

Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki

Synod 2025

Motion No. 2: Adoption of WDTB General Purpose Financial Statements 2024

*Mover: Joyce Marcon
Seconder: Julian Perkins*

“That this Synod approves the audited General Purpose Financial Statements of the Waikato Diocesan Trust Board, for the year ended 31 December 2024.”

Motion No. 3: Adoption of TATB General Purpose Financial Statements 2024

*Mover: Joyce Marcon
Seconder: Julian Perkins*

“That this Synod approves the audited General Purpose Financial Statements of the Taranaki Anglican Trust Board, for the year ended 31 December 2024.”

Motion No. 4: Adoption of Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki General Purpose Financial Statements for 2024

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 2024.”

Motion No. 5: Funding Standing Committee Operations – Approval of 2026 Budget

Mover: The Most Reverend Philip Richardson

“That for the year 2026 this Synod agrees to a Diocesan Budget for Standing Committee operations of \$728,303 allocated in accordance with details contained in the budget, with \$621,077 of this sum to be provided by assessments.”

Motion No.6: Assessments 2026 – Approval of Schedule

*Mover: Julian Perkins
Seconder: The Most Reverend Philip Richardson*

“That Parish Diocesan Assessments for the year 2026 be set according to the schedule of percentages for 2024, as detailed in the Synod papers.”

Motion No.7: Funding the 2026 Ministry Support Fund

Mover: Andrew Evans

Seconder: Turi Hollis

“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.”

Motion No.8: Mission Target 2026

Mover: Andrew Evans

Seconder: Turi Hollis

“That for the year 2026 the target for Overseas Missions remains at \$210,000.00. That for the year 2026 the target for contributions to Anglican Action is set at \$50,000 and for Bishop’s Action Foundation is set at \$15, 697.”

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 2025
- 4 The Combine 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
- 10 Cursillo Annual Report

Motion No.10: Royal Commission Response

Mover: Andrew Evans

Seconder: Kat Maxwell

That this Synod requests the Standing Committee, in collaboration with our Church-wide Royal Commission response, implements all the relevant recommendations from the Royal Commission to the highest possible standards of care. Furthermore, where the implications of the Gospel require higher standards than those proposed by the Royal Commission of Enquiry into Abuse in Care, the Diocese should seek to meet the standards of the Gospel.

The costs of achieving and maintaining compliance with these standards shall generally be the responsibility of each individual ministry unit or entity.

Motion No.11: Camp Fund Utilisation

Mover: Julian Perkins

Seconder: Turi Hollis

This Synod requests the proceeds from the sale of the Te Rau Aroha camp be prioritised in the following ways: 1) To meet any reparation costs resulting from historical church abuse, including redress payments to survivors of abuse in the Diocese of Waikato before 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. 2) To meet any reparation costs relating to the disenfranchisement of Māori from whenua/land in the Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki.

Motion No.12: Te Ara Hou Ownership

Mover: Peter Bargh

Seconder: Kat Maxwell

The establishment of the ecumenical Christian social service village at Te Ara Hou was always intended to be an expression of bi-cultural partnership and vision. Therefore, this Synod requests that the Standing Committee work with Ngati Haua to find out what re-vesting the whenua/land at Te Ara Hou (Lot 2) back to Ngati Haua might mean for both parties. Further, that this work be reported back to the Synod with any appropriate motion.

Motion No.13: Property Review

Mover: Peter Bargh

Seconder: Kat Maxwell

That the Standing Committee –

- i. Generates a comprehensive list of properties currently held in the name of the Waikato Diocesan Trust Board (WDTB) and the Taranaki Anglican Trust Board (TATB) that were given by local iwi for the purpose of the Church (in accordance with Title F Canon III);
- ii. Makes an initial recommendation as to which of those properties might be re-vested in local iwi;
- iii. Explores the potential of shared ownership (of such properties) between the Church and iwi in pursuit of the restoration of relationships and the proclamation of the Gospel;
- iv. Reports back to Synod with the results of this investigation and any recommendations for discussion/action.

Motion No.14: Finances

Mover: Peter Bargh

Seconder: 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.

Motion No.15: 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.16: Gospel, Treaty and Constitution

Moved: Jay Ruka

Seconded: Bishop Philip Richardson

This diocese, recognising the unique role our church played in the development, translation and advocacy of the Treaty of Waitangi, affirms our commitment—driven by Te Rongopai (the gospel of

Jesus Christ)—to the centrality of Te Tiriti both to Te Pouhere (the constitution of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia) and to our developing identity as a nation.