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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 Sally Morris (Chancellor), Ms Dawn Jones, Mr Andrew Peat, Reverend Michael Berry and Mrs Katy Bexley.

The Diocesan Manager is an ex-officio member. The Executive Assistant to the 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 2025 Synod and made appropriate amendments in consultation with their movers.

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 2024 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 2024 Synod and reflected on the matters listed above, the Committee recommends that part 1 of 'Motion 3 – Land Stories' and 'Motion 6 – Representation of Ministry Unit Governing Bodies', as set out in the Schedule, become Standing Resolutions in the form set out in the Schedule.

Both motions reflect enduring statements of policy and are consistent with previous Standing Resolutions. It is recommended that the reference in Motion 6 to 'ministry units' and 'governing body' be adjusted to reflect current terminology (given the language used in the Parish Statute 2024).

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 any should be annulled at this time.

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

Review of existing legislation

The Committee is continuing its work reviewing existing statutes and anticipates working with interested groups in the coming year to assist in introducing refreshed bills for consideration.

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

Thanks to Ms Dawn Jones

The Committee wishes to record its sincere appreciation for the longstanding and invaluable service of Ms Dawn Jones. While Ms Jones continues her contribution as a member of the Legal Business Committee, she has, after many years of dedicated service, stepped down from her role as a Synod representative. Ms Jones has served with distinction as Chair of Committees at Synod since 1998.

Andrew Peat

Legal Business Committee

Bills

AUCKLAND CITY MISSION (TE TĀPUI ATAWHAI)

Bill 1

MOVED BY The Reverend Michael Berry

SECONDED BY Helen Robinson

A BILL ENTITLED "A STATUTE TO AMEND THE AUCKLAND CITY MISSION STATUTE 2023"

"WHEREAS it is desired to update provisions to reflect the commitment of Auckland City Mission (Te Tāpui Atawhai) to acknowledge Te Tiriti o Waitangi;

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

1. SHORT TITLE

The short title of this Statute shall be "A STATUTE TO AMEND THE AUCKLAND CITY MISSION STATUTE 2023".

2. AMENDMENTS TO THE AUCKLAND CITY MISSION STATUTE 2023

2.1 A new clause 7 is added after the existing clause 6:

Te Tiriti o Waitangi

7. In furthering the objects of the Mission, the Board must take into account, and must seek to act in accordance with, te Tiriti o Waitangi as set out in Māori in schedule 1 of the Treaty of Waitangi Act 1975.

2.2 All numbering, referencing and notation is updated to reflect changes resulting from the addition of the clause in 2.1.

2.3 Clause 15 (previously clause 14) is deleted and replaced with:

15. The Board shall consist of no fewer than seven, nor more than twelve trustees.

16. The Board shall comprise:

- a. up to one trustee appointed by the Bishop. For the avoidance of doubt, the Bishop may appoint themselves;
- b. up to four trustees appointed by Diocesan Council (the Diocesan Trustees);
- c. up to seven persons appointed by the trustees (the General Trustees),

provided that:

- d. at least four trustees must whakapapa to a hapū of Aotearoa New Zealand; and
- e. neither the Archdeacon nor the Chancellor shall be eligible to be trustees.

17. Notwithstanding any deficiency in their number or composition, the Board may continue to act at all times to safeguard the Mission and may continue to act in other respects for such period as reasonably necessary to restore the number and composition of trustees to meet the requirements of clause 16.

2.4 All numbering, referencing and notation is updated to reflect changes resulting from the addition of clauses in 2.3.

2.5 In clause 29(b)(ii) (previously clause 26(b)(ii)), the words 'New Zealand' are replaced with Aotearoa New Zealand'.

Motions

LEGAL BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Motion 1

MOVED BY The Reverend Michael Berry

SECONDED BY Sally Morris (The Chancellor)

"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. Designates Part 1 of Motion 3 – The Third Session of the Fifty-Seventh Synod (2024) be made a Standing Resolution, namely:

"Land Stories

THAT this Synod affirms that the land we are guardians of has significant history to our church, to tangata whenua and to tangata tiriti."

3. Designates Motion 6 – The Third Session of the Fifty-Seventh Synod (2024) be made a Standing Resolution, namely:

"Representation of Parish Vestries

THAT this Synod highly encourages parishes to have at least one member of their vestry to be under the age of 40."

THE CONSTITUTION/TE POUHERE AMENDMENT

Motion 2

MOVED BY The Reverend Ivica Gregurec

SECONDED BY The Reverend Grace Cox

"THAT this Synod, assents to Statute 776 passed by General Synod Te Hīnota Whānui 2024 entitled *"The Constitution/Te Pouhere Amendment Statute, 2024"*.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Statute 776

The Constitution/Te Pouhere Amendment Statute, 2024

Whereas, the Common Life Liturgical Commission has been asked to clarify in The Constitution/Te Pouhere, where "the Doctrine and Sacraments of Christ as the Lord has commanded in Holy Scripture" are explained.

The General Synod / Te Hīnota Whānui enacts as follows:

1. **Title.** The Title of this Statute is *'The Constitution/Te Pouhere Amendment Statute, 2024'*.
2. **Purpose.** To amend Part B of the Constitution/te Pouhere to clarify where "the Doctrine and Sacraments of Christ as the Lord has commanded in Holy Scripture" are explained.
3. **Constitutional Amendment:**
Part B, Clause 1 of The Constitution/Te Pouhere is amended on page iv(a) by the replacement of the words "A New Zealand Prayer Book – He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa" with the words

"Formularies contained in A New Zealand Prayer Book – He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa, and Formularies as agreed by this Church but not contained in A New Zealand Prayer Book – He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa."
4. **Process.** The passing of Clause 3 is an adoption of a specific proposal in terms of Part G Clause 4 of The Constitution/Te Pouhere, and shall be made known to Te Rūnanganui o Te Pihopātanga o Aotearoa, the Synod of the Diocese of Polynesia, and the several Diocesan Synods in New Zealand in accordance with the provisions of Title C Canon I.

I certify that this Statute was passed by the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui on 21 May 2024. As witnessed by my hand 5 July 2024.



D Tamihere
Primate and Archbishop

Motions

THE PASTORAL LITURGIES AMENDMENT

Motion 3

MOVED BY The Reverend Ivica Gregurec

SECONDED BY The Reverend Grace Cox

"THAT this Synod,

assents to Statute 777 passed by General Synod Te Hīnota Whānui 2024 entitled "*The Pastoral Liturgies – Thanksgiving for the Gift of a Child Amendment Statute, 2024*".

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Statute 777

The Pastoral Liturgies – Thanksgiving for the Gift of a Child Amendment Statute, 2024

Whereas:

- (a) The General Synod / Te Hīnota Whānui by Statute 690 in 2010 confirmed the repeal and replacement of a prayer for 'the handicapped' on page 463; and
- (b) There is a similar rubric in the Pastoral Liturgy 'Thanksgiving for the Gift of a Child'; and
- (c) The Common Life Liturgical Commission, in partnership with the Disability Ministries Portfolio Group, wishes to repeal this rubric as unnecessary.

The General Synod / Te Hīnota Whānui enacts as follows:

1. **Title.** The Title of this Statute shall be '*The Pastoral Liturgies – Thanksgiving for the Gift of a Child Amendment Statute, 2024*'.
2. **Purpose.** To repeal the rubric referring to a child born handicapped on page 756 of A New Zealand Prayer Book – He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa.
3. **The Pastoral Liturgies** are amended as follows:
at the appropriate place on page 756, the rubric is amended by the deletion of the words "*for a child born handicapped*".
4. Clause 3 of this Statute is the adoption of a specific proposal in terms of Part B, Clause 6(a) of the Constitution/te Pouhere, and Section 4(a) of the Church of England Empowering Act 1928, and shall be made known to Te Rūnanganui o Te Pihopatanga o Aotearoa, the Synod of the Diocese of Polynesia, and the several Diocesan Synods in New Zealand.

I certify that this Statute was passed by the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui on 21 May 2024. As witnessed by my hand 5 July 2024.



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THE LITURGIES OF THE WORD AMENDMENT

Motion 4

MOVED BY Dr Peter Lineham

SECONDED BY The Reverend Grace Cox

"THAT this Synod,

assents to Statute 778 passed by General Synod Te Hīnota Whānui 2024 entitled "*The Liturgies of the Word Amendment Statute, 2024*".

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Statute 778

The Liturgies of the Word Amendment Statute, 2024

Whereas:

- (a) The General Synod / Te Hīnota Whānui by Statute 453 in 1988 confirmed the adoption of The Liturgies of the Word as a Formulary, and
- (b) This included words for a prayer For the Queen in Prayers for Various Occasions, on page 138 of A New Zealand Prayer Book / He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa, and
- (c) The Common Life Liturgical Commission wishes to acknowledge the passing of Queen Elizabeth II, and consequently replace this prayer with a general prayer For the Sovereign.

The General Synod / Te Hīnota Whānui enacts as follows:

1. **Title.** The title of this Statute shall be '*The Liturgies of the Word Amendment Statute, 2024*'.
2. **Purpose.** To replace the prayer For the Queen with a prayer For the Sovereign in The Liturgies of the Word.
3. **The Liturgies of the Word** is amended as follows:
at the appropriate place on page 138, the prayer For the Queen is replaced with the following words:

God who creates us in community,
and weaves us together in relationship, bless
our sovereign(s) (N).
Fill her/him/them with your grace,
that she/he/they may provide
all communities under her/his/their rule with
what is needed to thrive.

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Guide her/him/them to lead
in ways that reflect your reign
of justice, compassion and peace.
We pray in the name of Christ,
the Prince of peace.
Amen

4. Clause 3 of this Statute is the adoption of a specific proposal in terms of Part B, Clause 6(a) of the Constitution/te Pouhere, and Section 4(a) of the Church of England Empowering Act 1928, and shall be made known to Te Rūnanganui o Te Pihopatanga o Aotearoa, the Synod of the Diocese of Polynesia, and the several Diocesan Synods in New Zealand.

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THE TITLE G CANON V AMENDMENT

Motion 5

MOVED BY Dr Peter Lineham

SECONDED BY The Reverend Grace Cox

"THAT this Synod,

assents to Statute 779 passed by General Synod Te Hīnota Whānui 2024 entitled "*The Title G Canon V, 'Of Translations of Holy Scripture' Amendment Statute, 2024*".

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Statute 779

The Title G Canon V, 'Of Translations of Holy Scripture' Amendment Statute, 2024

The General Synod / Te Hīnota Whānui enacts as follows:

- Title.** The title of this Statute is *The Title G Canon V, 'Of Translations of Holy Scripture' Amendment Statute, 2024*.
- Purpose.** To add to the Schedule of Translations of Holy Scripture authorised for use in this Church in Title G Canon V.
- The Schedule of Title G Canon V is amended by the addition of the words:
The New International Readers Version 1996
The Inclusive Bible 2009
The New International Version 2011
The New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition 2022
- Process.** Clause 3 of this Statute is the adoption of a specific proposal in terms of Part B, Clause 6(a) of the Constitution/te Pouhere, and Section 4(a) of the Church of England Empowering Act 1928, and shall be made known to Te Rūnanganui o Te Pihopatanga o Aotearoa, the Synod of the Diocese of Polynesia, and the several Diocesan Synods in New Zealand.

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Motions

DIOCESAN COMMITTEE FOR OVERSEAS MISSION Motion 6

MOVED BY The Reverend Daniel Sahayam

SECONDED BY Filisi Beswick

“THAT this Synod,

- a. recognises the impact of Anglican Missions in supporting and advocating for mission, development, and humanitarian work, especially in the Pacific Region;
- b. thanks all the parishes that contribute to Anglican Missions and encourages other parishes to also contribute as they can; and
- c. sets a target of \$160,000.00 to support this work.”

EXPLANATORY NOTES

The target amount was a gradual decrease (-4%) based on our last year’s giving. The Diocesan Committee for Overseas Mission agreed to this target in our June meeting of 2025.

For reports, please refer to the yearbook for Diocesan Committee for Overseas Mission and Anglican Missions, as well as the Anglican Missions and The New Zealand Church Missionary Society websites a: www.anglicanmissions.org.nz www.nzcms.org.nz

LOCAL SHARED MINISTRY MODEL OF MINISTRY Motion 7

MOVED BY The Reverend Megan Means

SECONDED BY The Reverend Paul Doherty

“THAT this Synod,

- a. recognises, gives thanks and celebrates the vision, value and initiative of Local Shared Ministry in the diocese for:
 - i. enabling smaller parishes to be responsible for their local Anglican presence;
 - ii. equipping members to understand all church governance and ministry aspects; and
 - iii. developing a local shared team ministry approach.
- b. expresses thanks and gratitude to Archbishop Emeritus John Paterson and Barbara Wesseldine on this visionary model which significantly impacted many parishes in our diocese.”

EXPLANATORY NOTES

In 1995 the Auckland Diocesan Synod passed a statute to enable ministry units to become Local Shared Ministry Units. The adoption of the Parish Statute 2024 means that Local Shared Ministry needed to restructure into a ‘Model of Ministry’ with a Covenant of Ministry and Governance.

A Covenant of Ministry and Governance has provided a more flexible and adaptable local shared team ministry approach which is overseen by the Diocesan Council.

Motions

MOTHERS' UNION

Motion 8

MOVED BY Filisi Beswick

SECONDED BY Fina Heath

"THAT this Synod,

- a. expresses its thanks and appreciation to the eight parishes that have a Mothers' Union group; and
- b. encourages every parish in the diocese to have a Mothers' Union group."

MINISTRY AND RESOURCES FOR THE LAST STAGE OF LIFE

Motion 9

MOVED BY The Reverend Diana Rattray

SECONDED BY Denise Cosgrove

"THAT this Synod,

- a. recognises the opportunities the Church can offer to people approaching their last stage of life; and
- b. encourages the Diocesan Council to partner with The Selwyn Foundation to develop educational and practical resources for use in parishes."

PREVENTING POVERTY FOR SUPERANNUITANTS AND BENEFICIARIES IN PRIVATE RENTALS Motion 10

MOVED BY Vicky Mee

SECONDED BY Tulaki Tu'inukuafe

"THAT this Synod calls on the New Zealand government to address poverty for superannuitants and beneficiaries in private rentals by:

- a. urgently increasing cash asset thresholds for supplementary benefits and related payments to appropriate levels for 2025; and
- b. ensuring all cash asset thresholds for supplementary benefits and related payments are automatically adjusted annually in line with the Consumer Price Index (CPI)."

EXPLANATORY NOTES

The New Zealand Government subsidises different forms of accommodation and sets cash asset tests as thresholds for those eligible to receive the payments with those in private rentals severely disadvantaged:

- for rest home/nursing/hospital care the cash asset threshold is \$155,873 (the Residential Care Subsidy which is adjusted annually)
- for those in Kainga Ora homes the cash asset threshold is \$42,700 (not adjusted annually)
- for those in private rentals and needing Accommodation Supplement the threshold is \$8,100 for a single person and \$16,200 for a couple (the threshold was set in 1993 and has never been adjusted and the payment itself was last adjusted 13 years ago) and if (as is the case with most Auckland rentals) the rent can only be paid with additional government assistance then the Temporary Additional Support payment is needed and the cash asset threshold is \$1,095 for singles and \$1,824 for couples and sole parents. (not adjusted annually)

Main benefits, NZ superannuation and the Residential Care Subsidy, are currently automatically adjusted annually in line with the Consumer Price Index (CPI).



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