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New Manukura for Hoani Tapu

The Venerable Dr Hirini Kaa has been appointed by Te Kaunihera as the next Manukura (Principal) of Te Whare Wananga o Hoani Tapu te Kaikauwhau o te Rongopai / the College of St John the Evangelist.

Dr Kaa brings an impressive track record of leadership in academia, ministry and mission across the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia and in community and society.

Dr Kaa is committed to Hoani Tapu's legacy of advancing the mission of the Church, as well as fulfilling the recommendations of the recent Dean report.

Coming from his current role as Archdeacon of Mātauranga for Te Pīhopatanga o Aotearoa he will build on the opportunity to ground Hoani Tapu in this land and context, drawing on the mātauranga of Aotearoa and Te Moana-Nui-a-Kiwa as well as our whakapapa as Anglicans and as part of a global Christian tradition. As Archdeacon Kaa says: "working with the staff and students and with the whole Church whanau, we can equip people for the mission of today and into the future, including increasing instability and the challenges of climate, militarisation and disinformation. We can create Oranga Ake (flourishing, abundant life) for the world and for our whānau, with Christ at the centre of all we do."

The appointment of Dr Kaa will signify a new era for St John's and the Anglican Church in Aotearoa. Te Kaunihera looks forward to working with him as he takes up his position on April 15th.

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