YOUTH REPRESENTATION STATUTE 2019

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 **"YOUTH REPRESENTATION STATUTE 2019"**.

Interpretation

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

"Youth Hui"	the hui to be convened in accordance with clause 3 below
"youth representative"	a person elected to the Synod by the Youth Hui in accordance with clauses 8 and 10 below

Youth Hui

3. An annual Youth Hui shall be convened prior to the Synod.

4. The Diocesan Youth Facilitator or, in the absence of a Diocesan Youth Facilitator, the Diocesan Secretary, shall give notice of the Youth Hui to the entities set out in clause 6 below at least 28 days prior to the date the Youth Hui is to be convened.

5. The Youth Hui shall convene at the time and place as identified in the notice from the Diocesan Youth Facilitator or Diocesan Secretary (as the case may be).

6. The Youth Hui may include unlimited representatives from:
   a. every parish; and
   b. every mission venture; and
   c. the following schools:
      i. Diocesan School for Girls;
      ii. King's College; and
      iii. Dilworth School.

Purpose of the Youth Hui

7. The purpose of the Youth Hui is to engage young people:
   a. in the decision-making processes of the Diocese; and
   b. to encourage youth participation in the life of the Diocese in a safe and friendly environment.

Elections at the Youth Hui

8. Youth Hui shall include the election of youth representatives to Synod, in accordance with the Diocesan Synod Statute 2026 and clause 10 below.

9. The Youth Hui may include elections of youth representatives to any other bodies, entities or groups, as may be required from time to time.

10. The Youth Hui shall be free to determine its own process and procedures for elections, provided however that in carrying out any elections at the Youth Hui:
    a. voting is to be conducted on the principle of one vote per parish, mission venture or school; and
    b. no person shall act on behalf of more than one parish, mission venture or school.

Content and Conduct of Youth Hui

11. The Youth Hui shall, from time to time, determine its own procedures and processes for discussion and decision-making.

12. Without limiting the scope of discussion at the Youth Hui, discussion may include:
    a. an opportunity for attendees to share details of youth activities at local, diocesan, provincial and global levels;

b. the reporting of the previous year's diocesan youth ministry activities by Diocesan youth staff;

c. dialogue with other representatives of the diocese, including the Bishop where possible;

d. the making of non-binding resolution(s), such resolution(s) to then be presented at the next Synod by the youth representatives; and

e. future planning for diocesan youth ministry initiatives and activities.

Chairperson

13. The Youth Hui shall elect a chairperson for each meeting from among the attendees, provided however that the Bishop (or nominee) may chair any meeting.