

Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki

Synod 2026

Motion No. 2: Adoption of WDTB General Purpose Financial Statements 2025

Mover: Ven Joyce Marcon

Seconder: Alex Twaddle

“That this Synod approves the audited General Purpose Financial Statements of the Waikato Diocesan Trust Board, for the year ended 31 December 2025.”

Motion No. 3: Adoption of TATB General Purpose Financial Statements 2025

Mover: Ven Joyce Marcon

Seconder: Alex Twaddle

“That this Synod approves the audited General Purpose Financial Statements of the Taranaki Anglican Trust Board, for the year ended 31 December 2025.”

Motion No. 4: Adoption of Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki General Purpose Financial Statements for 2025

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 2025.”

Motion No. 5: Funding Standing Committee Operations – Approval of 2027 Budget

Mover: The Most Reverend Philip Richardson

“That for the year 2027 this Synod agrees to a Diocesan Budget for Standing Committee operations of \$809,030 allocated in accordance with details contained in the budget, with \$626,779 of this sum to be provided by assessments.”

Motion No.6: Assessments 2027 – Approval of Schedule

Mover: Rev Peter Bargh

Seconder: Christine Bryant

“That Parish Diocesan Assessments for the year 2027 be set according to the schedule of percentages for 2025, as detailed in the Synod papers.”

Motion No.7: Funding the 2027 Ministry Support Fund

*Mover: Rev Peter Bargh
Seconder: Christine Bryant*

“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 2027

*Mover: Rev Sam Pullenger
Seconder: Dean Julian Perkins*

“That for the year 2027 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 \$15,700.”

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 2026
- 4 The Combined 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 Hospital Chaplaincy Report
- 10 Cursillo Annual Report
- 11 Cursillo Financial Report
- 12 Taranaki Diocesan School for Girls Report
- 13 General Synod/Te Hīnota Whānui Feedback
- 14 Children, Youth and Families Ministry Report

Motion 10: Episcopal Succession

*Mover: Christine Bryant
Seconder: Rev Christina Syrratt*

“That this Synod, noting that the Diocesan Bishop, on the recommendation of Standing Committee, has intimated to Synod in writing his desire to have a Coadjutor Bishop appointed to assist in the provision of episcopal ministry and administration in the Diocese, assents, in accordance with clause

2A of Title A Canon I of Bishops, to the appointment in due course of a Coadjutor Bishop with right of succession for the Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki; directs Standing Committee to work with the Diocesan Bishop to ensure that the episcopal functions delegated to the Coadjutor Bishop increase progressively over the period of the Coadjutorship, recognising that a Coadjutor Bishop holds no jurisdiction beyond what the Diocesan Bishop delegates; and receives the background paper of Standing Committee setting out the rationale for this recommendation.”

See the separate paper

Motion No.11: Location of Baby Changing Facilities Motion:

Mover: Elliot Tuck
Seconder: Margot Buick

That this Synod resolves:

1. That all parishes within the Diocese shall provide baby changing facilities located in a toilet accessible to carers of all genders, being either a gender-neutral toilet or an accessible (disabled) toilet, and that the placement of baby changing facilities exclusively within female toilets shall no longer be regarded as compliant within parish buildings.
2. That parishes which currently provide baby changing facilities only within female toilets shall relocate those facilities to a gender-neutral or accessible toilet where such a toilet exists within the parish buildings.
3. That where no gender-neutral or accessible toilet currently exists, or where relocation requires minor alteration or remedial work, parishes shall take all reasonably practicable steps to adapt existing facilities or provide an appropriate toilet space, and shall complete all such remedial work no later than six (6) months after the close of Synod.
4. Where any alteration or remedial work requires a faculty or other approval under diocesan canons or regulations, such approval shall be sought and granted through the normal processes of the Bishop and Standing Committee.
5. That compliance with this resolution shall be declared by parishes through their annual parish returns, or such other routine reporting mechanism as the Diocese may from time to time require.

Rationale:

The care and changing of infants is a shared responsibility of parents and carers of all genders. Parish buildings and facilities should reflect this reality in a practical and unexceptional manner.

The placement of baby changing facilities solely within female toilets creates unnecessary barriers for fathers, male carers, and others, and may require carers to improvise or leave parish buildings to meet basic caregiving needs. This is inconsistent with the Church’s pastoral commitment to hospitality, accessibility, and dignity.

Gender-neutral and accessible (disabled) toilets are intended for use by all persons and are therefore the most

appropriate locations for baby changing facilities. This motion establishes a clear diocesan standard and a defined timeframe for compliance, while allowing reasonable flexibility as to how compliance is achieved, and includes a simple reporting requirement to ensure accountability.