

**STANDING RESOLUTIONS OF THE DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND**  
**as at September 2019**

**FIRST SESSION OF FORTIETH SYNOD, 1971**

1. Reprinting of Statutes  
*Annulled 2001, but substance of Resolution incorporated in Standing Orders.*

**SECOND SESSION OF FORTIETH SYNOD, 1972**

2. Synod Representation – Ex Officio  
*Annulled 2000, but substance of Resolution incorporated in Synod Statute.*
3. Constitution and Rules of the Selwyn Foundation  
*Annulled 2001.*

**THIRD SESSION OF FORTIETH SYNOD, 1973**

4. Constitution of the Mission District of the Holy Sepulchre  
*Annulled 2001*
5. Mission Districts  
*Annulled 2001, but see provisions of Parish Statute.*
6. Public and Social Affairs  
*Annulled 2001.*

**FIRST SESSION OF FORTY-FIRST SYNOD, 1974**

7. Retirement Housing Fund for Clergy  
*Annulled 2001, but substance of Resolution incorporated in Financial Regulations Statute.*

**SECOND SESSION OF FORTY-FIRST SYNOD, 1975**

8. Vaughan Park Conference Centre  
*Annulled 2019*

**THIRD SESSION OF FORTY-FIRST SYNOD, 1976**

9. Ordination  
*Annulled 2001, but substance of Resolution incorporated in Licensed Ministry Statute*

**FIRST SESSION OF FORTY-SECOND SYNOD, 1977**

10. Leadership in the Diocese  
***Amended 2001***  
*Revised wording:*  
THAT this Synod, noting that authority was given in 1977 for the creation of two Offices of Assistant Bishop, with the right being left to the Bishop to decide when to appoint any person to those offices as full-time appointments, and for the division of the Diocese into two or three geographic regions, now resolves as follows in the light of more recent experience of Episcopal ministry being shared by a team of persons both lay and ordained:
  - (a) to encourage the Bishop to continue to work with a team of persons to offer leadership within the Diocese, with particular regard for the resourcing and pastoral care of those licensed to offer ministry; and
  - (b) to request the Bishop, in consultation with the Diocesan Council, to decide on the composition of the team in respect of lay, clerical and Episcopal appointments, and on the best delineation of duties and areas of responsibility.

### **SECOND SESSION OF FORTY-SECOND SYNOD, 1978**

11. Study Leave for Clergy  
*Annulled 2001, but substance of Resolution incorporated in Financial Regulations Statute.*
12. Cultural Values of Ethnic Groups  
*Annulled 2001, but substance of Resolution incorporated in Parish Statute*

### **THIRD SESSION OF FORTY-SECOND SYNOD, 1979**

13. Auckland City Mission  
THAT the Diocese reaffirms its commitment to the work of the Auckland City Mission and recommends that all parishes support the Mission by an annual payment of 1% of parish income.
14. Bishopric of Aotearoa Endowment Fund  
*Annulled 2001*
15. Ministry of Reconciliation and the Maori Language  
THAT this Synod acknowledges and reminds the people of the Diocese that:
  - (a) the Church is called to the Ministry of Reconciliation,
  - (b) therefore Christian New Zealanders whose first language is not Maori have an obligation to learn to pronounce Maori personal and place names.

### **FIRST SESSION OF FORTY-THIRD SYNOD, 1980**

16. Holy Trinity Cathedral  
*Annulled 2001*
17. Sale, Leasing or Mortgaging of Land  
*Annulled 2001, but substance of Resolution incorporated in the Parish Statute.*
18. Release of Deceased Persons  
*Annulled 2001*

### **THIRD SESSION OF FORTY-THIRD SYNOD, 1982**

19. Guidelines on Christian Initiation  
*Annulled 2001*
20. Holy Trinity Cathedral  
*Annulled 2001*
21. Nuclear Weapon-Free Pacific  
**Amended 2001**  
*Revised wording:*  
THAT this Synod declares, as a tangible expression of our commitment to the gospel of justice and peace, and in pursuit of the just goal of a nuclear weapon free Pacific:
  - (a) its conviction before all people that the current commitment to nuclear arms violates all values by which humanity may hope for good and peaceful survival; and
  - (b) acknowledges the work of the Pacific Conference of Churches towards a nuclear free Pacific.
22. Levies (from Parishes for Diocesan Expenses)  
*Annulled 2001, but substance of Resolution incorporated in Financial Regulations Statute.*

**FIRST SESSION OF FORTY-FOURTH SYNOD, 1983**

23. Co-operating Parishes and Co-operative Ventures  
*Annulled 2001*
24. Inclusive Language  
*Annulled 2001, but substance of Resolution incorporated in Standing Orders.*

**SECOND SESSION OF FORTY-FOURTH SYNOD, 1984**

25. Anglican Trust for Women and Children  
***Amended 2001***  
*Revised wording:*  
THAT this Synod resolves:  
(a) to encourage all parishes, mission districts and all people concerned with the Gospel imperative towards the care of the needy, to give such financial, material and social support to the Trust as they can; and  
(b) that all parishes and ministry units be encouraged to give 1% of their incomes to the work of the Trust.
26. Opening of Churches  
THAT Diocesan Synod invites all parishes to open their churches for two hours before and two hours after any public protest, for a place of prayer on a day of public protest.
27. Committee Representation  
Annulled 2017 and has been replaced with Clause 1 and Clause 3 of the First Session of the Fifty Fifth Synod, 2016.

**DIOCESAN COUNCIL, AS SYNOD OUT OF SESSION, 27 JULY 1989**

28. Evaluation of Non-parochial Diocesan Appointments  
*Annulled 2001*

**DIOCESAN COUNCIL, AS SYNOD OUT OF SESSION, 24 AUGUST 1989**

29. Triennial Review of Non-Parochial Positions  
*Annulled 2001*
30. Distribution of Income from the Diocesan Trust  
*Annulled 2001, but substance of Resolution incorporated in Financial Regulations Statute.*

**DIOCESAN COUNCIL, AS SYNOD OUT OF SESSION, 19 APRIL 1990**

31. Personal Life Insurance for Clergy – Payroll Life Plan  
*Annulled 2001, but substance of Resolution incorporated in Financial Regulations Statute.*

**DIOCESAN COUNCIL, AS SYNOD OUT OF SESSION, 28 SEPTEMBER 1995**

32. Common Life and Partnership and Bicultural Development  
THAT Diocesan Council accepts responsibility for common life and partnership and bicultural development matters as required by Title B Canon XX and in particular will act in regard to the following matters which up to now have been the responsibility of the Diocesan Bicultural Committee, the Joint Resource Sharing Group and the Tikanga Rua Group, namely:  
(a) partnership and resource sharing with Tikanga Maori and Tikanga Pacifica;  
(b) education in matters of partnership and bicultural development;  
(c) effective monitoring of partnership and bicultural development matters in the Diocese, in Diocesan Council and in each of the Sector Councils;  
(c) provision of quarterly summaries of priority matters with recommendation for effective action.

## **SECOND SESSION OF FORTY-EIGHTH SYNOD, 1996**

33. New Developing Ministries in Schools  
***Deemed to be Standing Resolution at Synod 2001***  
THAT this Synod recognises new developing ministry opportunities available in State schools and encourages ministry units to explore suitable ministries in this area.

## **SECOND SESSION OF FORTY-NINTH SYNOD, 1999**

34. Representation on General Synod and Inter-Diocesan Conference  
***Deemed to be Standing Resolution at Synod 2001***  
THAT at least one of the representatives to the Inter-Diocesan Conference and General Synod elected by the Synod be under the age of 25 at the time IDC and General Synod are held.

## **THIRD SESSION OF FORTY-NINTH SYNOD, 2000**

35. Social Services  
***Deemed to be Standing Resolution at Synod 2001***  
THAT this Synod:
- (a) reaffirms its commitment to the acknowledgment in the preamble in the Constitution and Clause 3 of the ACC6 Mission Statement that the mission of the Church includes responding to human needs by loving service;
  - (b) reminds ministry units of the provision for donations to be made to social service agencies with the calculation of Diocesan Quota assessments being altered to allow for up to 5% of their income from offerings to be donated to:
    - (i) any other parish or agency that has adopted the Anglican Care Code of Ethics; (ii) any agency that is included on a list to be published from time to time by the Anglican Care Social Services Council; (iii) any other person or agency deemed by the Vestry to come within the spirit of this clause, such donations being not more than 2% of giving.

## **FIRST SESSION OF FIFTIETH SYNOD, 2001**

36. Decade to Overcome Violence  
*Annulled 2019*

## **SECOND SESSION OF FIFTIETH SYNOD, 2002**

37. Police Checks For Workers  
***Deemed to be Amended Standing Resolution at Synod 2003***  
THAT this Synod resolves that all parishes, ministry units and educational or social work agencies in the Diocese require Police checks for all persons seeking appointment (stipended, paid or voluntary) within the parish, ministry unit or agency as clergy or lay worker who may have supervised or unsupervised responsibility or involvement in the care or oversight of children, young people or the elderly in the course of their duties.
38. Obligations and Responsibilities in Education Concerning Personal and Community Relationships  
***Deemed to be Amended Standing Resolution at Synod 2003***  
THAT this Synod resolves that all parishes, ministry units and agencies within the Diocese offering any educational or teaching programme are encouraged to include appropriate material promoting high standards of personal and community relationships and responsibilities and particularly teaching that not only acknowledges rights that are given and may be enjoyed but the complementary responsibilities and obligations that go with every right or power.

## **SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTY FIRST SYNOD, 2005**

### 39. Gaming Machines

#### ***Deemed to be Standing Resolution at Synod 2006***

THAT, in light of the destructive and corrosive effects of gaming machines on individuals, families and communities, this Synod:

- (a) requests all parishes and ministry units to refrain from applying for or, in any way, receiving monies from any trust or agency that distributes profits generated by gaming machines; and
- (b) encourages all other Anglican dioceses to take a similar stand."

## **FIRST SESSION OF FIFTY SECOND SYNOD, 2007**

### 40. Shop Trading Hours

#### ***Deemed to be Standing Resolution at Synod 2008***

"THAT, this Synod joins with the Association of Anglican Women of the Diocese of Auckland and the New Zealand President of the AAW in opposing very strongly trading of any shop on Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Christmas Day or ANZAC Day morning and requests Diocesan Council to ensure that the substance of this Motion is represented to Parliament or any further occasion in which this issue is raised in legislation."

### 41. Child Abuse

#### ***Deemed to be Standing Resolution at Synod 2008***

"THAT this Synod urges Government to take urgent action in the matter of child abuse in giving sympathetic consideration to the following proposals:

- (i) to increase funding and other direct support to recognized providers of programmes, for example: Plunket, Parents as First Teachers (PAFT) and the Anglican Trust for Women and Children (ATWC), in supporting and educating families, particularly families with young children at risk;
- (ii) to ensure that statutory bodies, such as CYFS, charged with the care and protection of children are adequately resourced to enable them to fulfil their statutory obligations;
- (iii) to establish proper provision for Parliament to consider the impact of all legislation on children and to support the 1990 Convention on the Rights of the Child and, in particular, Articles 6.2, 18.2, 19.1, 19.2 and 27.3;
- (iv) to facilitate the provision of programmes in secondary schools and colleges designed to assist pupils to understand that violence is not a satisfactory way to resolve problems and to educate them about the responsibilities of parenthood;

and acknowledges that without strong support by the people of New Zealand, Government cannot produce sufficient change and each individual has the need to take the risk of defending abuse victims by the willingness to report potential abuse and to work to make this a country of zero tolerance of child abuse."

## **SECOND SESSION OF FIFTY SECOND SYNOD, 2008**

### 42. Statistical and Financial Returns

#### ***Deemed to be Standing Resolution at Synod 2009***

"THAT this Synod:

- (1) notes the requirement for the Diocese to provide an annual financial return on behalf of all ministry units to the Charities Commission by 30 June of each year;
- (2) reminds ministry units of the obligation to submit statistical and financial returns by 31 March each year (Financial Regulations Statute 2000 clause 19.2);
- (3) notes the failure by a number of ministry units in recent years to meet this requirement;
- (4) notes the consequence this failure has in terms of providing information on the state of the Diocese and building up an accurate historical record of key indicators of the health of the Diocese and, accordingly,
- (5) requests the Archdeacons, Bishop's Chaplains and Diocesan Secretary no later than 31 May each year (i.e. prior to the dispatch of Synod papers) to analyse and critique the draft statistical and financial summary so that it can more accurately reflect the true state of the Diocese and;
- (6) calls upon the Archdeacons, Bishop's Chaplains and Diocesan Secretary to report to Synod each year on this exercise."

## **THIRD SESSION OF FIFTY SECOND SYNOD, 2009**

### 43. Anglican Youth Ministries

#### ***Deemed to be Standing Resolution at Synod 2010***

"THAT this Synod, in acknowledging the quality of lay ministry amongst young people in the Diocese,

- (1) recognizes the importance of wider Diocesan support for Lay Youth Ministers provided by Anglican Youth Ministries and the opportunities for young people to be heard and grow in leadership through Youth Synod and Youth Council;
- (2) encourages ministry units to make a commitment to provide support, education and resources for their Lay Youth Ministers;
- (3) recognizes the benefits (for ministry amongst young people) of encouraging ministry units to license their Lay Youth Ministers; and
- (4) encourages ministry units who have not already begun the process of licensing their Lay Youth Ministers to do so."

### 44. Youth Representation on Diocesan Council

#### ***Deemed to be Standing Resolution at Synod 2010***

"THAT at least one of the members of Diocesan Council be under the age of 25 (but still qualified under any applicable legislation to be an officer of a charity)."

## **FIRST SESSION OF FIFTY THIRD SYNOD, 2010**

### 45. Care and Protection of Children, Youth and Vulnerable Adults – clauses 3 and 5

#### ***Deemed to be Standing Resolution at Synod 2011***

"THAT this Synod:

- (1) adopts the ChurchSafe resource as a means to provide tools for effective management of safety issues surrounding children, youth and adults in vulnerable situations in the Diocese of Auckland; and
- (2) reminds each Vestry or Council of its obligation to ensure that care and protection of children, youth and adults in vulnerable situations is a fundamental concern, and to this end calls upon it to appoint a designated "ChurchSafe" Officer (CSO)."

## **SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTY FOURTH SYNOD, 2014**

### 46. People Matter/ He Taura Tangata

#### ***Deemed to be Standing Resolution at Synod 2015***

"THAT this Synod notes Motion 18 passed by General Synod/te Hinota Whanui 2014 entitled "People Matter/He Taura Tangata" and commits itself to best practice in all areas where staff are employed."

### **THIRD SESSION OF THE FIFTY FOURTH SYNOD, 2015**

47. Overseas Missions

***Deemed to be Standing Resolution at Synod 2016***

"THAT this Synod affirms its commitment to partnership with the Church overseas and, in particular:

1. encourages ministry units to form and maintain personal links with mission partners and projects;
2. commends to ministry units the principle of giving 5% of income to the work of the Church overseas;
3. encourages ministry units to consider how they might be involved in overseas mission as part of their commitment to the Decade of Mission commencing at Advent 2015;
4. encourages those involved in the preparation of ordinands in the Auckland Diocese to consider the value of making a short overseas mission trip in preparation for ordination."

### **FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY FOURTH SYNOD, 2013**

48. Living Wage Movement Aotearoa New Zealand

***Deemed to be Standing Resolution at Synod 2016***

"THAT this Synod

1. commits itself to the principle of a Living Wage for all who derive income through the mission and ministry of this Diocese; and
2. calls on the governing bodies of Anglican institutions in the Auckland Diocese to consider how they could apply the principle of the Living Wage having regard to their financial circumstances and their ability to protect jobs and services in the face of significantly increased wage costs."

### **FIRST SESSION OF THE FIFTY FIFTH SYNOD, 2016**

49. Equal Gender Representation

"That, in line with the Standing Resolution SR05 of General Synod/te Hinota Whanui of 2008 and 2014, resolutions 8 and 22 of General Synod/te Hinota Whanui 2016, and Standing Resolution 27 of the Diocese of Auckland Synod 1984:

1. The Diocesan Synod and Ministry Units work towards equal representation of women and men in decision making at all levels – when electing or appointing representatives to governing and consultative bodies anywhere in the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia;
2. The Diocesan Synod encourages equality in visibility and involvement of women and men at all diocesan events.

### **SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTY FIFTH SYNOD, 2017**

50. On the roles of faith and action in tackling climate change

***Deemed to be Standing Resolution at Synod 2018***

"That the Diocese of Auckland commits to carbon neutrality in its business, including its travel."

### **THIRD SESSION OF THE FIFTY FIFTH SYNOD, 2018**

51. Sustainable Development Goals

***Deemed to be Standing Resolution at Synod 2019***

"That this synod supports the seventeen Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) which are a global call to action to end poverty, protect the planet and ensure all people enjoy peace and prosperity by 2030."

52. Suicide Prevention  
***Deemed to be Standing Resolution at Synod 2019***  
THAT this Synod:
1. Expresses its concern at the scope of the suicide problem in New Zealand.
  2. Establishes a policy that suicide intervention training be compulsory in the Diocese for all stipended clergy and paid youth ministers.
  3. Recommends that all unpaid youth ministers undergo suicide intervention training.
  4. Recognises we are not always the appropriate support and should know when and where to refer vulnerable people.
53. Support for People with Disabilities  
***Deemed to be Standing Resolution at Synod 2019***  
THAT this Synod invites Ministry Units:
1. To review how accessible their buildings are for people with disabilities.
  2. To review how accessible their programmes are for people with disabilities.
  3. To review worship and other activities to ensure they are inclusive.
  4. To make achievable improvements with the ultimate goal of full accessibility and inclusion.