

Annual Report to the Waikato / Taranaki Diocesan Synod Executive

From the WINTEC Ecumenical Chaplaincy Trust

1 Jan 2025 – 31 Dec 2025

Since the start of the Academic year in 2025, the Wintec Ecumenical Chaplaincy Trust has been in a standalone position in terms of its finances. In late 2024, Wintec informed the Trust that although they welcome Chaplaincy support for students, they could not contribute to the finances to support the Chaplain position in 2025.

The Chaplaincy board, after some consideration and prayer decided to maintain the Chaplaincy presence at Wintec, but to reduce the hours to 10 hours per week. This change came at the same time as the Chaplain, Carissa Allan resigned. The committee then reviewed the position description and advertised it through Seek. There were several responses, and the board was pleased when Rev Adair Oosterbrook agreed to take up the Chaplaincy position in August 2025. Rev A. McBride lead a commissioning service 19th September 2025 in the Nawton Presbyterian Church.

Adair has been making great inroads at WINTEC. She is working out of the Student Health Centres at both WINTEC sites, City and Rotokauri, and networks with both staff and learners to promote the position in friendly ways. She is well supported by colleagues and her supervisor in the Student Health Centre. Adair moves through all departments and uses varied and creative ways to inform students of her presence, and to support them. She regularly meets with students on appointment; text a prayer, addressing homesickness, initiating Living Room conversations are examples of Adair's lively and creative approaches.

The Wintec Ecumenical Chaplaincy Trust is reliant on philanthropic organisations, through their generosity, for the remaining funding needed each year. However, we have found that some of the contributing churches can no longer assist with this pastoral work. We would be very grateful if you would be able to continue your generous funding the work of the chaplaincy.

Yours sincerely



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