



## **DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND**

### **PROCEEDINGS OF THE THIRD SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SEVENTH SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND**

#### ***FIRST DAY – THURSDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2024***

##### **WORSHIP**

Members of the Synod gathered for a Eucharist in the Church of St Mary's in Holy Trinity Cathedral, Parnell. The Rt Rev'd Ross Bay presided. The Preacher was The Rev'd Sarah Moss, Diocesan Ministry Educator.

##### **QUORUM**

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 6.34pm.

At the conclusion of the Eucharist, members gathered in the Cathedral for the continuation of the Synod with The Rt Rev'd Ross Bay presiding.

##### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were recorded in the attendance registers.

##### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Diocesan Manager made some announcements.

##### **APPOINTMENTS**

THE PRESIDENT MOVED:

“THAT the position of Deputy Clerk of Committees remain vacant until the First Session of the Fifty-Eighth Synod.”

*AGREED*

##### **Acting Chancellor**

The President welcomed Mr Tony Randerson KC as Acting Chancellor for this Session of the Synod.

### MOTIONS SOUGHT TO BE INTRODUCED

The Rev'd Sarah Park sought leave to introduce a motion without notice pursuant to Standing Order 14(b)(i).

The President granted leave for the motion to be introduced.

THE PRESIDENT MOVED THE MOTION:

"THAT this Synod extends its thanks to the preacher, The Rev'd Sarah Moss, and asks that copies of the sermon be made available to the Synod."

*AGREED*

### ORDER OF THE DAY:

#### **THE BISHOP'S CHARGE**

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

#### GREETINGS

Greetings were received from the Bishops of the dioceses of Wellington, Waiapu, Christchurch and Nelson and from the Vicar-General of the Diocese of Dunedin.

#### REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS TO BE TABLED

The Diocesan Manager tabled the following:

Minute Book of Diocesan Council

Terrier of Properties in terms of Title F Canon III Clause 4.2

#### PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

##### (a) **Hours of Business**

THE PRESIDENT MOVED:

"THAT the hours of business of this Third Session of the Fifty-Seventh Synod be:

- i. Thursday 5 September 2024 - from 6.30pm to 9.00pm;
  - ii. Friday 6 September 2024 - from 8.30am to 5.30pm including meal and refreshment breaks at 10.30am-11.00am, 12.30pm-1.15pm and 3.00pm-3.30pm;
  - iii. Saturday 7 September 2024 - from 8.30am to 5.00pm including meal and refreshment breaks at 10.30am-11.00am, 1.00pm-1.45pm and 3.00pm-3.30pm;
- provided that any sitting may be extended by Motion Without Notice."

*AGREED*

##### (b) **Auditors**

THE PRESIDENT MOVED:

"THAT BDO be appointed auditors for the following entities for the year ended 31 December 2024: Diocesan Council; Anglican Trusts Board."

*AGREED*

(c) **Elections: Variation to Process and Close of Nominations**

The Chancellor gave advice to the Synod pursuant to clause 8 of the Elections and General Synod Representation Statute 2010, namely that the proposed variations to that statute are likely to improve the efficiency and conduct of the election, without being likely to cause any disproportionate unfairness or other inconvenience.

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-Seventh Synod:

**NOMINATIONS**

- a. clauses 4.1 - 4.2 and 4.5 shall be observed in principle, except that nominations received in paper or electronic format are accepted; and

**ELECTIONS**

- b. clause 5.4 is suspended and one lay person and one clergy person are to be appointed to act as scrutineers and assist the Diocesan Manager and Deputy Diocesan Manager in conducting the elections;

*Ballot Papers*

- c. clauses 5.6 – 5.8 shall be observed in principle, except that the election shall be conducted using an electronic voting and/or ballot paper system rather than being conducted solely by ballot paper.

*Voting*

- d. clauses 5.10 – 5.11 are suspended for members using the electronic voting system;

*Counting and Validity of Votes*

- e. clauses 5.12 – 5.13 are suspended and the Deputy Diocesan Manager will count and report votes in accordance with reports from the electronic and/or ballot paper voting system.

- 2) nominations for elections to Diocesan Council shall close at 3.30pm on Friday 6 September 2024 and that ballots shall take place on Saturday 7 September 2024.”

*AGREED*

CLOSING PRAYERS were led by the President.

ADJOURNMENT

The President declared Synod adjourned at 8.34pm

## ***SECOND DAY – FRIDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2024***

SYNOD IN SESSION at 8.31am, The Rt Rev'd Ross Bay presiding.

### MORNING PRAYERS

Morning Prayers were led by the Parish of St Paul Symonds Street.

### APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were recorded in the attendance registers.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Diocesan Manager made some announcements.

### QUESTIONS

No questions were asked.

### MOTIONS SOUGHT TO BE INTRODUCED

No motions were sought to be introduced.

### ORDER OF THE DAY

The Ven. Carole Hughes presiding.

#### **Presentation of Report of Diocesan Council**

Ms Elizabeth Witton, The Rev'd Grant Robertson, The Rev'd Liz Martin and The Rt Rev'd Ross Bay spoke to the Report of Diocesan Council and answered questions.

#### **Trust Management Investments Limited**

Ms Rachel McDonald (CEO) and Ms Anne Blackburn (Chair of TIML Board) spoke to the work of Trust Management Investments Limited.

#### **Synod Review Working Group**

The Rev'd Matthew Griffiths and The Rev'd Liz Martin spoke to the work of the Synod Review Working Group.

### ORDER OF THE DAY

The Rt Rev'd Ross Bay presiding.

#### **Report of the Legal Business Committee**

## MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

### LEGAL BUSINESS COMMITTEE

### MOTION 1

MOVED BY           The Venerable Michael Berry  
SECONDED BY       Ms Dawn Jones

“THAT whereas the Standing Orders and Standing Resolutions Statute 1968 authorises the Legal Business Committee to review resolutions passed at a previous Session of Synod or to amend any Standing Resolutions, with a view to determining which resolutions shall be maintained in force as Standing Resolutions of Synod, Synod therefore:

1.       Receives the report of the Legal Business Committee;
2.       Recommends Standing Resolution 26 Opening of Churches be annulled.”

The President directed that Synod go into committee to consider the report of the Legal Business Committee.

10.04am            Synod in committee  
10.05am            Synod in session

The President moved that the report of the Legal Business Committee be received and put Motion 1.

*AGREED*

### ORDER OF THE DAY

The President sought leave to advance the Order of the Day by bringing forward Bill 1.

*AGREED*

## APPROVAL OF BILLS IN PRINCIPLE AND IN DETAIL

### PARISH STRUCTURE

### BILL 1

MOVED BY           The Venerable Michael Berry  
SECONDED BY       The Reverend Kate Berkley

The President sought the leave of Synod for The Rev'd Michael Berry to extend his time for speaking.

*AGREED*

The Diocesan Manager made announcements.

10.23am        Synod adjourned for Morning Tea  
11.00am        Synod in session

## APPROVAL OF BILLS IN PRINCIPLE AND IN DETAIL

Debate on the principle of Bill Number 1 continued.

“That the principle of Bill Number 1 be approved.”

*AGREED*

11.35am                    Synod in committee  
12.19am                    Synod in session

MOVED BY THE PRESIDENT

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

*AGREED*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Ven. Michael Berry made an announcement.

The President said Grace.

12.28pm                  Synod was adjourned for lunch until 1.15pm  
1.18pm                    Synod in session, The Ven. Carole Hughes presiding

### ORDER OF THE DAY

#### **Synod Conference Session**

The Rev’d Sarah Moss introduced a Synod conference session on the nature of the Church in relation to the Mission of God.

1.37pm                  Synod in conference  
2.09pm                    Synod in session

#### **Property Working Group**

Dr Paul Woodfield introduced a Synod conference session on the Property Working Group.

2.23pm                  Synod in conference  
  
3.00pm                  Synod adjourned for Afternoon Tea  
3.31pm                    Synod in session, The Rt Rev’d Ross Bay presiding

The President declared that nominations to Diocesan Council had closed.

### MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

#### **DIOCESAN COMMITTEE FOR OVERSEAS MISSION**

#### **MOTION 2**

MOVED BY                  The Reverend Daniel Pillay  
SECONDED BY              The Reverend Jeff Odhiambo

The Rev’d Daniel Pillay sought the leave of Synod for The Rev’d Michael Hartfield, National Director of Anglican Missions, to address Synod.

*LEAVE GRANTED*

The Rev’d Michael Hartfield spoke to the work of Anglican Missions.

THE MOTION WAS PUT:

“THAT this Synod,

- a. Recognises the impact of Anglican Missions in supporting mission, development, and humanitarian work, especially in the Pacific region.
- b. Thanks all the ministry units that contribute to Anglican Missions and encourages other ministry units to also contribute as they can; and
- c. Sets a target of \$175,000.00 to support this work.”

*AGREED*

**LAND STORIES**

**MOTION 3**

MOVED BY Ms Grace Cox  
SECONDED BY The Reverend Joel Carpenter

“THAT this Synod,

1. Affirms that the land we are guardians of has significant history to our church, to tangata whenua and to tangata tiriti.
2. Calls upon the Diocesan Council to:
  - a. establish a process for our Diocese to learn about the stories of our land, including appropriate funding for this;
  - b. establish a database to enable transparent public access to these records; and
  - c. make an initial report to Synod for discussion in 2025.”

*AGREED*

**REPRESENTATION OF MINISTRY UNIT GOVERNING BODIES**

**MOTION 6**

MOVED BY Ms Jessica Hughes  
SECONDED BY Ms Annalia Blundell

“THAT this Synod highly encourages ministry units to have at least one member of their governing body to be under the age of 40.”

*CARRIED*

**STRATEGIC PLAN FOR OUTREACH**

**MOTION 9**

MOVED BY The Reverend Kate Berkley  
SECONDED BY The Reverend Emily Paterson

“THAT this Synod,

- a. requests that the Diocese establish a working group to develop a strategic plan for the next five years with a focus on outreach. Such a plan to focus on children, youth and family ministry with active leadership, financial and resource support to parishes and ministry units; and
- b. requests the plan is delivered in time for discussion and acceptance at Synod 2025.”

*AGREED*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The President made some announcements.

CLOSING PRAYERS were led by the Central Cluster.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Diocesan Manager made some announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

The President declared Synod adjourned at 4.59pm



## ***THIRD DAY – SATURDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2024***

SYNOD IN SESSION at 8.31am, The Rt Rev'd Ross Bay presiding.

### MORNING PRAYERS

Morning Prayers were led by the Parish of St Aidan Remuera.

### APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were recorded in the attendance registers.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Diocesan Manager made some announcements.

### QUESTIONS

The President answered the question of Ms Grace Cox (asked during the Report of Diocesan Council).

### MOTIONS SOUGHT TO BE INTRODUCED

The Rev'd Richard Bonifant sought leave to introduce a motion without notice pursuant to Standing Order 14(b)(ii).

### ORDER OF THE DAY

#### **Elections to Diocesan Council**

The Diocesan Manager made some announcements.

The President invited the candidates for election to introduce themselves.

The candidates for Diocesan Council:

The lay candidates were:      The Worshipful Tony Randerson KC (Parish of St Andrew Epsom);  
Mr David Howe (Parish of St Paul Symonds Street); Ms Ruth  
Peterson (Parish of Mt Eden); Mr Ryan Brown-Hayson (Parish of  
Birkenhead); Ms Gillian Barthorpe (Parish of Campbells Bay); Mr  
Grant Hodgson (Parish of Hibiscus Coast); Mr Mark Hangartner  
(Parish of Mt Albert); Mr Ken Stevenson (Parish of Howick).

The clergy candidates were: The Rev'd Kim Parker (Parish of Northern Wairoa); The Rev'd Jeff  
Odhambo (Parish of Bucklands Beach).

The President moved that Ms Dawn Jones and The Rev'd Matthew Griffiths be appointed to act as scrutineers.

*AGREED*

#### **First Ballot for Elections**

The Diocesan Manager gave instructions on voting.

The first ballots were held for elections to Diocesan Council.

## ORDER OF THE DAY

### **Presentation of Diocesan Schools**

The Rev'd Sandy Robertson, The Rev'd John Goodwin and The Rev'd Gareth Hughes presented on the ministry of chaplaincy in schools within the Diocese.

### **Presentation of the Auckland City Mission**

Ms Helen Robinson, Manutaki, Auckland City Missioner, presented on the work of the Auckland City Mission.

## MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

### **CHURCH WEBSITES AND SOCIAL MEDIA**

### **MOTION 4**

MOVED BY Ms Annalia Blundell

SECONDED BY Miss Sophie Berry

"THAT this Synod,

- a. acknowledges the work of the Digital Working Group from 2022 on how to increase a Ministry Unit's online presence;
- b. requests that all Ministry Units reacquaint themselves with that work; and
- c. recommends the Working Group be re-established with expanded and renewable membership, to ensure its longevity and explore ways to support Ministry Units in increasing their online presence and visibility."

*AGREED*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**Clergy:** The Rev'd Jeff Odhiambo, the Parish of Bucklands Beach.

**Laity:** The Worshipful Tony Randerson KC, the Parish of St Andrew Epsom; Ms Ruth Peterson, the Parish of Mt Eden; Ms Gillian Barthorpe, the Parish of Campbells Bay; Mr Mark Hangartner, the Parish of Mt Albert.

The President announced that a further ballot would be held to fill the remaining vacancy in the House of Laity.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Diocesan Manager made an announcement.

10.18am Synod adjourned for Morning Tea

10.54am Synod in session

## ORDER OF THE DAY

### **Second Ballot for Elections**

The second ballot was held for Diocesan Council.

MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

**STRONGER TOGETHER: CONSOLIDATION AND CLERGY TEAMS**

**MOTION 8**

MOVED BY           The Reverend Sarah West  
SECONDED BY       The Reverend Dan Conolly

“THAT this Synod,

- a. recommends the strategic consolidation and closure of ministry units in the greater Auckland region and the formation of clergy teams tasked to revitalise and sustain an Anglican presence in the context of local communities;
- b. requests Diocesan Council establish a Consolidation and Clergy Teams (**CCT**) Working Group to explore the development, funding and delivery of a pathway for the above strategy with initial recommendations to be presented at Synod 2025; and that this Working Group:
  - i. consist of appropriately skilled clergy and laity all with a special commitment to missional development;
  - ii. is empowered to appoint and/or consult individuals from outside the church with expertise relevant to change management;
  - iii. utilises the findings of the Property Working Group; and
- c. asks the Bishop to consider the creation and appointment of an Archdeacon for Missional Change to lead the work of the CCT.”

**AMENDMENT**

MOVED           The Worshipful Tony Randerson  
SECONDED       Dr Paul Woodfield

“To amend the paragraph by replacing paragraph (a) with the following:

- “a. recommends a long terms strategy for the delivery of the mission of the Church in this Diocese.”

And to further amend paragraph (b) by deleting the words “Consolidation and Clergy Teams (**CCT**)” and paragraph (c) by changing the reference “CCT” to “Working Group”.”

*AMENDMENT LOST*

**AMENDMENT**

MOVED           Mr David Howe  
SECONDED       Mr FaAfuhia Fia

“To amend the paragraph (c) by replacing the word “Archdeacon” with the words “suitable person”.”

*AMENDMENT LOST*

The motion was put.

*CARRIED*

## YOUTH LEADERS

## MOTION 7

MOVED BY Mr Nick Mercer  
SECONDED BY Mrs Steph Brook

“THAT this Synod,

- a. recognises the vital work that youth leaders do in ministry with our young people across the Diocese in ministry units and community ministry;
- b. encourages ministry units to work together with the Diocesan Youth Facilitator to seek to increase youth ministries across the Diocese; and
- c. encourages ministry units work together with the Diocesan Youth Facilitator to enable funding to support youth ministry to happen more effectively and ensure well-trained, safe, caring youth leaders are available for ministry.”

Debate on Motion 7 was suspended until after the lunch break.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President made some announcements.

The President said Grace.

1.03pm Synod was adjourned for lunch until 1.45pm  
1.48pm Synod in session, The Rt Rev'd Ross Bay presiding

## ORDER OF THE DAY

### **General Debate**

The President moved that Synod receive the Reports that have been tabled.

*AGREED*

## MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Debate on Motion 7 resumed.

The motion was put.

*AGREED*

## ORDER OF THE DAY

### **Third Ballot for Elections**

The third ballot was held for Diocesan Council.

MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

MOTION 5

MOVED BY Mr Evan Walters

SECONDED BY Mr Nick Mercer

“THAT this Synod,

- a. recognises the importance of understanding and increasing awareness around the issue of mental health;
- b. asks the Ministry Formation Team to research training programmes associated with mental health and promote the best suited programmes for the ministries of the Diocese; and
- c. encourages all ministry leaders, in all capacities, to increase their awareness and understanding of all aspects of mental health to better benefit all those in their ministries, especially young people.”

AMENDMENT

MOVED The Rev'd Chris Swannell

SECONDED Mr Evan Walters

“To insert into paragraph (c) words as follows, ‘understanding all aspects of mental health, referring to professional services where appropriate, to better benefit all those in their ministries...’ ”

*AMENDMENT AGREED*

AMENDMENT

MOVED Ms Sarika Singh

SECONDED Mr Nick Mercer

“To amend paragraph (a) by replacing the word “importance” with “need”.”

*AMENDMENT AGREED*

The motion (as amended) was put.

*AGREED*

The final Motion 5 reads:

THAT this Synod,

- a. recognises the need of understanding and increasing awareness around the issue of mental health;
- b. asks the Ministry Formation Team to research training programmes associated with mental health and promote the best suited programmes for the ministries of the Diocese; and
- c. encourages all ministry leaders, in all capacities, to increase their awareness and understanding of all aspects of mental health, referring to professional services where appropriate, to better benefit all those in their ministries, especially young people.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

The President announced that Mr David Howe, from the Parish of St Paul Symonds Street, had been elected to Diocesan Council from the House of Laity.

The final result of all those elected to Diocesan Council is as follows:

**Clergy:** The Rev'd Jeff Odhiambo, the Parish of Bucklands Beach.

**Laity:** Ms Gillian Barthorpe, the Parish of Campbells Bay; Mr Mark Hangartner, the Parish of Mt Albert; Mr David Howe, the Parish of St Paul Symonds Street; Ms Ruth Peterson, the Parish of Mt Eden; The Worshipful Tony Randerson KC, the Parish of St Andrew Epsom.

## MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

### THE MISSION OF THE LOCAL CHURCH

### MOTION 10

MOVED BY The Reverend Andrew Coyle

SECONDED BY The Reverend Dion Blundell

"THAT this Synod,

- a. affirms our calling as the Church to participate in God's mission;
- b. recognises the ongoing decline in church attendance and the decreasing number of people identifying as Christian;
- c. acknowledges the increasing average age of many congregations and the corresponding loss of volunteer capacity;
- d. recognises the disproportionate amount of ministry resources being directed towards the maintenance of church buildings and current ways of being church, and the corresponding inability of ministry units to direct adequate resources towards local mission;
- e. acknowledges that our post-Christendom cultural context presents different challenges and opportunities than other periods in our history;
- f. recognises that the local church, as it is currently organised and expressed in the parish model, is no longer fit for purpose as a *missional* expression of the body of Christ;
- g. empowers Diocesan Council, in consultation with the Episcopal Team, to make strategic decisions regarding the rationalisation and closure of ministry units in accordance with the missional priorities of the Diocese; and
- h. commits to the exploration and funding of alternative non-Parish-based models of mission that are more able to engage with people in our current context."

**AMENDMENT**

MOVED The Rev'd Louise Anderson

SECONDED Mr FaAfuhia Fia

"That paragraph (f) is deleted and that paragraphs (g) and (h) be amended and combined into a new paragraph as follows:

- f. empowers Diocesan Council, in consultation with the Episcopal Team, to commit to the exploration and funding of alternative non-Parish-based models of mission that are more able to engage with people in our current context."

*AMENDMENT LOST*

The motion was put.

*CARRIED*

**MOTIONS SOUGHT TO BE INTRODUCED WITHOUT NOTICE**

The President granted leave to The Rev'd Richard Bonifant to introduce a motion without notice pursuant to Standing Order 14(b)(ii).

**DIOCESAN RESPONSE TO THE  
TREATY PRINCIPLES BILL**

**MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE**

MOVED BY The Reverend Richard Bonifant

SECONDED BY Ms Grace Cox

"IN light of comments made by our Bishop in his charge regarding the Treaty Principles Bill, and in acknowledging the death of Kiingi Tuheitia Pootatau Te Wherowhero te tuawhetu who called for unity in this time of unrest; this Synod,

1. Asks Bishop Ross to write to the Prime Minister expressing dismay at the Treaty Principles Bill and the disquiet and disruption the bill is generating throughout the motu.
2. Encourages all ministry unit vestries [governing bodies] to inform their parishes of our history in relation to te Tiriti.
3. Asks all ministry unit vestries [governing bodies] to petition their local member of parliament to oppose the Bill."

*CARRIED*

**PASSAGE OF THE BILL**

The President moved that all bills having been approved in detail now pass and become statute.

*AGREED*

**MOTION OF THANKS**

THE PRESIDENT MOVED:

"THAT this Synod give thanks to God for bringing us together to undertake our work, and thanks to all those who made our gathering possible."

*AGREED WITH ACCLAIM*

The Reverend Matthew Griffiths moved a Motion of Thanks to Bishop Ross for his leadership of Synod and of the Diocese.

*AGREED WITH ACCLAIM*

CLOSING PRAYERS

Closing prayers were led by the Central Cluster.

Bishop Ross gave the blessing.

CONCLUSION

The President declared the Third Session of the 57<sup>th</sup> Synod concluded at 4.06pm.

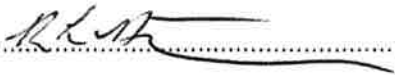
The First Session of the 58<sup>th</sup> Synod will commence at 6.30pm on Thursday 4 September 2025.

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President

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Clerical Secretary

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Lay Secretary

12 September 2024