



DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTY-EIGHTH SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

FIRST DAY – THURSDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2026

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 Ven. Peter Jenkins, Archdeacon for the Southern Region.

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 6.32pm.

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 President and the Diocesan Manager made some announcements.

APPOINTMENTS

THE PRESIDENT MOVED:

a. Officers of Synod

“THAT the following be appointed as Officers of the Fifty-Eighth Synod to fill vacancies:

Clerical Secretary	The Reverend Kate Shrigley
Deputy Clerical Secretary	The Reverend George Penk
Deputy Lay Secretary	Dr Elisabeth Price
Deputy Chair of Committees	The Reverend Rebecca Conolly.”

AGREED

GREETINGS

Greetings were received from Bishop Kito, and from Bishops of the Dioceses of New Zealand.

QUESTIONS

No questions were asked.

ORDER OF THE DAY

THE BISHOP'S CHARGE

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

MOTIONS SOUGHT TO BE INTRODUCED

No motions were sought to be introduced.

REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS TO BE TABLED

The Diocesan Manager tabled the following:

- i. Minute Book of Diocesan Council
- ii. 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 Second Session of the Fifty-Eighth Synod be:

- i. Thursday 3 September 2026 - from 6.30pm to 9.00pm;
- ii. Friday 4 September 2026 - from 8.30am to 5.30pm including meal and refreshment breaks at 10.30am-11.00am, 12.30pm-1.15pm and 3.30pm-4.00pm;
- iii. Saturday 5 September 2026 - from 8.30am to 3.00pm including refreshment breaks at 10.30am-10.55am and 12.00pm-12.45pm;

provided that any sitting may be extended by Motion Without Notice."

b. Auditors

THE PRESIDENT MOVED:

"THAT BDO be appointed auditors for the following entities for the year ended

December 2026:

Diocesan Council

Anglican Trusts Board."

AGREED

c. Elections: Variation to Process and Close of Nominations

THE PRESIDENT MOVED:

"THAT:

- 1) the following variations be made to the Elections and General Synod Representation Statute 2010 for the remainder of the Second Session of the Fifty-Eighth 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 two lay people and one clergy are to be appointed to act as scrutineers and assist the Diocesan Manager and the Diocesan Manager's staff 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 Diocesan Manager and the Diocesan Manager's staff 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 1.15pm on Friday 4 September 2026; and

3) that the first ballot shall take place on Friday 4 September 2026.”

The Chancellor gave advice on the proposed changes.
The President put (c) of the procedural motions.

AGREED

CLOSING PRAYERS were led by the President.

ADJOURNMENT

The President declared Synod adjourned at 8.38pm.

SECOND DAY – FRIDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2026

SYNOD IN SESSION at 8.30am, The Rt Rev'd Ross Bay presiding.

MORNING PRAYERS

Morning Prayers were led by the Synod Chaplains.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were recorded in the attendance registers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President and 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 Rt Rev'd Ross Bay presiding.

Presentation by Dilworth School

Mr Tom Murdock and The Rev'd Greg Worboys spoke to the work of Dilworth School.

ORDER OF THE DAY

The Ven Carole Hughes Presiding

Presentation of Report of Diocesan Council

Ms Anne Walsh, The Rev'd Grant Robertson, Mr Tony Randerson, Ms Angela Dalton, The Rev'd Michael Berry and Ms Elizabeth Witton spoke to the Report of Diocesan Council and answered questions.

MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

The Rt Rev'd Ross Bay presiding.

LEGAL BUSINESS COMMITTEE

MOTION 1

MOVED BY	The Reverend Michael Berry
SECONDED BY	The Worshipful Sally Morris (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; and

2. designates Part (a) and (b) of Motion 6 – The First Session of the Fifty-Eighth Synod (2025) be made a Standing Resolution, namely;

“Diocesan Committee for Overseas Mission

THAT this Synod,

- a. recognizes the impact of Anglican Missions in supporting and advocating for mission, development, and humanitarian work, especially in the Pacific Region; and
- b. thanks all parishes that contribute to Anglican Missions and encourages other parishes to also contribute as they can.”

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

10.26am Synod in Committee

10.28am Synod in Session

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

AGREED

Diocesan Manager made announcements.

10.29am Synod adjourned for Morning Tea

11.01am Synod in Session

The President made some announcements.

ORDER OF THE DAY

The Rt Rev’d Ross Bay presiding

APPROVAL OF BILL IN PRINCIPLE (AND IN DETAIL)

FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

BILL 1

MOVED BY Mr Tony Randerson

SECONDED BY The Reverend Grant Robertson

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

AGREED

11.07am Synod in Committee

11.18am Synod in session

MOVED BY THE PRESIDENT

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

CARRIED

PROPERTY INSURANCE**BILL 2**

MOVED BY Mr Tony Randerson
SECONDED BY The Reverend Grant Robertson

“THAT the principle of Bill Number 2 be approved.”

AGREED

11.22am Synod in Committee
11.25am Synod in Session

MOVED BY THE PRESIDENT

“THAT the detail of Bill Number 2 as agreed by Synod in Committee be approved.”

AGREED

DIOCESAN SYNOD STATUTE**BILL 3**

MOVED BY The Reverend Michael Berry
SECONDED BY The Reverend Matthew Griffiths

“THAT the principle of Bill Number 3 be approved.”

CARRIED

12.04pm Synod in committee
12.33pm Synod in session

MOVED BY THE PRESIDENT

“THAT the details of Bill Number 3 as agreed by Synod in Committee be approved.”

CARRIED

The President and Diocesan Manager made some announcements.

12.37pm Synod adjourned for Lunch until 1.25pm
1.23pm Synod in session, The Ven. Carole Hughes presiding.

ORDER OF THE DAY**Synod Conference Session**

The Rt Rev’d Ross Bay, The Rev’d Richard Bonifant, The Rev’d Brenda Rockell and Mr Nick Mercer introduced a Synod conference session on being a Faithful and Fruitful Church.

1.25pm Synod in Conference.
2.27pm Synod in Session

The Rt Rev’d Ross Bay presiding.

The Rt Rev’d Ross Bay prayed for the Faithful and Fruitful Church project.

MOTION OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

COLLABORATION WITH TE TAI TOKERAU

MOTION 5

MOVED BY Dr Peter Lineham
SECONDED BY The Reverend Tim Meadowcroft

“THAT this Synod;

- a. endorses the work of collaboration with the Te Tai Tokerau Hui Amorangi;
- b. looks forward to news about this collaboration and sharing of resources; and
- c. encourages more opportunities for parishes to interact with the Amorangi.”

AGREED

EQUALITY OF TREATMENT UNDER LAW: BORN ALIVE CHILDREN

MOTION 7

MOVED BY Dr Mike Webster
SECONDED BY The Reverend Ian Hardcastle

“THAT this Synod;

calls on the New Zealand Government and The House of Representatives to ensure legislative protection for all children born alive in Aotearoa New Zealand by:

- a. extending the protection set out in the Crimes Act 1961 section 154 (Abandoning child under 6) to all children born alive in Aotearoa New Zealand;
- b. enacting the born alive amendment moved by Simon O’Connor MP in 2020 to the Abortion Legislation Act 2020; and
- c. ensuring the consistent application of the non-maleficence principle in the Code of Ethics for the New Zealand Medical Profession to ‘do no harm’.”

The Mover sought leave to amend clause c of motion to read as follows:

“Ensuring the restoration of the non-maleficence principle in the Code of Ethics of the World Medical Association to which the (now defunct) New Zealand Medical Association was committed to “do not harm.””

AMENDMENT AGREED

The motion as amended was put.

MOTION LOST

3.33pm Synod adjourned for Afternoon Tea
4.04pm Synod in Session

The Diocesan Manager made some announcements.

First Ballot of Elections

The President announced the appointment of Mrs Katy Bexley, Mr Evan Walters and The Rev'd Brian Haggitt as scrutineers.

The President invited the candidates for election to introduce themselves.

The candidates for Diocesan Council:

The lay candidates were: Dr Kay Hawk (Parish of St. Andrews Epsom); Mr David Neal (Parish of Panmure); Ms Anne Walsh (Parish of St. Matthew-in-the-City); Dr Paul Woodfield (Parish of St Paul's Symonds Street).

The clergy candidates were: The Rev'd Rebecca Conolly (Parish of Northcote); The Rev'd Lucy Nguyen (Parish of Howick).

The Diocesan Manager gave instructions on voting.

The first ballot was held for elections to Diocesan Council.

MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

ATWC LAND DISPUTE

MOTION 6

MOVED BY Mr. FaAfuhi Fia
SECONDED BY The Reverend Clare Barrie

"THAT this Synod:

1. Offers thanks for the ministry of the Anglican Trust for Women and Children in the Diocese of Auckland over many decades.
2. Notes that litigation is before the Court concerning land at 25 Dignan Street, Pt Chevalier, occupied by the Hallyburton Johnstone Sports Club and associated clubs.
3. Affirms that Anglican mission includes reconciliation, pastoral care, service to the community, mercy, justice, and the protection of relationships of trust.
4. Expresses the hope that all parties will continue to consider whether an agreement can be reached for the satisfactory resolution of the dispute for all parties outside of a Court process, consistent with their legal obligations and advice.
5. Requests that a copy of this resolution be conveyed to the Trust as a non-binding expression of Synod's pastoral interest in and commitment to reconciliation."

AMENDMENT

MOVED: The Reverend Brian Haggitt
SECONDED: Ms Deborah Rowland

"To replace clauses 4 and 5 with the following:

4. Recognises that the Anglican Trust for Women and Children is continuing to work through this matter.

5. Requests that a copy of this resolution be conveyed to the Trust as a non-binding expression of synod's pastoral interest in, and support for, the Trust and all those affected."

AMENDMENT CARRIED

MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE

MOVED BY The Reverend Tim Meadowcroft

SECONDED BY Mr Michael Hooper

"That Synod moves on to the next item order of business on the Order Paper."

LOST

MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE AS BEEN GIVEN

Debate on Motion 6 resumed.

The amended motion was put.

CARRIED

The amended Motion 6 now reads as follows:

THAT this Synod:

1. Offers thanks for the ministry of the Anglican Trust for Women and Children in the Diocese of Auckland over many decades.
2. Notes that litigation is before the Court concerning land at 25 Dignan Street, Pt Chevalier, occupied by the Hallyburton Johnstone Sports Club and associated clubs.
3. Affirms that Anglican mission includes reconciliation, pastoral care, service to the community, mercy, justice, and the protection of relationships of trust.
4. Recognises that the Anglican Trust for Women and Children is continuing to work through this matter.
5. Requests that a copy of this resolution be conveyed to the Trust as a non-binding expression of Synod's pastoral interest in, and support for, the Trust and all those affected.

ORDER OF THE DAY

Youth Hui Report

Mr Evan Walters, Ms Marie Boyle, Ms Annalia Blundell and Ms Sophie Berry spoke to the Youth Hui Report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President made some announcements.

The President announced that the following had been elected to Diocesan Council on first ballot:

Laity

Mr David Neal, the Parish of Panmure; Ms Anne Walsh, the Parish of St Matthew-in-the-City; Dr Paul Woodfield, the Parish of St Paul's Symonds Street.

Clergy

The Rev'd Rebecca Conolly, the Parish of Northcote; The Rev'd L Lucy Nguyen, the Parish of Howick.

CLOSING PRAYERS were led by the Synod Chaplains.

ADJOURNMENT

The President declared Synod adjourned at 5.29pm until 8.30am Saturday 5 September 2026.

THIRD DAY SATURDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2026

SYNOD IN SESSION at 8.35am. The Rt Rev'd Ross Bay presiding.

MORNING PRAYER

Morning prayer was led by the Synod Chaplains.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were recorded in the attendance books.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President made some announcements.

QUESTIONS

No questions were asked.

MOTIONS SOUGHT TO BE INTRODUCED

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

ORDER OF THE DAY

PASSAGE OF BILLS

THE PRESIDENT MOVED:

"THAT Bills 1, 2, and 3 having been approved in detail now pass and become statutes".

AGREED

Presentation by Vaughan Park

Ms Lesley Snyman, Director of Vaughan Park Retreat Centre, spoke to the work and ministry of Vaughan Park.

ORDER OF THE DAY

The President introduced further discussion on the Report of Diocesan Council.

The Rev'd Grant Robertson responded to questions on the Report.

MOTIONS SOUGHT TO BE INTRODUCED

The President granted leave to The Reverend Nathan McLellan to introduce a motion without notice pursuant to Standing Order 14(b)(ii).

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE DIOCESAN COUNCIL

MOVED BY The Reverend Nathan McLellan

SECONDED BY The Reverend Shashikant Christian

“THAT this Synod resolves that:

1. The Annual Financial Statements of the Diocesan Council, including all relevant explanatory notes, be presented to Synod for discussion and acceptance; and
2. The Annual Budget of the Diocesan Council for the next financial year is presented to Synod for discussion and approval.”

AMENDMENT

MOVED: The Rev’d Michael Berry

SECONDED: Mrs Katy Bexley

“That the motion be amended by deleting the words “and acceptance” from clause 1, and further deleting the words “and approval” from clause 2.”

AMENDMENT AGREED

The motion as amended was put.

CARRIED

The amended Motion now reads as follows:

THAT this Synod resolves that:

1. The Annual Financial Statements of the Diocesan Council, including all relevant explanatory notes, be presented to Synod for discussion.
2. The Annual Budget of the Diocesan Council for the next financial year is presented to Synod for discussion.

MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

EUCARIST AND THE COMMON LIFE OF THE CHURCH

MOTION 2

MOVED The Reverend Dr Noel Cox

SECONDED Neil McEnteer

“THAT this Synod;

- a. affirms the Eucharist as a central act of Christian worship and essential to the common life of the Church;
- b. recognises that Anglican identity is expressed and sustained through common prayer, shared worship, and participation in the sacramental life of Christ;
- c. encourages parishes to deepen teaching and formation concerning the Eucharist and the liturgical life of the Church; and
- d. requests the Ministry Formation Team and relevant diocesan bodies to consider what resources may assist clergy, lay leaders, and parishes in this work.”

AMENDMENT

MOVED The Rev'd Sarah Moss
SECONDED The Rev'd Lukas Thielmann
"That clause d be deleted."

CARRIED

The amended motion was put.

AGREED

The amended Motion 2 now reads:

THAT this Synod;

- a. affirms the Eucharist as a central act of Christian worship and essential to the common life of the Church;
- b. recognises that Anglican identity is expressed and sustained through common, shared worship, and participation in the sacramental life of Christ;
- c. encourages parishes to deepen teaching and formation concerning the Eucharist and the liturgical life of the Church.

ORDER OF THE DAY

The President sought leave of Synod for The Rev'd Michael Hartfield, National Director of Anglican Missions, to speak in the General Debate.

LEAVE GRANTED

General Debate

Ms Steph Brooks and The Rev'd Rebecca Connolly spoke to the Youth Report.

The Rev'd Nicola Frater spoke to the Bishop's Charge.

The Rev'd Michael Hartfield spoke to the Report of Anglican Missions.

The President moved that the Reports as tabled be received.

AGREED

10.48am Synod adjourned for Morning Tea

11.13am Synod in Session

The Rev'd Andrew Coyle made an apology.

The President made an announcement.

ORDER OF THE DAY

Presentation on Diocesan Statistics

Peter Lineham presented on the Diocesan Statistics.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President made an announcement.

MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE "DO JUSTICE" SOCIAL JUSTICE NETWORK

MOTION 4

MOVED Ms Vicky Mee
SECONDED Dr Mike Webster

"THAT this Synod;

- a. affirms our commitment to the fourth mark of mission of the Anglican Communion to transform unjust structures of society, challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation;
- b. acknowledges the need for the revitalisation of social justice work in the Diocese to best use the skills and expertise of laity and clergy across all generations; and
- c. requests Diocesan Council to develop a mechanism to re-establish a network for the consideration and promotion of issues of social justice in society, and to draw upon the existing relationship with Te Ohu Whakawhanaunga Tāmaki Makaurau as a resource partner in this work."

AMENDMENT

The President moved an amendment to clause c as so that it would read as follows:

"requests Diocesan Council to support the establishment of the Do Justice network and to engage with it to assist the Diocese to promote the issues of social justice in society."

AMENDMENT AGREED

The amended motion was put.

AGREED

The amended Motion 4 now reads as follows:

THAT this Synod;

- a. affirms our commitment to the fourth mark of mission of the Anglican communion to transform unjust structures of society, challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation;
- b. acknowledges the need for the revitalisation of social justice work in the Diocese to best use the skills and expertise of laity and clergy across all generations; and
- c. requests Diocesan Council to support the establishment of the Do Justice network and to engage with it to assist the Diocese to promote the issues of social justice in society.

THE SELWYN FOUNDATION CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS

MOTION 3

MOVED BY Ms Denise Cosgrove
SECONDED BY The Reverend Diana Rattray

"THAT this Synod;

- a. notes Section 19 (Amendment to Rules) of The Selwyn Foundation Constitution, which provides that any amendments to clauses 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 18 and 19 shall only be effected with the consent of the Synod; and
- b. assents to the amendments to clauses 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 18 and 19 of the Constitution as set out in the attached Schedule."

The President directed that Synod go into committee to consider amendments to the Schedule in Motion 3.

12.22pm Synod in Committee

12.35pm Synod in Session

The President moved that the motion as agreed by Synod in Committee be approved.

CARRIED

MOTION OF THANKS

MOVED The Rev'd Sarah Park

SECONDED Dr Karen Taylor

A motion to thank to all those involved in the organising and running of Synod, including the Diocesan Council, Diocesan Manager and her team, those involved with hospitality, members of Synod for their engagement, the Synod Chaplains and the President for his dexterity, wisdom and wit in leading the Synod.

AGREED WITH ACCLAIM

CLOSING PRAYERS

The closing prayers were led by the Synod Chaplains.

Bishop Ross gave the blessing.

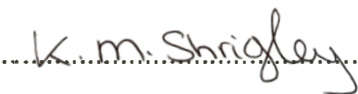
CONCLUSION

The President declared the Second Session of the 58th Synod concluded at 12.48pm.

The Third Session of the 58th Synod will commence at 6.30pm on Thursday 2 September 2027.



Vicar-General, on behalf of the President



Clerical Secretary



Lay Secretary



Date