

DIOCESAN SYNOD STATUTE 2001

BE IT ENACTED by the Bishop, Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Auckland in Synod assembled:

The short title of this Statute shall be **“DIOCESAN SYNOD STATUTE 2001”**.

1. Composition of Synod

The Diocesan Synod shall consist of:

- 1.1 The Diocesan Bishop
 - 1.2 Any Assistant Bishop of the Diocese
 - 1.3 Every ordained minister licensed by the Bishop to an office in the Diocese except that of Local Priest/Deacon
 - 1.4 Any lay person holding a Diocesan Lay Licence or an appointment as Archdeacon for so long as they are active in such ministry and such licence subsists
 - 1.5 The lay Synod Representatives elected by each parish under the provisions of clause 8 hereunder
 - 1.6 The six Youth Representatives elected by the Youth hui under the provisions of clause 9 hereunder.
 - 1.7 The two Synod Representatives elected by the Association of Anglican Women under the provisions of clause 10 hereunder
 - 1.8 The two Synod Representatives elected by the Mothers' Union under the provisions of clause 11 hereunder
 - 1.9 The Chief Executive Officers of the Auckland City Mission, the Selwyn Foundation, the Anglican Trust for Women and Children, and the Vaughan Park Retreat Centre under the provisions of clause 13 hereunder
 - 1.10 The lay synod representatives elected by each Mission Venture under the provisions of clause 14 hereunder
 - 1.11 The Chancellor, or Chancellor locum tenens, ex officio
- PROVIDED THAT the failure of any parish or any other body or organisation entitled to elect a lay Representative shall not prevent the Synod from proceeding to the despatch of business.

2. Right to Speak but Not the Right to Vote

- 2.1. Any ordained minister holding a Permission to Officiate or a Licence as Local Priest/Deacon in this Diocese shall be entitled to a seat in the Synod with the right to speak but without the right to vote.
- 2.2. The Diocesan Secretary shall have a seat in the Synod with the right to speak but without the right to vote.
- 2.3. Such other persons as the Synod may from time to time determine shall have a seat in the Synod with the right to speak but without the right to vote.

3. Representatives of Co-Operating Parishes

- 3.1. Any ordained minister or lay member of any other Christian Church recognised by resolution of the General Synod/Te Hīnota Whānui and duly appointed to serve in or represent a co-operating parish or co-operative venture in which this Diocese is a partner is entitled to a seat in the House of Clergy or House of Laity in the Synod with the right to vote except when the Synod shall be acting under the following provisions, namely:
 - 3.1.1 Part B Clause 6(b) of the Constitution (alteration of the formularies)
 - 3.1.2 Part E Clauses 10 and 11 of the Constitution (nominating a Bishop)
 - 3.1.3 Part G Clause 4 of the Constitution (amending the Constitution)
 - 3.1.4 In respect of any proposal or matter pursuant to The Church of England Empowering Act 1928.

4. Meetings of Synod

- 4.1. Each triennial Synod shall meet annually and at such other times as the Bishop may determine, at such times and such places as shall be prescribed in that behalf by the Bishop.

5. President of Synod

- 5.1. The Bishop shall be President of the Synod but may delegate that responsibility to some other person, at the Bishop's sole discretion.
- 5.2. In the absence of the Bishop, or when the Bishop is unwilling to preside in any particular matter or is prevented by illness or other cause from presiding, the Vicar-General shall preside and shall for the purposes of Clause 6.2 hereof vote in place of the Bishop.
- 5.3. Where the office of the Diocesan Bishop is vacant, the presidency of the Synod shall devolve upon a Commissary appointed by the Primate/te Pihopa Matamua.

6. Quorum and Assent

- 6.1. The presence of
 - 6.1.1 the Bishop of the Diocese or the Vicar-General or a Commissary appointed by the Bishop, and
 - 6.1.2 one-fourth of the number of licensed ordained ministers (as provided in Clause 1), and
 - 6.1.3 one-fourth of the number of lay Synod Representatives (as provided in Clause 1)shall be necessary to constitute a quorum for the Synod in the due exercise of its powers.

- 6.2. Every act of the Synod shall be assented to by:

- 6.2.1 a majority of the Bishops including the Diocesan Bishop or Vicar General, and by

- 6.2.2 a majority of the licensed ordained ministers present and voting, and by

- 6.2.3 a majority of the lay Synod Representatives, present and voting

PROVIDED THAT the President may declare a motion carried upon the voices unless a Division shall be called for.

7. Provisions Relating to All Lay Representatives

- 7.1. For the purposes of this Statute a Synod Representative shall be deemed to mean a lay person duly elected as a representative of the Laity in the Diocesan Synod.
- 7.2. The provisions of this Clause shall apply to the election or appointment of lay Synod Representatives designated in clause 1.5 to 1.8 inclusive.
- 7.3. At any such election the chairperson shall have an original vote and in the event of an equal number of votes being cast for any of the candidates shall have also a casting vote.
- 7.4. Any lay person whose name is recorded on a Roll may be nominated as a candidate for election as a Synod Representative pursuant to Title B Canon II Clause 1.2.
- 7.5. The person conducting the election of the Synod Representative(s) shall forward to the Diocesan Secretary before the tenth day of April following the election a certificate declaring the name(s) and address(es) of the duly elected candidate(s) upon which date the person so certified as having been elected shall take office.
- 7.6. The seat of any Synod Representative shall be vacated by death or upon receipt by the Bishop of the resignation therefrom in writing under the hand of such Synod Representative, or on such Synod Representative being declared disqualified to act by a competent Tribunal provided that the seat of any Synod Representative shall become vacant in the event of such Synod Representative failing to attend any one Session of the Synod without obtaining leave of absence from the Bishop.

- 7.7. In the event of any election not being duly held or being declared invalid, or of the seat of any Synod Representative becoming vacant or on the creation of a new district, the Bishop shall order that a new election be held and this shall be held as far as may be in the manner prescribed for the General Election of Synod Representatives
PROVIDED HOWEVER that no election shall be held within seven days before the day appointed for the next ensuing session of Synod.
- 7.8. The person who shall be elected to fill the vacancy in the event of the seat of any Synod Representative becoming vacant, and any Synod Representative elected to represent a new district, shall hold office only until the time determined by Clause 8.2.
- 7.9. Any Synod Representative may, by writing addressed to the Bishop, resign.
- 7.10. In the event of any vacancy in the position of Synod Representative, whether through resignation, death, or upon the declaration of any Tribunal acting in that behalf under the authority of the General Synod, the Diocesan Secretary shall direct that a fresh election for the position be held;
PROVIDED THAT the person so elected shall hold office only until the time determined by Clause 8.2.
- 7.11. In the event of a Synod Representative, duly elected under the procedures outlined, being unable by reason of illness or other good reason to attend a particular session of Synod, and having made that known to the Vestry, the Vestry concerned may appoint another person to take the place of the elected Synod Representative at the session of Synod so designated and shall advise the Bishop forthwith PROVIDED THAT the appointment so made shall relate only to that designated session and no other, and that the provisions of sub-clause 7.4 shall apply.

8. Lay Synod Representatives Elected by Parishes

- 8.1. Every parish shall be entitled to elect two lay synod representatives, not later than the thirty-first day of March following the third Session of any Synod.
- 8.2. Subject to the provisions of this statute, the synod representatives shall hold office until the end of the annual general meeting of parishioners at which a new election shall have taken place prior to the first session of each Synod
- 8.3. The Diocesan Council may, as a part of a covenant, provide for one of the two representatives elected under clause 8.1 to be a clergyperson. In this event, the elected clergyperson will participate and vote as a member of the House of Clergy
- 8.4. The election of synod representatives shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions for elections in the Parish Statute 2024
- 8.5. Any person elected as a synod representative in a parish shall be entitled to a seat in Synod and to speak and vote in respect of any matter coming before the Synod.

9. Lay Synod Representatives Elected by the Youth Hui

- 9.1. In addition to the Lay Synod Representatives elected to Synod in accordance with clause 8, the annual Youth Hui convened under the provisions of The Youth Representation Statute 2019 shall be entitled to elect up to six representatives to Synod, being communicants, as follows:
 - 9.1.1 at each Youth Hui, elect two persons to hold office as a Synod Representative for a term of three years each; and
 - 9.1.2 in the event of such a duly elected person vacating their office prior to the expiry of that term or if for whatever reason there are vacancies in the number of elected

persons, at the next Youth Hui elect a person or persons to hold office as a Synod Representative for the remainder of that three-year term or such shorter period as the Youth Hui may determine.

- 9.2. For the purposes of this Statute, a Youth Representative shall be deemed to mean a person appointed under clause 9.1.
- 9.3. The Youth Hui shall elect Youth Representatives in accordance with clause 9 and the provisions of The Youth Representation Statute 2019, and for the avoidance of doubt the provisions of clause 7 of this Statute shall not apply to any such election.
- 9.4. Any person elected as a Youth Representative shall be entitled to a seat in Synod and to speak and vote in respect of any matter coming before the Synod.
- 9.5. The Diocesan Youth Facilitator or person acting in that capacity shall forward to the Diocesan Secretary as soon as possible after the Youth Hui the names and addresses of the duly elected Youth Representatives. The duly elected Youth Representatives shall take office on the date on which the Diocesan Secretary receives such notice.
- 9.6. No person otherwise holding office as a member of Synod as a Synod Representative pursuant to the provisions of this Statute shall be eligible to be elected as a Youth Representative.

10. Lay Synod Representatives Elected by The Association of Anglican Women

- 10.1 In addition to the Lay Synod representatives elected to Synod in accordance with clauses 8, 9, and 10, the Diocesan Executive Committee of the Association of Anglican Women shall be entitled to elect two Synod Representatives of the Association of Anglican Women.
- 10.2 Such election shall be held at a duly constituted meeting of the Diocesan Executive Committee held before the thirtieth day of April in each year of the first Session of each Synod.
- 10.3 Any person so elected as a Synod Representative of the Association of Anglican Women shall be entitled to a seat in Synod and to speak and vote in respect of any matter coming before the Synod.
- 10.4 No person otherwise holding office as a member of Synod as a Synod Representative pursuant to the provisions of this Statute shall be eligible to be elected as a Synod Representative of the Association of Anglican Women.

11. Lay Synod Representatives Elected by The Mothers' Union

- 11.1 In addition to the Lay Synod representatives elected to Synod in accordance with clauses 8, 9 and 10, the Diocesan Executive Committee of the Mothers' Union shall be entitled to elect two Synod Representatives of the Mothers' Union.
- 11.2 Such election shall be held at a duly constituted meeting of the Diocesan Executive Committee held before the thirtieth day of April in each year of the first Session of each Synod.
- 11.3 Any person so elected as a Synod Representative of the Mothers' Union shall be entitled to a seat in Synod and to speak and vote in respect of any matter coming before the Synod.
- 11.4 No person otherwise holding office as a member of Synod as a Synod Representative pursuant to the provisions of this Statute shall be eligible to be elected as a Synod Representative of the Mothers' Union.

12. Synod Representatives Appointed by The Auckland City Mission, The Selwyn Foundation, The Anglican Trust For Women And Children, and The Vaughan Park Retreat Centre

- 12.1 The chief executive officer (however designated by the organisation) for the time being of each of the following organisations - the Auckland City Mission and the Selwyn Foundation and the Anglican Trust for Women and Children and the Vaughan Park Retreat Centre - shall be entitled to a seat in Synod and to speak and vote in respect of any matter coming before the Synod PROVIDED THAT if any such person is by some other means a member of Synod, then this right of entitlement shall be inoperative.
- 12.2 Such appointment shall be made known to the Diocesan Secretary as soon as possible after it has been made and shall take effect immediately.
- 12.3 If the person so appointed is an ordained minister authorised by the Bishop that person shall be a member of the House of Clergy of the Synod.
- 12.4 If the person so appointed is a lay person that person shall be a member of the House of Laity of the Synod.

13. Lay Synod Representatives Elected by Mission Ventures

- 13.1. Each Mission Venture shall be entitled to elect up to two Lay Synod Representatives.
- 13.2. The procedure for the elections of such representatives shall be as far as possible in accordance with the provision of Clause 8.
- 13.3. In the event of any vacancy in the position of Synod Representative for a Mission Venture whether through resignation, death, or upon the declaration of any Tribunal acting in that behalf under the authority of the General Synod, the Diocesan Secretary shall direct that a fresh election for the position be held PROVIDED THAT the person so elected shall hold office only until the next following general election of Synod Representatives.