

WHĀNAU MERCY MINISTRIES

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The format of this report is based on a template provided by the Dicastery and guided by advice from those who worked toward the establishment of Whānau Mercy Ministries.

On 1 April 2023, Whānau Mercy Ministries assumed the work of Ngā Whaea Atawhai o Aotearoa Sisters of Mercy New Zealand to serve the mission of the church through sponsorship of its education, health, and community ministries.

The following report, authored by trustees, provides an overview of Whānau Mercy Ministries since operations began in April 2023, after the establishment was confirmed by decree on 27 November 2022.

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01. Introduction

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Tena koutou, ngā mihi atawhai - Mercy greetings to you,

It is with pleasure we present this inaugural annual report to the Dicastery for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life on the second anniversary of the establishment of Whānau Mercy Ministries¹ as a ministerial Public Juridic Person (PJP).

Whānau Mercy Ministries was established by decree, Prot. n. W.20-1/2022, on 27 November 2022.

As a church authority in New Zealand, Whānau Mercy Ministries participates in the mission of Jesus; in the spirit of the Gospel, in the tradition of Catherine McAuley, and the Treaty of Waitangi (Te Tiriti o Waitangi)². Its ministries of education, health care, and community services respond to the needs of the people they serve. The trustees confirm that Whānau Mercy Ministries:

- builds on the charism and sound traditions of the founding sponsor congregation, Ngā Whaea Atawhai o Aotearoa Sisters of Mercy New Zealand, within the Roman Catholic Church
- continues the mission of Jesus Christ and exercises responsibility to develop health, education, and community service ministries of the Roman Catholic Church
- ensures through its governance policies and practices that each of the works for which it is responsible operates in conformity with the teachings, discipline and laws of the Roman Catholic Church.

Those involved in governance and leadership within the ministries of Whānau Mercy Ministries exercise their responsibilities in a spirit of service, mindful of the call to care for our common home and all who reside on it.

We acknowledge the great trust the founding congregation has placed in Whānau Mercy Ministries, and pledge to continue both the work of the congregation and the great affection the Sisters of Mercy had for their ministries. All ministries remain committed to the mission of Jesus to serve in a spirit of aroha, whanaungatanga, and kaitiakitanga³ in the tradition of Mercy.

¹ In English, the name of the ministerial Public Juridic Person (Whānau Mercy Ministries) could be translated as 'The Family of Mercy Ministries'.

² Te Tiriti o Waitangi (in English, the Treaty of Waitangi), New Zealand's founding document, established a partnership between Māori and the British Crown. At heart of the treaty is partnership between all people in Aotearoa New Zealand and genuine power-sharing. Commitment to Te Tiriti is a central part of the legacy of Ngā Whaea Atawhai o Aotearoa Sisters of Mercy New Zealand, and now of Whānau Mercy Ministries.

³ Aroha, whanaungatanga, and kaitiakitanga are simply translated as love, relationships, and guardianship. These values are explored on page 2 of this report.

02. Purpose of the Public Juridic Person (PJP)

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The pontifical Public Juridic Person Whānau Mercy Ministries was established by Ngā Whaea Atawhai o Aotearoa Sisters of Mercy New Zealand (the Congregation), to provide governance in the name of the Church to ensure the continuation and flourishing of their Catholic ministries.

Whānau Mercy Ministries is committed to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the tradition of Catherine McAuley, Te Tiriti o Waitangi, and the sacredness of all creation.

Out of God's mercy, we respond willingly and walk compassionately with those who are seeking:

Healing and Wholeness

Knowledge, Understanding and Wisdom

Relief from Suffering

Care for our Common Home

Restoration of Human Dignity

We do this through our education, healthcare, and community ministries in the name of the Catholic Church.

The PJP operates in civil society as a registered charity in New Zealand law Whānau Mercy Ministries Trust, a charitable Trust.

Tikanga Mercy

Tikanga (customs, or way of doing) Mercy refers to the Mercy way of embracing our Christian, Catholic and Mercy heritage in Aotearoa New Zealand. Foundational to Tikanga Mercy is the recognition of Māori, the indigenous people of Aotearoa, as tangata whenua (people of the land). We remain committed to the original invitation from wāhine (women) Māori to establish the mission of Mercy in Aotearoa (New Zealand), to Te Tiriti o Waitangi (the Treaty of Waitangi), and the cry of earth and the cry of the poor.

Our Values

Aroha: love, compassion, relationship. God is at the centre. Aroha is 'in the presence' and in relationship.

Whanaungatanga: to cause, make, create relationship to enable belonging and inclusion. This principle acknowledges one's story, the inter-relationships of other stories and whakapapa (genealogy or personal/collective history). It listens, holds, honours, retells.

Kaitiakitanga: a kaitiaki is one who guards and guides the direction, action and spiritual alignment with whakapapa, vision and values.

03. Profile of the ministries of Whānau Mercy Ministries

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On 1 April 2023, ten ministries transferred from Ngā Whaea Atawhai o Aotearoa Sisters of Mercy Ministries New Zealand to the Whānau Mercy Ministries Trust. Since this time, a further two ministry companies have been created. They are:

Te Ngākau Kotahi Mercy Collective Limited, a registered charity, commenced in May 2023, as a ministry company. Whānau Mercy Ministries is the sole shareholder of this company. The collective was established as common good initiative between our education ministries (colleges) for pooling financial resources to enable investment in our college's property.

Whānau Mercy Education Limited, a registered charity, commenced in August 2024, as a ministry company to be the shareholder for St Mary's College Wellington Limited and St Catherine's College Wellington Limited. Whānau Mercy Ministries is the sole shareholder of this company. Whānau Mercy Education was established to strengthen and grow the governance capability and resourcing for the two Wellington education ministries (colleges).

Whānau Mercy Ministries has ministries within the following areas:

Education

Villa Maria College, Christchurch

Carmel College, Auckland

St Mary's College, Auckland

Whānau Mercy Education, incorporating:

- St Mary's College, Wellington & St Catherine's College, Wellington

Te Ngākau Kotahi, Mercy Collective

Healthcare

Mercy Healthcare, Auckland, incorporating:

- Mercy Hospice & Mercy Hospice Services

Mercy Hospital, Dunedin

Community Services

Te Waipuna Puawai Mercy Oasis, Auckland

Coolock Cottages, Dunedin

Mercy Villas, Upper Hutt

04. Describing the extent of our work


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At this time in our brief history, we are able to provide an initial overview of the work of our ministries.

Healthcare	01 April '23 - 31 March '24	Previous Year	Change +/-
Number of Ministries	2 (hospital & hospice)	2	-
Patient Contacts	16,621	16,096	+ 3.4%
Patient Bed Nights	9,037	9,010	+ 0.3%
Number of Staff	479	467	+ 12
Number of Volunteers	434	434	0
Number of Directors	12	13	-1

Education	01 April '23 - 31 March '24	Previous Year	Change +/-
Number of Ministries	7 (five colleges, one collective, one shareholder)	5	+2
Rolls	3,576	3,531	+ 1.3%
Collection Rates ⁴	90.8%	n/a	n/a
Number of Staff ⁵	2	1	1
Number of Volunteers ⁶	43	39	4
Number of Directors	40	38	+2

Community	01 April '23 - 31 March '24	Previous Year	Change +/-
Number of Ministries	3 (two affordable housing + one community development)	3	-
Clients	639	426	+ 50.0%
Facility Utilisation	99.1%	96.22%	+2.9%
Number of Staff	13	23	-10
Number of Volunteers	16	16	-
Number of Directors	13	13	-



Whānau Mercy Ministries has two employees at this time. The trustees chose to use the first 12 months of the PJP to create minimal change for the ministries during the transition of governance from the congregation to the PJP. Following the first year of operations the trustees were delighted to appoint our first ko te hapai o/executive director and executive assistant.

The PJP is well served by contractors including the former group administrator, who transferred from the Sisters of Mercy Ministries Trust to Whānau Mercy Ministries, and a Mission & Governance lead. Both are now working on selected projects. This has been significant in creating stability for the ministries and ensuring that institutional knowledge is not lost. Financial services are provided by Vivid Accounting.

The ko te hapai o/executive director and their team are responsible to the trustees of Whānau Mercy Ministries for providing strategic guidance and support to enable the trustees to effectively govern the ministries, both canonically and civilly.

Work is underway to establish an office in the Congregation's buildings in Thorndon, Wellington, and appoint the staff required, including a Formation and Development staff member.

⁴ Collection rates refers to the attendance dues that proprietors of Catholic Schools in New Zealand (state-integrated) are able to charge parents to enable debt-servicing for property projects.

⁵ The school board (a state run 'Crown-entity') employs the staff of the college including the principal, teachers, and support staff. These staff are not included in this report.

⁶ The school board (a state run 'Crown entity') will also utilise parents and other members of the community as volunteers with the schools. These volunteers are not included in this report.

05. Relationship to local church

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Whānau Mercy Ministries has good relationships with local church leadership. The president of the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference presided at the Eucharist on 25 March 2023 to mark the establishment of Whānau Mercy Ministries.

We are conscious that the concept of a ministerial PJP is new to many and take the opportunities to make known the place of the PJP in the local church.

The trustees of Whānau Mercy Ministries have ensured that the ministries and the operations of Whānau Mercy Ministries are in accordance with the mission and teachings of the Catholic Church and the founding charism.

Regular communications between the chair of Whānau Mercy Ministries and the chair of the Sponsor's Council have ensured a collaborative and effective relationship. The trustees met formally with the Sponsor's Council once at the commencement of the PJP, with a second meeting occurring on 28 November 2023; another is planned for 12 November 2024. These meetings ensure the council is informed of all pertinent matters in the governance of Whānau Mercy Ministries. A copy of this report is presented to the Sponsor's Council.

Trustees, the executive, and ministry leaders have been working intentionally to further relationships with bishops, diocesan offices, parishes and other church entities.

Trustees and the executive continue to collaborate with ministry leaders attending ministry annual meetings and functions, and milestone celebrations, in addition to governance and formation events hosted by Whānau Mercy Ministries.

Trustees and chairpersons of ministry boards or representatives, particularly in the areas of education, participate in school proprietor committees, for example, Archdiocese of Wellington Proprietors Group, Auckland Catholic Education Common Fund, New Zealand Catholic Education Office meetings and consultations.

“MERCY is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope.”

Pope Francis (Misericordiae Vultus 10)

06. Wider Connections

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Whānau Mercy Ministries is a member of the Association of Ministerial PJPs (AMPJP) in Australia to ensure there are professional linkages within the wider church. The AMPJP brings together the ministerial PJPs of some of Australia's major Catholic health, aged and community care, and educational organisations. This umbrella body enables the canonical stewards/trustees of these PJPs to interact formally with bishops, church agencies and, importantly, with one another, particularly in the areas of formation and mission development in relation to the canonical role.

Whānau Mercy Ministries is a member of Mercy Mission Formation Network (MMFN). The network provides networking and formation for people involved in mission leadership in Mercy Ministries in Australia and New Zealand. Representatives of Whānau Mercy Ministries attended each of the 2023 and 2024 network conferences.

Whānau Mercy Ministries is a member of the Mercy Alliance (Alliance of the four Mercy PJPs in Australia and New Zealand) and trustees attend online meetings. The Alliance offers biannual online formation opportunities for all trustees, directors, ministry leaders and employees.

Two trustees from Whānau Mercy Ministries participated in the Mercy International Association (MIA) Opening Doors consultation held in October 2023 in Dublin. The Association fosters leadership and formation in Mercy Ministries.

07. Trustees of the PJP

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The trustees of both the PJP and the civil trust remain unchanged since establishment of Whānau Mercy Ministries.



Denise Fox rsm

Chair

Appointed: 27 November 2022



Gerald Scanlan

Treasurer, Finance Committee (Chair)

People & Culture Committee

Appointed: 27 November 2022



Philip Alexander-Smith

Finance Committee

Appointed: 27 November 2022



Judy Whiteman

Finance Committee

Appointed: 27 November 2022



Charlotte Cummings

Formation Committee

Appointed: 27 November 2022



Catherine Fyfe
Formation Committee (Chair)
People & Formation Committee
Appointed: 27 November 2022



Michael Quigg
People & Culture Committee
(Chair)
Appointed: 27 November 2022

The trustees are mindful that all seven trustees commenced on the same date and are looking forward to ongoing conversations with the Sponsor's Council regarding the development of a succession plan.

Denise Fox rsm has been appointed as leader of the Congregation Ngā Whaea Atawhai o Aotearoa Sisters of Mercy New Zealand, and will resign as Whānau Mercy Ministries chair and trustee on 20 November 2024, to take up the role.

The trustees wish Denise all the best in the role and look forward to the appointment of a new chairperson. Planning has also commenced to identify additional trustees for Whānau Mercy Ministries.

08. Meetings of trustees & significant developments

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Eighteen meetings have been held from April 2023 to October 2024.

Until 1 April 2023, prior to operational start, the meetings were focused on understanding the role of the trustees of a PJP, meeting with some ministries, familiarisation with the ministries and the services provided, and formation in the Mercy charism.

Since April 2023, the meetings have focused on governing Whānau Mercy Ministries and the ministries entrusted to it. The trustees meet monthly (with no meetings scheduled in January each year) with a set agenda. Time at the beginning of each meeting is set aside for mihi whakatau (welcome), including karakia (prayer and reflection). A separate time is set aside for mission reflection. At the end of a meeting, time is set aside to review the work of the meeting in the light of mission.

The trustees also meet biannually with each ministry. One meeting with each ministry includes the review of the annual plan and budget, the second for discussion and formation.

Of significance has been the work of the Congregation through McAuley Trust to facilitate the change in shareholder for each ministry company, and the transfer, and intended transfer, of the titles of ministry properties to Whānau Mercy Ministries.

A significant initiative in this initial period has been the establishment of the Mercy Education Collective, *Te Ngākau Kotahi*. We acknowledge that much of the preparatory work was provided for by the Congregation. The purpose of the collective is to establish and manage a funding scheme whereby funding provided by the state (New Zealand's Ministry of Education), and attendance dues received by the proprietors, are pooled and utilised to further the common good in accordance with the Mercy Collective Agreement.

The more recent development of *Whānau Mercy Education Limited* is intended to support the governance and resourcing of the two colleges in Wellington, as they look to develop their ministries in Catholic Education and the life of Mercy through these colleges.

In May 2024, trustees were delighted to welcome David Mullin, as the first ko te hapai o/executive director for Whānau Mercy Ministries. Trustees were also pleased to welcome Rochelle Quan as executive assistant for Whānau Mercy Ministries in July 2024. The Whānau Mercy Ministries team now have a plan to seek a person to fulfil the key mission role of Formation and Development lead and another person for a project adviser role.

09. On-going formation

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Formation is guided by the 'Formation for Mission Framework – Forming Hearts for Mercy within Mercy Ministries'.

The first section of the framework, approved by the Sponsor's Council for Trustees Formation lists the following outcomes:

- ensure that the Mercy charism and Whānau Mercy values are alive in the heart of all ministries
- broaden understanding that the Mercy mission is part of God's mission within the Catholic Church tradition
- deepen their spirituality and sense of belonging within Whānau Mercy
- increased involvement and support of Mercy in action
- enhance mutual relationships within the Catholic Church
- ensure all boards and decisions reflect a partnership of equals under Te Tiriti o Waitangi
- clear understanding of canonical and civil roles and responsibilities.

While trustees were waiting on the transfer of the ministries the focus was on formation opportunities for trustees. Topics included the Canonical Statutes, Trust Deed, M Theory – Mercy Decision Making and Discernment, The Works of Mercy, In God Alone film.

While no mission staff member is currently employed, the Mission and Formation Committee has been developing and providing formation opportunities on a regular basis for trustees, ministry directors and senior leaders, and a monthly newsletter, Karanga Atawhai, with a specific mission focus provided to board chairs and ministries. In September 2023, mission materials were provided to boards and ministry leaders, and to schools' boards of trustees, and in September 2024 a variety of development and formation activities were highlighted to ministry boards. In early 2024, Raylene Dwyer rsm presented to trustees on the principles of Catholic social teaching, including the common good, and many ministry boards have also invited Raylene to present the session to them.

Trustees have met with each ministry board at least once with most ministries having two visits. The purpose of these visits is to explore and live out one of our key values, whanaungatanga (relationships). These visits also provide the opportunity for trustees to experience the ministries in action and view the facilities.

Trustees organised 'March meetings' in 2024, where ministries presented their strategic plans and annual budgets. Trustees have attended welcomes and farewells for new and retiring ministry company directors, and the welcome/powhiri for the new CEO of Mercy Hospice, and the powhiri for two new school principals. Individual trustees have accepted invitations to attend school events and prizegiving ceremonies, especially those focused on celebrating key Mercy milestones and opening of facilities, such as the new theatres at Mercy Hospital.

Other initiatives include:

- i. Mercy Governance programmes: Finance Essentials, Privacy Act, Mercy Colleges –Everything you need to know about Education Funding.
- ii. Commissioning and Induction of new ministry company directors – content covers board responsibilities and formation in Mercy mission.
- iii. Formation workshops online organised by the Mission and Formation Committee:
 - a. Mary Wright ibvm, canon lawyer, presented a workshop on What is a PJP?
 - b. Season of Service Workshop for Senior Leaders.
- iv. Shared online formation session with Mercy Alliance: the first topic was the 'Mercy International Association Opening Doors Project and Getting to know each PJP' and the second was on 'Synodality and the Synod'. It is intended that a shared online formation event will be provided biannually for ministries in the Alliance.
- v. Whānau Mercy Ministries pilgrimage to House of Mercy, Dublin – the first house of Mercy. The trustees were mindful the pandemic put a halt on the regular opportunity for ministry leaders to have this significant formation experience. A pilgrimage group from New Zealand, including two trustees and representatives from most ministries, journeyed on pilgrimage to Dublin in February 2024. Whānau Mercy Ministries invested significantly in this initiative recognising the pilgrimage as the first time those involved in the work of PJP had participated in an initiative such as this. Trustees can report that we are already seeing the benefits of this pilgrimage through the PJP, especially in relation to collaboration and interaction between ministries.
- vi. Mercy Ministry Companions, an Australian PJP, invited a trustee to participate in their pilgrimage to Dublin. This pilgrimage was also delayed due to the pandemic and occurred in 2024. Philip Alexander-Crawford was the trustee who took up this opportunity. As part of this pilgrimage, pilgrims were invited to consider a personal project. Phil has decided to focus on indigenous voices and collaboration within MPJPs. This will build connections between indigenous groups that work with Mercy and will result in forming a Mercy Indigenous Alliance.
- vii. A trustee, Charlotte Cummings, is currently undertaking the 'Mercy Emerging Leaders Fellowship' programme, over the next 12 months. This programme is offered by Mercy Global Action, under Mercy International Association. This provides key Mercy formation opportunities. Additionally, as part of the fellowship, the trustee is currently undertaking a project related to assessing the efforts Mercy governance entities undertake in relation to one of Whānau Mercy Ministries stated aims – the Care for our Common Home.
- viii. Hikoi Atawhai ki Aotearoa 2024 (New Zealand Mercy Pilgrimage 2024). Trustees are delighted that the first pilgrimage group organised by Whānau Mercy Ministries within New Zealand will be completing its journey at the time of the publication of this report. Proposed by and organised by indigenous trustees and ministry leaders, Whānau Mercy Ministries invited representatives from each ministry who identify as indigenous to Aotearoa (New Zealand) to form this inaugural pilgrim group. From this journey, hearing the voice of indigenous companions, Whānau Mercy Ministries will build on this experience and offer a variety of pilgrimages and face-to-face formation opportunities for all those governing, leading, and working within the ministries in 2025.

10. Services offered to the poor

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“The simplest and most practical lesson I know is to resolve to be good today, but better tomorrow.”

Catherine McAuley

The 7th annual World Day of the Poor, marked on 19 November 2023, was a day to consider how all can stand in solidarity with those in need. Poverty is a pressing global issue, and this day calls all to action, both globally and locally. Pope Francis wrote last year, “Do not turn your face away from those who are poor” (Tob 4:7). All ministries are mindful that their services must be available to those who experience hardship. A resource based on the message of the 8th World Day of the Poor in November 2024 will be developed for ministries, recognising that “the poor have a privileged place in the heart of God” (from Pope Francis’ message for the day).

Colleges, while charging compulsory attendance dues, have provision for students with hardship so that no student is turned away due to the inability to afford the dues. As noted earlier in this report, attendance dues are a charge that proprietors of Catholic state-integrated schools can levy on parents of students to enable debt-servicing for property projects.

The hospice and community development ministries provide their services at no cost to clients and are dependant on fundraising and limited government funding.

The hospital has an outreach programme to those who cannot afford to pay for hospital services and supports several charities in the local area.

The affordable housing ministries are careful to ensure that the rent charges remain affordable for those who have only the national superannuation (state pension) for income.

We applaud our companions in ministry as they continue to fulfil the Gospel mission, reaching out with compassion, justice, respect and hope to their communities in innovative ways.

11. Problems encountered

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No matters have proven insurmountable at this stage. The trustees are aware of the significant time required for the exercise of their duties and this will be an important factor in the recruitment of future trustees.

A considerable time investment is required of the trustees between meetings to fulfil governance duties, and to engage with ministries attending functions and meetings. The identification of suitable and experienced directors to be board chairpersons is a priority, particularly to replace the three trustees currently holding the role of ministry chairs.

The support infrastructure of Whānau Mercy Ministries is, by design, lean and there are significant demands on staff. This was especially evident when Whānau Mercy Ministries only had temporary staff on contracts. Trustees have appointed their first ko te hapai o/executive director, an executive assistant has been appointed, and trustees have approved a staffing plan that, when implemented over the next period, will ensure that the appropriate level of staffing is in place to provide leadership for mission and governance.

12. Short-term & long-term goals

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In December 2023, the trustees met to develop a strategic overview. This will be reviewed and updated at a strategy day planned for December 2024.

Listed below are some areas that have been part of the strategic conversation of the trustees in the past 12 months, articulated in the trustees' strategic overview:

- i. building the relationship between Whānau Mercy Ministries and its ministries and engaging fruitfully with them
- ii. ongoing establishment of the PJP
- iii. adding value in all the trustees and Whānau Mercy Ministries team does
- iv. 'widening the tent pegs', expanding what Whānau Mercy Ministries does and our understanding of what it can be
- v. formation opportunities, especially pilgrimage and opportunities for face-to-face formation for mission
- vi. understanding of Te Tiriti, partnership with indigenous people, and what that looks, feels and sounds like
- vii. development of role as property owner and custodian
- viii. appointment of ko te hapai o/executive director
- ix. establishment of permanent roles for mission and formation staff and the development of formation programmes
- x. identification of new outreach within existing ministries, or new ministries addressing current societal needs
- xi. consolidation of the Mercy Collective and looking for other common good initiatives
- xii. development of a website and other communication tools
- xiii. ongoing clarity of mission.

13. Inaugural annual financial report

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The civil trust, Whānau Mercy Ministries Trust incorporating the various ministries, commenced operating on 1 April 2023, and its first annual group financial report for the period 1 April 2023 – 31 March 2024 (the period) has been audited and made public as required by legislation in New Zealand governing Trusts and Companies.

Key highlights include:

- An unqualified Independent Auditor's Opinion that the consolidated financial report of Whānau Mercy Ministries Trust presents fairly in all material respects:
 - the Group's financial position as at 31 March 2024 and its financial performance and cash flows for the year ended on that date; and
 - the service performance for year ended 31 March 2024 in accordance with the Group's service performance criteria.

In accordance with Public Benefit Entity International Public Sector Accounting Standards (PBE Standards) issued by the New Zealand Accounting Standards Board.

- The transfer of subsidiaries, previously owned by the Sisters of Mercy Ministries New Zealand Trust has been accounted for as a capital reorganisation and the consolidated financial report includes the full results, including comparatives of the subsidiaries transferred.
- The transfer of assets (land and buildings), once title is transferred, has been recognised as an equity contribution at the previous held carrying value.
- Total revenue, across the group, for the period was \$105.4M⁷ (2023* \$93.5M) and expenditure \$95.1M (2023* 89.1M).
- The report recognises a contingent asset arising of the remaining transfers of land to the WMM group following any required subdivision and clear title. These future transfers will be recorded through equity at carrying value. The carrying value of land that was expected to be transferred within 12 months of balance date is \$7,750,000 and subsequent to 31 March 2025 is \$21,590,000.

Trustees have published the first annual accounts to the New Zealand Charities Commission website as required under New Zealand's Charity Law. The accompanying Independent Auditor's report is enclosed with this report.

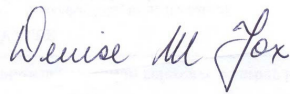
⁷ All values in New Zealand Dollars (NZD)

14. Conclusion

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In conclusion, the trustees re-confirm that Whānau Mercy Ministries:

- builds on the charism and sound traditions of the founding sponsor congregation, Ngā Whaea Atawhai o Aotearoa Sisters of Mercy New Zealand, within the Roman Catholic Church
- continues the mission of Jesus Christ and exercises responsibility to develop health, education, and community service ministries of the Roman Catholic Church
- ensures through its governance policies and practices that each of the works for which it is responsible operates in conformity with the teachings, discipline and laws of the Roman Catholic Church.



For Denise Fox rsm (Chair)

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