**Edmund Rice Justice Aotearoa New Zealand Trust Annual General Meeting - 2021**

**Annual Report by Chairperson to Trustees**

Since the 2020 AGM, the Trust has achieved the following:

* the initial organisation of the 2020 “Tihei Wa Mauri Ora – emerging worlds” Edmund Rice Network conference, including keynote speakers and workshop facilitators.
* continued development of the working relationship with Edmund Rice Ministries Oceania.
* the appointment of Anna Kelly to the position of National Programmes Administrator.
* ongoing work on RJ facilitation accreditation with the Department of Corrections
* the provision of Te Kaupapa Whakaora programme, coordinated by Karen Currie.
* the daily promotion of Justice Issues by Tony Kidd on the popular Facebook Justice Blog.
* the daily production of the Edmund Rice Network Oceania Facebook news items.
* the coordination of the monthly Auckland Edmund Rice Reflection group gatherings
* the Trust’s continued maintenance of the Zealand Edmund Rice Network website.

The COVID-19 has continued to impact the Trust in 2020/21. The Trust decided to delay the appointment of a Programmes Administrator in 2020 because of the uncertainty with operating programmes, and hence no ethical encounters or Street immersions were held.

Karen Currie has continued to play a very significant role for the Trust in her work as RJ Administrator. She has worked closely with Cathy Harrison to further develop RJ accreditation process and strategic relationships with corrections both in Canterbury and Wellington.

The Trust is grateful to Christian Brothers Oceania Province for their continued financial support. This has continued to be a significant source of our funding. We are also thankful for the Maurice Carter Charitable Trust’s donation of $2,500.00 towards our Restorative Justice Te Kaupapa Whakaora programme in the Canterbury region.

Thank you to Tony Kidd, who has continued to effectively promote topical and relevant justice issues through our ER Justice Facebook blog and Keith Yardley for his work as the Trust’s financial manager.

Once again, I am most thankful for the generous contributions of time that our Trustees give. Thank you, Boris, Bernie, Cathy, Kieran, Marty, Megan, and Sam, for your commitment and generosity.

Paul Robertson

Chairperson

23rd May 2021