

# MINUTES

**DIOCESE OF WAIKATO AND TARANAKI**

**SECOND SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH SYNOD**

## **MINUTES OF THE FIRST DAY**

**FRIDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER 2014**

6.30pm **Synod Eucharist** at St Peter's Cathedral Church, Hamilton

### **Presidents' Welcome/Announcements**

To Synod Members, Invited Guests, etc.

### **CONSTITUTION OF SYNOD**

During the opening the Synod Secretary, the Ven Trevor Harrison, presented the minutes of the 2013 Synod the roll of Synod members, and the following Diocesan reports –

Anglican Action Council

Association of Anglican Women

Bishop's Action Foundation

Chaplain to Retired Waikato

Diocesan World Mission Sub Committee

Taranaki Cathedral Chapter

University of Waikato Chaplaincy Committee

Waikato Cathedral Chapter

Waikato Diocesan Trust Board

WINTER Ecumenical Chaplain

WINTER Ecumenical Chaplaincy Provider Trust Board

The Synod Secretary reported there were 51 apologies and that the Bishops, 77 Clergy and 68 Lay members were present. This was a quorum under Statute No. 2, Clause 15. Constitution of Synod.

### **GUESTS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER ORGANISATIONS ATTENDING THE OPENING**

Elizabeth Bang – Chair – Waikato Diocesan Trust Board

The Most Reverend Denis Browne – Bishop of Hamilton, Cathedral Blessed Virgin Mary, Hamilton

David Bennett – MP Hamilton East

Col. Ross Gower – Hamilton City Salvation Army

Julie Hardaker, Mayor of Hamilton

### **GREETINGS**

Greetings were received from –

The Rt Rev'd Victoria Matthews, Bishop of Christchurch

The Rt Rev'd Ross Bay Bishop of Auckland

The Rt Rev'd Jim White, Assistant Bishop of Auckland

The Rt Rev'd Justin Duckworth, Bishop of Wellington



## **LEAVE OF ABSENCE & APOLOGIES**

**c)** That Leave of Absence is granted to those who have made submissions in writing; and in addition those recorded daily (during Synod) on the attendance list (Saturday). Attendance: 74 Clergy and 76 Laity.

## **RIGHT TO SPEAK**

**d)** That those listed have the right to Speak, but not to vote:

Mrs Elizabeth Bang – Chair, Waikato Diocesan Trust Board

Mr Shane Coward – Trust Management Ltd

Mr Grant Hope – Trust Management Ltd

Mrs Ruth Riddell – President, Waikato AAW

## **PROCEDURAL**

**e)** That the Special Purpose Financial Statements of the Standing Committee, Waikato Diocesan Trust Board and the Taranaki Anglican Trust Board be the order of the day for Saturday and that they be taken as read.

7.54pm

**SYNOD CLOSURE**

# MINUTES OF THE SECOND DAY

## SATURDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2014

8.30am                    **Morning Prayer**    The Rev'd Ellen Bernstein – commemorating  
the Saints and Martyrs of Melanesia

### **Guests:**

Mrs Elizabeth Bang, Chair, Waikato Diocesan Trust Board

### **NOTICES – SYNOD SECRETARY**

The Synod Secretary, gave an apology to Mrs Ruth Riddell the representative of the Association of Anglican Women who, on the first day had been included in the list of those with the right to speak but not to vote. This was incorrect since the representative of the Association has both the right to speak and to vote as a full member of the Synod. The Secretary also noted the omission of the Taranaki Trust Board from the list of reports presented and asked that it be noted.

The Ven Anne Mills gave the “housekeeping notices”

9.04 a.m.    The President's welcome by the Archbishop, The Most Rev Philip Richardson, included mention of the death of Myree Vickers and her valuable contribution to the work and worship of the parish of Manaia. He also mentioned the work that had been carried out in arranging the venue and the catering thanking those responsible.

### 9.28am                    **PRESENTATION OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT**

Archbishop Philip and Bishop Helen-Ann presented the Standing Committee Report outlining the changes that had taken place since the last Synod and explaining the reasons for these changes and that they were designed to increase the efficiency with which the Diocese operated. They had inevitably caused upset for those who were directly affected by the changes, but the result was expected to be a more efficient and cost effective method of operation. The Bishops specifically thanks Mrs Jill Schumacher for the work she had carries out since her appointment as Executive Assistant, in what must have been very trying and demanding circumstances.

The Rev'd Pat Scaife asked about the quorum as outlined in the introductory section of the report. Archbishop Philip indicated that the changes in the size of the Standing Committee that were to be instituted in the Bill before the Synod and the resultant quorum had been suggested by the difficulties experienced in the past in achieving a quorum and that frequently a quorum had not been present.

The Rev'd Craig Luccock commended the thoroughness of the report and asked whether it would be true to say that the process had been hurtful to those directly affected. In reply Archbishop Philip acknowledged again the hurt that had been occasioned and pointed out that it was shared by those who had had to make what were very difficult decisions. The process that had been followed had been subjected

to a fully independent and rigorous examination both in instituting the process and afterwards. It was a matter of very deep regret that pain had been caused particularly to those who had served the Diocese faithfully and well and always to the best of their ability in their various ministries.

The Rev'd Val Riches asked what "suspend" meant in terms of *Church Alive* having been suspended. It was explained that presently it was not feasible for the publication to continue in the light of the strained finances of the Diocese but it was hoped that the publication could be resumed in some form or another in the future.

Questions about the West Hamilton parish were addressed by the Rev'd Canon Phil Wilson.

In terms of financial management and outsourcing, the Rev'd Phil Woodmass (Manaia) asked about the costs of Accredo and sought to be assured that the unfortunate mis-reporting at the last Synod would not result in our having to go through the same trauma in the future. There was an assurance that the "teething" problems that had been encountered were largely, if not completely, resolved and that there was little prospect of any further major problems.

Mrs Dorothy Busfield asked a question about time-frames for the resolution of the financial matter and the development of skills needed. This, however, was deferred to the financial report to follow although Archbishop Philip indicated that the question of financial matters generally and of the outsourcing would be reviewed by the Standing Committee each year.

Archbishop Philip moved from the chair that the report be received.

**CARRIED.**

10.21 a.m. Synod rose for morning tea.

10.55 Synod resumed with prayer led by the Rev'd Ellen Bernstein.

10.55                   **PRESENTATION MR SHANE COWARD, AND MR GRANT HOPE, TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD.**

Mr Shane Coward and Mr Grant hope of Trust Management Ltd, presented on the financial processes and programme that were not in place, indicating that most of the initial problems had been ironed out and that training for parishes was available. It was a 2 to 5 year process.

The Rev'd Phil Woodmass (Manaia) commented on the coats of Accredo and wanted to know the best way forward. He considered that the Synod of 2013 had inadvertently

been given information that was misleading and wished to avoid the same kind of problem.

In reply, the Archbishop said that the system was now bedded in to a greater extent than last year and that it would be subjected to annual reviews to ensure that we are getting the best that can be achieved from it. It was a 2 to 5 year process and it was clear that as a Diocese we could not achieve the accounting standards that were now required on our own. This was another reason that the service had been outsourced. Similar difficulties were being experienced in other Dioceses and it was difficult to meet mission and compliance targets without collaboration.

Mr Steven Bright (Holy Trinity, Forest Lake) asked in how parlous a state were the Diocesan finances, and it was explained that there was an uncomfortably low level of working capital.

The Rev'd Titia Boeren (Fitzroy) asked about the money that had been lost due to the changes and in response it was suggested that this would be made clear in the following presentation.

The Rev'd Craig Luccock, (St Paul's School) endorsed the Archbishop's comments but suggested that institutional knowledge had been lost and was not available from Trust Management Ltd. This was a fair comment, although not all such knowledge had been lost and we were gaining a better understanding of the position. As to parish finances, from now on specific people would be assigned to specific parishes and enquiries could be made to the person assigned to that parish.

The Rev'd Tony Wescott (St Francis, Hillcrest) asked whether there was a ceiling of costs that we would need to keep within when contacting Trust Investments Ltd in terms of their dealing with each parish. It was explained that the cost of parish accounting had never been properly assessed and that cost recovery under Diocesan management was less than 55%. And that there was a need to address how the cost of compliance could be met and managed. Presently the approach was that of long-term relationships with clients.

Mr Kevin Benge (St Peter's Cathedral) asked about the 2 to 5 year project and asked about the expectations of the Diocese and where we would be in 5 years. He also asked about assets and the position of the Diocese in terms of earthquake strengthening. In reply the Archbishop said he believed personally that we would be in a position within 2 years and he expected that accounting, management, and the handling of finances would all be in place and working efficiently. The resourcing of other matters, for example, mission (what and where) would be a longer-term project.

The Ven Murray Olson (St John's, Te Awamutu) considered that finances were a vital area which raised many issues. The Chancellor, in reply, suggested that many of the things that parishes have traditionally thought they were responsible for were

technically and lawfully the concern of the Trust Boards. Trustees have all the obligations for Occupational Safety and Health, and building compliance.

The Rev'd Jason Grainger (Te Aroha) asked who is responsible for repairs and maintenance of buildings to which the Archbishop replied that we are stewards of the buildings that are technically owned by the Trust Boards and that stewardship involves care. While the Trust Boards have the legal liability for the buildings, it is the parishes that need to provide for repairs and maintenance. It is not helpful to adopt a "them and us" between the Trust Boards and the parishes. We need to remember our mission and whose Gospel we proclaim. Our decisions need to be shaped by mission.

At the conclusion of this discussion speakers were thanked by Bishop Helen-Ann.

On the presentation of accounts questions were asked and answered including the question of the appointment of auditors. It was explained that this was now the responsibility of Trust Management Ltd. It was also requested that accounts be circulated for consideration by the Standing Committee.

Notices were then given by the Synod secretary and the Archbishop said grace.

Synod adjourned for lunch at 12.38 p.m.

1.33 p.m. Synod resumed with prayer led by the Rev'd Ellen Bernstein.

1.40 Archbishop Philip moved from the chair that Standing Orders be suspended to allow the presentation on governance be delayed until the presentation of Bill No 1. This was seconded by Miss Denise Hird and

**CARRIED**

1.44 **FIRST READING OF BILLS**

**Bill No. 1** The Standing Committee Bill 2014

Was moved by Canon Dr Bryan Bang

Seconded by Miss Denise Hird

That the principles of the Bill be approved and that the bill be referred to Synod in Committee for consideration in detail as an order for later in the day.

**CARRIED**

1.49 p.m. Archbishop Philip then presented the paper on Governance in the Anglican Church. This paper encapsulated the background to the review of the Diocese and supported the reasons the Standing Committee Bill had been formulated in the way presented.

Speakers to the motion included Mr Ian Bridge (Chartwell Cooperating parish) Mr Peter Maxwell (Morrinsville) and The Rev'd Craig Luccock.

The mover exercised the right of reply and the motion was put and

**CARRIED**

### **Motion 7**

Mover: Archbishop Philip Richardson

Seconder: Ms Denise Hird

- 1 That Standing Orders be suspended in order to move a motion without notice.
- 2 That the indicative accounts for 2013 be received by this Synod.
- 3 That the resolution of Synod 2013 appointing Staples Rodway Hamilton as auditors is rescinded.
- 4 That Standing Committee be authorised to put in place an RFT (request for proposal) and tender process to appoint auditors for the 2013 and 2014 accounts IF thought desirable.
- 5 That after making the audited accounts for 2013 available to all Synod representatives, and giving representatives time for questions and comments, Standing Committee be authorised to approved those accounts when available.
- 6 That Standing Committee be authorised to establish a Schedule of Assessments for 2015 based upon established principles and the individual parish assessable incomes for 2013, when those are known. Provided any Schedule exceeding in total the assessments for 2014 may be approved only after giving all Synod representatives time for questions and comment.

**CARRIED**

**2.19 p.m. Bill No 2 The Waikato and Taranaki Diocesan Statute of Synod Bill 2014.**

Was moved by Mr Alan Tanner

Seconded by The Ven Lois Symes

That the principles of the Bill be approved and that the bill be referred to Synod in Committee for consideration in detail as an order for later in the day.

**CARRIED**

**2.21 p.m. Bill No 3 The Chief Administrative Officer's Title Bill**

Was moved by Canon Dr Bryan Bang

Seconded by The Rev'd John Carter.

That the principles of the Bill be approved and that the bill be referred to Synod in Committee for consideration in detail as an order for later in the day.

**CARRIED**

**2.23 p.m. Bill No 4 The Faculties Bill 2014**

Was moved by Canon Dr Bryan Bang

Seconded by The Rev'd Hélène Young

That the principles of the Bill be approved and that the bill be referred to Synod in Committee for consideration in detail as an order for later in the day.

**CARRIED**

**2.24 p.m. Bill No 5 The Earthquake Risk Assessment Bill 2014**

Moved by Mr Alan Tanner

Seconded by Miss Denise Hird

That the principles of the Bill be approved and that the bill be referred to Synod in Committee for consideration in detail as an order for later in the day.

**CARRIED**

**2.26 p.m. Bill No 6 The General Synod Representation Bill 2014**

Was moved by Mr Alan Tanner

Seconded by The Rev'd Canon Phil Wilson.

That the principles of the Bill be approved and that the bill be referred to Synod in Committee for consideration in detail as an order for later in the day.

**CARRIED**

**2.27 p.m. Bill No 7 The Waikato Diocesan World Mission Committee Statute 1999 Repeal Bill 2014**

That the principles of the Bill be approved and that the bill be referred to Synod in Committee for consideration in detail as an order for later in the day.

**CARRIED**

**2.28 p.m. Bill No 8 The Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Bill 2014**

Moved by Mr Alan Tanner

Seconded by Mrs Joan Honeyfield

That the principles of the Bill be approved and that the bill be referred to Synod in Committee for consideration in detail as an order for later in the day.

**CARRIED**

3.34

**SECOND READING OF BILLS  
SYNOD IN COMMITTEE.**

**Bill No 1 – THE STANDING COMMITTEE BILL 2014**

Moved by Canon Dr Bryan Bang

Seconded by Miss Denise Hird

# **DIOCESE OF WAIKATO AND TARANAKI**

## **BILL NO.1**

### **THE STANDING COMMITTEE BILL 2014**

#### **1 TITLE**

This Statute is the Standing Committee Statute 2014

#### **2 PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Statute is to reform and clarify the statutory provisions relating to the Diocesan Standing Committee.

#### **3 COMMENCEMENT**

This Statute comes into force immediately upon its enactment.

#### **4 STANDING COMMITTEE**

The Standing Committee of the Diocese shall be constituted at the Synod in 2014 and, thereafter, at every second Synod commencing with the Synod in 2015. Members shall remain in office for a term of two years provided, however, that the members elected and appointed in 2014 shall hold office only until the opening of the Synod in 2015.

#### **5 MEMBERSHIP**

- (1) The Standing Committee shall consist of –
  - (a) The Diocesan Bishops
  - (b) Five clerical members, of whom three shall be elected from among Synod members and two shall be co-opted.
  - (c) Five lay members, of whom three shall be elected from among Synod members and two shall be co-opted.
- (2) The members to be co-opted shall be selected for the skills and experience that they can bring to the work of the Standing Committee, whether or not they are members of Synod, and shall be appointed by the Bishops and the elected members at the first meeting of the Standing Committee following the Synod at which the election was held.
- (3) The Registrar-Manager shall be the secretary of the Standing Committee and shall have the right to speak but not to vote. The Registrar-Manager may appoint a Minute Secretary.

#### **6 ELECTION TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE**

- (1) Nominations shall be lodged in writing with the Registrar-Manager 14 days prior to the commencement of the Synod at which the elections are to be held, provided however that nominations for election at the Synod in 2014 need not be lodged with the Registrar-Manager prior to the commencement of that Synod. Every nomination shall be accompanied by a brief curriculum vitae setting out the skills and experience that the nominee would bring to the work of the Standing Committee.
- (2) A person must be nominated by another member of their own Order of Synod.
- (3) (a) If no more than the required minimum number of candidates are nominated, the President shall declare those candidates to be duly elected

- (b) If the number of candidates nominated exceeds the number of members required a ballot shall be held. Of the nominated candidates in any ballot, those elected shall be the candidates who have received the greatest number of votes from their own Order.
- (4) The President shall have a casting vote in the event of an equality of votes.
- (5) At the request of a member of Synod, the number of votes obtained by each candidate shall be made known.
- (6) In any ballot, voting papers which vote for more than the required number of candidates shall be invalid.

## **7 RESIGNATION AND DISQUALIFICATION**

- (1) Any member of the Standing Committee may resign from Standing Committee by writing to the Bishops.
- (2) Should any member of the Standing Committee be absent from three consecutive ordinary meetings of the Committee without leave that member shall be deemed to have forfeited his or her membership.
- (3) Any vacancy occurring on the Committee shall be filled by the Bishops and the remaining members of the Committee at the next meeting of the Committee.

## **8 CHAIR, QUORUM AND MEETINGS**

- (1) The Bishops shall share the duties of Chair or if only one of the Bishops is present that Bishop shall chair the meeting.
  - (a) A quorum shall be not less than one half of the clerical members and not less than one half of the lay members plus one of the Bishops. No resolutions passed at any meeting of the Committee while lacking a quorum shall be valid unless and until later confirmed by an email vote among members.
  - (b) Where a vote is to be taken by email the request for the vote must be sent by email to all members and the result of that vote must be ratified at the next regular meeting, with the votes recorded in the minutes.
  - (c) The Committee shall meet at least ten times each year at such times and such places as it shall decide. Meetings may be conducted by telephone or video conference or in person, or a combination of methods. The Bishops may call an extraordinary meeting at any time should they deem it necessary.
  - (d) Upon the written request of not less than half of the clerical and not less than half the lay members of the Committee the Bishops shall summon a special meeting of the Committee. Such a meeting shall be held within 14 days of the receipt of such request and shall state plainly the purpose of the meeting. No business shall be considered at that meeting other than that notified.
  - (e) Except as may otherwise be provided, every act of the Standing Committee shall be assented to by one of the Bishops, and a majority of the clergy and a majority of the lay members present and entitled to vote at a duly constituted meeting.

## **9 DUTIES AND POWERS OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

- (1) The Standing Committee shall:
  - (a) Exercise the duties and responsibilities of the Diocesan Synod when the Synod is not in session including (but not limited to) the governance functions of the Diocesan Synod.
  - (b) Exercise any functions that the Synod may delegate from time to time.
  - (c) Fill vacancies in the office of clerical or lay representatives in the General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui in accordance with the provisions of Title B Canon I Clause 1.1.10. (e).
  - (d) Administer all such funds, property and assets as may be entrusted to it from time to time by the Synod.
  - (e) Subject to the direction of Synod, carry out the general administration of the Diocese and for such purpose and subject to such direction estimate and budget in each financial year for the expenditure necessary to carry on the work of the Diocese; and apportion such expenditure among the Diocesan Office, the Standing Committee, such sub-committees as are appointed and other Church bodies as shall from time to time utilise the services of or be served by the Diocese, including the Waikato Diocesan Trust Board and the Taranaki Anglican Trust Board.
  - (f) From time to time establish and disestablish such sub-committees as it sees fit for the better administration and management of the Diocese together with a Board of Nomination and a Statutes Revision Sub-committee, and make such regulations for their operation as may be required. Members of a sub-committee, including the Board of Nomination, need not be Synod members. The Standing Committee shall appoint persons to each body for a specified term, and shall have regard to skills, gender balance, age and geographical location.
- (2) Without limiting the generality of the provisions of the foregoing clauses the Standing Committee shall:
  - (a) Take such steps as are necessary to ensure that annual returns are forwarded to the Diocesan office by each Parish, Mission District, and Local Ministry and Mission Unit as soon as possible after the end of the financial year.
  - (b) If it thinks fit, aid local efforts for the erection of churches and other buildings for Parish purposes.
  - (c) Ensure that there is kept at the Diocesan office a register or terrier of -
    - (i) Churches, schools, halls and vicarages with, where possible, the date of their erection.
    - (ii) the date of consecration or dedication of churches and other buildings used for public worship.
    - (iii) the date of any enlargement or alteration of such buildings.
  - (d) Make necessary arrangements for the meetings of Synod.
  - (e) Cause to be compiled from the annual returns a summary of Diocesan statistics to be reported to Synod.
  - (f) Have the authority to require through its officers that every ordained minister, trustee or office-bearer in the Diocese signs the Declaration of adherence and submission to the authority of the General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui or, where appropriate, the Declaration of assent and Canonical obedience.

## **10 DIOCESAN MANAGEMENT:**

- (1) The Standing Committee shall from time to time appoint a Registrar-Manager and such other persons as may be necessary to assist the management of the Diocese.
- (2) The Standing Committee shall determine the duties, salary, allowances and other conditions of employment of the Diocesan staff and of any other persons employed under the authority of this Statute.
- (3) The Registrar-Manager shall have the following duties:
  - (a) To manage the Diocesan office and supervise staff.
  - (b) To manage the provision of secretarial services to the Standing Committee, the Waikato Diocesan Trust Board, the Taranaki Anglican Trust Board and such other boards or sub-committees of the Diocese as may be established by the Standing Committee.
  - (c) To act as official Secretary to the Bishops of the Diocese.
  - (d) To manage Diocesan finances and to supervise the preparation of budgets and the presentation of annual accounts.
  - (e) To plan and organise sessions of Synod in accordance with Standing Orders and act as custodian of all records.
  - (f) To ensure that parishes and clergy are kept informed of Diocesan events and any changes in financial commitments and that Parishes provide the necessary returns and information to the Diocese.
  - (g) To provide or organise training for parish office holders.
  - (h) To attend meetings of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia and any Inter-Diocesan Conference or Synodical Conference and Conference of Registrars as required.
  - (i) To be responsible for the maintenance of the Diocesan archives.

## **11 REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE**

- (1) The Standing Committee shall present its minutes to the Diocesan Synod annually together with a report of its proceedings stating the number of meetings held in the past year with the attendance of members at those meetings.
- (2) In its report the Standing Committee shall include comments on the needs, future development and general state of the Diocese.

## **12 DIOCESAN ARCHIVES**

The Standing Committee shall arrange for the maintenance as archives, such of the Diocesan records and registers as may be deemed worthy of permanent preservation for historical research and other purposes, having proper regard for such guidelines as may be laid down from time to time by the Archives and History Committee of General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui.

## **13 REGULATIONS**

The Standing Committee of the Diocese may make regulations under this statute for any administrative purpose at any ordinary or special meeting.

## **14 TERM OF OFFICE**

Pursuant to the provisions of clause 4 of this Statute the members of the Standing Committee elected and appointed in 2014 shall vacate their offices at the

commencement of the Synod in 2015 but shall be eligible for re-election or appointment at that Synod.

**15 REPEAL**

The Waikato Diocesan Statute of Standing Committee 1994 is repealed.

**SCHEDULE**

**DIOCESE OF WAIKATO AND TARANAKI**

**NOMINATION OF LAY/CLERICAL REPRESENTATIVE TO STANDING COMMITTEE**

I.....being a member of the Diocesan Synod do hereby nominate

.....  
who is duly qualified and who has signified to me the nominee's willingness to give the time to act as a Lay/Clerical Representative on the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki.

..... [Signed] Nominator

**Reasons for recommendation of Nominee:**

List reasons for the recommendation having considered the following:

- Geographical area (Archdeaconry);
- Background and skills;
- Current involvement (e.g. Committee, Parish, Diocesan);
- Indicating that the nominator has obtained a commitment from the nominee that the nominee is prepared to give the time and is committed to serving Standing Committee.

**Consent**

I .....being duly qualified DO HEREBY CONSENT to the above nomination and am prepared to serve on Standing Committee.

..... [Signed] Candidate

To the President of Synod

THAT clauses 1 and 2 be approved

**CARRIED**

THAT the bill as a whole be approved

**CARRIED**

**“That Synod move into Committee to consider Bill No 1.”**

**CARRIED**

**3.34 p.m. SYNOD IN COMMITTEE**

#### 4.23 p.m. SYNOD OUT OF COMMITTEE

The Chairperson of Synod in Committee the Rev Bruce Dale reported to the President that Synod had considered Bill No 1 and passed the same with amendments.

“That the decision of Synod in Committee be the decision of the whole Synod.”

CARRIED

"That the 3rd reading be an Order for Sunday morning."

CARRIED

#### Bill No 2 – THE WAIKATO AND TARANAKI DIOCESAN STATUTE OF SYNOD BILL 2014

Moved by Canon Mr Alan Tanner

Seconded by The Ven Lois Symes

#### DIOCESE OF WAIKATO AND TARANAKI

#### BILL NO. 2

#### THE WAIKATO AND TARANAKI DIOCESAN STATUTE OF SYNOD BILL 2014

The Synod of the Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki enacts as follows —

#### 1. TITLE

This Statute is the Waikato and Taranaki Diocesan Statute of Synod 2014

#### 2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Statute is to regulate and determine various matters for the Diocesan Synod.

#### 3. COMMENCEMENT

This Statute comes into force at the close of the Synod at which it is enacted.

#### 4. INTERPRETATION

In this Statute the following interpretations shall apply:

**AAW** means the Association of Anglican Women in the Diocese.

**District** means every Parish, Co-operating Parish or any Ministry and Mission Unit duly constituted in the Diocese.

**Elector** means a person qualified to vote under the Parishes Statute 2009.

**Synod Representative** means a duly elected representative of the laity for the Synod of the Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki.

## **5. REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNING BODY**

The Diocesan Synod is the governing body of the Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki pursuant to the Constitution/Te Pouhere of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

## **6. MEMBERS OF DIOCESAN SYNOD**

(1) The Diocesan Synod shall consist of:

- (a) The Diocesan Bishops;
- (b) Any other Bishops licensed as Bishop and working in the Diocese;
- (c) Subject to Clause 6 (3) all Clergy in the Diocese licensed under the Waikato Diocesan Statute of Pastors 1993;
- (d) Two Synod Representatives elected by each District in this Diocese. Any District may, in addition, elect one further representative who is under the age of 30 at the date of his or her election.
- (e) The Chancellor;
- (f) Two Synod Representatives appointed by AAW;
- (g) Such Synod Representatives for each Mission District as may be prescribed by the Synod from time to time;
- (h) Every clerical and lay Canon holding office under the Cathedrals Statute 2006;
- (i) The Anglican Missioner / Kai Whakahaere Mihinare;
- (j) The Chief Executive Officer of the Bishop's Action Foundation;
- (k) A Trustee of the Anglican Action Mission Trust;
- (l) A Trustee of the Bishop's Action Foundation;
- (m) A Trustee of the Waikato Diocesan Trust Board;
- (n) A Trustee of the Taranaki Anglican Trust Board.

(2) No person while holding office as a member of Synod as an elected representative of any District or Mission District shall be eligible to be a Synod Representative as a Trustee pursuant to sub-clauses (k) to (n) of Clause 6 (1).

(3) Clergy Representation

- (a) All clergy holding an office defined in clause 10 (2) of the Waikato Diocesan Statute of Pastors 1993 shall be full members of the Synod with the right to speak and vote, and
- (b) Clergy holding a permission to officiate shall be entitled to speak but not to vote.

(4) Representation by members of Other Christian Churches

- (a) The Synod may make such further provision by resolution as it thinks is fit for any ordained Minister or Lay member of another Christian Church recognised by resolution of General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui and duly appointed to serve in or elected to represent a co-operating parish or venture to be admitted to and have a seat in the House of Clergy or House of Laity, as is appropriate, in the Diocesan Synod with a right to speak and to vote pursuant to Part E Clause 5 of the Constitution/Te Pouhere;

(b) Such representatives shall have no right to speak or vote when the Synod is acting under the following Constitutional/Te Pouhere provisions: namely,

- (i) Part B Clause 6(b), Alternative Formularies;
- (ii) Part E Clauses 10 and 11, Nominating a Bishop;
- (iii) Part G Clause 3, Amending the Constitution; or
- (iv) Any proposal or matter under the Church of England Empowering Act 1928.

(5) The Registrar-Manager (whether or not licensed under the Waikato Diocesan Statute of Pastors 1993) shall have a seat in Synod with the right to speak but not to vote.

(6) Such other persons as the Synod may from time to time determine by resolution shall have a seat in Synod with the right to speak but not to vote.

## **7. DISTRICT SYNOD REPRESENTATIVES**

All Synod Representatives shall be elected for a period of two years unless they resign earlier.

## **8. ELECTIONS**

The Registrar-Manager shall advise the District in the year of an election of the need for an election of Synod Representatives at the Annual General Meeting of the District or at such other date as the Standing Committee shall approve.

## **9. QUALIFICATIONS OF SYNOD REPRESENTATIVES**

- (1) Every validly baptised member of the laity whose name is on the parish roll shall be qualified to vote at the election of Synod Representatives for that District.
- (2) Every member of the Laity qualified under Title B Canon XXI shall be entitled to be nominated and elected as a Synod Representative for any District in which he or she is listed on the parish roll

## **10. ELECTION OF MEMBERS**

- (1) Notice shall be given of the election of Synod Representatives in the notice of the Annual General Meeting of parishioners.
- (2) Nominations for the office of Synod Representative shall be in the form in the First Schedule hereto and shall be delivered to the chairperson of the vestry or parish council prior to the commencement of the election.
- (3) The election of Synod Representatives shall take place at the Annual General Meeting of the District.
- (4) The District shall without delay send to the Registrar-Manager the names and addresses of those persons duly elected as Synod Representatives.
- (5) The failure of any one or more Districts or other bodies to elect a Synod Representative shall not prevent the Synod from proceeding with the dispatch of business.

#### **11. APPOINTMENT OF AAW REPRESENTATIVES**

No person while holding office as a member of Synod as an elected representative of any District or Mission District shall be eligible to be appointed by AAW as a Synod Representative.

#### **12. DECLARATION**

- (1) Every person elected as a Synod Representative shall complete the Declaration in the Second Schedule as required by Part C Clause 15 of the Constitution/Te Pouhere.
- (2) In the case of a co-operating parish where a person not being an Anglican is elected as a Synod Representative, he or she is required, prior to taking office, to complete the Declaration in the Third Schedule pursuant to Title B Canon XXI Clause 3.

#### **13. RESIGNATION AND VACANCY**

- (1) Any Synod Representative may, by writing addressed to one of the Bishops, resign and on receipt of such resignation that office shall become vacant.
- (2) The office of Synod Representative shall also become vacant in the event of any of the following:
  - (a) Absence without leave from the whole of a session of Synod;
  - (b) A decision of any tribunal acting on behalf of or under the authority of General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui that a Synod Representative is unfit to hold such office;
  - (c) The conviction of the Synod Representative of an offence carrying with it a maximum penalty of twelve months' or more imprisonment.
  - (d) The death of the Synod Representative.
- (3) In the event of a vacancy before the end of the term, the chairperson of the vestry or parish council shall notify the Bishop.
- (4) In the event of a vacancy the Registrar-Manager shall advise the District to hold a fresh election at a Special General Meeting.
- (5) Any Synod Representative elected at a fresh election shall hold office only for the balance of the term of the person replaced.

#### **14. MEETING OF DIOCESAN SYNOD**

- (1) The Synod shall meet at such times and places as the Diocesan Bishops shall prescribe; provided always that there shall be a meeting once in every year.
- (2) Except as may otherwise be provided, the presence of one of the Diocesan Bishops, one quarter of the qualified voting clergy of the Diocese and one quarter of the lay Synod Representatives shall be necessary to constitute a quorum of the Diocesan Synod.
- (3) Except as may otherwise be provided, every act of the Synod shall be assented to by a majority of the Bishops, and a majority of the clergy, and a majority of the lay members, present;
- (4) The President may declare a motion carried at the conclusion of a verbal vote or, at the Presidents' discretion, call for a show of hands to indicate whether the motion be duly carried or not, unless a division shall be called for under Standing Orders.

- (5) Every member of Synod in the House of Clergy and every member of Synod in the House of Laity is required to sign the roll of his or her House each day prior to the commencement of the day's session. Members who have not so signed shall not be eligible to vote if a division is called during that day.

**15. REGULATIONS**

- (1) The Standing Committee of the Diocese may make regulations under this Statute for any administrative purpose at any ordinary or special meeting,
- (2) Any resolution made by the Synod under this Statute shall be formulated as a Regulation under this Statute.

**16. REPEAL**

The Waikato Diocesan Statute of Synod 1994 is hereby repealed.



## SECOND SCHEDULE

### THE ANGLICAN CHURCH IN AOTEAROA, NEW ZEALAND AND POLYNESIA

*Te Haahi Mihinare ki Aotearoa, ki Niu Tirenī  
Ki Nga Moutere o to Moana Nui a Kiwa*

### DECLARATION OF ADHERENCE AND SUBMISSION TO THE ANGLICAN CHURCH IN AOTEAROA, NEW ZEALAND AND POLYNESIA

I DO DECLARE my submission to the authority of the General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui of this Church established by a Constitution agreed to on the 13th day of June 1857 and as subsequently revised and amended from time to time and to all the provisions of the Constitution from time to time in force to the extent that that authority and those provisions relate to the office of a Synod Representative.

AND I further consent to be bound by all the regulations which may from time to time be issued by the authority of the General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui in relation to any such office/or membership so long as I hold it.

AND I hereby undertake in consideration of my holding any such office/or membership immediately to resign that office/or membership together with all the rights and emoluments appertaining thereto whenever I shall be called so to do by the General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui or by any person or persons lawfully acting under its authority in that behalf.

Given under my hand this ..... day of ..... in the presence of:



**THAT Synod go into Committee to consider Bill No 2**  
**CARRIED**

**3.24 p.m. SYNOD IN COMMITTEE**

**4.40 p.m. SYNOD OUT OF COMMITTEE**

**The Chairperson of Synod in Committee reported to the President that Synod had considered Bill No 2 and passed the same with amendments.**

**“That the decision of Synod in Committee be the decision of the whole Synod.”**

**CARRIED**

**"That the 3rd reading be an Order of the Day for Sunday morning."**

**CARRIED**

**Bill No 3 – THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER’S TITLE BILL 2014**

Moved by Canon Dr Bryan Bang

Seconded by Mr Alan Tanner.

## **DIOCESE OF WAIKATO AND TARANAKI**

### **BILL NO 3**

#### **THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER’S TITLE STATUTE 2014**

The Synod of the Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki enacts as follows –

**1. TITLE**

This Statute is the Chief Administrative Officer’s Title Statute 2014.

**2 PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Statute is to standardise the title of the chief administrative officer of the Diocese.

**3 COMMENCEMENT**

This Statute comes into force at the close of the Synod at which it is enacted

**4 CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER’S TITLE**

Notwithstanding that in the Statutes of this Diocese, the Chief Administrative Officer is variously referred to as the “Diocesan Secretary”, “Diocesan Registrar”, “Diocesan Manager”, “Secretary”, “Registrar”, “Manager” or “Canon Registrar”, in every new Statute of this Diocese that officer shall be referred to as the Registrar-Manager and in every existing Statute that title shall be read as Registrar-Manager

and without further resolution or formal statutory amendment shall be changed as those statutes are reprinted.

**THAT Synod go into Committee to consider Bill No 3  
CARRIED**

**4.42 p.m. SYNOD IN COMMITTEE**

**4.47 p.m. SYNOD OUT OF COMMITTEE**

**The Chairperson of Synod in Committee reported to the President that Synod had considered Bill No 3 and passed the same with amendments.**

**“That the decision of Synod in Committee be the decision of the whole Synod.”**

**CARRIED**

**"That the 3rd reading be an Order of the Day for Sunday morning."**

**CARRIED.**

**Bill No 4 – FACULTIES BILL 2014**

Moved by Canon Dr Bryan Bang

Seconded by Mr Alan Tanner.

**DIOCESE OF WAIKATO AND TARANAKI**

**BILL NO. 4**

**THE FACULTIES BILL 2014**

The Synod of the Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki enacts as follows —

**1 TITLE**

This Statute is the Faculties Statute 2014

**2 PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Statute is to reform and clarify the statutory provisions relating to faculties.

**3 COMMENCEMENT**

This Statute comes into force at the close of the Synod at which it is enacted.

**4 INTERPRETATION**

In this Statute, unless the context requires otherwise —

**Bishop:** means the bishop with responsibility for episcopal care and oversight in the Bishopric and can also mean the bishops acting jointly.

**Church:** includes any building or part of a building used or intended to be used regularly for public worship.

**Ornaments:** includes articles of embellishment and articles used in the performance of the authorised services and rites of the Church but does not include the vestments or ornaments of the Minister thereof.

**Vestry:** includes the vestry or parish council of a Parish or Mission District.

## **5 NEED FOR FACULTY**

- (1) A Parish must obtain a faculty
  - (a) before it sells, purchases, erects, alters, adds to, removes or demolishes either wholly or in part or reduces or enlarges in size any church, parish hall, vicarage or other building;
  - (b) before it alters, adds to, removes or demolishes either wholly or in part any building, monument or other installation other than tombstones in any churchyard;
  - (c) before it adds to or reduces or otherwise alters the fabric, furniture, monuments, lighting, installations, ornaments or vessels in any church;
  - (d) before it erects or places in any church or churchyard any article which is required to be or ought to be dedicated or consecrated.
- (2) No faculty is required
  - (a) if the Bishop waives the provisions of any part of this clause in respect of any matter which the Bishop considers of minor importance, or
  - (b) for necessary repairs and maintenance.
- (3) Any doubt or question about the classification of any work as necessary repairs and maintenance shall be determined by the Bishop, whose decision shall be final.

## **6 ISSUE OF FACULTY**

The Bishop may issue a faculty in the form in the First Schedule hereto or to the like effect and upon such terms and conditions as the Bishop thinks fit.

## **7 CONSENTS**

- (1) A faculty may not be issued for the sale, purchase, erection, demolition, removal, alteration of or addition to any building without the prior consent of Standing Committee and where relevant of the Waikato Diocesan Trust Board or the Taranaki Anglican Trust Board, as the case may require, as registered proprietor of the land
- (2) Such consent is not required
  - (a) in the case of alterations or additions which in the opinion of the Bishop are of minor importance, or
  - (b) for necessary repairs and maintenance.

## **8 PROCESS FOR OBTAINING A FACULTY**

The process for obtaining a faculty is set out in the Fourth Schedule hereto.

## **9 REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICATION**

Every application for a faculty shall be accompanied by full particulars of the proposal including plans and specifications of any building work, or a description of the item for which the faculty is required including, where possible, a photograph or drawing of the item or the proposal and evidence that the proposal has the consent of the Archdeacon for the Archdeaconry in which such parish is located.

#### **10 FACULTIES ADVISORY GROUPS**

From time to time each Bishop shall appoint an advisory group for his or her Bishopric to advise, where necessary, on the granting of faculties. The members of those groups shall hold office at the pleasure of the Bishop who appoints them.

#### **11 ARCHITECTURAL PLANS REQUIRED**

Except with the written consent of the Bishop of the appropriate Bishopric all final plans and specifications for all churches, buildings or other structures to be erected in a parish shall be prepared by an architect registered under the Registered Architects Act 2005 or any enactment in substitution therefor..

#### **12 REPEAL**

The Faculties Statute 1972 is repealed.

**THE FIRST SCHEDULE**  
**DIOCESE OF WAIKATO AND TARANAKI**  
**FACULTY**

WHEREAS a Petition has been received from the Vicar (or as appropriate) and  
Churchwardens of the Parish/Mission District

of ..... requesting a  
Faculty for

AND WHEREAS we are satisfied that all the requirements of the Faculties  
Statute 2014 have been duly complied with:

THE FACULTY requested is hereby granted.

GIVEN under our hand and seal this ..... day of ..... in the  
year of our Lord two thousand and ..... and of our consecrations the  
..... and ..... years.

**THE SECOND SCHEDULE**  
**DIOCESE OF WAIKATO AND TARANAKI**  
**PETITION FOR A FACULTY**

TO: The Bishops of Waikato and Taranaki

WE, the Vicar (or as appropriate) and Churchwardens of the Parish  
of.....

hereby apply for a Faculty for

Attached hereto are

- (1) a copy of the resolution of the Vestry of the said Parish approving the subject matter of this Petition;
- (2) (in the case of the sale or purchase of land and the erection, demolition, removal or alteration of or addition to buildings) confirmation from the relevant trustees that the proposal is not contrary to any trust imposed on the land [see Clause 14(1) The Declaration of Trust Boards' Powers Statute 1994]
- (3) final plans and specifications;
- (4) statement of how the cost will be met.

We certify that the provisions of the Faculties Statute 2014 have been duly and regularly complied with.

DATED at.....this ..... day of ..... 20

..... Vicar (or as appropriate)

.....Churchwarden

..... .. Churchwarden

NOTE

This Faculty application is required to be referred to the Archdeacon for comment.

Archdeacon's comments:

Signed:

Archdeacon of

**THE THIRD SCHEDULE**

**DIOCESE OF WAIKATO AND TARANAKI**

**APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION OF STANDING COMMITTEE TO ERECT OR ALTER A BUILDING**

To the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki: WE, the undersigned, Vicar (or as appropriate) and Churchwardens of the Parish of ..... hereby apply for the Permission of Standing Committee for

DATED at ..... this ..... day of..... 20.....

.....

Vicar

.....

Churchwarden

## **THE FOURTH SCHEDULE**

### **STEPS TO BE TAKEN FOR THE GRANTING OF A FACULTY CHECK LIST**

- 1) The Vestry must resolve to undertake the work or to install any ornament or other item. A certified copy of the resolution must be attached to the petition.
- 2) The application together with any explanatory documentation is then forwarded to the Registrar-Manager who will refer the matter to the appropriate Archdeacon, and to the Standing Committee in the case of a new building.
- 3) The Registrar-Manager will then forward the applications to the Faculties Advisory Group or directly to the Bishop.
- 4) In the case of the sale of a building or other real property the Registrar-Manager will obtain the consent of the appropriate Trust Board.
- 5) Where the faculty is for removal of any article from a Church or other property, a description of the article to be removed and the manner of its disposal is required.

**THAT Synod go into Committee to consider Bill No 5**

**CARRIED**

### **Bill No 5 – THE EARTHQUAKE RISK ASSESSMENTS BILL 2014**

Moved by Canon Dr Bryan Bang

Seconded by Mr Alan Tanner.

## **DIOCESE OF WAIKATO AND TARANAKI**

### **BILL NO. 5**

### **THE EARTHQUAKE RISK ASSESSMENTS BILL 2014**

The Synod of the Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki enacts as follows –

- 1 TITLE**  
This Statute is the Earthquake Risk Assessments Statute 2014
- 2 PURPOSE** The purpose of this Statute is to provide for the establishment of a fund to assist parishes to have the risk of earthquake damage assessed by qualified engineers.
- 3 COMMENCEMENT**  
This Statute comes into force at the close of the Synod at which it is enacted.

#### **4 INTERPRETATION**

In this Statute "Parish Buildings" includes any church, parish hall, parish centre or vicarage and any other structure on land owned by one of the Diocesan Trust Boards for the benefit of a parish.

#### **5 ESTABLISHMENT OF FUND**

(1) The Standing Committee shall within three months of this Statute coming into force establish a fund from which any parish may seek a contribution towards the cost of earthquake risk assessment in respect of any parish buildings carried out by a registered civil engineer.

(2) Where the annual assessment payable by a parish was greater than \$2,500 in 2014, an amount of not more than 1% of that sum shall be added to the annual assessment of such parish and shall be paid into the fund.

#### **6 DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS**

If a parish which has not contributed to the fund as provided in clause 5 of this Statute is obliged by a local authority in whose territory it is situated to produce an earthquake risk assessment in respect of any of its parish buildings, that parish may apply to the Standing Committee for a contribution towards the cost of obtaining such an assessment provided that the assessment is made by a registered civil engineer.

#### **7 EXPIRY OF THIS STATUTE**

This statute shall cease to have effect at the commencement of the Synod in 2018 and any money remaining in the fund at that date shall be transferred to the Standing Committee.

**THAT Synod go into Committee to consider Bill No 5**

**CARRIED**

**5.01 p.m. SYNOD IN COMMITTEE**

**5.05 p.m. SYNOD OUT OF COMMITTEE**

**The Chairperson of Synod in Committee reported to the President that Synod had considered Bill No 5 and passed the same without amendment.**

**"That the decision of Synod in Committee be the decision of the whole Synod."**

**CARRIED**

**"That the 3rd reading be an Order of the Day for Sunday morning."**

**CARRIED**

## **Bill No 6 – THE GENERAL SYNOD REPRESENTATION BILL 2014**

Moved by Mr Alan Tanner.

Seconded by Canon Dr Bryan Bang

### **DIOCESE OF WAIKATO AND TARANAKI**

#### **BILL NO. 6**

#### **THE GENERAL SYNOD REPRESENTATION BILL 2014**

The Synod of the Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki enacts as

follows –

#### **1 TITLE**

This Statute is the General Synod Representation Statute 2014

#### **2 PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Statute is to make provision for the election of Diocesan representatives to the General Synod/ te Hīnota Whānui in accordance with Title B, Canon I.

#### **3 COMMENCEMENT**

This Statute comes into force at the close of the Synod at which it is enacted.

#### **4 GENERAL SYNOD REPRESENTATION**

The method of nomination and election of Clerical and Lay Representatives to the General Synod is as follows:

- (a) Nominations shall be in writing in the form set out in the Schedule to this Statute. A person may be nominated only by a member of his or her own house and each nomination must be accompanied by a curriculum vitæ or a summary of not more than 100 words outlining the skills and experience of the nominee.
- (b) Nominations shall close immediately prior to the close of business on the first business day of Synod.
- (c) If no more than the required number of candidates is nominated, the President shall declare the candidates to be duly elected.
- (d) If the number of candidates nominated shall exceed the number of representatives required, the voting shall be by secret ballot. The clerical members shall elect the Clerical Representatives and the lay members shall elect the Lay Representatives.
- (e) As soon as practicable after the close of nominations, the President shall announce the names of the candidates and the Synod shall thereupon decide the day and hour of the election.
- (f) If a ballot is required for both Clerical and Lay Representatives, the voting shall take place concurrently.
- (g) In any ballot, voting papers which vote for more than the required number of candidates shall be invalid.

- (h) At the request of a member of Synod, the number of votes obtained by each candidate in the House of that member at each ballot shall be made known.
- (i) If fewer than the required number of candidates is either nominated or elected, the vacancy or vacancies shall be filled by the Standing Committee of the Diocese.

**5 ALTERNATES**

The Diocesan Standing Committee is authorised to appoint alternates to the elected clerical and lay members of General Synod/ te Hīnota Whānui in the event of a member being unable to attend a meeting of that Synod.

**6 REPEAL**

The General Synod Representation Statute 1993 is repealed.

**THE SCHEDULE**

**DIOCESE OF WAIKATO AND TARANAKI**

**Nomination of Clerical or Lay Representative to the General Synod.**

I, ..... , being a Clerical /Lay member of the Diocesan Synod, nominate

.....

who is duly qualified, and whose consent is endorsed hereon, to act as a Clerical /Lay Representative of the Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki in the General Synod and I attach a curriculum vitae/summary of the skills and experience of the candidate.

Dated this ..... day of ..... 20...

Signed ..... Nominator

I, ..... being duly qualified consent to this nomination.

Signed .....

To the President of the Synod

**Bill No 7 THE WAIKATO DIOCESAN WORLD MISSION COMMITTEE  
STATUTE 1999 REPEAL BILL 2014**

Moved by Canon Dr Bryan Bang  
Seconded by Mr Alan Tanner.

**DIOCESE OF WAIKATO AND TARANAKI  
BILL NO. 7**

**THE WAIKATO DIOCESAN WORLD MISSION COMMITTEE STATUTE 1999  
REPEAL BILL 2014**

The Synod of the Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki enacts as follows –

**1 TITLE**

This Statute is the Waikato Diocesan World Mission Committee Statute 1999 Repeal Statute 2014

**2 PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Statute is to repeal the Waikato Diocesan World Mission Committee Statute 1999.

**3 COMMENCEMENT**

This Statute comes into force at the close of the Synod at which it is enacted.

**4 REPEAL**

The Waikato Diocesan World Mission Committee Statute 1999 is repealed

**THAT Synod go into Committee to consider Bill No 7**

**CARRIED**

**5.09 p.m. SYNOD IN COMMITTEE**

**5.10 p.m. SYNOD OUT OF COMMITTEE**

**The Chairperson of Synod in Committee reported to the President that Synod had considered Bill No 5 and passed the same without amendment.**

**“That the decision of Synod in Committee be the decision of the whole Synod.”**

**CARRIED**

**"That the 3rd reading be an Order of the Day for Sunday morning."**

**CARRIED**

# MINUTES OF THE THIRD DAY

## SUNDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2014

**8.00 a.m.**            **BISHOPS' ENTRY** and notices

**Guest:** Mrs Elizabeth Bang, Chair, Waikato Diocesan Trust Board

**8.40 a.m.**            **Synod Eucharist**

**9.27 a.m.** It was moved from the chair that Standing Committee Bill be read a third time.

**CARRIED**

**9.32 a.m.** Bishop Helen-Ann moved from the Chair that the Te Awamutu, and Morrinsville parishes together with St Anne's, Rototuna parishes be thanked for providing morning teas.

**CARRIED**

**9.34 a.m.** The Rev'd Andrew McKean was introduced in his new role as Chaplain at the University of Waikato. The Rev'd McKean acknowledged the introduction and thanked the Synod for its support.

### **SECOND READING OF BILLS**

#### **Bill No 8 THE MISCELLANEOUS STATUTES AMENDMENT BILL 2014**

Moved by Mr Alan Tanner

Seconded by Mrs Joan Honeyfield

### **DIOCESE OF WAIKATO AND TARANAKI**

#### **BILL NO. 8**

#### **THE MISCELLANEOUS STATUTES AMENDMENT BILL 2014**

The Synod of the Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki enacts as follows –

#### **1 TITLE**

This Statute is the Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Statute 2014

#### **2 PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Statute is to make minor amendments to various statutes to clarify or amend provisions, or to correct errors.

#### **3 COMMENCEMENT**

This Statute comes into force at the close of the Synod at which it is enacted.

#### **4 THE INTERPRETATION STATUTE 1990**

- (1) Clause 3 of the Interpretation Statute 1990 is amended as follows –
  - (a) By inserting the following definition: “Faculty” means a written authorisation issued by the bishop for the carrying out of the work therein described.
  - (b) By deleting the definition of “Parish” and substituting the following: “Parish means a Parish or a Mission District as the case may require”.
  - (c) By inserting after the definition of “Parish” the following new definition: - “Parish District means a Parish or a Mission District as the case may require”.
- (2) A new clause 4A is added as follows –

All bills and motions put before the Synod and all matters arising for consideration, revision or renewal by the Synod or the Standing Committee or by any commission, sub-committee or other body established by the Synod or the Standing Committee shall be expressed in language that is inclusive and gender neutral unless the subject matter requires otherwise.

#### **5 THE PARISHES STATUTE 2009**

The Parishes Statute 2009 is amended as follows –

- (1) By deleting clause 20 (7) and substituting the following -
  - (7) Any building, renovation work or other project which a parish proposes to undertake, the costing for which is more than \$10 000 and for which provision is not already made in the parish budget must be approved by a Special General Meeting of the parish and is subject to the provisions of the Faculties Statute 2014.
- (2) By deleting Form B in the Second Schedule.
- (3) By adding a new clause 20 (8) as follows –
  - (8) Following the Annual General Meeting the Secretary of the Vestry or Parish Council, as the case may be, shall without delay send to the Registrar-Manager the names and addresses of the newly elected officers of the Parish.

#### **6 THE CLERGY STIPEND STATUTE 1973**

Clause 3 of the Clergy Stipend Statute 1973 is amended by adding the following proviso –

Provided that where a position is predominantly non-clerical, that position shall attract a salary and not a stipend and the appointing sub-committee shall determine the appropriate employment package and recommend the same to the Bishops.

#### **7 THE WAIKATO DIOCESAN CATHEDRALS STATUTE 2006**

- (1) Clauses 9 and 16 of the Waikato Diocesan Cathedrals Statute 2006 are amended by deleting sub-clause (3) of each clause and substituting the following:
- (2) The Chapter’s function is to foster and monitor
  - (a) the relationship between the Cathedral Parish and the Diocese
  - (b) the role of the Cathedral in the Bishopric
  - (c) the relationship between the Cathedral and the wider civil community.

- (3) Clauses 9 and 16 of the Statute are further amended by deleting the word "Diocese" in sub-clause (4) of each clause and substituting the word "Bishopric".

## **8 THE LAY MINISTRY LICENCES STATUTE 2011**

Schedules three, four and five to the Lay Ministry Licences Statute 2011 are each amended by deleting the expressions "Vol..." and "Fol"... wherever they appear.

## **9 THE WAIKATO DIOCESAN STATUTE OF PASTORS 1993**

(1) Clause 3 of the Waikato Diocesan Statute of Pastors 1993 is amended by deleting sub-clause (1) and substituting the following:

- (1) Whenever any person is to be nominated for an ecclesiastical office for a parish, a Board of Nomination shall be constituted consisting of the Bishop, the Deputy Vicar-General, the Parish Nominators for that parish and up to eight Diocesan Nominators.
- (2) The First Schedule to the Statute is amended by deleting the expressions "Vol..." and "Fol..." wherever they appear.

**THAT Synod go into Committee to consider Bill No 8**

**CARRIED**

**9.37 a.m. SYNOD IN COMMITTEE**

**9.41 p.m. SYNOD OUT OF COMMITTEE**

**The Chairperson of Synod in Committee reported to the President that Synod had considered Bill No 5 and passed the same with amendments.**

**"That the decision of Synod in Committee be the decision of the whole Synod."**

**CARRIED**

**"That the 3rd reading be an Order of the day later today"**

**CARRIED**

**9.43 a.m. –THIRD READING OF BILLS**

Moved, by the President

THAT Bills Nos 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 be read a third time

**CARRIED**

**9.45 Motion 4 Opposition to the legalising of Euthanasia**

Moved: The Ven Trevor Harrison

Seconded: Mrs Philippa Harrison

That this Synod opposes any move to legalise euthanasia or physician-assisted suicide in New Zealand and urges ministry units and individuals to make submissions to this effect should a Bill allowing this be introduced to Parliament.

*It was noted that Maryann Street MP (Labour) had stated that she would seek to have her Private Member's Bill legalising Euthanasia and Physician assisted suicide introduced to Parliament after this year's General Election. The election having been held, Ms Street failed to regain her place in Parliament. Nevertheless, the motion was considered by Synod.*

Speakers against the motion were The Rev Titia Boeren, while the Rev Jim Busfield sought clarification and the Rt Rev Helen-Ann spoke in support of the motion.

The Motion was put and

**CARRIED**

10.02 a.m. Synod rose for morning tea.

10.34 a.m. Synod resumed with prayers led by the Rev'd Ellen Bernstein.

### **ELECTION OF STANDING COMMITTEE**

10.36 a.m. Archbishop Philip moved that Ms Chrys Thomson and Mrs Ruth Riddell be the lay scrutineers and The Ven Andrew Hedge and the Rev'd Christine Scott be the clerical scrutineers.

**CARRIED**

Synod then proceeded to the election of Standing Committee

10.38 a.m. THAT Bill no 8 be recommitted for further consideration  
Mr Alan Tanner moved  
The Chancellor seconded

**CARRIED**

### **10.40 a.m. SYNOD IN COMMITTEE**

#### **10.41 p.m. SYNOD OUT OF COMMITTEE**

**The Chairperson of Synod in Committee reported to the President that Synod had reconsidered the new clause 9 of Bill No 8 and passed the same by removing the word "deputy" from that Clause.**

**"That the decision of Synod in Committee be the decision of the whole Synod."**

**CARRIED**

**"That the 3rd reading be an Order of the day later today"**

**CARRIED**

10.42 a.m. Bill No 8 was read a third time.

10.43 a.m. **Motion No 2**

Moved by Steven Bright (Holy Trinity, Forest Lake)  
Seconded by Miss Pam Earby (Holy Trinity, Forest Lake)

“Given the strength of feeling in the parish of Holy Trinity, Hamilton and across the diocese and province of New Zealand on this matter, that this Synod requests General Synod Standing Committee to hold a referendum across parishes throughout New Zealand to discern support/opposition to GS Motion 30 in order that:

- a) the voice of the people - all lay and clergy in the province - on this matter may be heard
- b) parishes are given the opportunity for meaningful participation in this decision rather than having it handed down to us without local debate via the General Synod process.

We request that this referendum occurs before any substantive decision is made by the next General Synod in 2016, and that General Synod takes into account the results of this referendum in any further decisions they make in regard to GS Motion 30.

The Chancellor spoke to the motion informing Synod that Motion 30 of the General Synod had done nothing more than set up a process by which the matters involved could be investigated, and that no decision which was subsequently made could become effective before 2018 at the earliest.

After Mr Bob Delbridge (Katikati) had spoken in support of the motion, The Rev'd Pat Scaife proposed an amendment to the effect that the General Synod Standing Committee should create a process by which the mind of the Province might be known. This was seconded by Ms Rangi Coddington (Raglan). Mr Ian Bridge spoke against in support of it. Further speakers on the amendment were Ms Heather Riches, the Chancellor, the Rev'd Helene Young and the Ven Anne Mills who spoke against it.

The amendment was put and LOST

Speakers to the original motion were Mr Ian Bridge and Mr John Rush who spoke in support and The Rev'd Andrew McKean and Bishop Helen-Ann who spoke against it,

The Original Motion was then put and LOST.

#### 11.38 a.m. **RESULTS OF ELECTION**

The following were announced as having been elected to the Standing Committee –

The Rev'd Jason Grainger, the Ven Trevor Harrison, the Rev'd Andrew McKean (Clergy) and Canon Dr Bryan Bang, Mrs Joan Honeyfield, and Mr Alan Tanner (Lay).

#### 11.48 Motion 5 – **St Mary's School, Stratford**

“THAT this Synod of the Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki welcomes the progress being made to regularise the relationship of St Mary’s School Stratford with the Diocese and asks Diocesan Management to expedite the development of an appropriate governance and ownership structure for both Waikato Diocesan School for Girls and St Mary’s School Stratford, and also delegates to Standing Committee the authority to enact the necessary changes.”

Moved by The Most Rev Philip Richardson

Seconded by the Rev’d Pat Scaife

The motion was put and

**CARRIED**

11.53 a.m. – It was announced that Synod 2015 would be held on the second weekend of October at Stratford.

11.56 a.m. Motion 6 - **Pensioner Housing**

“THAT this Synod endorses the right of our most vulnerable older citizens to secure, affordable pensioner housing and that social housing providers be supported by the Hamilton City Council to increase the social housing stock for vulnerable citizens.”

Moved by Mrs Karen Morrison-Hume

Seconded by Mrs Jane Manson

The Rev’d Pat Scaife, moved an amendment which was seconded by the Rev’d John Carter, that the words “and other territorial authorities throughout the two Bishoprics” be added after the reference to the Hamilton City Council.

The Rev’d Ellen Bernstein, the Rev’d Amanda Bradley supported the amendment which Ms Virginia Shaw, the Rev’d Peter Le Comte and Mr Maurice Stevens considered that the amendment made the motion controversial. The motion as amended was put and

**CARRIED**

The Amended motion, having become the substantive motion was put on the motion of the Archbishop and

**CARRIED**

12.13 p.m. **PRESENTATIONS**

Presentations were made to

The Rev’d Craig Luccock

The Ven Andrew Hedge, and

The Ven Anne Mills

On their leaving the Diocese, The Rev’d Craig Luccock returning the Canada, the Ven Andrew Hedge to be 16<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Waiapu, and the Ven Anne Mills for the Auckland Diocese.

Each of the recipients replied thanking the Synod for its good wishes.

12.30 p.m. It was moved that the Ballot papers be destroyed

Moved Ms Chrys Thompson

Seconded The Rev’d John Carter.

**CARRIED**

Greetings were received from the Rev’d Gabriel Jens.

12.312 p.m. **VOTES OF APPRECIATION.**

A motion,

Moved by The Rev'd Hélène Young

Seconded by Mrs Joan Honeyfield

thanking the many people who had worked for the success of the Synod was  
**PASSED** with acclamation.

12.36 pm. Closing prayers were led by the Rev'd Ellen Bernstein

12.39 p.m. Notices regarding pictorial displays, Christmas Services help, and the  
rugby score were given.

12.41 p.m. **Synod Closure.**