

**THE INTERPRETATION STATUTE 1929**

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

- 1 The short title of this Statute shall be "**THE INTERPRETATION STATUTE, 1929**".
- 2 In this Statute, and in all other Statutes, Regulations and Resolutions, or other proceedings of the Synod, unless repugnant to the context, or unless otherwise expressly stated, the following words within inverted commas shall have the interpretation and meaning hereby attached to them, respectively:-

<b>"Canon"</b>	A law of the Church constitutionally made by the General Synod.
<b>"Statute"</b>	A law of the Church constitutionally made by the Diocesan Synod.
<b>"Regulation"</b>	A rule duly constituted by Statute of the Diocesan Synod and incorporated for convenience in the code of Diocesan Law under such headings as "The Financial Regulations," "The Pension Fund Regulations," etc, as the Synod may by Statute from time to time direct.
<b>"Resolutions"</b>	All such determinations of the Diocesan Synod as are not made by Statute or incorporated in the Diocesan Statutes or Regulations.
<b>"Bishop"</b>	The Right Reverend the Bishop of Auckland or the Vicar-General canonically authorised to act on his behalf, or any Assistant Bishop with delegated authority.
<b>"Archdeacon"</b>	The Archdeacon of the Archdeaconry within which (as determined from time to time by the Bishop) a particular ministry unit is located.
<b>"Vicar"</b>	The Clergyman duly licensed by the Bishop to the cure of souls in a Parish or Parochial District.
<b>"Curate"</b>	The Clergyman duly licensed by the Bishop to assist the Vicar in the cure of souls.
<b>"Minister"</b>	The Clergyman who is recognised by the Bishop's authority as having for the time being the charge of any Parish or Parochial District.
<b>"Clerical Representative"</b>	The duly elected representative of the Clergy in the General Synod.
<b>"Lay Representative"</b>	The duly elected representative of the Laity in General Synod.
<b>"Synodsmen"</b>	A duly elected representative of the Laity in the Diocesan Synod.
<b>"Diocesan Secretary"</b>	The principal administrative officer of the Diocese, by whatever title known.
<b>"Maori"</b>	A person of the Maori race and shall include any person who is descended from a Maori or who is actively involved in the work of the church among the Maori.
<b>"Majority"</b>	The next whole number that is greater than half of the total.

- 3 In this Statute and in all other Statutes, Regulations and Resolutions or other proceedings of the Synod, unless repugnant to the context or unless otherwise expressly stated or unless contrary to the Constitution or the Canons words importing one gender shall include the other until such time as all existing legislation is re-written in all inclusive terminology.