



DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SEVENTH SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

FIRST DAY – THURSDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2023

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 The Most Rev'd Sione Ulu'ilakepa, Archbishop, the Diocese of Polynesia.

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 6.34pm.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Diocesan Manager made some announcements.

GREETINGS

Greetings were received from the Bishops of the dioceses of Waikato-Taranaki, Waiapu, Wellington, Nelson, Christchurch, and Dunedin and from Bishop Te Kitohi Pikaahu of Te Tai Tokerau.

ORDER OF THE DAY:

THE BISHOP'S CHARGE

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

MOTIONS SOUGHT TO BE INTRODUCED

No motions were sought to be introduced.

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 Second Session of the Fifty-Seventh Synod be:

- i. Thursday 7 September 2023 - from 6.30pm to 9.00pm;
- ii. Friday 8 September 2023 - from 8.30am to 5.30pm including meal and refreshment breaks at 10.30am-10.55am, 1.00pm-1.45pm and 3.00pm-3.30pm;
- iii. Saturday 9 September 2023 - from 8.30am to 5.00pm including meal and refreshment breaks at 10.30am-10.55am, 1.00pm-1.45pm and 3.00pm-3.30pm;

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 31 December 2023: Diocesan Council; Anglican Trusts Board."

AGREED

(c) **Officers of Synod**

THE PRESIDENT MOVED:

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

Deputy Lay Secretary

Mrs Josie Beswick-Ngawaka

Deputy Clerk of Committees

The Rev'd Kerry Davis"

AGREED

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

The Chancellor gave advice to the Synod pursuant to clause 8 of the Elections and General Synod Representation Statute 2010, namely that the proposed variations to that statute are likely to improve the efficiency and conduct of the election, without being likely to cause any disproportionate unfairness or other inconvenience.

THE PRESIDENT MOVED:

"THAT:

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

NOMINATIONS

- a. clauses 4.1 - 4.2 and 4.5 shall be observed in principle, except that nominations received in paper or electronic format are accepted; and

ELECTIONS

- b. clause 5.4 is suspended and two lay people and two clergy are to be 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 and/or ballot system rather than being conducted solely by ballot paper.

Voting

- d. clauses 5.10 – 5.11 are suspended for members using the electronic voting system;

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 and/or ballot paper voting system.

- 2) nominations for elections to Diocesan Council and General Synod Te Hīnota Whānui shall close at 1.45pm on Friday 8 September 2023 and that ballots shall take place on Friday 8 September 2023.”

AGREED

MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

REMOVING STUMBLING BLOCKS FROM CHILDREN’S EDUCATION

MOTION 7

The mover and seconder sought leave to withdraw the motion.

LEAVE GRANTED

REMOVING FOSSIL FUEL INVESTMENTS FROM THE DIOCESAN PORTFOLIO

MOTION 8

The mover and seconder of this motion sought leave to replace the text published in the business papers with the following:

“THAT this Synod,

Calls upon 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.”

LEAVE GRANTED

CLOSING PRAYERS were led by Archbishop Ulu’ilakepa.

ADJOURNMENT

The President declared Synod adjourned at 8.38pm

SECOND DAY – FRIDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2023

SYNOD IN SESSION at 8.31am, The Rt Rev'd Ross Bay presiding.

MORNING PRAYERS

Morning Prayers were led by the Eastern Cluster.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were recorded in the attendance registers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Diocesan Manager and the President made some announcements.

QUESTIONS

Mr Peter Lineham asked a question.

MOTIONS SOUGHT TO BE INTRODUCED

Grant Hodgson sought leave to introduce a motion without notice pursuant to Standing Order 14(b)(iii).

ORDER OF THE DAY

The President sought leave to advance the Order of the Day by 10 minutes.

AGREED

The President sought the leave of Synod for Mr Craig Fisher of Boardworks, and Ms Rachael McDonald and Ms Sarah Hipkiss of Trust Investments Management Limited to be given permission to speak.

AGREED

ORDER OF THE DAY

The Ven. Carole Hughes presiding.

Presentation of Report of Diocesan Council

Ms Angela Dalton, The Rev'd Elizabeth Martin and The Rev'd Grant Robertson spoke to the Diocesan Council's Report.

Ministry Unit Centralised Accounting Services Review

The Rev'd Grant Robertson, Mr Craig Fisher, Ms Rachel McDonald, Ms Sarah Hipkiss, and Bishop Ross Bay spoke to the Ministry Unit Centralised Accounting Services Review and answered questions.

Property Strategic Review Working Group

Dr Paul Woodfield and Bishop Ross Bay spoke to the work of the Property Strategic Review Working Group and answered questions.

Synod Review Working Group

The Rev'd Matthew Griffiths and The Rev'd Liz Martin spoke to the work of the Synod Review Working Group.

10.36am Synod adjourned for Morning Tea
11.08am Synod in session

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President made some announcements.

ORDER OF THE DAY

The Rt Rev'd Ross Bay presiding.

Report of the Legal Business Committee

MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

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 other plants whenever possible; 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 President directed that Synod go into committee to consider the report of the Legal Business Committee.

11.21am Synod in committee
11.23am Synod in session

The President moved that the report of the Legal Business Committee be received and put Motion 1.

AGREED

APPROVAL OF BILLS IN PRINCIPLE AND IN DETAIL

LEGAL BUSINESS OMNIBUS

BILL 1

MOVED BY The Venerable Michael Berry
SECONDED BY Mrs Katy Bexley

“That Bill Number 1 be approved in principle”

AGREED

11.33am Synod in committee
11.37am Synod in session

MOVED BY THE PRESIDENT

“THAT the detail of Bill Number 1 as amended by Synod in Committee be approved.”

AGREED

AUCKLAND CITY MISSION (TE TĀPUI ATAWHAI)

BILL 2

MOVED BY The Venerable Michael Berry
SECONDED BY Ms Helen Robinson

“That Bill Number 2 be approved in principle”

AGREED

11.50am Synod in committee
11.58am Synod in session

MOVED BY THE PRESIDENT

“THAT the detail of Bill Number 2 as agreed by Synod in Committee be approved.”

AGREED

MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

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.”

AGREED

**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.”

AGREED

**THE LITURGIES OF THE WORD
AMENDMENT (ALL SAINTS DAY PRAYER)**

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.”

CARRIED

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.”

CARRIED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Diocesan Manager made announcements.

The President said Grace.

12.51pm Synod was adjourned for lunch until 1.45pm
1.51pm Synod in session, The Rt Rev'd Ross Bay presiding

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President made announcements.

ORDER OF THE DAY

Presentation by Anglican Missions Board

The Rev'd Michael Hartfield presented the report of the Anglican Missions Board.

MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

DIOCESAN COMMITTEE FOR OVERSEAS MISSION

MOTION 5

MOVED BY The Reverend Daniel Pillay
SECONDED BY The Reverend Jeff Odhiambo

"THAT this Synod,

- a. Recognises the impact of Anglican Missions in supporting mission, development, and humanitarian work, especially in the Pacific region.
- b. Thanks all the ministry units that contribute to Anglican Missions and encourages other ministry units to also contribute as they can; and
- c. Sets a target of \$190,000 to support this work."

AGREED

The President declared that nominations to Diocesan Council and General Synod Te Hīnota Whānui had closed.

QUESTIONS

The President answered the question of Mr Peter Lineham.

MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

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 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."

CARRIED

ORDER OF THE DAY

Elections to Diocesan Council and General Synod Te Hīnota Whānui.

The President invited the candidates for election to introduce themselves.

The candidates for Diocesan Council:

The lay candidates were: Mr Grant Hodgson (Parish of Hibiscus Coast); Ms Valonia Lawrence (Parish of Clevedon); Ms Anne Walsh (Parish of St Matthew Auckland Central); Dr Paul Woodfield (Parish of St Paul Auckland Central).

The clergy candidates were: The Rev'd Rebecca Connolly (Parish of Northcote); The Rev'd Peter Jenkins (Parish of Warkworth); The Rev'd Liz Martin (Ministry Enabler); The Rev'd Grant Robertson (Parish of Milford).

The candidates for General Synod Te Hīnota Whānui:

The lay candidates were: Mr Ryan Brown-Haysom (Parish of Birkenhead); Ms Grace Cox (Youth Representative); Mr Grant Hodgson (Parish of Hibiscus Coast); Ms Jessica Hughes (Youth Representative); Dr Peter Lineham (Parish of Ponsonby); Captain Peter Lloyd (Parish of Whangaparaoa Peninsula); Mr Nick Mercer (Youth Representative).

The clergy candidates were: The Rev'd Clare Barrie (Parish of Mt Albert); The Rev'd Ivica Gregurec (Cathedral District); The Rev'd Liz Martin (Ministry Enabler); The Rev'd Sarah West (Mission District of Waiheke).

The Diocesan Manager gave instructions on voting.

The President moved that Ms Dawn Jones and The Rev'd Matthew Griffiths be appointed to act as scrutineers.

AGREED

3.03pm Synod adjourned for Afternoon Tea

3.27pm Synod in session

PASSAGE OF THE BILLS

The President moved that all bills that have been approved in detail now pass and become statute.

AGREED

ORDER OF THE DAY

General Debate

The President moved that Synod receive the Reports.

AGREED

ORDER OF THE DAY

First Ballot for Elections

The Diocesan Manager gave instructions on voting.

The first ballots were held for elections to Diocesan Council and General Synod Te Hīnota Whānui.

MOTIONS SOUGHT TO BE INTRODUCED WITHOUT NOTICE

The President granted leave to Mr Grant Hodgson to introduce a motion without notice pursuant to Standing Order 14(b)(iii).

LIVING BEYOND OURSELVES

MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE

MOVED: Mr Grant Hodgson

SECONDED: Mr Peter Lineham

“THAT this Synod:

- (a) strongly encourages every Ministry Unit in the Diocese, as a local community of faith, to update and implement a living beyond ourselves mission and ministry plan, both:
 - i. by bearing witness to our faith in word and deed; and
 - ii. actively expressing our love of Christ through generosity and service to those in need;
- (b) that each Ministry Unit’s Governing Body implement and track their plan each month;
- (c) that the Ministry Unit’s leadership actively encourage their members by inspiration, involvement, and training and resourcing;
- (d) that the Diocesan Council and lay Formation team actively foster, resource and provide appropriate training.”

THE President moved that Synod go into conference.

AGREED

4.09pm Synod in conference

5.10pm Synod in session

The mover and seconder sought leave to withdraw the motion and replace it with revised wording, to read as follows:

“THAT this Synod:

encourages all Ministry Units to actively consider the mission opportunities that exist in their communities and to develop plans to respond.”

LEAVE GRANTED

The President sought the permission of Synod to introduce the revised motion.

AGREED

The revised motion was put.

AGREED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President announced that the following have been elected to General Synod Te Hīnota Whānui:

Clergy: The Rev’d Clare Barrie, the Parish of Mt Albert; The Rev’d Ivica Gregurec, the Cathedral District.

Laity: Ms Grace Cox, Youth Representative; Ms Jessica Hughes, Youth Representative; Dr Peter Lineham, the Parish of Ponsonby; Mr Nick Mercer, Youth Representative.

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

Clergy: The Rev’d Rebecca Connolly, the Parish of Northcote; The Rev’d Peter Jenkins, the Parish of Warkworth; The Rev’d Liz Martin, Ministry Enabler; The Rev’d Grant Robertson, the Parish of Milford.

Laity: Ms Valonia Lawrence, the Parish of Clevedon; Ms Anne Walsh, the Parish of St Matthew Auckland Central; Dr Paul Woodfield, the Parish of St Paul Auckland Central.

ORDER OF THE DAY

Second Ballot for Elections

The Diocesan Manager gave instructions on voting.

The second ballots were held for General Synod Te Hīnota Whānui.

CLOSING PRAYERS

Closing prayers were led by the Eastern Cluster.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President offered thanks to all those who made Synod possible.

The President announced that The Rev'd Sarah West, the Mission District of Waiheke, has been elected to General Synod Te Hīnota Whānui for the House of Clergy.

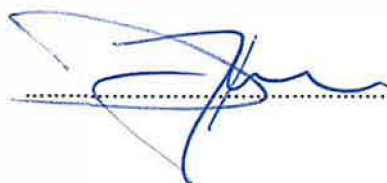
Bishop Ross gave the blessing.


CONCLUSION

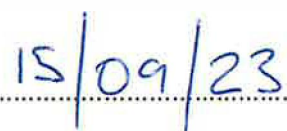
The President declared the Second Session of the 57th Synod concluded at 5.36pm.

The Third Session of the 57th Synod will commence at 6.30pm on Thursday 5 September 2024.

 President

 Clerical Secretary

 Lay Secretary

 Date