

# MINUTES OF SYNOD 2024

## DIOCESE OF WAIKATO AND TARANAKI

### SECOND SESSION OF THE FORTY SECOND SYNOD

## MINUTES OF FRIDAY 11 OCTOBER 2024

### 6.30PM Synod Eucharist

#### **President's Welcome / Announcements**

To Synod Members, Invited Guests, etc.

#### **Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki**

##### **Mission Statement**

The mission of the Church is the mission of Christ

- To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
- To teach, baptise and nurture new believers
- To respond to human need by loving service
- To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth

### 7.54pm **CONSTITUTION OF SYNOD**

During the Opening, Synod 2024 was constituted by the Synod Secretary.

The Synod Secretary reported there were 29 apologies and that the Bishop, **49** Clergy and **43** Lay members were present. This was a quorum under Statute No. 2, Clause 14, sub-clause 2, Constitution of Synod.

### 7.55pm **Motion without notice:** "That the preacher, Bishop Ross Bay, be thanked for his sermon and respectfully be asked that the text of this be included in the Minutes of this Synod."

*Mover. The Most Reverend Philip Richardson*  
**CARRIED WITH ACCLAMATION**

### 7.56pm **Greetings, Announcements and Leaves of Absence**

**Greetings were received from:**

Anglican Diocese of Wellington - Senior Bishop Tikanga Pakeha, Archbishop  
Justin Duckworth & Bishop Anashuya Fletcher.

Anglican Diocese of Waipapu – Bishop Andrew Hedge

Anglican Diocese of Auckland – Bishop Ross Bay

Anglican Diocese of Nelson – Bishop Steve Maina

Anglican Diocese of Dunedin – Venerable Jan Clark, Vicar-General

**8.00pm Motion No. 1 Procedural Motion and Officers of Synod**

*Mover: The President of Synod*

**CARRIED**

- a) **That the Officers, Sessional Committees and Hours of Synod be as follows:**

**OFFICERS & SESSIONAL COMMITTEES OF SYNOD 2024**

**SECRETARIES:**

Clerical Secretary

The Venerable Trevor Harrison

Lay Secretary

Mrs Pip Harrison

**CHAIRPERSONS OF COMMITTEE:**

The Venerable Joel Rowse (Clergy Chair of Committee)

Mrs Christine Bryant (Lay Chair of Committee)

Assisted by The Chancellor, Judge Christopher Harding

**ORDER PAPER COMMITTEE as required:**

The Most Reverend P Richardson

The Venerable Trevor Harrison

The Chancellor, Judge C Harding

Mrs Christine Bryant

**MINUTES COMMITTEE:**

The Venerable Trevor Harrison

The Rev'd Peter Bargh

Mrs Pip Harrison

**VOTE OF THANKS:**

The Rev'd Paul Bowers-Mason

**b) Hours of Synod**

That the hours of Synod be as follows:

Friday, 11 October 2024

**6.30pm** All Saints Chapel, Waikato Diocesan School for Girls

Saturday, 12 October 2024

**9.00 am** Business sessions

**5.00 pm** Final Prayers and closing of Synod.

**c) Leave of Absence & Apologies**

That Leave of Absence is granted to those who have made submission in writing; and, in addition, to those recorded (during Synod) on the attendance list.

**d) Right to Speak**

That those listed have the right to Speak, but not to Vote:

Ms M Nickalls – Trust Management Ltd

Ms G Sun – Trust Management Ltd

Ms F Brown – Taranaki Cathedral

The Reverend Henare Waaka

Anybody else with leave of the Presidents:

Mr Dave Tabrum

**e) Procedural**

That the General-Purpose Financial Statements of the Standing Committee, Taranaki Anglican Trust Board and Waikato Diocesan Trust Board be taken as read.

**8.05pm** Synod adjourned

## **MINUTES OF SATURDAY 12 OCTOBER 2024**

**9.05am** The Bishop welcomed members to this day's session of Synod and recognised those who were attending for the first time. A time of remembrance was held for those former members of Synod who had died in the past year.

**Morning Prayer** was led by the Bishop, which included his charge.

**9.38am** **The minutes of the First Session of the Forty-Second Synod.**

**Motion:** "That the minutes of the First Session of the Forty-Second Synod be taken as read and accepted as a true and correct record."

*Mover: The President of Synod*

**CARRIED**

### **First Reading of Bills**

**9.44am** **Bill No. 1 The Parish Statute 2024**

*Mover: The Reverend Peter Bargh*  
*Seconder: The Venerable Sue Burns*

**Motion:** “That the first reading of Bill No. 1 The Parish Statute Bill 2024 do pass.”  
*Mover: The President of Synod* **CARRIED**

**Motion:** “That the principles of the Bill be approved and that the Bill be left to lie on the table.”  
*Mover: The President of Synod* **CARRIED**

**9.52am Bill No. 2 The Statute of Pastors Amendment Statute 2024**

*Mover: The Most Reverend Philip Richardson*  
*Seconder: The Chancellor, Judge Chris Harding*

**Motion:** “That the principles contained in clause 4.5 in the Bill be approved and be referred to Synod in Committee for consideration in detail for later in the day.”  
*Mover: The President of Synod* **CARRIED**

**Motion:** “That the principles contained in clauses 4.1 to 4.4 in the Bill be approved and be referred to Synod in Committee for consideration in detail for later in the day.”  
*Mover: The President of Synod* **CARRIED**

**10.10am Bill No. 3 The Boundaries Amendment Statute 2024**

*Mover: The Venerable Kim Wright*  
*Seconder: The Venerable Lance Pilbrow*

**Motion:** “That the first reading of Bill No. 3 The Parish Statute Bill 2024 do pass.”  
*Mover: The President of Synod* **CARRIED**

**10.17am Morning Tea**

**11.02am Session 2**

**PRESENTATION:** Ms Grace Sun, Manager, Head of Finance – Trust Accounting  
Ms Marie Nickalls, Head of Finance – Parish Accounting

**HIGHLIGHTS: CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS**

- Net equity of \$23,500,000
- Deficit of \$655,000
- Revenue of \$6,500,000 up \$887,000
  - + Grants & Bequests up \$511,000
  - + Rental & Hall Hire up \$139,000

- + Op Shop up \$71,000
- Operating Expenses of \$7,100,000 up \$1,695,000
  - + Operating Costs up \$951,000
  - + Missions & Giving up \$793,000

**WAIKATO DIOCESAN TRUST BOARD**

- Operating surplus of \$441,000
- Average Return of 7.7%

**TARANAKI ANGLICAN TRUST BOARD**

- Net Equity of \$50,000,000
- Surplus of \$63,1000

**STANDING COMMITTEE**

- Operating Deficit of \$51,000
- Revenue of \$763,000
- Expenses of \$814,000
  - + Higher than budgeted costs:
    - Finance charge \$14,000
    - Insurance \$6,000
    - Wider Church Allocation \$4,000
    - Audit Fee \$4,000

**2025 BUDGET**

- Revenue of \$711,000
  - + Assessments \$610,000
  - + Rental income \$91,000
  - + WDTB distribution \$22,000
- Expenses of \$706,000

**11.55am      Motion No. 2: Adoption of Waikato Diocesan Trust Board General Purpose Financial Statements 2023**

*Mover: Canon Robin Brockie*  
*Seconder: The Venerable Joyce Marcon*

“That this Synod approves the audited General Purpose Financial Statements of the Waikato Diocesan Trust Board, for the year ended 31 December 2023.”

**CARRIED**

**11.57am      Motion No. 3: Adoption of Taranaki Anglican Trust Board General Purpose Financial Statements 2023**

*Mover: Canon Robin Brockie*  
*Seconder: The Venerable Joyce Marcon*

“That this Synod approves the audited General Purpose Financial Statements of the Taranaki Anglican Trust Board, for the year ended 31 December 2023.”

**CARRIED**

**11.57am      Motion No. 4: Adoption of Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki  
General Purpose Financial Statements for 2023**

*Mover: The Most Reverend Philip Richardson*

“That this Synod approves the audited General-Purpose Financial Statements of the Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki, for the year ended 31 December 2023.”

**CARRIED**

**11.58am      Motion No. 5: Funding Standing Committee Operations – Approval  
of 2025 Budget**

*Mover: The Most Reverend Philip Richardson*

“That for the year 2025 this Synod agrees to a Diocesan Budget for Standing Committee operations of \$710,520.00 allocated in accordance with details contained in the budget, with \$609,860.00 of this sum to be provided by assessments.”

**CARRIED**

**12.01pm      Motion No.6: Assessments 2025 – Approval of Schedule**

*Mover: Canon Robin Brockie*

*Seconder: The Most Reverend Philip Richardson*

“That Parish Diocesan Assessments for the year 2025 be set according to the schedule of percentages for 2023, as detailed in the Synod papers.”

**CARRIED**

**12.20pm      Motion No.7: Funding the 2025 Ministry Support Fund**

*Mover: Canon Robin Brockie*

*Seconder: Reverend Tina Syrratt*

“That this Synod requests Standing Committee to fund the Ministry Support Fund, to be calculated at the equivalent of the basic Vicar’s stipend and contributed to by all parishes, Parish Districts and Mission Districts per annum using the same formula as used for Assessments.”

**CARRIED**

**12.22pm      Motion No.8: Mission Target 2025**

*Mover: The Reverend Peter Bargh*

*Seconder: The Reverend Tina Syrratt*

“That for the year 2025 the Missions’ targets are as follows:

- a) Overseas Mission remains at \$210,000;
- b) For Anglican Action to be set at \$50,000;
- c) For BAF to be set at \$15,697.”

**CARRIED**

**12.24pm Motion No.9: Receive the Reports to Synod**

*Mover: The President of Synod*

*That this Synod receives the following reports:*

- 1 Standing Committee Report
- 2 Anglican Action Report to Synod
- 3 BAF Report to Synod 2023
- 4 The Waikato Diocesan Trust Board
- 5 University of Waikato Chaplaincy – Chairperson’s report
- 6 University of Waikato Chaplaincy – Ecumenical Chaplain’s report
- 7 WINTEC Ecumenical Chaplaincy – Chairperson’s report
- 8 WINTEC Ecumenical Chaplaincy – Ecumenical Chaplain’s report
- 9 Waikato Hospital Chaplaincy Report

**CARRIED**

**12.26pm Cursillo Presentation**

**Motion:** “That this Synod receives the Cursillo Annual and Treasurer’s Report.”

*Mover: The President of Synod*

**CARRIED**

**12.33pm Lunch**

**1.23pm Second Reading of Bills**

**Motion:** “That Synod move into Committee to consider Bill No. 2”.

*Mover: The President of Synod*

**CARRIED**

**SYNOD IN COMMITTEE**

<b>Bill No. 2 The Statute of Pastors Amendment Statute 2024</b>
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**DIOCESE OF WAIKATO AND TARANAKI**

## **BILL NO 2**

### **THE STATUTE OF PASTORS AMENDMENT BILL 2024**

The Synod of the Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki enacts as follows –

#### **1. TITLE**

This Statute is The Statute of Pastors Amendment Statute 2024.

#### **2. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Statute is to provide for the licencing of an honorary assistant bishop under the statute of pastors and amend provisions.

#### **3. COMMENCEMENT**

This Statute shall come into force at the close of the session of Synod at which it is enacted.

#### **4. AMENDMENTS TO STATUTE OF PASTORS**

- 4.1 Amend Clause 10 (a) of the statute to read “Every licence to be issued to any Bishop, Deacon or Priest shall be in one or other of the forms in the Schedule to this Statute or in like form.”
- 4.2 Add to the list of Licences in Clause 10 of the Statute of Pastors the following, “(o) Honorary Assistant Bishop”.
- 4.3 Add to clause 10 “(5) Every person to be granted a licence as Honorary Assistant Bishop under this statute must have previously been ordained and served as a Bishop or Assistant Bishop.”
- 4.4 Add Schedule 1 to the First Schedule of the Statute.
- 4.5 Replace the wording “who in consultation with the Dean, shall be responsible for the preparation of worship services and other liturgical celebrations.” After the words Cathedral Precentor in 10.2 (n) with “who in consultation with the Dean shall be responsible for all tasks as delegated by the Dean of the Cathedral.”

#### **SCHEDULE 1**

##### **LICENCE OF AN HONORARY ASSISTANT BISHOP OF WAIKATO/TARANAKI**

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH IN AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND AND POLYNESIA

*Te Haahi Mihinare ki Aotearoa, ki Niu Tirenī*

*Ki Nga Moutere o te Moana Nui a Kiwa*

Licence of a Bishop holding the Office of Honorary Assistant Bishop of Waikato/Taranaki



I ..... by the GRACE OF GOD Bishop of Waikato and Taranaki;  
to our well-beloved in CHRIST.....BISHOP

## GREETINGS

You having made the Declarations required by the Constitution and Canons of this Church I GRANT you my Licence and authority to exercise the office of Honorary Assistant Bishop of Waikato/Taranaki.

I authorise you to exercise delegated Episcopal Authority in the Bishopric of Waikato/Taranaki and such additional Episcopal Ministry within this Diocese as shall be requested of you by me in accordance with the Doctrine of this Church using only the forms of service which are authorised or allowed by lawful authority.

However I RESERVE to myself and my successors Bishops of Waikato and Taranaki the exercise of my Episcopal Offices as Diocesan Bishop and my Episcopal authority as set out in the Constitution, and Canons and Statutes in force in our Church and Diocese.

This Licence shall be at my discretion, but in any case shall end upon the expiration of my episcopacy as Bishop of this Diocese.

Given under our hand and seal this ..... day of ..... in the year of Our Lord two thousand and ..... and of my consecration the ..... year.

Registered in the Diocesan Register

Registrar

Bishop of Waikato and Taranaki

## **[Reverse side of licence]**

Upon translation, resignation, termination, removal or other change, this Licence shall be presented to the Bishop to be endorsed to that effect and returned to the holder.

This Licence terminated on the ... day of ..... 20...

Entered in the Diocesan Register

Registrar

Bishop of Waikato and Taranaki

**Motion:** “That I report to the President of Synod that we have passed Bill No. 2 with amendment.”

*Mover: Chair of Committee*

**CARRIED**

**1.34pm      SYNOD OUT OF COMMITTEE**

**Motion:** “That the decision of Synod in Committee become the decision of Synod.”

*Mover: The President of Synod*

**CARRIED**

**Motion:** “That the Third Reading of Bill No. 2 be an order of the day for later today.”

*Mover: The President of Synod*

**CARRIED**

**“That Synod move into Committee to consider Bill No. 3”.**

*Mover: The President of Synod*

**CARRIED**

**1.35pm      SYNOD IN COMMITTEE**

**DIOCESE OF WAIKATO AND TARANAKI**

**BILL NO 3**

**THE BOUNDARIES AMENDMENT BILL 2024**

The Synod of the Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki enacts as follows –

**5. TITLE**

This Statute is The Boundaries Amendment Statute 2024.

**6. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Statute is to redefine the boundaries of The Parish of the Taranaki Cathedral Church of St Mary, New Plymouth and The Parish of St Chad, West New Plymouth consequent upon the amalgamation of these parishes.

**7. COMMENCEMENT**

This Statute shall come into force on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2025.

**8. AMENDMENTS TO PART ONE OF SCHEDULE**

Part One of the Schedule to The Boundaries of the Local Ministry and Mission Units in the Diocese of Waikato Statute 1996 is amended by the deletion of the provisions relating to The Parish of St Chad, West New Plymouth and amendment of the provisions relating to The Parish of the Taranaki Cathedral Church of St Mary, New Plymouth by the following provisions –

**The Parish of the Taranaki Cathedral Church of St Mary with St Chad's, New Plymouth**

The Land and buildings enclosed by;

Starting at the mouth of Te Henui Stream; S up that stream to Watson Street; S along that street and by right line through NP Public Cemetery to Te Henui Stream; up that stream to junction of a right line extension from Wakefield Street; up that street to Coronation Avenue; SW by right line to intersection of Pukekura Stream with Brooklands Road; S up that stream to Struan Avenue; E by right line to Huatoki stream; S up that stream to the intersection of a W right line from S junction of Saxton Road and Carrington Road; S down that road to intersection of W right line from junction of Mangorei and Junction (SH3) Roads; SE down SH3 to junction (end) of Albert Road; S by right line along Albert Road; S by right line to German Hill trig; by right line to Mt Taranaki trig; N by right line to junction of Plymouth and Carrington Roads; and to Hurford Road and SH 45; NW along that road and by right line extension to the Tasman Sea; NE up the coast to the starting point.

**Motion:** "That I report to the President of Synod that we have passed Bill No. 3 without amendment."

*Mover: Chair of Committee*

**CARRIED**

**1.36pm      SYNOD OUT OF COMMITTEE**

**Motion:** "That the decision of Synod in Committee become the decision of Synod."

*Mover: The President of Synod*

**CARRIED**

**Motion:** "That the Third Reading of Bill No. 3 be an order of the day for later today."

*Mover: The President of Synod*

**CARRIED**

**1.38pm      Motion No.10: Working with Others**

*Mover: The Venerable Andrew Evans*

*Secunder: The Reverend Peter Bargh*

- a) "That Synod authorises Standing Committee (SC) to negotiate service-level agreements with other Dioceses, nga Hui Amorangi, Anglican and other entities as it deems necessary. That the costs of the services provided rest with the entity or ministry unit to whom the service is provided.
- b) Synod requests the Bishop, Bishop's Staff and SC to review and refocus the work of our Diocesan Administration in the light of these Service Level Agreements."

**Amendment:** "That we add the words "oversee negotiating" after "to" in the first line and delete "negotiate."

*President of Synod*

**CARRIED**

**Amendment:** “That the word “generally” be added in line 4 between the words “provided” and “rest”.

*President of Synod*

**CARRIED**

**Amendment:** “That the second sentence in part a) be deleted.

*The Very Reverend Julian Perkins*

**WITHDRAWN**

**AMENDED MOTION:**

- (a) That Synod authorises Standing Committee (SC) to oversee negotiating service-level agreements with other Dioceses, nga Hui Amorangi, Anglican and other entities as it deems necessary. That the costs of the services provided generally rest with the entity or ministry unit to whom the service is provided.
- (b) Synod requests the Bishop, Bishop’s Staff and SC to review and refocus the work of our Diocesan Administration in the light of these Service Level Agreements.

**CARRIED**

**2.06pm Motion No.11: Partnering with Others**

*Mover: The Venerable Val Riches*

*Seconder: The Venerable Julie Guest*

- a) “That Synod requests the Bishop and Standing Committee to proactively engage neighbouring Pākehā Episcopal units as to the possibility of a new union, potentially resulting in a new Diocese.
- b) That Synod encourages local Church communities within the Diocese to build on relationships with their Tikanga Māori neighbours and explore all opportunities for the sharing of mission and ministry initiatives and for the sharing of financial and physical resources.
- c) That Synod requests the Bishop and the Standing Committee to approach the Commission on Episcopacy of Te Pīhopatanga o Aotearoa to recognise the Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki as an interested party.”

**AMENDMENT:** “That we add the words ‘that maintains or enhances the distinctive work of justice, peace and reconciliation of this Diocese’ to the end of clause a).”

*Mover: Dean Julian Perkins*

*Seconder: The Reverend Stephen Black*

**CARRIED**

**AMENDMENT:** “That we delete the words ‘proactively engage neighbouring Pākehā Episcopal units as to’ in clause a)”

*Mover: Bruce Lee*

*Seconded: Sue Mclean*

**CARRIED**

## **AMENDED MOTION:**

- a) "That Synod requests the Bishop and Standing Committee to investigate the possibility of a new union, that maintains or enhances the distinctive work of justice, peace and reconciliation of this diocese.
- b) That Synod encourages local Church communities within the Diocese to build on relationships with their Tikanga Māori neighbours and explore all opportunities for the sharing of mission and ministry initiatives and for the sharing of financial and physical resources.
- c) That Synod requests the Bishop and the Standing Committee to approach the Commission on Episcopacy of Te Pīhopatanga o Aotearoa to recognise the Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki as an interested party."

**CARRIED**

## **2.39pm Motion No.13: Training and Education**

*Mover: Mrs Christine Bryant*

*Seconder: The Reverend Jennie Savage*

- a) That the Synod of the Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki commit to a programme of evangelism and discipleship commencing in Pentecost 2025.
- b) That Synod requests the Bishop and Bishop's staff to prioritise
  - i) the development of Licensed Lay Ministry across the Diocese through intentional recruitment and training;
  - ii) ongoing workshops for office holders, especially Wardens and Treasurers;
  - iii) training that supports parishes in ministry by and with children and young people;
  - iv) training in Te Reo;
  - v) the revitalisation of the place of the Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese; and
  - vi) the building on the current work being undertaken to revitalise our processes of discernment and training for ordination, including professional development of all licensed clergy.

**CARRIED / LOST**

**Amendment:** "That the words "an ongoing refocussing on" be added after the words 'commit to' in line 1 and to delete the words "programme of".

*Mover: The Very Reverend Julian Perkins*

*Seconder: Mr Jim Leggett*

**CARRIED**

**Amendment:** "That in clause v) after the word "of" we add the words "religious communities, chaplaincies and" and delete the words "the place of".

*Mover: The Reverend Andrew McKean*

*Seconder: The Venerable Kim Wright*

**CARRIED**

**3.07pm      Afternoon tea**

**3.30pm      Third Readings of the Bills**

**Motion:**      “That Bill No. 2 and Bill No. 3 be read for a Third Time.”

*Mover: The President of Synod*

**CARRIED**

**AMENDED MOTION 13:**

- a) “That the Synod of the Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki commit to an ongoing refocussing on evangelism and discipleship commencing in Pentecost 2025.
- b) That Synod requests the Bishop and Bishop’s staff to prioritise
  - i) the development of Licensed Lay Ministry across the Diocese through intentional recruitment and training;
  - ii) ongoing workshops for office holders, especially Wardens and Treasurers;
  - iii) training that supports parishes in ministry by and with children and young people;
  - iv) training in Te Reo;
  - v) the revitalisation of religious communities, chaplaincies and the Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese; and
  - vi) the building on the current work being undertaken to revitalise our processes of discernment and training for ordination, including professional development of all licensed clergy.”

**CARRIED**

**3.42 pm      General Synod Statutes:**

**Statute 776**

**The Constitution/Te Pouhere Amendment Statute, 2024**

**Whereas**, the Common Life Liturgical Commission has been asked to clarify in The Constitution/Te Pouhere, where “the Doctrine and Sacraments of Christ as the Lord has commanded in Holy Scripture” are explained.

**The General Synod / Te Hinota Whanui enacts as follows:**

- 1. Title.**      The Title of this Statute is ‘*The Constitution/Te Pouhere Amendment Statute, 2024*’
- 2. Purpose.** To amend Part B of the Constitution/te Pouhere to clarify where “the Doctrine and Sacraments of Christ as the Lord has commanded in Holy Scripture” are explained.
- 3.      Constitutional Amendment:**

Part B, Clause 1 of The Constitution/Te Pouhere is amended on page iv(a) by the replacement of the words “A New Zealand Prayer Book – He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa” with the words

“Formularies contained in A New Zealand Prayer Book – He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa, and Formularies as agreed by this Church but not contained in A New Zealand Prayer Book – He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa.”

4. **Process.** The passing of Clause 3 is an adoption of a specific proposal in terms of Part G Clause 4 of The Constitution/Te Pouhere, and shall be made known to Te Runanganui o Te Pihopatanga o Aotearoa, the Synod of the Diocese of Polynesia, and the several Diocesan Synods in New Zealand in accordance with the provisions of Title C Canon I.

**Motion:** “That this Synod, assents to Statute 776 passed by General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui 2024 entitled “The Constitution/Te Pouhere Amendment Statute, 2024.

*Mover: The President of Synod*

**CARRIED**

### **Statute 777**

#### **The Pastoral Liturgies – Thanksgiving for the Gift of a Child Amendment Statute, 2024**

##### **Whereas:**

- (a) The General Synod / Te Hinota Whanui by Statute 690 in 2010 confirmed the repeal and replacement of a prayer for ‘the handicapped’ on page 463; and
- (b) There is a similar rubric in the Pastoral Liturgy ‘Thanksgiving for the Gift of a Child’; and
- (c) The Common Life Liturgical Commission, in partnership with the Disability Ministries Portfolio Group, wishes to repeal this rubric as unnecessary.

##### **The General Synod / Te Hinota Whanui enacts as follows:**

- 1. **Title.** The Title of this Statute shall be *The Pastoral Liturgies – Thanksgiving for the Gift of a Child Amendment Statute, 2024*.
- 2. **Purpose.** To repeal the rubric referring to a child born handicapped on page 756 of A New Zealand Prayer Book – He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa.
- 3. **The Pastoral Liturgies** are amended as follows:

at the appropriate place on page 756, the rubric is amended by the deletion of the words “*for a child born handicapped*”.

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 Runanganui o Te Pihopatanga o Aotearoa, the Synod of the Diocese of Polynesia, and the several Diocesan Synods in New Zealand.

## **Statute 778**

### **The Liturgies of the Word Amendment Statute, 2024**

#### **Whereas:**

- (a) The General Synod / Te Hinota Whanui by Statute 453 in 1988 confirmed the adoption of The Liturgies of the Word as a Formulary, and
- (b) This included words for a prayer For the Queen in Prayers for Various Occasions, on page 138 of A New Zealand Prayer Book / He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa, and
- (c) The Common Life Liturgical Commission wishes to acknowledge the passing of Queen Elizabeth II, and consequently replace this prayer with a general prayer For the Sovereign.

#### **The General Synod / Te Hinota Whanui enacts as follows:**

1. **Title.** The title of this Statute shall be *The Liturgies of the Word Amendment Statute, 2024*.
2. **Purpose.** To replace the prayer For the Queen with a prayer For the Sovereign in The Liturgies of the Word.
3. **The Liturgies of the Word** is amended as follows:

at the appropriate place on page 138, the prayer For the Queen is replaced with the following words:

God who creates us in community,  
and weaves us together in relationship, bless  
our sovereign(s) (N).  
Fill her/him/them with your grace,  
that she/he/they may provide  
all communities under her/his/their rule with  
what is needed to thrive.  
Guide her/him/them to lead  
in ways that reflect your reign  
of justice, compassion and peace.



We pray in the name of Christ,  
the Prince of peace.  
Amen

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 Runanganui o Te Pihopatanga o Aotearoa, the Synod of the Diocese of Polynesia, and the several Diocesan Synods in New Zealand.

**Motion:** “That this Synod, assents to Statute 777 passed by General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui 2024 entitled “The Pastoral Liturgies – Thanksgiving for the Gift of a Child Amendment Statute, 2024, and assents to Statute 778 passed by General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui 2024 entitled “The Liturgies of the Word Amendment Statute, 2024”.

*Mover: The President of Synod*

**CARRIED**

### **Statute 779**

#### **The Title G Canon V, ‘Of Translations of Holy Scripture’ Amendment Statute, 2024**

**The General Synod / Te Hinota Whanui enacts as follows:**

1. **Title.** The title of this Statute is *The Title G Canon V, ‘Of Translations of Holy Scripture’ Amendment Statute, 2024*.
2. **Purpose.** To add to the Schedule of Translations of Holy Scripture authorised for use in this Church in Title G Canon V.
3. The Schedule of Title G Canon V is amended by the addition of the words:  
  
The New International Readers Version 1996  
The Inclusive Bible 2009  
The New International Version 2011  
The New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition 2022
4. **Process.** 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 Runanganui o Te Pihopatanga o Aotearoa, the Synod of the Diocese of Polynesia, and the several Diocesan Synods in New Zealand.

**Motion:** “That this Synod assents to Statute 779 passed by General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui 2024 entitled “The Title G Canon V, ‘Of Translations of Holy Scripture’ Amendment Statute, 2024”.

*Mover: The President of Synod*

**CARRIED**

#### 4.06pm      **Motion No.18: Standardised General Ledger**

*Mover: Canon Robin Brockie*  
*Seconder: The Reverend Tina Syratt*

“That this Synod resolve to adopt a standardised general ledger across the Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki to ensure consistency, transparency, and efficiency in financial reporting and management within the Diocese. The Standing Committee and the Diocesan Manager will oversee the implementation and ensure it is fully implemented no later than the start of the financial year of 2026.”

#### **Supporting Rationale:**

- **Consistency:** Implementing a standardised general ledger across all parishes and diocesan entities will ensure that financial data is recorded uniformly. This will facilitate easier consolidation of financial statements, comparisons across parishes, and adherence to accounting standards.
- **Transparency:** A standardised approach will enhance the transparency of financial operations by providing a clear and consistent framework for recording and reporting financial transactions. This will aid in financial oversight and accountability at all levels of the Diocese.
- **Efficiency:** Adopting a standardised general ledger will streamline the financial reporting process and reduce the administrative burden on parishes, diocesan staff, and Trust Management. This efficiency could also help keep costs down by allowing for more efficient processing of financial data, quicker access to accurate financial information, and improved decision-making.
- **Training and Support:** The adoption of a single system will allow for better-targeted training and support for all financial administrators within the Diocese. Consistent use of the same platform will make it easier to provide help and share best practices across parishes.
- **Implementation:** The Diocesan Finance Committee, in collaboration with the Diocesan Office, will be responsible for selecting and implementing the standardised general ledger. They will also provide training and ongoing support to parishes and diocesan entities during the transition period.

**CARRIED**

#### 4.16pm      **Motion No.12: Change Management**

*Mover: Mrs Christine Bryant*  
*Seconder: The Reverend Jennie Savage*

“That Standing Committee be charged with the responsibility of **developing a change management plan** in relation to implementing the ‘Working With’ and ‘Partnering With Others’ options.”

**Amendment:** “That the motion be labelled a) and another section be added namely b) That the cost associated with the development and implementation of the change management plan be funded by a drawdown of capital from the bishopric trust.”

*Mover: Mrs Christine Bryant*

*Seconder: The Reverend Jennie Savage*

**CARRIED**

**Amended motion:**

- (a) “That Standing Committee be charged with the responsibility of **developing a change management plan** in relation to implementing the ‘Working With’ and ‘Partnering With Others’ options.”
- (b) That the cost associated with the development and implementation of the change management plan be funded by a drawdown of capital from the bishopric trust.”

**CARRIED**

**4.20pm      Motion No.14: Funding for Education and Training**

*Mover: The Venerable Kim Wright*

*Seconder: The Reverend Paul Bowers-Mason*

- a) “That this Synod asks the Bishop and the Bishop’s staff to apply to the St John’s College Trust Board (SJCTB) to fully fund Te Manu Hononga / The Sir Paul Reeves Centre to provide education and training for all licensed ministers in relation to our core commitment to peace and reconciliation, conflict resolution and restorative justice in the light of the degree to which this Diocese must carry this responsibility and opportunity on behalf of the whole Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia. That this training be offered to all other Episcopal units within this Church and more widely across Oceania.
- b) That this Synod asks the SJCTB to allow it to pilot in 2025 the bulk-funding proposal as set out in the SJCTB strategic plan as we believe this proposal could assist us in meeting the objectives of this motion.
- c) That this Synod asks the SJCTB to increase the Episcopal Education grant to represent 75% of the costs of the Bishop, in acknowledgement of the particular responsibility held by the Bishop of Waikato and Taranaki for addressing historic confiscation and disenfranchisement of Māori from land and resources within both Waikato and Taranaki, prior to the establishment of the Diocese in 1926.”

**CARRIED**

**4.29pm      Motion No.15: Justice, Peace and Reconciliation**

*Mover: The Reverend Dan Lander*

*Seconder: The Reverend Stephen Black*

- a) “That this Synod requests the Bishop and Senior Staff team, in collaboration with our Church-wide Royal Commission response, to implement all of the relevant recommendations from the Royal Commission to the highest possible standards of care, and where the implications of the Gospel require higher standards than those proposed by the Royal Commission that the Diocese should seek to meet the standards of the Gospel.

- b) That the Te Rau Aroha camp fund sale proceeds be used to meet any reparation costs resulting from historic abuse and disenfranchisement of Māori from land. Including redress payments to survivors of abuse in the Diocese of Waikato prior to 2008 and the Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki post 2008. Noting that all current cases of historic abuse in this Diocese were offences against children.
- c) That the land on which Charlotte Brown House and other buildings on Lot 2 at Te Ara Hou Village be vested in Ngati Hauā (if they are open to this) as was originally intended when the money was raised for that purpose.
- d) That this Synod encourages the exploration of how land currently held in the name of the Waikato Diocesan Trust Board (WDTB) and the Taranaki Anglican Trust Board (TATB) might be re-vested in local iwi where the land was given for the purpose of the Church (in accordance with Title F Canon III) or where an ownership partnership between the Church and iwi would significantly enable the restoration of relationships between Church and iwi, and enable the proclamation of the Gospel.”

**Motion:** “That this motion to lie on the table and for Standing Committee to discuss the matters raised in this motion.”

*Mover: The President of Synod*

**CARRIED**

**Due to time constraints Motions Nos 16, 17, 19 and 20 were left to lie on the table for Standing Committee to consider.**

#### **Motion No.16: Finances**

*Mover: The Reverend Peter Bargh*

*Seconder: The Venerable Andrew Evans*

- a) “That Synod authorises the establishment of a Diocesan Endowment to fund core Diocesan services and that the proceeds from the sale of assets be added to this endowment. The sale of any asset of which a Ministry Unit is the beneficiary shall contribute 15% of the sale value to the Diocesan Endowment. Ministry Units can apply for exemption from this to Standing Committee (or example where the purpose of the sale is to invest in an alternative property).
- b) That Synod instructs the Standing Committee and the Combined Diocesan Trust Board (CDTB) to ensure that housing for the next Bishop of the Diocese be either built on current diocesan land or that a current house, where a ministry unit is a beneficiary, be repurposed for the accommodation of the next Bishop. That the difference in value from the sale of Bishop’s House Taranaki and this proposed build or repurpose be added to the Diocesan endowment.
- c) That Synod asks the Standing Committee to prepare guidelines for the use of parishes and the diocese in relation to surplus land and buildings that they maintain/own which outlines the steps they need to take should they want to sell this property to improve their financial situation. The guidelines would include information about how sale proceeds would be distributed, together with a template needing to be completed with a financial plan showing to what

use the sale proceeds will be used that would improve the financial position of both the parish and the diocese.”

**3.30 pm      Motion No. 17:      Keeping People Safe in Church**

*Moved: The Venerable Val Riches*

*Seconded: The Very Reverend Julian Perkins*

I move that as part of keeping people safe in our churches that this Diocese makes a priority in the next twelve months to resource (through material and speakers) all our ministry units so that they can actively encourage our parents and grandparents to support and advocate for their children /grandchildren who are not identifying as heterosexual. Silence is not an option when there has been so much negativity expressed on behalf of Christianity (or God) over the last few years.

**Motion No.19: Cursillo**

*Moved: Heather Riches*

*Seconded: Karen Wise*

All parishes encourage and financially support church lay leaders, clergy and members to attend a Cursillo weekend.

**Background:**

One reason for the motion is that a lot of churches are not able to financially support a full-time vicar and therefore we need to build the confidence and leadership in our lay members. If our clergy attend Cursillo they will enjoy the weekend and be able to encourage others to attend. The three-day Cursillo weekend is a weekend filled with prayer, talks and singing, Gods love, plus connecting with others from over our Diocese. We have seen faith, leadership and confidence grown in ourselves and others during the Cursillo weekend.

**Motion No.20: Finance Statute**

*Moved:      Bruce Lee*

*Seconded:    Paul Cooper*

“That this Synod instruct the Statute Revision Commission to change Clause 13 of Statue No. 6.”

Background.

Current reading

DIOCESE OF WAIKATO AND TARANAKI STATUTE NO. 15 THE PARISHES  
STATUTE 2009 [Updated to 2022]

**13. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TREASURER**

(1) It shall be the duty of the Treasurer, either personally or by delegation: (a) To ensure that accounts owing by the Parish are paid in a timely manner. (b) To present

at each regular Meeting of the Vestry a financial report including a full account of all receipts and payments and a budget comparison for the financial year then current. In the event of the report disclosing that the aggregate cash balance of the Parish's general funds bank accounts is in overdraft (and has been for the past three months) to the extent of \$2,000 (or such other amount from time to time fixed by Standing Committee) to forward to the Diocesan Manager a copy of such financial report within seven days of its presentation, and to continue to forward such reports following successive Vestry Meetings thereafter until the overdraft is less than \$2,000 (or such other amount from time to time fixed by Standing Committee). (c) To prepare following the close of each financial year, the accounts of the Parish in such a form as may from time to time be directed by the Standing Committee, which shall include as a minimum; a Statement of Financial Performance and a Statement of Financial Position in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). (d) After the review of the accounts to submit them to the Parishioners at the Annual General Meeting, and to forward a copy to the Diocesan Manager.

The Finance Statute to read:

### 13 Duties and Responsibilities of the Treasurer

1. To adopt adequate systems and procedures to ensure the safe handling of cash and making deposits in the Parish nominated bank account.
2. All invoices and accounts are required to be sent to the parish official email address.
3. That all finance (Bank) borrowing be approved by vestry and the Diocese, this includes credit cards or overdraft facilities.
4. Withdrawal transactions are to be limited to \$10,000 or as such amount as determined by the Diocese.
  - a. All amounts over \$10,000 must have a faculty.
5. The criteria of XRB should apply to individual parishes, those who have expenditure of under an average of \$140,000 should only be required to adhere to Tier 4 Accounting, which is cash accounting only.
6. Other Parishes, above this level would be required to comply with Tier 3 Accounting, which is accrual accounting, bringing in matters such as holiday pay and accounts payable.
7. In summary the Treasurer should report to vestry and procedures should be documented as follows
  - a. All funds be recorded by at least two verified members of the Parish
  - b. That the funds are recorded and signed for by these members and documentation will be held at more than one location
  - c. A minimum of two people will be required to authorise bank withdrawal transactions or internet payments
  - d. To arrange payment of accounts when due, or as soon as practical.
  - e. To provide the Diocese with the information they required to complete the financials including budgets and end-of-year accounts.
  - f. To give an account of all transactions to vestry, including available funds on a monthly basis.
8. The Parish is responsible for having adequate software to enable the Treasurer to complete their tasks and such software licence or subscription is to be in Parish control.
9. That all electronic information be stored on the Parish computer or Parish Cloud storage.

10. The end of year report prepared by the Diocese is to be presented to the AGM, together with any other supporting reports the Treasurer deems necessary to explain to the congregation the Parishes activity.

#### Rationale

1. It is my appreciation there are a number of treasurers in the Diocese who are untrained individuals fulfilling a role in the church which this clause exposes them to being potentially liable.
2. I am also aware when individual store information on their personal computer, the Parish does not access, and it at a disadvantage in a situation of them leaving or dying.
3. Regarding points 5) and 6) it is appreciated the deciding difference will be if a Parish has a full time vicar or not.
4. The practical matter is that Trust Management Limited (TML) is preparing accounts of behalf of the Diocese and not the treasurer, so why should the Treasurer be liable for the actions which is not in the treasurer's control.
5. The accounts prepared by the Diocese do not comply with IFRS and they are not required by the Charities commission, the Diocese comply to XRB External Reporting Board standards. Which is a combination of NZFRS and SSAP's.
6. There is an urgent need to prepare timely and simplicity accounts, that lay people can understand, rather than to be considering comprehensive income and accruals.
7. The wording in the Statute is awkward and produces more uncertainty than anything,

#### **4.49pm      Vote of Thanks**

*Mover: The Reverend Paul Bowers-Mason  
Seconder: By general acclamation*

"That our thanks be accorded to:  
Bishop Ross Bay our preacher and those who assisted at the Eucharist;  
The President & Chancellor;  
The Waikato Diocesan School for Girls & its people for hosting Synod, especially Darlene, Georgina and Stephen;  
Kat Maxwell for her work organising and at Synod, and Alan Maxwell for his music at the Eucharist;  
The Diocesan Manager and Secretaries, Mr Ben Ferreira, The Venerable Trevor Harrison and Mrs Pip Harrison;  
The Chairs of Committee, the Venerable Joel Rowse & Mrs Christine Bryant;  
The Diocesan Staff: Ms Jennifer Fielden and Ms Mignon Bailey;  
The Members of Synod for participating through their attending, speaking and listening."

#### **4.54pm                      Closing Blessing – the Most Reverend Philip Richardson**

#### **4.55pm                      Closing of Synod**

