

The Right Reverend Andrew Hedge
Anglican Bishop of Waiapu

31 July 2017

Dear Friends in Christ

Greetings and peace to you.

I am writing to announce that the Reverend Ian Render has accepted my offer to become the Dean of the Cathedral.

I am delighted that Ian has accepted this position and look forward to ministering alongside Ian in his role as Dean of Waiapu.

Ian currently holds my license as Priest Assistant to the Regional Dean in Hawke's Bay and has been instrumental in providing support to David's regional responsibilities while David has been Acting Dean. I have valued Ian's pastoral insights, liturgical skills, his depth of spirituality and ability to collaborate as a supportive member of my leadership team while he has been in his current role.

Ian will bring all these skills to the role of Dean along with a good knowledge of the breadth of the Diocese of Waiapu from his previous experience when he held the role of Ministry Educator in the diocese from 1998 to 2003.

Ian is known to many parishioners of the Cathedral and has had the opportunity to minister alongside David in the past year and become familiar with the clergy and lay leadership team at the Cathedral. Ian has commented to me, as have many parishioners, about the positive changes that David has brought about to the life of the Cathedral in the past year. Ian will bring his knowledge of and insights into the life of the Cathedral to bear as he settles into the role and works with clergy and lay leaders in the parish to further develop the work that David and others have initiated.

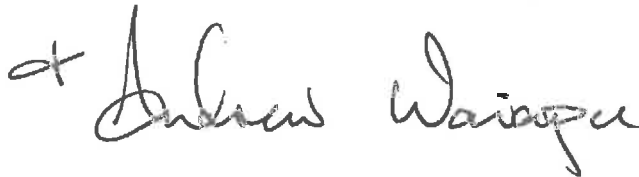
The appointment of Ian as the next Dean of Waiapu comes after careful discernment by Ian and myself as Bishop of Waiapu and with the full support of the Board of Nomination. Standing Committee and the Cathedral Chapter also consider the recommendation for an appointment of the Dean. I have received overwhelming support for the appointment of Ian from the members of both of these groups.

The Rev'd David van Oeveren will conclude his ministry as Acting Dean of the Cathedral on Sunday 10 September 2017. I will arrange for a service of Evensong to mark this occasion to be held early evening on that date. I would like to take this opportunity to offer my deep appreciation for all that David has been able to achieve in the life of the Cathedral parish since his appointment to the role in April 2016. David has offered a ministry as Acting Dean that has been characterized by developing a strong team and offering good pastoral care to the parish. David has also developed strong relationships with other church leaders in Napier and connections with Civic leaders and raised the profile of the Cathedral in the city. I am very grateful for David's commitment to this role and the way that he has also attended to his responsibilities to the Region of Hawke's Bay as well.

A service of installation for the Rev'd Ian Render as Dean of Waiapu will be held on Friday 15 September 2017 in the early evening. I hope that you will all join with me for this celebration. I will be sending a notice of this appointment to the Diocese and the Deans of the Cathedrals across our Province with an invitation for them to join us for this occasion.

Over the coming weeks I invite you to pray for Ian as he prepares to take up the joys and responsibilities of the role of Dean of Waiapu. I look forward to celebrating this new beginning in ministry at the Cathedral.

With the assurance of my prayers for you all,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Andrew Waiapu". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small cross-like mark at the beginning.

The Rt Rev Andrew Hedge
Bishop of Waiapu