



The Board of Trustees is pleased to invite you to our Foundation's Annual General Meeting
on **Tuesday 27th May 2025**

at 12.05 pm at the Cathedral of The Blessed Virgin Mary, Hamilton

MASS: Mass was celebrated by Bishop Richard Laurenson at the usual midday Mass time of 12.05 pm

WELCOME: John began the meeting with a prayer and welcomed everyone.

PRESENT: BOARD: John Coulam (Chair), Betty-Ann Kamp, Rosemary Redmore, Harry Mourits.

Peter Kamp, Phil Redmore, Michael Hanaray, Santana Mohi, Neroli McLachlan, Anne & John Griffin, Liz Henry, Renee Kingi, Sikva Javaid, Bernard Bailey, Ewen MacPherson, Kevin Turnbull, Paul Honiss, Debbie Wilson, and Bishop Richard Laurenson.

APOLOGIES: Glenda Stokes, KM Adams, Brendan Cullen, Greg Schmidt, Rob Pascoe. Wilma Schimanski and Chris & Stephen Patterson.

Moved that the apologies be accepted P.Kamp/A.Griffin

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: The 2024 AGM minutes were taken as read.

The minutes be approved as a true and correct record. M. Hanaray/P. Kamp

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: Nil

CHAIR'S REPORT: John Coulam presented his report and opened the report up for discussion. *Full report attached at the conclusion of the minutes.*

John moved the Chair's Report be accepted. J.Coulam / E.Macpherson

FINANCIAL REPORT: Rosemary presented the audited financial accounts for the year ending December 2024, showing an annual income of \$374,000—a 20% increase from the previous year. Grant distributions totalled \$153,719, meaning \$0.41 was distributed per dollar earned, down from \$0.75 due to legacy funds received in the prior year. These funds, designated for investment rather than grants, were placed with the Catholic Development Fund (CDF) to generate ongoing interest income. Investments grew to \$2.849 million, up 9%, and are split evenly between CDF and Trust Investments Management Limited, both focused on ethical, charitable investment strategies. Accumulated funds now stand at nearly \$2.93 million, ensuring the foundation's continued ability to support the community. Discussions addressed CDF interest rates and legacy fund policies, emphasizing their long-term impact. Bishop Richard suggested publicly recognizing donors as "foundation stones," an idea to be explored further. Betty-Ann noted that annual grant distributions average around \$150,000, except for Cyclone Gabriel relief efforts, which raised an additional \$100,000 for the people of Tairāwhiti. *The full report of the chair of the Financial subcommittee of the CGF board is attached to the minutes.*

Moved that the financial report be accepted. R.Redmore / H.Mourits

ELECTIONS: John explained the composition of the board. Four Bishops Representatives (John Coulam, Brendan Cullen, Betty-Ann Kamp and now Ewen MacPherson) before presenting nominations for existing members to be appointed for another year. Alongside these, are Bishop-elected. Nomination forms have been received for Glenda Stokes and KM Adams – both of whom were unable to be present for the meeting, but wish to continue serving.

Moved that the two nominations of Glenda Stokes and KM Adams be accepted as elected members of the Common Good Foundation Board for the 2025-2026 year. J.Coulam / M.Hanaray.

GENERAL BUSINESS: None received.

GUEST SPEAKERS: John introduced the three speakers whose charities had received funding from the Common Good Foundation in the past year.

Renee Kingi, mother and founder of Papatūānuku Support Services. Renee shared her passion for the vision of Papatūānuku Support Services and spoke about her own personal journey and the importance of transformative healing that begins from within the family unit and extends beyond out into the community. Renee highlighted the unique role of Wānanga as a reciprocal process – similar to a programme but offering a depth of support that is difficult to quantify or describe. Renee spoke about the “forgotten child”, a 6-year old that came to the attention of Papatūānuku Support Services. Dad was incarcerated and mum was an alcoholic. The scenario highlighted the gap in available services for the all-of-whanau support that the child needed. In response, Renee shared: “So, we created a wānanga where the whole family could come in, and they did. We were able to see that our teenagers were looking after their parents. This is why they weren't going to school. They were the parents. We were able to relieve these teenagers when they could see that their parents were in a safe place and they returned to school.”

Sikva Javaid, A research assistant at the University of Waikato and Auckland is exploring ways to improve Hauora, or holistic well-being, at the end of life. Sikva, a committed Catholic and parishioner of the Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary, received a parish grant to support the training of volunteers who visit residents in rest homes within the parish boundary. Concerned about the loneliness and lack of belonging experienced by many elderly and sick individuals, Sikva was inspired by the advice: “When people can’t go to church, it’s our job to bring the church to them.” Motivated by this belief, she has worked to recruit, train, and accompany volunteers in visiting rest home residents, fostering meaningful connections through shared stories and warm interactions. Volunteers often express that, in offering companionship, they too feel enriched by the experience. The CGF grant has played a vital role in supporting this initiative, reinforcing the belief that life is a precious gift and that small acts of kindness, carried out with great love, can have a lasting impact. The volunteering programme remains a work in progress, with growing interest from individuals eager to contribute to its development.

Liz Henry, Orange Sky, a charitable organization dedicated to supporting people experiencing homelessness, began in Australia over a decade ago. Founded by two university students, Nick and Lucas, the initiative started in Brisbane when they recognized the need for hygiene services within their local community. Their first attempt involved placing a washing machine in the back of their van and heading to a park to offer laundry services. Although the machine initially failed, persistence led to success. More importantly, they discovered that beyond clean clothes, meaningful conversations and human connection were the most valuable outcomes. Orange Sky expanded to New Zealand seven years ago and now operates six vans, two pods—soon to be three with a new launch in Tauranga next month—and two internal laundries. In Hamilton alone, over the past 12 months, nearly 1,200 washes, 400 showers, and more than 2,000 hours of connection have been provided. Volunteers and service users alike experience a profound sense of community through these interactions. The organization continues to grow, fostering connection and dignity for those in need.

Following the guest speakers, John Coulam led a waiata in tribute/thanks to the speakers. All attendees stood and sung along if they knew the words. **The meeting was called to a close at 1:24pm** and refreshments were served. Executive Officer Caroline Collie shared about the Hope candles – an incredible gift and partnership between the Common Good Foundation and Downlights – a social enterprise that supports young people with Downs syndrome through skill development and employment of candle making.