

# **DIOCESE OF WAIKATO AND TARANAKI**

## **STATUTE NO. 1**

### **THE GENERAL SYNOD REPRESENTATION STATUTE 2014**

#### **Amended 2021**

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 be lodged in writing with the Registrar-Manager 14 days prior to the commencement 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. 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. 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.
- (j) The President shall have a casting vote in the event of an equality of votes.

## **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

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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

