



## **DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND**

### **PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SEVENTH SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND**

#### ***FIRST DAY – THURSDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2022***

##### WORSHIP

Members of the Synod gathered for a Eucharist in the Church of St Mary's in Holy Trinity Cathedral, Parnell. The Rt Rev'd Ross Bay presided. The Preacher was Ms Helen Robinson, City Missioner.

##### QUORUM

The Diocesan Manager, Ms Sonia Maugham, certified that the requisite number of members were present to constitute the Synod. The President of the Synod formally constituted the Synod at 6.33pm.

At the conclusion of the Eucharist, members gathered in the Cathedral for the continuation of the Synod with The Rt Rev'd Ross Bay presiding.

##### APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were recorded in the attendance registers.

##### ORDER OF THE DAY:

##### **THE BISHOP'S CHARGE**

The Rt Rev'd Ross Bay, Bishop of Auckland, delivered the Bishop's Charge.

##### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Diocesan Manager made some announcements and the President made an announcement.

##### GREETINGS

Greetings were received from the Dioceses of Waikato-Taranaki, Waiapu, Wellington, Nelson, Christchurch, and Dunedin and from Bishop Te Kitohi Pikaahu and Dean Anne Mills.

##### MOTIONS SOUGHT TO BE INTRODUCED

No motions were sought to be introduced.

## APPOINTMENTS

(a) **Order Paper Committee**

THE PRESIDENT MOVED:

“THAT the Order Paper Committee be the Diocesan Bishop, the Chancellor, and Deputy to the Diocesan Manager.”

*AGREED*

(b) **Synod Officers**

THE PRESIDENT MOVED:

“THAT the following be appointed as Officers of the Fifty-Seventh Synod:

<i>Clerical Secretary</i>	The Rev'd Peter Jenkins
<i>Deputy Clerical Secretary</i>	The Rev'd Kate Berkley
<i>Lay Secretary</i>	Ms Ruth Peterson
<i>Deputy Lay Secretary</i>	<i>Vacant</i>
<i>Chair of Committees</i>	Ms Dawn Jones
<i>Deputy Chair of Committees</i>	Mrs Katy Bexley
<i>Clerk of Committees</i>	The Rev'd Matthew Griffiths
<i>Deputy Clerk of Committees</i>	The Rev'd Gendi Burwell”

*AGREED*

(c) **Legal Business Committee**

THE PRESIDENT MOVED:

“THAT the following be appointed as members of the Legal Business Committee: Mr Andrew Peat, Ms Dawn Jones, Mr Richard Gay, The Reverend Amanda Mark, The Venerable Michael Berry.”

*AGREED*

## REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS TO BE TABLED

The Diocesan Manager tabled the following:

Minute Book of Diocesan Council

Terrier of Properties in terms of Title F Canon III Clause 4.2

## PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

(a) **Hours of Business**

THE PRESIDENT MOVED:

"THAT the hours of business of this First Session of the Fifty-Seventh Synod be:

- i. Thursday 1 September 2022 - from 6.30pm to 9.00pm;
- ii. Friday 2 September 2022 - from 8.30am to 5.30pm including meal and refreshment breaks at 10.30am-11.00am, 1.00pm-1.45pm and 3.00pm-3.45pm; provided that any sitting may be extended by Motion Without Notice."

*AGREED*

(b) **Auditors**

THE PRESIDENT MOVED:

“THAT BDO be appointed auditors for the following entities for the year ended December 2022: Diocesan Council; Anglican Trusts Board.”

*AGREED*

(c) **Elections: Variation to Process and Close of Nominations**

THE PRESIDENT MOVED:

“THAT:

- 1) the following variations be made to the Elections and General Synod Representation Statute 2010 for the remainder of the First Session of the Fifty-Seventh Synod:

**NOMINATIONS**

- a. clauses 4.1 - 4.2 and 4.5 are suspended and nominations received via the published online process are accepted; and

**ELECTIONS**

- b. clause 5.4 is suspended and Ms Dawn Jones and The Rev'd Matthew Griffiths are appointed to act as scrutineers and assist the Diocesan Manager in conducting the elections;

*Ballot Papers*

- c. clauses 5.6 – 5.8 shall be observed in principle, except that the election shall be conducted using an electronic voting system rather than being conducted by ballot paper;

*Voting*

- d. clauses 5.10 – 5.11 are suspended;

*Counting and Validity of Votes*

- e. clauses 5.12 – 5.13 are suspended and the Diocesan Manager will count and report votes in accordance with reports from the electronic voting system; and

**OUTCOME OF ELECTIONS**

- f. clause 6.1 is suspended;
- 2) nominations will close at the end of this sitting; and
  - 3) the elections take place on Friday 2 September immediately before morning tea.”

*AGREED*

MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

LEGAL BUSINESS COMMITTEE

MOVED BY: The Chancellor  
SECONDED BY: The Venerable Michael Berry

MOTION ONE

“THAT this Synod,  
Receives the report of the Legal Business Committee.”

*AGREED*

CLOSING PRAYERS were led by Bishop Ross.

ADJOURNMENT

The President declared Synod adjourned at 8.58pm.

## ***SECOND DAY – FRIDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2022***

SYNOD IN SESSION at 8.34am, The Rt Rev'd Ross Bay presiding.

### MORNING PRAYERS

Morning Prayers were led by the Synod Chaplain.

### APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were recorded in the attendance registers.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Diocesan Manager made some announcements.

### QUESTIONS

Pursuant to clause 28 of the Standing Orders, Mr FaAfuhia Fia requested that the House of Laity withdraw to discuss a question.

Mr David Hall asked a question.

### MOTIONS SOUGHT TO BE INTRODUCED

No motions were sought to be introduced.

### ORDER OF THE DAY

The Ven. Carole Hughes presiding.

### **Presentation of Report of Diocesan Council**

Ms Elizabeth Witton and The Rev'd Gendi Burwell spoke to the Diocesan Council's Report.

### QUESTIONS

The Chancellor gave advice to Synod on the request of Mr FaAfuhia Fia.

9.21am            Synod adjourned for the House of Laity to meet in conference

9.52am            Synod in session, The Rt Rev'd Ross Bay presiding

Ms Valonia Lawrence asked questions on behalf of the House of Laity.

The President sought leave to amend the Order Paper.

*LEAVE GRANTED*

## ORDER OF THE DAY

### **Elections to Diocesan Council; the Clergy Remuneration and Retirement Committee; and the Pool of Potential Diocesan Nominators**

The President invited the candidates for election to introduce themselves.

The candidates for Diocesan Council:

The lay candidates were: Ms Angela Dalton.

The clergy candidates were: The Rev'd Dr Kim Benton, The Rev'd Nyasha Gumbeze.

The Clergy Remuneration and Retirement Committee candidates were: Ms Nichola Christie; Mr Ian Pallas.

The candidates for the Pool of Potential Diocesan Nominators:

The lay candidates were: Mr Brian Burnett; Mr Graeme Ham; Mr Grant Hodgson; Ms Fay Pankhurst; Ms Ruth Peterson.

The clergy candidates were: The Rev'd Louise Anderson; The Rev'd Learne McGrath; The Rev'd Sarah Park; The Rev'd Dr Tony Surman.

The Diocesan Manager gave instructions on voting.

### **First Ballot for Elections**

The first ballots were held for elections to Diocesan Council, the Clergy Remuneration and Retirement Committee, and the Pool of Potential Diocesan Nominators.

10.39am Synod adjourned for Morning Tea

11.15am Synod in session

## ORDER OF THE DAY

### **The Maintenance Challenge**

The Rev'd Beccs Conolly and The Rev'd Peter Jenkins presented on the property maintenance challenge facing ministry units in the Diocese.

11.27am Synod in conference

11.57am Synod in session

MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

MINISTRY UNIT PROPERTY

MOTION 6

MOVED BY Mr Ian Dally  
SECONDED BY The Reverend Josh Jones

“THAT this Synod,

1. Requests that the Diocesan Council establish a consultative property working group, to explore ways to support ministry units faced with significant maintenance works and new building projects, including the simplification of diocesan processes, new tools to support charitable trust applications and more flexible funding options where possible.
2. Asks that the working group reports back to Diocesan Council in sufficient time for the motions or bills necessary to implement any changes required to be brought to Synod 2023.”

AMENDMENT

MOVED Mr Tony Randerson  
SECONDED The Rev’d Andrew Beyer

“To add to paragraph 1, “The working group is requested to undertake a long-term strategic review of the physical resources of the Diocese and the best physical and funding structures to deliver the mission of the Church into the future.””

*AGREED*

The motion (as amended) was put.

*AGREED*

The final Motion 6 reads:

THAT this Synod,

1. Requests that the Diocesan Council establish a consultative property working group, to explore ways to support ministry units faced with significant maintenance works and new building projects, including the simplification of diocesan processes, new tools to support charitable trust applications and more flexible funding options where possible. The working group is requested to undertake a long-term strategic review of the physical resources of the Diocese and the best physical and funding structures to deliver the mission of the Church into the future.
2. Asks that the working group reports back to Diocesan Council in sufficient time for the motions or bills necessary to implement any changes required to be brought to Synod 2023.

The President acknowledged Ms Sarah Hipkiss and Ms Marie Nickalls of Trust Investments Management Limited. The President sought the leave of Synod for Ms Sarah Hipkiss to be given permission to speak.

*AGREED*

The President sought leave to extend the sitting to 1.15pm.

*AGREED*

**MINISTRY UNIT CENTRALISED ACCOUNTING  
SERVICES REVIEW**

**MOTION 7**

MOVED BY Mr Robbie Ward  
SECONDED BY Ms Josie Beswick

“THAT this Synod,

Asks the Diocesan Council to:

- a. initiate a review of Trust Management Limited’s centralised accounting service to the Diocese, including processes and performance; and
- b. make an initial report to this Synod for discussion in 2023.”

**AMENDMENT**

MOVED Mr Robbie Ward  
SECONDED Ms Josie Beswick

“Replace the word “a” from paragraph (a) with the words “an independent” before “review”.”

The President sought leave to adjourn for lunch.

*AGREED*

1.11pm Synod was adjourned for lunch until 2.00pm  
2.03pm Synod in session, The Rt Rev’d Ross Bay presiding

**MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**

Debate on Motion 7 resumed.

Voting took place on the proposed amendment.

Ms Sarah Hipkiss from Trust Investments Management Limited addressed Synod.

The President announced that the amendment to Motion 7 was *CARRIED*.

The motion (as amended) was put.

*AGREED*

The final Motion 7 reads:

THAT this Synod,

Asks the Diocesan Council to:

- a. initiate an independent review of Trust Management Limited’s centralised accounting service to the Diocese, including processes and performance; and
- b. make an initial report to this Synod for discussion in 2023.

**SYNOD REVIEW**

**MOTION 2**

MOVED BY The Venerable Michael Berry  
SECONDED BY Mrs Steph Brook

“THAT this Synod requests the Diocesan Council to establish a working group, representative of the diversity of our Diocese, to:

- a. review the structures of Synod to best serve the future governance needs of the Diocese; and
- b. make an initial report to this Synod for discussion in 2023.”

*AGREED*



2.48pm                      Synod in conference  
3.11pm                      Synod in session

#### QUESTIONS

The President answered the questions of Mr David Hall and Ms Valonia Lawrence.

#### ORDER OF THE DAY

##### **General Debate**

The President moved that Synod receive the Reports.

The Rev'd Bryan Haggitt spoke to the report of Diocesan School for Girls.  
Mr David Hall spoke to the report of Te Ohu Whakawhanaunga Charitable Trust.  
The Ven. Sarah Moss spoke to the report of the Diocesan Ministry Educator.  
Ms Cathy Bi-Riley spoke to the report of the Sustainability Fieldworker.  
The Rev'd Jacynthia Murphy led a waiata.  
The Rev'd Peter Sykes spoke to the Bishop's Charge.

*AGREED*

#### ORDER OF THE DAY

##### **Second Ballot for Elections**

The Diocesan Manager gave instructions on voting.  
The second ballots were held for the Pool of Potential Diocesan Nominators.

3.49pm                      Synod adjourned for afternoon tea  
4.02pm                      Synod in session

#### MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

##### **THREE TIKANGA STRUCTURE**

##### **MOTION 3**

MOVED BY                      Mr David Hall  
SECONDED BY                      The Reverend Jacynthia Murphy

“THAT this Synod,

1. Recognises that it is now over 30 years since the Three Tikanga structure of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia was established and there have been significant developments in the relationships between the Tikanga; and
2. Requests its representatives to the next General Synod Te Hīnota Whānui to seek to initiate a review of the Three Tikanga structure.”

*CARRIED*

**CARE OF CREATION – OUR URBAN NGAHERE**

**MOTION 4**

MOVED BY Ms Jennifer Birch

SECONDED BY Ms Cathy Bi-Riley

“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. Requests Auckland Council to enact appropriate regulations and by-laws:
  - a. to protect all healthy established trees, and to require a notified application for consent before any such tree is removed or destroyed, and
  - b. to erect prominent signage to be placed on each "Protected Tree", advising of its status, and
  - c. to require as a condition of any consent that every destroyed tree shall be replaced by ten new native trees, of an appropriate/substantial size and maturity, and if it is not practicable to plant those trees in the location of the destroyed tree, then in the nearest practicable location.
3. 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 other plants whenever possible.
4. Encourages ministry units to explore ways in which land under their stewardship can be used to enhance native biodiversity.”

**AMENDMENT**

The President sought leave to amend the words “Auckland Council” in paragraph 2 with “the territorial authorities of our Diocese”.

*LEAVE GRANTED*

**AMENDMENT**

MOVED Mr Liam White

SECONDED Mr Mark Hangartner

“That paragraph 2 be deleted.”

*CARRIED*

The motion (as amended) was put.

*AGREED*

The final Motion 4 reads:

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 other plants whenever possible.
3. Encourages ministry units to explore ways in which land under their stewardship can be used to enhance native biodiversity.

#### **INTERGENERATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

MOVED BY            Mr Oscar Bowman  
SECONDED BY        Mr Liam White

#### **MOTION 5**

“THAT this Synod,

1. Requests ministry units to each develop a strategy to include young people in the ministry of the Church. This could include opportunities to lead worship and liturgy and engage in mission and leadership.
2. Encourages the Selwyn Foundation, Anglican schools, and church youth groups to explore ways in which they can develop and implement regular, intergenerational opportunities.”

#### **AMENDMENT**

MOVED            Mr Liam White  
SECONDED        Mr Oscar Bowman

“To add a new clause 3 reading, “Commends the valuable work of the newly formed Diocesan Ministry Formation Team working with ministry units to explore intergenerational opportunities within their church communities.””

The President sought leave for the amendment.

*AGREED*

The motion (as amended) was put.

*AGREED*

The final motion 5 reads:

THAT this Synod,

1. Requests ministry units to each develop a strategy to include young people in the ministry of the Church. This could include opportunities to lead worship and liturgy and engage in mission and leadership.
2. Encourages the Selwyn Foundation, Anglican schools, and church youth groups to explore ways in which they can develop and implement regular, intergenerational opportunities.
3. Commends the valuable work of the newly formed Diocesan Ministry Formation Team working with ministry units to explore intergenerational opportunities within their church communities

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President announced that the following have been elected to Diocesan Council:

**Clergy:** The Rev'd Dr Kim Benton, Whangarei Mission District; The Rev'd Nyasha Gumbeze, the Parish of Henderson.

**Laity:** Ms Angela Dalton, the Parish of Clendon.

The President informed Synod that Diocesan Council would fill the remaining lay vacancies.

The President announced that the following have been elected to the Clergy Remuneration and Retirement Committee: Ms Nichola Christie, the Parish of St Mark's Remuera; Mr Ian Pallas, the Parish of St Matthew-in-the-City.

The President announced that the following have been elected as Diocesan Nominators:

**Clergy:** The Rev'd Louise Anderson, the Parish of St Aidan's Remuera; The Rev'd Learne McGrath, the Parish of North West Anglican; The Rev'd Sarah Park, the Parish of Clevedon; The Rev'd Dr Tony Surman, the Parish of St Mark's Remuera.

**Laity:** Mr Brian Burnett, the Parish of Northern Wairoa; Mr Graeme Ham, the Parish of All Saints Birkenhead; Ms Fay Pankhurst, the Parish of St Peter's Takapuna; Ms Ruth Peterson, the Parish of St Barnabas, Mt Eden.

## ORDER OF THE DAY

### MOTION OF THANKS

MOVED BY Mr FaAfuhia Fia

"That this Synod:

Acknowledges with heartfelt thanks the contribution of all those involved in the 2022 Diocesan Synod."

AGREED WITH ACCLAMATION

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Diocesan Manager made an announcement.

**CLOSING PRAYERS**


Closing prayers were led by the Synod Chaplain.

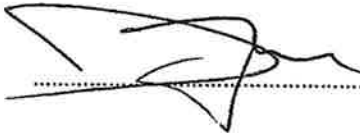
Bishop Ross gave the blessing.


**CONCLUSION**

The President declared the First Session of the 57<sup>th</sup> Synod concluded at 5.47pm.

The Second Session of the 57<sup>th</sup> Synod will commence at 6.30pm on Thursday 7 September 2023.

  
..... President

  
..... Clerical Secretary

  
..... Lay Secretary

10/09/2022  
..... Date