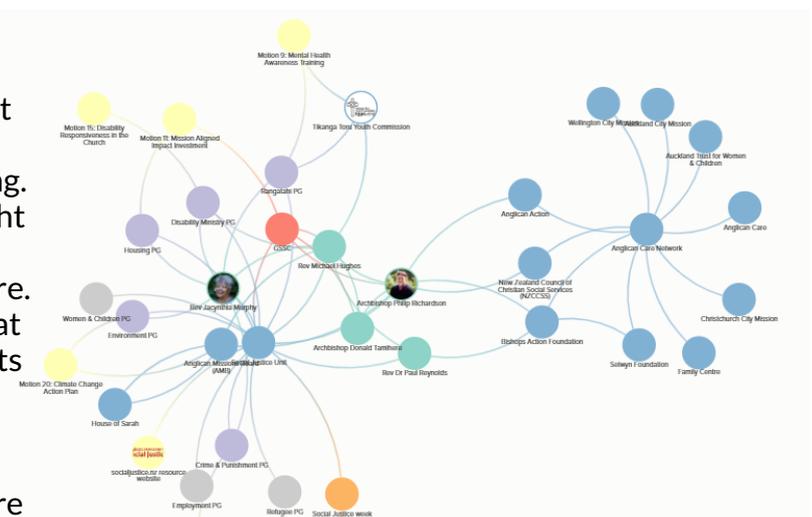
MOTION 20: CLIMATE CHANGE

There is a SWG, led by Mr Fei Tevi, working towards the idea of a Climate Change Commissioner. So far, they have commissioned two papers on the theology of climate change, from Tikanga Maori and Tikanga Pasefika, and a roadmap has been presented to GSSC.

LAUNCH OF TWO NEW DIGITAL TOOLS

KUMU: PEOPLE DATABASE

One of opportunities & difficulties in our social justice work is the nebulous web of connections and contacts. We are not a physical thing, but an organic network that looks to support, resource, and promote social justice work others are already doing. In his SJ role, Rev Dr Paul Reynolds brought a strength of making connections, and building relationships with 'doers' out there. The purpose of this project was to turn that behind-the-scenes knowledge and contacts into an interactive, living map, that others can contribute to and feel part of.



We used a start-up piece of online software called kumu – which is very engaging visually.

TUIA APP

In 2018 the Common Life Liturgical Commission (CLLC) received funding from SJCTB to begin a three-year project to deliver a high-quality, indigenous, accessible app that utilizes the Anglican Prayer book to engage youth and young adults in practices of daily prayer, social justice, and story-telling.

The app will make promotion of social justice fundamental to the experience of using the app. Social justice content will be woven through the daily entries.

Natalie has been on the Tuia team, to coordinate the creation of the SJ content, and input into the overall flow of the app. The app will launch in 2020.