

**THE DIOCESE OF WAIKATO AND TARANAKI**

**STATUTE NO 49**

**THE MISSION UNITS STATUTE 2022**

**Amended 2023**

- 1     **TITLE:** This Statute is the Interim Mission Units Statute 2022
- 2     **PURPOSE:** The purpose of this Statute is to make provision for the establishment, administration and management of Mission Units not otherwise provided for in these statutes.
- 3     **INTERPRETATION:**  
In this statute –  
**Mission Unit** - means a group or organisation whether existing or to be formed that operates within the Diocese as a religious assembly that is licenced by the Bishop as a Mission Unit and includes a religious order.  
**Missioner** - means a person appointed and licensed by the Bishop to lead the Leadership team. A Missioner may include a co-Missioner.  
**Leadership Team** – means a group of people being not fewer than three or more than six elected at the AGM by members whose names appear on the Mission Partners Roll and who have responsibility together with the Missioner for the governance of a Mission Unit.  
**Mission Partner** – means a person who has expressed a wish for his or her name to be entered on to the roll of Mission Partners, and is so enrolled.
- 4     **RESPONSIBILITIES OF MISSION UNIT:**  
Every Mission Unit shall report to Standing Committee at least annually and in any event no later than 30 June in every year on the following –  
    a. The extent and type of worship and other religious activities entered into.  
    b. The acceptance of the Diocesan Mission Statement  
    c. The maintenance of a roll of members (the Mission Partners) of the Mission Unit and the number of such Mission Partners enrolled annually.  
    d. The financial position of the Mission Unit as at 31 December in each year.
- 5     **FINANCE:**  
(1) It shall be lawful for the Mission Unit to collect money from its members and to operate a bank account.  
(2) The Mission Unit will observe (with the necessary changes) the requirements of clause (5) of the Finance Statute 1991.
- 6     **ORGANISATION:**  
(1) Each mission Unit shall be led by a team consisting of  
    a. A Missioner  
    b. A Leadership Team.

- (2) Every lay person appointed to a position under this clause must before commencing in that position complete a declaration in the form set out in the Third Schedule Form A of The Parishes Statute of the Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki as required by Part C Clause 15 of the Constitution/te Pouhere.

**7. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:**

- (1) Every Mission Unit shall hold an annual general meeting not later than the 30<sup>th</sup> day of April each year or in exceptional circumstances and with the approval of Standing Committee, the 31<sup>st</sup> day of May. Notice of the annual general meeting must be given twenty-one days in advance of the meeting.
- (2) The agenda for every annual general meeting must include as a minimum:
  - (a) an opening prayer;
  - (b) confirmation of the minutes of the last annual general meeting and any special general meetings held since the last annual general meeting;
  - (c) consideration of accounts duly reviewed;
  - (d) election for the ensuing year of the following officers from amongst the Mission Partners whose names are recorded in the roll of the Mission Unit:
    - (i) the Leadership Team consisting of no fewer than three and no more than six persons;
- (3) At every second annual general meeting from and including 2023 the Mission Unit will elect at least one and not more than two lay Mission Partners as its Synod Representatives, and may in addition elect a Mission Partner under the age of thirty years to be its youth representative on Synod.

- 8.** At its first meeting after the AGM the Leadership Team shall choose from among its members a Secretary and a Treasurer.

**9. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING**

On the giving of twenty-one days' notice a special general meeting may be called at the request of the Leadership Team or any member thereof, or at the request of ten Mission Partners.

**10. MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR:**

Where there are matters not provided or otherwise in this Statute reference may be made to any other Statute of the Diocesan Statutes.

**11. REGULATIONS AND REVIEW:**

- (1) The Standing Committee may make Regulations for the better administration of the Statute.

**DIOCESE OF WAIKATO AND TARANAKI**

**FIRST SCHEDULE**

**TO the Right Reverends, the Bishops of Waikato and Taranaki**

**AND TO**

**Members of the Diocesan Standing Committee**

**PETITION FOR THE FORMATION OF A MISSION UNIT**

We being the interim Missioner(s) and baptised people of the Anglican Church of Aotearoa New Zealand and Polynesia hereby apply to the Bishop(s) for recognition and Licence as a Mission Unit to be known as

Attached hereto are;

- A roll of names of those who wish to form the Mission Unit
- A description of the work to be carried out by the Mission Unit.

We certify that the list of persons marked "A" is a true record of the roll of Mission Partners for the proposed Mission Unit.

Dated at        this        day of

Signed by the Sponsors of the Application.