

ANGLICAN INSURANCE BOARD

Wednesday, 12th October 2015

Good morning everyone.

Thank you for your welcome. A little like coming home after an absence of about 8 years. Great to see some familiar faces, wonderful to see some new faces, as together we involve ourselves in the ongoing journey and witness of our respective Churches in this wonderful country.

You may be aware of my privileged involvement in the Anglican Church as a lay employee for some 28 years.

We all have dreams, particularly with regard to the outreach of our respective Churches to God's people – to have them know Christ and to make Christ known.

My dream, quite some time ago, in fact when I was with the Diocese of Waiapu, was to have the Church as a whole, identify those secular and administrative tasks which though very necessary, divert time, effort and funds away from the real outreach I have just mentioned.

One of these tasks was and is of course - Insurance as a whole - property, liability, contents, vehicles etc. most of which seemed to be obtainable in different pockets. Hence the birth of the Anglican Insurance Board legislated by General Synod in 2004 some 11 years ago.

Time, effort and funds are of course precious and the need for entities to 're-invent' the wheel individually was and is surely not a good use of these commodities – not good stewardship of the resources which are funded by our people.

Our Anglican Insurance Board has had, since its inception, the benefit of the services of dedicated, conversant, energetic and visionary people with expertise and commitment in and to insurance matters, this reflected in the subsequent growth of the organisation.

My own expertise in Insurance, if you would call it that, is as a user rather than a designer.

Nevertheless I am impressed with the growth, cost effective and practical implementation of the services the Board offers.

Being efficiently served by our Executive Director Dave who through the website and email has the Board and its services virtually 'on-tap'.

This seminar will provide opportunities for you to share, learn, question and make suggestions which will help you with your administrative task, encourage you to make full use of the results and efforts of your Board in obtaining the best possible insurance outcomes for our Churches so that we and they can get on with the task of proclaiming the Gospel.

We look forward to a productive day. Thank you.