

# Governance CV: Helen Jacobi (Rev Dr), MNZM

## Governance Statement

I am an experienced leader passionate about strong organisations/communities and what makes them work. I am especially interested in investing for social impact and social change. I bring the experience of my 30 years of leadership in church and community to share with other Board members in framing strategies for success and impact. I enjoy mentoring others to support them in giving of their best. I am conscious of the wider social, political and environmental context in which organisations operate and am committed to equity under Te Tiriti.

## Key skills and experience

- Leadership of communities with complex, competing needs and priorities
- Strategic thinker
- Media engagement and public profile focused on diversity and inclusion.
- Fundraising and management of major community and building projects
- Digital engagement and projects
- Compassion and awareness of justice and equality issues, including disability
- Te Tiriti/ equity commitment and comfortable in te ao Māori

## Awards

2021 Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to the community and the church.

## Governance experience

Feb 2023 – present Board Member The Selwyn Foundation, Auckland (paid role)

*TSF has recently divested some retirement villages in order to undertake a major programme of social investment taking on a refreshed mission: “Respectful Ageing for all, within thriving communities; Oranga Mātua | Oranga Tangata.”*

*This includes social investment; being advocates, and facilitating knowledge exchange; creating meaningful connections and a place of belonging, including at the Selwyn Village; and being ‘fruitful stewards’, here for older generations to come.*

Member of the Social Impact and Mission Committee, focused on the social investment/ impact work which is beginning to roll out in 2024.

- 2020-2022 Chair of the Auckland Diocesan Disability Chaplain Group
- 2015-2019 Board member and Chair (2017-19) Touch Compass Dance Trust  
(volunteer role)  
*Touch Compass is a professional dance company for disabled and non disabled dancers. Led the Trust through a significant period of change and growth, from a support committee to a board leading the organisation.*
- 2005-2012 Member of the Board of Proprietors for Woodford House (school for girls)
- 2004-2012 Chair of the Cathedral Chapter, Waiapu Cathedral, Napier  
*Re-established the Chapter (Cathedral's governance body) with new representatives from the community as well as Diocesan representatives. Led the Cathedral's work in connections with the city, business and tourism.*

## Governance Training

- Oct 2023 Chartered Member of the Institute of Directors
- Feb 2023 IOD Company Directors Course – one week
- Jan 2023 IOD Financial Essentials one day course
- 2015-2019 Creative New Zealand short courses and webinars for Arts Boards and various day courses with ANCAD, Auckland North Community Development on governance, chairing, etc.
- March 2014 One day IOD Not-for-Profit Governance Essentials with John Barr
- 2005 Institute for Strategic Leadership: Strategic leadership Programme, Millbrook, Queenstown (one week programme)

## Executive experience

- 2014 – May 2023 Vicar, St Matthew-in-the-City Auckland  
*St Matthew's is a progressive Anglican parish in the heart of Auckland city with numerous city, civic, community and business connections.*
- 2004-2013 Dean of the Diocese of Waiapu and Vicar of the Cathedral Parish of St John the Evangelist, Napier  
*Waiapu Cathedral is the mother church of the Diocese of Waiapu, the site of civic and regional occasions with a ministry to the city of Napier.*
- 2000-2004 Vicar, St Luke's Wadestown, Wellington

## Education and qualifications

2021	AUT Te Reo Maori Level One
2007-2010	Doctor of Ministry in Preaching: Seabury Western Seminary and the Association of Chicago Theological Schools, Chicago USA
2003	Te Reo Maori, Victoria University Continuing Education Course – levels 1 and 2
1988-1991	Bachelor of Divinity, second class honours, division 1 University of London, England External student
1984-1985	Diploma in Social Work Victoria University, Wellington
1980-1982	Bachelor of Arts Double Major in French and Spanish University of Auckland, Auckland

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