

# **DIOCESAN COUNCIL**

# **Summary of Meeting**

held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 4:00pm Neligan House Boardroom and Zoom

# Chaired by The Rt. Rev'd Ross Bay (Bishop of Auckland)

## 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 prayer.

#### **General Business**

Minutes of 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024 were adopted as a true and correct record. The schedule of outstanding matters was discussed and updated.

#### **Diocesan Reports**

The Diocesan Manager's Report of Diocesan Office activities was received.

## Finance, Risk and Audit Committee

Diocesan Council received the Finance, Risk and Audit report for September 2024.

# **Ministry Unit Matters**

#### Parish of Birkenhead - Scheme of Reconstruction

Diocesan Council received the final report of the Commission for the Scheme of Reconstruction for the Parish of Birkenhead and agreed to share this with the Parish as per the procedure in the Ministry Unit Statute (2013).

## St John's Community Church, Great Barrier Island - Request for Funding

A request was received from St John's Great Barrier Island for Diocesan Council to contribute to the funding of some small improvements to their facility.

This request was approved.

#### **Telugu Mission District**

Diocesan Council assented that the Telugu Mission District can operate under the new Parish Statute (2024) as a Mission Venture and be renamed as Telugu Mission Venture.

# **Tongan Mission District**

Diocesan Council agreed to disestablish the Tongan Mission District.

## Parish of Mt Eden and St Augustine Mission Venture - Renewal of St Barnabas, Mt Eden

Diocesan Council affirmed and gave agreement to the Ministry Covenant for the Renewal of St Barnabas.

#### **Parish of Panmure**

A request was received from the Parish of Panmure for in-principle approval to use interest earned on funds held in investments for operational purposes.

This request was approved.

# **Other Business**

#### **Merriman Trust - Distribution 2024**

The annual clergy Christmas distribution was approved to be distributed from the Merriman Trust.

# **Working Group Updates**

# **Diocesan Health and Safety Working Group Report**

Diocesan Council received the report of the Health and Safety Working Group.

# **Information Papers and Correspondence**

Information papers and correspondence were received.

## Closing

The meeting closed at 6:35pm. The next meeting will be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025.