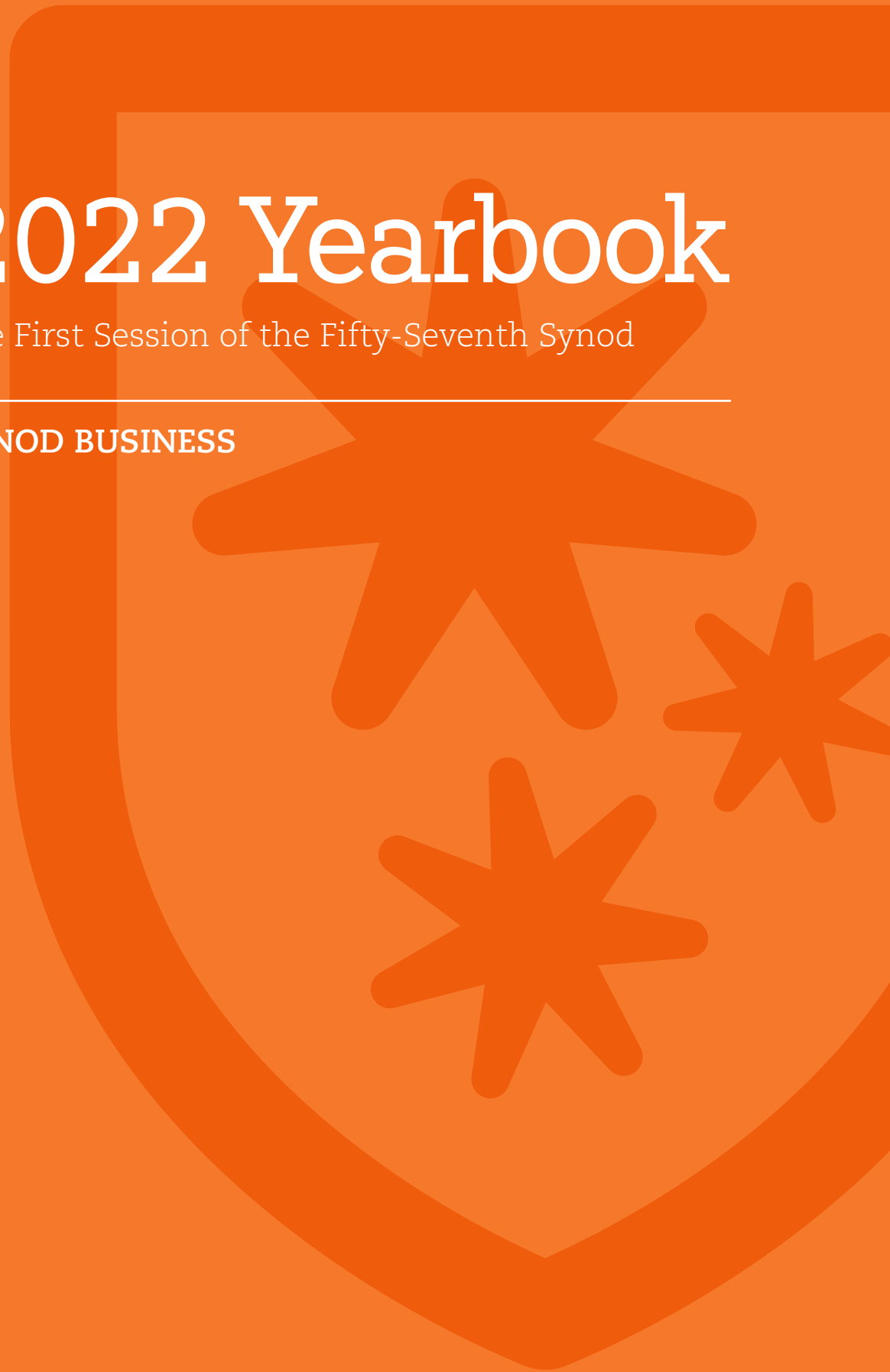


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St Matthew-in-the-City April 2021
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SECTION ONE

Synod Business



Legal Business Committee Report

This is the report of the Legal Business Committee which operates under Standing Order 7 and has functions under the Standing Orders and Standing Resolutions Statute 1968.

It is a Committee of four members (with power to co-opt) appointed on the first day of the First Session of each Synod. The present Committee is: the Worshipful Amanda Mark (Chancellor), Ms Dawn Jones, Mr Richard Gay, and Mr Andrew Peat.

The Bishop and the Diocesan Manager are ex-officio members. The Deputy Diocesan Manager acts as Secretary.

The Committee's functions include:

1. reviewing bills and motions coming before Synod and considering how they relate to and affect existing Diocesan Statutes and the Constitution and Canons of the Church. This often means working with movers of legal business to suggest amendments to address legal issues and ensure clarity;
2. promoting new Bills or amendments to improve the Diocesan Statutes;
3. reporting to Diocesan Council on the effect of Statutes and resolutions passed at Synod and recommending action accordingly; and
4. considering resolutions passed at previous sessions of Synod and whether any should remain in force, as Standing Resolutions.

The Committee has reviewed the legal business to be introduced at the 2022 Synod and made appropriate amendments in consultation with their movers.

Members of the Committee have been working on modernising current statutes, with the intention that amendment bills for some statutes will be brought before Synod next year.

The Committee is happy to assist any members of Synod who wish to initiate bills or motions, and would encourage early engagement.

Standing Resolutions

As part of its function, the Committee has reviewed resolutions of the 2021 Synod to consider whether any of them could become a Standing Resolution.

In the absence of express statutory definition, the Committee has taken the view that Standing Resolutions are resolutions which:

1. address matters of significance to the mission and ministry of the Diocese, statements of policy, or other matters which are of ongoing effect and relevance;
2. have not been completed, expired, become irrelevant, or incorporated in a constitutional document, statute, Canon, or Regulation; and
3. are of such importance that it is desirable that they have ongoing effect.

As such they will be relatively rare.

Having reviewed the resolutions of the 2021 Synod and reflected on the matters listed above, the Committee does not consider that any should become Standing Resolutions.

As part of its function, the Committee also reviews previous Standing Resolutions to consider whether any of them should now be annulled. The Committee has reviewed the Standing Resolutions and does not consider that any should be annulled.

Motions

Over the last several years the Committee has asked that Motions are concise, limited to specific actions to be taken by Synod. It has asked that Motions do not include background commentary or assertions. The legal effect of such statements can be unclear and problematic. The statements are properly included in the mover and seconder's speeches but are not appropriate for the motion itself.

Similarly footnotes, citations, external references and material of an advocacy nature are not suitable for including in motions. Explanatory Notes should only be used where necessary to clarify the effect or meaning of a clause and not to justify or promote the merits of the text.

Other Matters

Amendments to Defects/Errors in Statutes

As previously reported, the Committee has reviewed the statutes for layout, syntax and consistency of terminology. Minor changes to address defects or errors in various statutes have been made. Updated versions in that respect will be published on the Diocesan website and notification will be sent out to Synod representatives.

Finally, the Committee welcomes members of Synod initiating bills and is happy to work with members on any proposals.

Andrew Peat

Legal Business Committee

Motions

LEGAL BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Motion 1

MOVED BY The Chancellor
SECONDED BY The Venerable Michael Berry

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

SYNOD REVIEW

Motion 2

MOVED BY The Venerable Michael Berry
SECONDED BY Mrs Steph Brook

“THAT this Synod requests the Diocesan Council to establish a working group, representative of the diversity of our Diocese, to:

- a. review the structures of Synod to best serve the future governance needs of the Diocese; and
- b. make an initial report to this Synod for discussion in 2023.”

EXPLANATORY NOTES

In debating this motion, members of Synod are encouraged to explore and highlight the broad areas that will guide the working group.

It is envisaged that an initial report, outlining any options for discussion, would be made to Synod in 2023. On the basis of such discussion, a Bill could be written and presented to Synod in 2024. Any new Statute would then be in place for the First Session of the 58th Synod in 2025.

THREE TIKANGA STRUCTURE

Motion 3

MOVED BY Mr David Hall
SECONDED BY The Reverend Jacynthia Murphy

“THAT this Synod,

- 1. Recognises that it is now over 30 years since the Three Tikanga structure of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia was established and there have been significant developments in the relationships between the Tikanga; and
- 2. Requests its representatives to the next General Synod Te Hīnota Whānui to seek to initiate a review of the Three Tikanga structure.”

CARE OF CREATION - OUR URBAN NGAHERE

Motion 4

MOVED BY Ms Jennifer Birch
SECONDED BY Ms Cathy Bi-Riley

“THAT this Synod,

- 1. Affirms the crucial role of trees and other plants for the continuation of life on this planet, with their oxygen production, carbon sequestration and their other gifts and services.
- 2. Requests Auckland Council to enact appropriate regulations and by-laws:
 - a. to protect all healthy established trees, and to require a notified application for consent before any such tree is removed or destroyed, and
 - b. to erect prominent signage to be placed on each “Protected Tree”, advising of its status, and
 - c. to require as a condition of any consent that every destroyed tree shall be replaced by ten new native trees, of an appropriate/substantial size and maturity, and if it is not practicable to plant those trees in the location of the destroyed tree, then in the nearest practicable location.
- 3. Urges all Anglicans and others:
 - a. to be pro-active in promoting appreciation and protection of trees and vegetation in general; and
 - b. to educate other people about the importance and benefits of trees and other plants whenever possible.
- 4. Encourages ministry units to explore ways in which land under their stewardship can be used to enhance native biodiversity.”

EXPLANATORY NOTES

In Tāmaki Makaurau our urban trees are disappearing at a frightening rate.

With regard to clause 2(c), while new saplings cannot adequately replace large established trees, the aim of such a by-law is to encourage developers and individuals to think twice before applying for a consent for the removal of an established tree.

With regard to clauses 3 and 4, this could include: planting more and only native plants, creating areas for native species, planting for bees (especially native bees), and collaborating with community groups and mana whenua.

Motions

INTERGENERATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Motion 5

MOVED BY Mr Oscar Bowman
SECONDED BY Mr Liam White

"THAT this Synod,

1. Requests ministry units to each develop a strategy to include young people in the ministry of the Church. This could include opportunities to lead worship and liturgy and engage in mission and leadership.
2. Encourages the Selwyn Foundation, Anglican schools, and church youth groups to explore ways in which they can develop and implement regular, intergenerational opportunities."

MINISTRY UNIT PROPERTY

Motion 6

MOVED BY Dr Mary Hedges
SECONDED BY The Reverend Josh Jones

"THAT this Synod,

1. Requests that the Diocesan Council establish a consultative property working group, to explore ways to support ministry units faced with significant maintenance works and new building projects, including the simplification of diocesan processes, new tools to support charitable trust applications and more flexible funding options where possible.
2. Asks that the working group reports back to Diocesan Council in sufficient time for the motions or bills necessary to implement any changes required to be brought to Synod 2023."

EXPLANATORY NOTES

In 2021 the Diocese introduced a system for dealing with church projects of all shapes and sizes – from basic maintenance to large-scale renovations, buying furniture, and signage. This is the **Faculty and Building Projects Form**. The form and other aspects of the processes governing faculty and building projects, including the **Diocesan Development Fund** can be found here:

<https://aucklandanglican.org.nz/resources-and-links/administration/>

We envisage that the tetrapartite working group would address issues such as whether:

1. The present model where the General Trust Board (GTB) owns all land and buildings while ministry units are responsible for maintaining and improving them remains fit for purpose and equitable.
2. The Diocesan Development Fund policies addressed largely to new initiatives are fit for purpose or should be more flexible.
3. The processes for obtaining diocesan and GTB approvals for projects including applications for external funding could be streamlined.

The tetrapartite group would be made up of GTB, Diocesan Council, Diocesan Office and ministry unit representation, the last of these being from ministry units that have recently or are currently undertaking such endeavours.

MINISTRY UNIT CENTRALISED ACCOUNTING SERVICES REVIEW

Motion 7

MOVED BY Mr Robbie Ward
SECONDED BY Ms Josie Beswick

"THAT this Synod,

Asks the Diocesan Council to:

- a. initiate a review of Trust Management Limited's centralised accounting service to the Diocese, including processes and performance; and
- b. make an initial report to this Synod for discussion in 2023."

EARLY SCHOOL LEAVING BECAUSE OF FAMILY POVERTY

Motion 8

MOVED BY Ms Vicky Mee
SECONDED BY Mr David Hall

"THAT this Synod,

Calls on the New Zealand Government to:

- a. urgently fund initiatives to help keep students engaged in school;
- b. provide a substantial targeted income-tested tax credit for families with fifteen to eighteen year old children in education that would supplement the existing Family Tax Credits."

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Lack of digital access, increased school absenteeism and early school-leaving to support family income are major issues in South Auckland and this is opening an educational divide created both by the pandemic and the cost of living which is likely to be a precursor to ongoing lifetime inequality particularly for Māori and Pasifika youth.

Early school-leaving without qualifications denies individuals the chance to reach their potential and will be an ongoing drain on the economy of New Zealand.

For background refer Auckland Council's May 2022 report on Children and Young People (<https://www.knowledgeauckland.org.nz/publications/a-profile-of-children-and-young-people-in-auckland-2022-update/>)

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