



# Anglican Diocese of Auckland

## DIOCESAN COUNCIL

### Summary of Meeting

*held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at 4:00pm  
Neligan House Boardroom, Parnell*

***Chaired by The Right Reverend 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**

A Eucharist service in the Bishop's Chapel was held prior to the meeting. Newly appointed members were welcomed to their first meeting.

#### **General Business**

Minutes of 28<sup>th</sup> August 2025 were adopted as a true and correct record.  
The schedule of outstanding matters was discussed and updated.

#### **Diocesan Reports**

Bishop Ross's report on activities over the past month was received.  
The Diocesan Manager's Report of Diocesan Office activities was received.

#### **Health, Safety, and Wellbeing Advisory Committee**

Diocesan Council received the report of the Health, Safety, and Wellbeing Advisory Committee.  
Ms Elizabeth Witton was appointed as the Diocesan Council representative to the Health, Safety, and Wellbeing Advisory Committee.  
The Terms of Reference for the Health, Safety, and Wellbeing Advisory Committee were approved.

#### **Finance, Risk and Audit Committee**

Diocesan Council received the financial report for August 2025.  
The revised Terms of Reference for the Finance, Risk and Audit Committee were approved.

#### **Parish Matters**

##### **Parish of Hillsborough – Stipend Support**

An application for stipend support was received from the Parish of Hillsborough.  
This request was approved.

##### **Parish of Northern Wairoa – Access to Funds**

A request was received from The Parish of Wairoa to utilise funds held in investments for capital expenditure on the vicarage at 58 Hokianga Road, Dargaville.  
This request was approved.

## **Other Business**

### **Anglican Trust for Women and Children – Trustee Appointments**

Nichola Christie, Evan Davies, The Rev'd Sarah Moss, Claudine Young, and Kevin Brewer were re-appointed to the Anglican Trust for Women and Children Board for another term.

### **Auckland City Mission – Trustee Appointments**

Diocesan Council re-appointed Joanna Pidgeon, Paul Gilberd, and Arend Merrie as trustees to the Board of the Auckland City Mission for a further three-year term.

### **Clergy Remuneration and Retirement Committee – Appointments**

Diocesan Council re-appointed Rev'd Tony Surman and David Neal to the Diocesan Clergy Remuneration and Retirement Committee for a further 3-year term.

### **Diocesan Committee for Overseas Mission – Appointments**

Diocesan Council appointed The Rev'd Daniel Pillay, Alfred Luther, The Rev'd Daniel Sahayam, Filisi Beswick, Catherine Musiime as members of the Diocesan Committee for Overseas Mission for a term of three years and appointed The Rev'd Daniel Pillay as the Convenor of this group.

### **Diocesan Insurance**

Diocesan Council provided delegated authority to the Diocesan Insurance Working Group to engage ANDO as the lead insurer and Everest and OMPL as the secondary insurers in a co-insurance model for the Anglican Diocese of Auckland Material Damage insurance programme for 2025/2026.

### **Diocesan Scholarships Committee**

The Terms of Reference for the Diocesan Scholarships Committee were approved and The Ministry Educator, Diocesan Manager, Lay Ministry Facilitator, The Rev'd Dr Tim Meadowcroft, and Dr Michael Mawson were appointed to the Committee.

### **Post Synod Actions 2025**

Diocesan Council discussed actions required by motions passed at Synod 2025.

Diocesan Council appointed The Rev'd Dan Conolly, The Rev'd Sarah Penwarden, The Rev'd Andrew Coyle, and The Rev'd Learne McGrath to the four clergy positions for the Pool of Diocesan Nominators.

### **Quota – 2026 Relief Applications**

Quota relief applications were approved for 12 ministry units.

### **Selwyn Foundation – Trustee Appointments**

Diocesan Council appointed The Bishop Te Kitohi Pikaahu, Hamish Bell and The Rev'd Helen Jacobi as trustees to the Selwyn Foundation Board for a three-year term.

## **Information Papers and Correspondence**

Information papers and correspondence were received.

The meeting closed at 6:56pm. The next meeting will be held on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2025.