



## **DIOCESAN COUNCIL**

### **Summary of Meeting**

*held on Thursday, 27 August 2020 at 4pm Via Zoom  
chaired by The Right Rev'd Ross Bay*

#### **Membership**

A quorum for all houses was present. The Diocesan Manager and Minute Secretary were also present. Members were asked to disclose any interests in relation to agenda items.

#### **Opening**

The meeting opened with a prayer.

#### **General Business**

Minutes of 30 July 2020 were adopted as a true and correct record.  
The schedule of outstanding matters was discussed and updated.

#### **Bishop's Matters**

The Right Rev'd Ross Bay provided a written update of the Bishop's activities.

#### **Diocesan Manager and Property Manager Reports**

The Diocesan Manager provided a verbal update of Diocesan office activities.

The Property Manager's Report was received.

#### **Finance Reports**

Diocesan Council approved the Finance Report for July 2020.

#### **Merriman Trust Fund Distribution**

GTB has resolved to wind up the Merriman Trust and distribute it in equal shares to the Diocesan of Auckland and Te Tai Tokerau. The Deed provides for the transfer of the asset to an organisation with similar purposes and to be used with the same intent.

Diocesan Council agreed that the Merriman Trust funds be held in a discrete fund and that the Clergy Remuneration and Retirement Committee make recommendations to Diocesan Council as to how distributions could be managed.

#### **Diocesan Development Fund Advisory Group**

Diocesan Council agreed that a second funding round for 2020 open in October with applications closing end of December and final funding decisions being made by Diocesan Council the end of February 2021.

#### **Earthquake Prone Building Policy**

Diocesan Council asked that the Diocesan office do further research regarding formation of a working group to draft a policy.

## Ministry Unit Matters

### **St Chad's, Orewa – Request to submit funding application**

#### **Decision made by circulation**

St Chad's Orewa requested approval to apply to Lottery Community Facilities for funds to conduct a feasibility study on their proposed church hall building project. This request was approved.

### **St Chad's, Orewa – Resource consent application**

St Chad's, Orewa requested agreement to apply for a resource consent for additions and alterations to the church hall located at 117 Centreway Road Orewa. Diocesan Council agreed and will now submit to the General Trust Board to provide final approval.

### **All Saints, Howick – Access to funds**

All Saints, Howick requested to access funds held in trust for planned maintenance and annual insurance premiums for the church and community centre. This request was approved.

### **St Columba, Grey Lynn – Financial Support**

St Columba, Grey Lynn has applied for financial assistance due to hardships as a direct result of COVID-19. Diocesan Council requested more information to be presented at the September 2020 meeting that would provide members with a better understanding of the financial position and the immediate needs.

### **St John's, Campbells Bay**

St John's, Campbells Bay project to build a new vicarage on church land was discontinued. The Parish requested permission to purchase a vicarage. This request was approved.

### **Hauraki Plans Cooperating Parish**

Diocesan Council agreed to wavier a small amount of historical invoice arrears.

### **Glenfield Mission District – Yewon Church Lease**

Diocesan Council agreed that lease negotiations can continue with the Yewon Church in relation to the use of St Barnabas' Church site.

## Other Business

### **Quota Adjustments 2021**

Diocesan Council considered applications from several ministry units for adjustments to assessable income for 2021 Quota.

## Working Group Updates

### **Diocesan Health and Safety**

The Health and Safety Report was received.

This month the Working Group has been working on the Bullying and Harassment policy, and writing a guide for ministry units to assist with being COVID-19 prepared.

### **Diocesan Mission & Ministry Resource Team Report**

The Report was received.

### **Information Papers and Correspondence**

Information papers and correspondence were received.

### **Closing**

The meeting closed at 6.15pm with a prayer.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 24 September 2020 commencing at 4pm.