INTERPRETATION STATUTE 2021

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

1. The short title of this Statute shall be **"INTERPRETATION STATUTE 2021"**.

Application

2. This statute applies to any statute, regulation or rule that is in force either before or after the commencement of this statute (referred to herein as an "enactment") unless:
   a. the enactment provides otherwise; or
   b. the context of the enactment requires expressly or by implication a different interpretation.

Meaning and syntax

3. The meaning of an enactment shall be ascertained from its context and in the light of its purpose.
4. The matters that may be considered in ascertaining the meaning and purpose of an enactment include any indications provided in the enactment.
5. References to clauses are to those of the enactment concerned.
6. Parts of speech and grammatical forms of a word defined in an enactment have the corresponding meaning in that enactment.
7. Words in the singular include the plural and words in the plural include the singular unless specified otherwise.
8. Words importing gender import all genders.
9. Words and expressions defined are indicated by capital letters for convenience. The absence of a capital letter shall not alone imply that the word or expression is used with a meaning different from that given by its definition.
10. Words defined in clause 14 will have the same meaning in other statutes unless defined otherwise.

Repealed enactments

11. The repeal of an enactment does not affect any other enactment in which the repealed enactment is applied, incorporated, or referred to.
12. Any reference to a repealed enactment is deemed to be a reference to an enactment that, either with or without modification, has replaced, or that corresponds, to the enactment that has been repealed.
13. Clause 11 is subject to clause 12.

Definitions

14. The following words shall have the interpretation and meaning attached to them as listed below:

"archdeacon"	appointee of the Bishop with delegated oversight for an archdeaconry
"audit"	system of independent assurance review as the Diocesan Council may from time to time specify
"Bishop"	Bishop of the Diocese of Auckland (or a Vicar-General, acting in accordance with Title A Canon I clause 8)
"canon"	law of the Church constitutionally made by General Synod Te Hīnota Whānui
"Chancellor"	Chancellor of the Diocese of Auckland
"Church"	Anglican Church in Aotearoa New Zealand and Polynesia
"church law"	Constitution Te Pouhere and canons of the Church

"clerical/lay representative"	elected representative of the clergy/laity of the Diocese to General Synod Te Hīnota Whānui
"covenant"	a variation to provisions for ministry and governance in a parish, allowed for by statute, and authorised by Diocesan Council.
"Diocesan Council"	body constituted under Diocesan Council Statute 2019 and also known as the Standing Committee of the Diocesan Synod
"Diocesan Secretary"	principal administrative officer of the Diocese by whatever title known
"Diocese"	Diocese of Auckland
"majority"	next whole number that is greater than half of the total
"ordained minister"	deacon, priest or bishop as recognised by Title G Canon XIII
"parish"	a defined geographical area within which there is a worshipping community that recognises its responsibility to provide mission and ministry within that area
"parish accounting procedures"	procedures promulgated by Diocesan Council in accordance with clause 5 of the Financial Regulations Statute 2000.
"regulation"	rule constituted by Diocesan statute
"resolution"	determination of the Diocesan Synod other than any made by statute
"statute"	law constitutionally made by the Diocesan Synod
"stipendiary"	receiving a stipend paid in whole or in part from Diocesan funds
"Synod"	annual meeting of the Diocese
"synod representative"	lay representative of the Synod elected by a parish or appointed by a body authorised to be represented
"vestry"	the governing body of a parish
"vicar"	ordained minister licensed by the Bishop to have responsibility for a parish (or a priest in charge acting in this capacity during an interim period)
"youth representative"	representative elected to the Synod by the Youth Hui