



DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

PROCEEDINGS OF THE THIRD SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SIXTH SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

FIRST DAY – FRIDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2021

QUORUM

Members of Synod gathered online via Zoom meeting. The Diocesan Manager, Ms Sonia Maugham, certified that the requisite number of members were present to constitute the Synod.

The President of the Synod formally constituted the Synod at 8.37am. The Rt Rev'd Ross Bay presiding.

MORNING PRAYERS

Morning Prayers were led by The Venerable Carole Hughes, Vicar General and Archdeacon for the Northern Region.

STANDING ORDERS:

Suspension of Standing Orders

THE PRESIDENT MOVED:

“THAT pursuant to Standing Order 103, Standing Orders be suspended for the duration of Synod, but the business of Synod be conducted in a manner as consistent with Standing Orders as circumstances permit.”

AGREED

MOTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE:

Variation of Electoral Process

THE PRESIDENT MOVED:

“THAT:

- 1) the following variations be made to the Elections and General Synod Representation Statute 2010 for the remainder of the Third Session of the Fifty-Sixth Synod:

SYNOD TO FIX CLOSE OF NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

- a. clause 3 is suspended;

NOMINATIONS

- b. clauses 4.1 – 4.7 are suspended and:
 - i. that nominations received via the published online process are accepted; and
 - ii. that nominations are closed with immediate effect;

ELECTIONS

- c. clause 5.4 is suspended and The Reverend Sarah Moss and Ms Karen Spoelstra are appointed to act as scrutineers and assist the Diocesan Manager in conducting the elections;

Ballot Papers

- d. clauses 5.6 – 5.8 shall be observed in principle, except that the elections shall be conducted using Survey Monkey rather than being conducted by ballot paper;

Voting

- e. clauses 5.10 – 5.11 are suspended;

Counting and Validity of Votes

- f. clauses 5.12 – 5.13 are suspended and the Diocesan Manager will count and report votes in accordance with reports from Survey Monkey; and

OUTCOME OF ELECTIONS

- g. clause 6.1 is suspended;

- 2) the elections to Diocesan Council and General Synod Te Hīnota Whānui take place following the break.”

The Chancellor gave advice to Synod on the Motion.

The Motion was put.

AGREED

PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

Auditors

THE PRESIDENT MOVED:

“THAT BDO be appointed auditors for the following entities for the year ended December 2021: Diocesan Council; Anglican Trusts Board.”

AGREED

Synod Business

The President moved that leave be granted to allow the following motions to proceed with amended text:

MOTION 5 - REDUCING WASTE (AS AMENDED)

“THAT this Synod:

1. Recommends all ministry units set targets to reduce waste produced as a result of church services, activities and events.
2. Calls on the New Zealand Government to expedite a nationwide recycling standard and support the set up of a network of community recycling hubs.”

MOTION 7 – REPORTING ON IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE (AS AMENDED)

“THAT this Synod,

1. Requests the General Trust Board of the Diocese of Auckland to:
 - a. advise its policy for the investment of Trust Funds and include details of the investment policy in its annual report to Synod, including details of all activities that are considered unethical;
 - b. provide details in its annual report to Synod of the impact on climate change of the activities of the corporations and companies the Trust has direct or indirect investments.
2. Recommends that the Diocesan Council, in all those situations where:
 - a. the Diocesan Council holds a power to appoint one or more trustees to a Trust; and
 - b. that Trust has an obligation to report annually to Synod;requests the trustees of that Trust to provide the information described in paragraph (1) above in their reports to Synod.”

AGREED

GREETINGS

Greetings were received from the Dioceses of Waikato and Taranaki, Waiapu, Wellington, Nelson and Christchurch.

QUESTIONS

Questions were asked by Mr Roger Williams (Parish of St Chad’s, Meadowbank) and The Reverend Sandy Robertson (Diocesan School for Girls).

The President answered the questions of Mr Roger Williams and The Reverend Sandy Robertson. The President directed that the questions and answers be recorded in the Proceedings.

The questions and answers were as follows:

Mr Roger Williams: *Standing resolution 50 states: “That the diocese of Auckland commits to carbon neutrality in its business, including its travel.” Given this resolution passed in 2017, and the urgency of mitigating climate change by reducing carbon emissions, what actions have been taken to measure, reduce and mitigate carbon emissions of diocesan business, and across the diocese, over the last 4 years and where do opportunities exist to further progress towards this goal?*

Answer: The Sustainability Fieldworker has been undertaking work towards this goal, including an examination of travel by diocesan staff.

This year the Diocesan Council adopted the Auckland Anglican Response to Climate Change Plan with actions for education, mitigation, worship and liturgy, and outreach and advocacy.

Among the actions for mitigation are:

- to provide resources to ministry units and encourage them to reduce their carbon footprint;
- to encourage and facilitate Diocesan staff, offices and ministry units to move towards renewable energy sources for their operations;
- to encourage carbon sequestration through tree planting; biochar burying; and regenerative gardening, horticultural and farming practices to increase the ability of the soil to act as a carbon sink.

Each ministry unit has been provided with a brochure summarising the plan which we will post in the Chat for members. A full version of the plan is available by contacting The Sustainability Fieldworker, Cathy Bi-Riley.

The Reverend Sandy Robertson: *“What investigation has been or will be carried out within the Diocese regarding the sexual abuse of students at Dilworth School by former Dilworth Chaplain Ross Browne, including in relation to his move from Dilworth School to Manurewa parish?”*

Answer: It is my intention to establish an independent review of these matters to ensure we understand what happened and what we can learn from it to prevent further abuse. The independence will be important as it will necessarily involve examination of actions and decisions of bishops. I will also comment on these matters in my Charge.

ORDER OF THE DAY:

THE BISHOP’S CHARGE

The Rt Rev’d Ross Bay, Bishop of Auckland, delivered the Bishop’s Charge.

ORDER OF THE DAY

Presentation of Report of Diocesan Council

Mrs Elizabeth Witton and The Reverend Gendi Burwell spoke to the Diocesan Council’s Report.

ORDER OF THE DAY

Elections to Diocesan Council

The President introduced the candidates for Diocesan Council.

The clergy candidates were: The Rev’d Megan Means.

The lay candidates were: Mrs Megan Bowden; Mr FaAfuhia Fia; Mr Tony Randerson QC;
Mrs Elizabeth Witton.

Elections to General Synod

The President introduced the candidates for General Synod Te Hīnota Whānui.

The clergy candidates were: The Rev'd Clare Barrie; The Rev'd Gendi Burwell; The Rev'd Noel Cox; The Rev'd Ivica Gregurec; The Rev'd Dr Helen Jacobi; The Very Rev'd Anne Mills.

The lay candidates were: Mr David Howe; Ms Jessica Hughes; Captain Peter Lloyd.

9.45am Synod adjourned for the break.

10.02am Synod in session.

The Diocesan Manager gave instructions on voting.

First Ballot for Elections

The first ballots were held for elections to Diocesan Council and General Synod Te Hīnota Whānui.

APPROVAL OF BILLS IN PRINCIPLE AND IN DETAIL

A STATUTE TO AMEND STATUTES IN RELATION TO INTERPRETATIONS

BILL 1

MOVED BY Dawn Jones

SECONDED BY The Venerable Michael Berry

The President directed Synod go into committee to consider the detail of the Bill as moved.

10.28am Synod in committee

10.38am Synod in session

MOVED BY THE PRESIDENT

“THAT the detail of Bill Number 1 as agreed by Synod in Committee be approved.”

AGREED

The President advised that the Passage of the Bill would be an Order of the Day on Saturday.

A STATUTE TO AMEND STATUTES IN RELATION TO LICENSED MINISTRY

BILL 2

MOVED BY The Venerable Michael Berry

SECONDED BY Ms Sue Lewis-O'Halloran

“That Bill Number 2 be approved in principle.”

AGREED

10.51am Synod in committee

11.14am Synod in session

MOVED BY THE PRESIDENT

“THAT the detail of Bill Number 2 as agreed by Synod in Committee be approved.”

AGREED

The President advised that the Passage of the Bill would be an Order of the Day on Saturday.

11.15am Synod adjourned for the break.
11.31am Synod in session.

REMOVAL OF AGE LIMITS FOR LAY PEOPLE HOLDING CHURCH OFFICE

BILL 3

MOVED BY Mrs Rebecca Berry Eden
SECONDED BY Ms Jessica Hughes

The Chancellor gave advice.

“That Bill Number 3 be approved in principle.”

CARRIED

11.55am Synod in committee
12.27am Synod in session

MOVED BY THE PRESIDENT

“THAT the detail of Bill Number 3 as agreed by Synod in Committee be approved.”

CARRIED

The President advised that the Passage of the Bill would be an Order of the Day on Saturday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President announced that the following have been elected to Diocesan Council:

Clergy: The Reverend Megan Means.

Laity: Mrs Megan Bowden; Mr FaAfuhia Fia; Mr Tony Randerson QC; Mrs Elizabeth Witton.

The President announced that the following have been elected to General Synod Te Hīnota Whānui:

Laity: Mr David Howe; Ms Jessica Hughes; Captain Peter Lloyd.

Clergy: The Rev'd Clare Barrie; The Rev'd Ivica Gregurec.

The President advised that a further ballot would be held to fill the additional place for Clergy representatives.

The President said grace.

12.31pm Synod adjourned for lunch.
1.30pm Synod in session.

The Chancellor made an address upon his retirement.

The President invited members of Synod to acknowledge the contributions of The Worshipful Bruce Gray QC as Chancellor.

ORDER OF THE DAY

Second Ballot for Elections

The President gave instructions on voting.

The second ballot was held for elections in the House of Clergy to General Synod Te Hīnota Whānui.

MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Report of Legal Business Committee.

LEGAL BUSINESS COMMITTEE

MOTION 1

MOVED BY: Ms Amanda Mark
SECONDED BY: The Venerable Michael Berry

“THAT this Synod,
Receives the report of the Legal Business Committee.”

1.51pm Synod in Committee.
1.53pm Synod in session.

The motion was put.

AGREED

CLIMATE CHANGE COMMISSION’S REPORT

MOTION 6

MOVED BY: Ms Cathy Bi-Riley
SECONDED BY: The Reverend Paul Doherty

"That this Synod:

1. Acknowledges the significant work of *He Pou a Rangī Climate Change Commission* in the preparation of the report, “*Ināia tonu nei: a low emissions future for Aotearoa*” outlining New Zealand’s direction for an emissions reduction plan 2022 – 2025.
2. Calls on the New Zealand Government to implement recommendations in this report in the Government’s Emissions Reduction Plan.”

The President sought the leave of Synod for an amendment to be made by inserting the words “as a minimum” in clause 2 after the words “New Zealand Government”.

LEAVE GRANTED

The amended motion was put.

CARRIED

The amended Motion 6 reads as follows:

That this Synod:

1. Acknowledges the significant work of *He Pou a Rangī Climate Change Commission* in the preparation of the report, “*Ināia tonu nei: a low emissions future for Aotearoa*” outlining New Zealand’s direction for an emissions reduction plan 2022 – 2025.
2. Calls on the New Zealand Government as a minimum to implement recommendations in this report in the Government’s Emissions Reduction Plan.

APPROVAL OF CHANGES TO THE SELWYN FOUNDATION CONSTITUTION

MOTION 2

MOVED BY: Mr Garry Smith
SECONDED BY: The Reverend Caroline Leys

“THAT this Synod,

1. Receives the resolution of the AGM of the Selwyn Foundation dated 28 October 2020 to make amendments to the terminology in the Constitution of The Selwyn Foundation.
2. Consents (pursuant to clause 19 of the Constitution of The Selwyn Foundation) to the amendment to clause 10 and clause 16 of the Constitution of The Selwyn Foundation made by the resolution of the AGM of The Selwyn Foundation, as follows:

Clause 10 The Board

- (a) The Foundation shall be governed by a Board [delete the words ‘of Trustees’], to be known as “the Board”. The Board shall consist of up to 10 members and not less than 5 members. If the number of Board members is less than 5 members, then the Diocesan Council shall appoint members to increase the number to the minimum. Those appointments shall remain in effect until the next Annual Meeting of the Foundation.”

Clause 16 Meetings and Proceedings of the Board

- (l) The Board shall cause minutes to be made in a book provided for the purpose called “Selwyn Foundation Board [delete the words ‘of Trustees’] Minute Book”, of the names of the members of the Board present at each meeting of the Board and of all resolutions and proceedings at all meetings of the Board.”

AGREED

ANNOUNCEMENT

The President announced that a further ballot would be required for election to General Synod Te Hīnota Whānui in the House of Clergy.

DISABILITY RESPONSIVENESS

MOTION 3

MOVED BY: The Reverend Vicki Terrell
SECONDED BY: The Reverend Helen Jacobi

“THAT this Synod,

Notes and affirms the progress being made in the Diocese to be more inclusive of disabled people and commends the following initiatives under development:

- a. A diocesan disability policy.
- b. The "Disability-led ministry" Professional Development programme for licensed clergy and lay leaders in the diocese.
- c. The "Stand or sit?" campaign to encourage conversations about standing and sitting in worship.”

AGREED

ORDER OF THE DAY

Third Ballot for Elections

The President gave instructions on voting.

The third ballot was held for elections in the House of Clergy to General Synod Te Hīnota Whānui.

CLOSING PRAYERS were led by the Cathy Bi-Riley, Sustainability Fieldworker.

ADJOURNMENT

The President declared Synod adjourned at 3.02pm.

SECOND DAY - SATURDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2021

SYNOD IN SESSION at 8.33am, The Rt Rev'd Ross Bay presiding.

MORNING PRAYERS

Morning Prayers were led by The Reverend Sarah Moss, Diocesan Ministry Educator.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The President announced that no candidate was elected to General Synod Te Hīnota Whānui in the House of Clergy on the third ballot. Diocesan Council will have the responsibility of filling this vacancy along with a vacancy in the House of Laity.

PASSAGE OF THE BILLS

The President moved that Bills 1, 2 and 3 having been approved in detail now pass and become statutes.

AGREED

QUESTIONS

Questions were asked by The Reverend Brenda Rockell (Parish of St John's, Royal Oak), on behalf of The Rev'd Joel Carpenter, The Rev'd Sarah West and Ms Cathy Bi-Riley, and The Reverend Clare Barrie (Parish of St Luke's, Mt Albert).

The President answered the questions of The Reverend Brenda Rockell and The Reverend Clare Barrie.

The questions and answers were as follows:

The Reverend Brenda Rockell: *Is the Property Evaluation Working Group also being requested to take a strategic approach to Diocesan property assets in accordance with the 'he Waka eke noa' report to General Synod/Te Hinota Whanui? Is there further action that needs to be taken with the remit and resourcing of this group so it can fully explore the potential for social and affordable housing partnerships in this diocese?*

Answer: The Property Evaluation Working Group has not been tasked with taking a strategic approach to diocesan property. Most property in the ownership of the Diocese is held in trust for ministry units and so such a strategic approach is constrained by the essential local control that exists. The Property Evaluation Working Group is available to lend its skills to ministry units that wish to consider repurposing land and property for other purposes such as social housing.

The report 'he Waka eke noa' is focussed on the trust funds held by the Church and invites Trustees to consider how they might be able to be applied for the purposes of impact investment. The General Trust Board which is the trustee for assets and funds held by our diocese has asked a sub-committee of trustees to consider what possibilities might exist to achieve this while taking account of beneficiary purposes and fiduciary responsibilities.

The Reverend Clare Barrie: *Is the Development Fund no longer a mechanism for the Diocese to support ministry units wanting to address building issues? If not, what*

mechanism does the Diocese have for funding building work across its portfolio? Will a review process of the initial funding rounds be undertaken to ensure that the process supports the aspirations of the Diocese for this funding?

Answer: Clare’s question is prefaced with some background information about the development fund which I can’t read out because the nature of synod questions is to ask a particular question. However the answer seeks to respond to what was submitted as a whole along with the specific questions.

In previous years the focus of the development fund was entirely on buildings. More recently and in response to requests from the diocese to see a wider range of development purposes fulfilled, Diocesan Council has widened its purpose to assist with the development of ministry initiatives, especially new initiatives.

Funding is still available for building projects where it is shown that the outcome of the work will enhance the mission and ministry purposes of the church. Some recent examples of this are the support of projects at Northwest, Flat Bush, Devonport, and St Luke’s Mt Albert. However, the fund does not exist to attend to deferred maintenance on buildings. Improvements to existing buildings can be supported where there is a demonstration that this will greatly enhance existing ministry or allow the establishment of new ministry.

Diocesan Council annually reviews the criteria and processes related to the development fund to ensure it is meeting the aspirations of the diocese that funds be available to enable development.

MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

TASKFORCE ON NATURE-RELATED FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES

MOTION 4

MOVED BY: Mr Roger Williams

SECONDED BY: Dr Richard Milne

“THAT this Synod,

1. Recognises and endorses the establishment of the Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures, and its activity to deliver a framework for organisations to report and act on evolving nature-related risks;
2. Calls on the New Zealand Government to actively support the work of the Taskforce on Nature-related Financial Disclosures, and give timely consideration to the promotion of the Taskforce’s future recommendations supporting investment in nature-positive outcomes.”

CARRIED

BOOSTING STATE AND COMMUNITY HOUSING

MOTION 8

MOVED BY: Ms Lynsie Samson
SECONDED BY: The Reverend Jacynthia Murphy

“THAT this Synod.

Calls on the New Zealand Government to:

- a. Address the need for homes for low-income people by greatly expanding its provision of high quality accessible state and community housing with a state-sector industrial scale building programme; and
- b. Explore new forms of government funding for such a major government reset by considering proposals such as a national investment bank; and
- c. Consult adequately with tangata whenua to assess their housing aspirations based on cultural and whānau needs; and
- d. Set up a specific ministry to boost and co-ordinate the housing construction sector.”

9.43am Synod adjourned for the break.
10.01am Synod in session.

Debate on Motion 8 resumed.

The motion was put.

CARRIED

REDUCING WASTE

MOTION 5

MOVED BY: The Reverend Joan Fanshawe
SECONDED BY: Mr Oscar Bowman

“THAT this Synod:

1. Recommends all ministry units set targets to reduce waste produced as a result of church services, activities and events.
2. Calls on the New Zealand Government to expedite a nationwide recycling standard and support the set up of a network of community recycling hubs.”

The President sought the leave of Synod for an amendment to be made by inserting the word “ongoing” in clause 2 before the words “set up of a network of community recycling hubs”.

LEAVE GRANTED

The amended motion was put.

CARRIED

The amended Motion 5 reads as follows:

THAT this Synod:

1. Recommends all ministry units set targets to reduce waste produced as a result of church services, activities and events.

2. Calls on the New Zealand Government to expedite a nationwide recycling standard and support the ongoing set up of a network of community recycling hubs.

DIOCESAN COMMITTEE FOR OVERSEAS MISSION 2021

MOTION 10

MOVED BY: The Reverend Shashikant Christian
SECONDED BY: The Reverend Daniel Pillay

“THAT this Synod,

- a. Acknowledges that Anglican Missions has become a member of the New Zealand Council for International Development (CID);
- b. Recognises the impact of Anglican Missions in supporting mission, development and humanitarian work, especially in the Pacific region;
- c. Recommends that the Diocese sets a target of \$185,000 to support this work; and
- d. Expresses appreciation to the Rev’d Craig Harris for his leadership as Chair of the Auckland Diocesan Committee for Overseas Missions for eight years prior to retirement in May 2021.”

11.15am Synod adjourned for the break.

11.30am Synod in session.

Debate on Motion 10 resumed.

AMENDMENT

MOVED Mr Adam Kirby
SECONDED The Reverend Elgin Edwards

“TO amend the motion by adding a further sub-clause E as follows: recognises the persecution today faced by our brothers and sisters in Christ worldwide and commit ourselves to support them practically and in prayer.”

Following advice from the Chancellor, the President ruled the amendment out of order pursuant to clause 61 of the Standing Orders as it was not relating to the substance of the Motion.

Motion 10 was put.

AGREED

QUESTION

Ms Ann Griffith (Glen Eden Mission District) asked a question. The President answered the question.

The question and answer were as follows:

Ms Ann Griffith: *I would like to know if we are honouring a pledge to support the Church Army? We passed a motion in 2019 saying that we would regularly give to the Church Army.*

Answer: In 2018 the Synod passed a motion within which it agreed to do all in its power to pledge regular financial assistance to Church Army. That is a call to the Diocese

as a whole and therefore to its ministry units and people. It was not a specific call on the diocesan budget and so it is hard to know what ongoing support there has been across the diocese.

In 2019, Diocesan Council made a donation of \$5,000 to Church Army New Zealand. Donations to various organisations are made from time to time by Diocesan Council in relation to its overall budget priorities.

MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

REPORTING ON IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE

MOTION 7

MOVED BY: Mr David Hall

SECONDED BY: Ms Vicky Mee

“THAT this Synod,

1. Requests the General Trust Board of the Diocese of Auckland to:
 - a. advise its policy for the investment of Trust Funds and include details of the investment policy in its annual report to Synod, including details of all activities that are considered unethical;
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2. Recommends that the Diocesan Council, in all those situations where:
 - a. the Diocesan Council holds a power to appoint one or more trustees to a Trust; and
 - b. that Trust has an obligation to report annually to Synod;requests the trustees of that Trust to provide the information described in paragraph (1) above in their reports to Synod.”

The Mover and Seconder sought the leave of Synod to withdraw clause 1(b) from the Motion.

LEAVE GRANTED

The amended Motion 7, clause 1, was put.

CARRIED

The amended Motion 7, clause 2, was put.

CARRIED

The amended Motion 7 reads as follows:

THAT this Synod,

1. Requests the General Trust Board of the Diocese of Auckland to advise its policy for the investment of Trust Funds and include details of the investment policy in its annual report to Synod, including details of all activities that are considered unethical;
2. Recommends that the Diocesan Council, in all those situations where:
 - a. the Diocesan Council holds a power to appoint one or more trustees to a Trust; and
 - b. that Trust has an obligation to report annually to Synod;

requests the trustees of that Trust to provide the information described in paragraph (1) above in their reports to Synod.

DIGITAL CHURCH

MOTION 9

MOVED BY Dr Peter Lineham
SECONDED BY The Reverend Dion Blundell

“That this Synod,

- a. Notes with pleasure the extent to which ministry units and mission ventures used digital means to transmit their services during the lockdowns of 2020;
- b. Observes the great potential for digital communication to new audiences; and
- c. Supports the Diocesan Council in establishing a working group to develop and implement a diocesan digital media strategy.”

The President sought the leave of Synod for the sitting to be extended by 30 minutes.

LEAVE GRANTED

The President sought the leave of Synod for an amendment to be made by inserting the word “and diverse” in clause b after the words “the great potential for digital communication to new”.

LEAVE GRANTED

The Motion as amended was put

AGREED

The amended motion reads as follows:

That this Synod,

- a. Notes with pleasure the extent to which ministry units and mission ventures used digital means to transmit their services during the lockdowns of 2020;
- b. Observes the great potential for digital communication to new and diverse audiences; and
- c. Supports the Diocesan Council in establishing a working group to develop and implement a diocesan digital media strategy.

MOTION OF THANKS

MOVED BY Ms Karen Spoelstra

“That this Synod:

Acknowledges with heartfelt thanks the contribution of all those who have made this 2021 Diocesan Synod possible.”

AGREED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

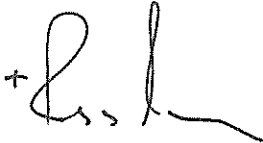
The President made announcements.

CLOSING PRAYERS were led by The Venerable Jonathan Gale, Archdeacon of the Far North Region and Ministry Review and Planning Coordinator.

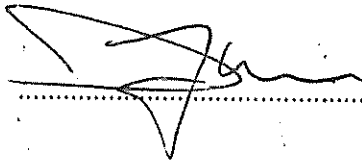
CONCLUSION

The President declared the Third Session of the 56th Synod concluded at 12.51pm.

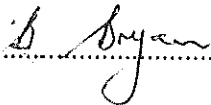
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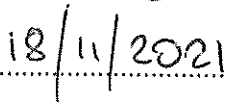
..... President



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..... Lay Secretary



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