

2023 Yearbook

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SECTION ONE

Synod Business

Legal Business Committee Report

This is the report of the Legal Business Committee which operates under Standing Order 7 and has functions under the Standing Orders and Standing Resolutions Statute 1968.

It is a Committee of four members (with power to co-opt) appointed on the first day of the First Session of each Synod. The present Committee is: the Worshipful Amanda Mark (Chancellor), Ms Dawn Jones, Mr Richard Gay, Mr Andrew Peat, The Venerable Michael Berry and Mrs Katy Bexley.

The Diocesan Manager is an ex-officio member. The Deputy Diocesan Manager acts as Secretary.

The Committee's functions include:

1. reviewing bills and motions coming before Synod and considering how they relate to and affect existing Diocesan Statutes and the Constitution and Canons of the Church. This often means working with movers of legal business to suggest amendments to address legal issues and ensure clarity;
2. promoting new Bills or amendments to improve the Diocesan Statutes;
3. reporting to Diocesan Council on the effect of Statutes and resolutions passed at Synod and recommending action accordingly; and
4. considering resolutions passed at previous sessions of Synod and whether any should remain in force, as Standing Resolutions.

The Committee has reviewed the legal business to be introduced at the 2023 Synod and made appropriate amendments in consultation with their movers.

The Committee is happy to assist any members of Synod who wish to initiate bills or motions, and would encourage early engagement.

Standing Resolutions

As part of its function, the Committee has reviewed resolutions of the 2022 Synod to consider whether any of them could become a Standing Resolution.

In the absence of express statutory definition, the Committee has taken the view that Standing Resolutions are resolutions which:

1. address matters of significance to the mission and ministry of the Diocese, statements of policy, or other matters which are of ongoing effect and relevance;
2. have not been completed, expired, become irrelevant, or incorporated in a constitutional document, statute, Canon, or Regulation; and
3. are of such importance that it is desirable that they have ongoing effect.

As such they will be relatively rare.

Having reviewed the resolutions of the 2022 Synod and reflected on the matters listed above, the Committee recommends that 'Motion 4', as set out in the schedule annexed, becomes a Standing Resolution. It moves accordingly.

As part of its function, the Committee also reviews previous Standing Resolutions to consider whether any of them should now be annulled. The Committee has reviewed the Standing Resolutions and does not consider any should be annulled at this time.

Motions

Over the last several years the Committee has asked that Motions are concise, limited to specific actions to be taken by Synod. It has asked that Motions do not include background commentary or assertions. The legal effect of such statements can be unclear and problematic. The statements are properly included in the mover and seconder's speeches but are not appropriate for the motion itself.

Similarly footnotes, citations, external references and material of an advocacy nature are not suitable for including in motions. Explanatory Notes should only be used where necessary to clarify the effect or meaning of a clause and not to justify or promote the merits of the text.

Other Matters

Review of Existing Legislation

The Committee is continuing its work reviewing existing statutes and anticipates working with interested groups in the coming year to assist in introducing refreshed bills for consideration.

Modernising the Presentation of Standing Resolutions

As part of its work reviewing existing Statutes, the Committee has also reviewed how Standing Resolutions are published. That review has included formatting updates and removal (to archives) of references to annulled resolutions. The new format of the Standing Resolutions which are in force is available on the Diocesan website.

It appears some of the current Standing Resolutions ought to more properly be reflected in Statutes. The Committee intends to undertake a review in that respect in the coming year.

Legal Business Committee Membership

The Committee has invited, and elected to co-opt, Mrs Katy Bexley to join its membership. It welcomes Mrs Bexley and thanks her in advance for her service.

Finally, the Committee welcomes members of Synod initiating bills and is happy to work with members on any proposals.

Andrew Peat

Legal Business Committee

Schedule – Motions recommended to become Standing Resolutions

Resolutions of the 2022 Synod that are recommended to become Standing Resolutions:

Motion 4

Care of Creation – Our Urban Ngahere (Motion 4)

THAT this Synod,

1. Affirms the crucial role of trees and other plants for the continuation of life on this planet, with their oxygen production, carbon sequestration and their other gifts and services.
2. Urges all Anglicans and others:
 - a. to be pro-active in promoting appreciation and protection of trees and vegetation in general; and
 - b. to educate other people about the importance and benefits of trees and
3. Encourages ministry units to explore ways in which land under their stewardship can be used to enhance native biodiversity.

Bills

LEGAL BUSINESS OMNIBUS

Bill 1

MOVED BY The Venerable Michael Berry

SECONDED BY Mrs Katy Bexley

A BILL ENTITLED "STATUTE TO AMEND VARIOUS STATUTES"

WHEREAS it is desired to update various statutes to provide consistency and clarity;

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the Bishop, Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Auckland in Synod assembled as follows:

1. SHORT TITLE

The short title of this statute shall be "STATUTE TO AMEND VARIOUS STATUTES".

2. INTERPRETATION STATUTE 2021

2.1 A new clause 15 be added as follows:

15. Any reference in legislation to repealed legislation is a reference to legislation that, with or without modification, replaces, or corresponds to, the legislation repealed.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Occasionally, cross-referenced legislation may be updated (either diocesan statutes or government legislation). The proposed amendment is to ensure the Interpretation Statute 2021 provides a mechanism for those cross-references to be addressed without requiring individual statute(s) to be amended each time.

3. DIOCESAN COUNCIL STATUTE 2019

3.1 Clause 17b is deleted and replaced with the following:

17b. cause a summary of the business of Diocesan Council to be published on the diocesan website after each of its meetings; and

EXPLANATORY NOTE

Diocesan Council business is summarized and made available on the diocesan website. The proposed amendment confirms this practice.

4. MINISTRY UNIT STATUTE 2013

4.1 Clause 2 is deleted and replaced with the following:

2. The following words shall have the interpretation and meaning attached to them as listed below. Other words shall have the meanings listed in the Interpretation Statute 2021.

"administrator"	a person who is a member of both the ministry support team and the council of a local shared ministry unit, who has responsibility for co-ordination of the ministry support team and liaison between the ministry support team and the council
"audit"	system of independent assurance review as Diocesan Council may from time to time specify
"churchwardens"	the wardens of a parish or a mission district (a local shared ministry unit does not have churchwardens)
"elected member"	person elected as a member of a governing body pursuant to this statute, who does not hold that membership by virtue only of some other role or office
"general meeting"	an annual general meeting or a special general meeting of the members of the ministry unit
"legally eligible"	under church law, for appointment to an office within the Church; or under any other law, to be an officer of a charitable organisation, as if the ministry unit was a charitable organisation to which such law applied
"ministry unit trust"	any trust for the benefit of a ministry unit (includes a parochial trust board or other trust board under the Local Trusts Statute 1927)
"officer"	the chairperson, churchwardens, secretary or treasurer of a ministry unit
"trustees"	the trustees of any site on which a church stands, and includes any incorporated trust board of such trustees

4.2 In clauses 42, 66 – 69, 79, 81, 83c, and 113:

the word 'minister' be replaced by 'minister in charge'.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

A number of the definitions currently listed are either already defined within the statute or are now incorporated in the Interpretation Statute 2021, while some are not consistent with other statutes. Thus, it is proposed to update the list accordingly.

In this statute, the word 'minister' is used to refer to clergy, specifically the clergyperson in charge. The phrase 'minister in charge' is defined in the Interpretation Statute 2021 and is also used in the Licensed Ministry Statute 2021. Hence it is a more appropriate term to describe the role to which this statute refers.

Bills

AUCKLAND CITY MISSION (TE TĀPUI ATAWHAI)

Bill 2

MOVED BY The Venerable Michael Berry
SECONDED BY Ms Helen Robinson

A BILL ENTITLED "A STATUTE TO UPDATE PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE AUCKLAND CITY MISSION (TE TĀPUI ATAWHAI)"

"WHEREAS it is desired to update the statute governing the Auckland City Mission (Te Tāpui Atawhai);

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the Bishop, Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Auckland in Synod assembled as follows:

- SHORT TITLE**
The short title of this Statute shall be "A STATUTE TO UPDATE PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE AUCKLAND CITY MISSION (TE TĀPUI ATAWHAI)".
- REPEAL**
The Auckland City Mission Statute 2009 is hereby repealed.
- ENACTMENT**
The Statute included in the Schedule is hereby enacted."

Schedule

AUCKLAND CITY MISSION STATUTE 2023

BE IT ENACTED by the Bishop, Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Auckland in Synod assembled:

- The short title of this Statute shall be "AUCKLAND CITY MISSION STATUTE 2023".

INTERPRETATION

- In this Statute, unless the context otherwise requires, "Archdeacon" means the Archdeacon responsible for the Church of St Matthew's-in-the-City.

CONTINUATION OF THE AUCKLAND CITY MISSION

- There shall continue to be an entity named Auckland City Mission (Te Tāpui Atawhai), ("the Mission") furthering the Christian ministry of the Church as an expression of the redeeming love of God for all people, especially for those most in need.
- The Mission is:
 - the same entity established in 1920 and constituted by the Auckland Diocesan City Mission Statute 1953, the Auckland City Mission Statute 1971 and the Auckland City Mission Statute 2009, and incorporated as a board in 1972 under the Charitable Trusts Act 1957; and
 - responsible for the general social work of the Diocese.
- The members of the board for the time being of the Mission ("the Board") shall cause themselves to remain incorporated as a board under the Charitable Trusts Act 1957 under the name Auckland City Mission (Te Tāpui Atawhai).
- The charitable objects of the Mission are confirmed to be the general social work of the Diocese.

AUCKLAND CITY MISSIONER (MANUTAKI)

- There shall be an Auckland City Missioner (Manutaki), ("the Missioner"), appointed to that office by the Board, with the prior written approval of the Bishop, and under such employment arrangements as the Board may determine.
- The Missioner must be appropriately licensed or authorised by the Bishop to carry out the ministry that forms part of the functions of the office of Missioner.
- The Missioner shall be the chief executive officer of the Mission and shall have general charge of the Mission and the conduct of its social work in the Diocese subject to the directions of the Board and the conditions of the Missioner's appointment.
- The Missioner shall not be eligible for appointment as a trustee unless, prior to its appointment of the Missioner, the Board unanimously agrees that the Missioner shall be eligible for such appointment.
- If the Missioner is not a trustee, the Missioner shall be invited to attend, and shall have speaking rights at, all meetings of the Board unless the Board resolves it is appropriate for particular matters to be discussed by the Board in the absence of the Missioner.
- The Missioner shall hold office until they resign by notice in writing to the Board, die or are removed from office in accordance with the provisions of clause 13.
- The Board may, by special resolution, remove the Missioner from office at any time if, in the opinion of the Board, the continuation of the Missioner in office is not in the best interests of the Mission.

BOARD

- The Board shall consist of no fewer than seven, nor more than twelve trustees, comprising,
 - up to one trustee appointed by the Bishop. For the avoidance of doubt, the Bishop may appoint himself;
 - up to four trustees appointed by Diocesan Council (the Diocesan Trustees);
 - up to seven persons appointed by the trustees (the General Trustees), provided that neither the Archdeacon nor the Chancellor shall be eligible to be trustees.
- An appointment as a Diocesan or General Trustee shall be for a term of not more than three years, following which the trustee shall be eligible for re-appointment.
- A trustee may resign at any time by written notice to the Board and:
 - the Bishop, in the case of a trustee appointed by the Bishop; or
 - Diocesan Council, in the case of a Diocesan Trustee.
- A trustee may at any time, be removed by the party that appointed them, by notice in writing to the Board and the trustee concerned, provided in the case of a General Trustee the Board shall first pass a special resolution for such removal.
- The quorum for all meetings shall be a simple majority of trustees appointed.
- All decisions of the Board shall be made by a majority decision of those trustees present and voting, each trustee having one vote.
- The Board shall have power to do all things that, in the opinion of the Board, are necessary or desirable for achievement of the responsibilities of the Mission.

DEADLOCK

- If at any time the Archdeacon and the Chancellor reasonably consider the Board to be deadlocked to the extent that the Board is unable to carry out the responsibilities of the Mission or that management and administration of the Mission are being restricted to the detriment of the Mission, then they may, with the approval of Diocesan Council, by written notice to the Board, jointly dissolve the Board.
- Immediately upon any dissolution of the Board under clause 21, the Bishop, Archdeacon and Chancellor shall be and become interim trustees comprising the Board with all the functions, duties and powers of the Board.

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23. Within three months following the date of any dissolution of the Board under clause 21, the Bishop, Archdeacon and Chancellor must,
 - a. ask the Diocesan Council to appoint new Diocesan Trustees; and
 - b. appoint new General Trustees.
24. Upon the making of the appointments under clause 23, the Archdeacon and the Chancellor will be deemed to have resigned as interim trustees and the Bishop, together with the persons appointed under clause 23, will constitute a new Board.

ANNUAL REPORT

25. The Board shall present to the Synod at each annual session of the Synod a report on the activities of the Mission for the preceding year together with audited financial statements of the affairs of the Mission.

WINDING UP

26. The Mission shall not be wound up unless,
 - a. the Board has first determined that it is impossible, impracticable or inexpedient to carry out the purposes of the Mission; and
 - b. Synod has:
 - i. agreed with that assessment and approved the winding up and the subsequent repeal of this Statute; and
 - ii. provided for disposition of the surplus assets of the Mission to some other entity associated with the Church with similar charitable purposes to those of the Mission, and failing that, to the Diocese for its general charitable purposes in New Zealand.

DEED OF TRUST

27. The Board shall have power from time to time, by deed of trust or by regulation, to make provision for any:
 - a. function, duty or power of the Mission or the Board that may be necessary or desirable for the furtherance of the social work of the Mission; and
 - b. administrative matter concerning the Mission or the Board that may be necessary or desirable to facilitate the proper functioning of the Board.
28. Such deed or regulations, and any amendments thereto, shall:
 - a. be consistent with this Statute, and
 - b. make provision for all matters dealt with by this Statute.
29. Any such deed of trust or regulation shall remain subordinate to this Statute.
30. The Board shall send to the Diocesan Council a copy of any deed of trust or regulation (or variation of them) promptly after signing or passing the same.



Stained glass window, Holy Trinity Cathedral
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Motions

LEGAL BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Motion 1

MOVED BY The Chancellor

SECONDED BY The Venerable Michael Berry

"THAT whereas the Standing Orders and Standing Resolutions Statute 1968 authorises the Legal Business Committee to review resolutions passed at a previous Session of Synod or to amend any Standing Resolutions, with a view to determining which resolutions shall be maintained in force as Standing Resolutions of Synod, Synod therefore:

1. Receives the report of the Legal Business Committee;
2. Designates Motion 4 – Synod 2022 be made a Standing Resolution, namely:

Care of Creation Our Urban Ngahere

THAT this Synod:

1. Affirms the crucial role of trees and other plants for the continuation of life on this planet, with their oxygen production, carbon sequestration and their other gifts and services;
 2. Urges all Anglicans and others to:
 - a. be pro-active in promoting appreciation and protection of trees and vegetation in general; and
 - b. educate other people about the importance and benefit of trees; and
 3. Encourages ministry units to explore ways in which land under their stewardship can be used to enhance native biodiversity.
3. Recommends Standing Resolution 32. Common Life & Partnership and Bicultural Development be amended as follows:

In clause 3c the words "in each of the Sector Councils" be deleted so that it shall read:

"effective monitoring of partnership and bicultural development matters in the Diocese and in Diocesan Council".

THE CALENDAR TE MARAMATAKA AMENDMENT

Motion 2

MOVED BY The Reverend Clare Barrie

SECONDED BY The Reverend Ivica Gregurec

"THAT this Synod,

Assents to Statute 763 passed by General Synod Te Hīnota Whānui 2022 entitled "The Calendar Te Maramataka Amendment Statute, 2022."

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Statute 763

The Calendar Te Maramataka Amendment Statute, 2022

Whereas:

- (a) The General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui by Statute 438 in 1988 confirmed the adoption of The Calendar Te Maramataka as a Formulary, and
- (b) This formulary has been variously amended by the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui since that date, and
- (c) This formulary requires further updating to incorporate consequential changes agreed by General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui, and
- (d) The Common Life Liturgical Commission wishes to make provision for consistency between the formulary and the developed practice of the Lectionary.

The General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui enacts as follows:


1. **Title:** The title of this Statute shall be *The Calendar Te Maramataka Amendment Statute, 2022*.
2. **Purpose:** To update and amend The Calendar Te Maramataka.
3. **The Calendar Te Maramataka** is amended as follows:
 - 3.1 On pp 4-6:
 - (a) page 4 line 19, change (Second Sunday to the Sixth Sunday of Epiphany)* to (Second Sunday to the Fourth Sunday of Epiphany)*
 - (b) page 6 – replace current text with:
 - line 1 Heading: **Sundays in Ordinary Time**
 - line 2: Sundays after the Presentation till Lent*
 - line 3: Trinity Sunday: First Sunday after Pentecost
 - line 4: Te Pouhere Sunday: Second Sunday after Pentecost
 - line 5: Sundays after Te Pouhere Sunday till Advent*
 - line 6: Sunday before Advent - 34th Sunday in ordinary time
 - line 7: *The number of Sundays after Epiphany or Pentecost depends upon the date of Easter.
 - line 8: See Table on pages 940-941.

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- 3.2 On page 8, change to line 8: St Matthias the Apostle, 14 May and make the consequential amendments to page 15 and 18, and to the Standing Resolutions Appendix B 'Notes on the Calendar'.
- 3.3 On page 15, remove from 24 '**St Matthias the Apostle**'
On page 18, insert at 14 following Ngakuku, Missionary in Mataatua, '**St Matthias the Apostle**'
In Appendix B 'Notes on the Calendar' delete '24 February, or' from St Matthias the Apostle / Matiaha Tapu, te Apotoro (24 February, or 14 May) and appropriately reorder St Matthias in the list of Festivals.
4. **Clause 3 of this Statute** is the adoption of a specific proposal in terms of Part B, Clause 6(a) of the Constitution/ te Pouhere, and Section 4(a) of the Church of England Empowering Act 1928, and shall be made known to Te Rūnanganui o Te Pihopatanga o Aotearoa, the Synod of the Diocese of Polynesia, and the several Diocesan Synods in New Zealand.

We certify that this Statute was passed by the General Synod/ te Hīnota Whānui on 28 October 2022. As witnessed by our hands 13 February 2023.


P Richardson
Primate and Archbishop


D Tamihere
Primate and Archbishop

THE LITURGIES OF THE EUCHARIST AMENDMENT (ALL SAINTS DAY PRAYER)

Motion 3

MOVED BY The Reverend Ivica Gregurec

SECONDED BY Ms Jessica Hughes

"THAT this Synod,

Assents to Statute 766 passed by General Synod Te Hīnota Whānui 2022 entitled "The Liturgies of the Eucharist Amendment Statute, 2022."

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Statute 766

The Liturgies of the Eucharist Amendment Statute, 2022

Whereas:

- (a) The General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui by Statute 457 in 1988 confirmed the adoption of The Liturgies of the Eucharist as a Formulary, and
- (b) This included the Seasonal Sentences, Prayers, and Blessings on pages 525 to 545 of A New Zealand Prayer Book – He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa, and
- (c) With the adoption in 2010 of a Schema rearranging for the 3-year lectionary the Sentences, Prayers and Readings for the Churches Year on pages 550-723, it is noted that certain prayers do not appear in the Schema, and so
- (d) The Common Life Liturgical Commission wishes to move the Prayers after Communion for All Saints' Day, previously on pages 671 and 672 of A New Zealand Prayer Book – He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa to a new page following page 543, in the section entitled 'Seasonal Sentences, Prayers, and Blessings for use after Communion', and
- (e) To regularise the season headings in this section with the removal of some words, and noting
- (f) A 2020 version of this Bill was introduced to the GSTHW 2020 and deferred.

The General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui enacts as follows:

1. **Title:** The title of this Statute shall be *The Liturgies of the Eucharist Amendment Statute, 2022*.
2. **Purpose:** To allow for the Prayers after Communion for All Saints' Day to be included in The Liturgies of the Eucharist, and to regularise season headings.
3. **The Liturgies of the Eucharist** are amended as follows:
at the appropriate place on a new page 543a, the words

Motions

All Saints' Day

1 November

Prayer after Communion

God,

we give you praise and glory

for all your saints,

who have followed the way of Christ

in the power of the Holy Spirit.

May we learn from their example and rejoice in your call to us

to bring your kingdom to all.

We praise and thank you Holy Spirit of God,
for the men and women you have called to be saints;
from your first fallible, frightened friends
who followed you to Jerusalem,
through the centuries of discovery and growth,
people of every class and temperament
down to the present day.

We praise you, Holy Spirit, for calling us
to serve you now,
for baptising us to represent you
in this broken world.
Help us to be Christ's united body to heal and reconcile;
help us to share Christ's life with everyone.

Lord of hosts,
we praise your glory reflected in your saints;
may we who share at this table
be filled with the joy of your eternal kingdom,
where Jesus is Lord
now and for ever.

are inserted, and to delete the word 'The' from the title 'The Season of Easter' on page 536, and from the title 'The Day of Pentecost' on page 541.

4. Clause 3 of this Statute is the adoption of a specific proposal in terms of Part B, Clause 6(a) of the Constitution/ te Pouhere, and Section 4(a) of the Church of England Empowering Act 1928, and shall be made known to Te Rūnanganui o Te Pihopatanga o Aotearoa, the Synod of the Diocese of Polynesia, and the several Diocesan Synods in New Zealand.

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THE LITURGIES OF THE WORD AMENDMENT (GLORIA ALTERNATIVES)

Motion 4

MOVED BY The Venerable Carole Hughes

SECONDED BY Captain Peter Lloyd

"THAT this Synod,

Assents to Statute 767 passed by General Synod Te Hīnota Whānui 2022 entitled "The Liturgies of the Word Amendment Statute, 2022."

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Statute 767

The Liturgies of the Word Amendment Statute, 2022

Whereas:


- The General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui by Statute 453 in 1988 confirmed the adoption of The Liturgies of the Word as a Formulary, and
- This included words for the Gloria to be said at the end of a Psalm, on page 55-56 of A New Zealand Prayer Book – He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa, and
- The Common Life Liturgical Commission wishes to add to these liturgies additional alternatives for the Gloria sourced from *Celebrating Common Prayer* and the *Order of Saint Helena Breviary*, and noting
- A 2020 version of this Bill was introduced to the GSTHW 2020 and deferred.

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The General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui enacts as follows:

- Title:** The title of this Statute shall be *The Liturgies of the Word Amendment Statute, 2022*.
- Purpose:** To allow for alternative words for the Gloria to be added to The Liturgies of the Word.
- The Liturgies of the Word** are amended as follows:
at the appropriate place on page 56, following the words
ā, haere ake nei. Āmine.
the words
Or
**Glory to God, Source of all being, Eternal Word, and Holy Spirit,*
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.**
Or
**Glory to God, Source of all being, Incarnate Word, and Holy Spirit,*
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**
Or
**Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the
beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**
Or
Glory to the Trinity, the only God, for ever and ever.
are inserted.
- Clause 3 of this Statute is the adoption of a specific proposal in terms of Part B, Clause 6(a) of the Constitution/ te Pouhere, and Section 4(a) of the Church of England Empowering Act 1928, and shall be made known to Te Rūnanganui o Te Pihopatanga o Aotearoa, the Synod of the Diocese of Polynesia, and the several Diocesan Synods in New Zealand.

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DIOCESAN COMMITTEE FOR OVERSEAS MISSION

Motion 5

MOVED BY The Reverend Daniel Pillay

SECONDED BY The Reverend Jeff Odhiambo

"THAT this Synod,

- Recognises the impact of Anglican Missions in supporting mission, development, and humanitarian work, especially in the Pacific region.
- Thanks all the ministry units that contribute to Anglican Missions and encourages other ministry units to also contribute as they can; and
- Sets a target of \$190,000.00 to support this work."

EXPLANATORY NOTES

The target amount was a gradual increase based on our last year's target. The Diocesan Committee for Overseas Mission agreed to this target in our June meeting.

For reports, please refer to the yearbook for Diocesan Committee for Overseas Mission and Anglican Missions, as well as the Anglican Missions website www.angmissions.org.nz www.nzcms.org.nz

MAKE IT 16

Motion 6

MOVED BY Ms Jessica Hughes

SECONDED BY Mr Nick Mercer

"THAT this Synod,

Supports lowering the voting age for local and general elections to 16 years of age."

EXPLANATORY NOTES

There has been conversation in recent years around lowering the voting age to 16 years of age in both local body elections and general elections. We support this move as we know that young people are capable of taking in information, considering it and coming to a conclusive action. You can find more information about both suggestions in the appropriate report and interim report, and from the 'Make it 16' campaign.

Local Government Final Report: Review into the Future for Local Government Final Report, 'He piki tūranga, he piki kōtuku,' (page 89)

<https://www.futureforlocalgovernment.govt.nz/assets/future-for-local-government-final-report.pdf>

General elections: Independent Electoral Review Interim Report (page 116)

<https://electoralreview.govt.nz/assets/PDF/IER-Interim-Report.pdf>

Make it 16

<https://www.makeit16.org.nz/>

Motions

REMOVING STUMBLING BLOCKS FROM CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

Motion 7

MOVED BY Mrs Ruth Read
SECONDED BY The Reverend Onosai Auva'a

"THAT this Synod,
Requests the Diocesan Council adopt policy compatible with Christian teachings and doctrine to protect all children from:
a. gender and sex indoctrination inappropriate to their age even below the official age of consent; and
b. policies and practices of educational and other institutions that threaten the sense of safety and modesty of children."

EXPLANATORY NOTES
"Relationships and Sexual Education" is part of the Health and Physical Education Curriculum.
We are not happy with some of the content which is going to be taught to Primary School Children.
In the United Kingdom this has been tried before and there has been a great backlash from the Public.
So maybe we should be a bit more proactive and not let it get to full fruition.

REMOVING FOSSIL FUEL INVESTMENTS FROM THE DIOCESAN PORTFOLIO

Motion 8

MOVED BY Ms Anne Walsh
SECONDED BY Ms Vicky Mee

"THAT this Synod,
Calls upon the Diocesan Council to advise to Trust Investments Management Limited to achieve a 0% threshold for fossil fuel investments as soon as possible and within the next 12 months at the latest."

EXPLANATORY NOTES
The World Resources Institute has summarized the 2023 IPCC Report and stated that "The world must rapidly shift away from burning fossil fuels — the number one cause of the climate crisis".
Refer:
www.wri.org/insights/2023-ipcc-ar6-synthesis-report-climate-change-findings
The Church of England announced on 22 June 2023 that it is divesting from fossil fuels in its multibillion pound endowment and pension funds by the end of 2023 over climate concerns.
Refer:
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