

9 August 2017

Dear Synod Members

**Re: SYNOD 2017**

This letter is a follow up from the letter sent on the 7 August 2017. In the email sent out on the 7 August 2017, you would have received the Bills and Motions for Synod 2017.

Further updates have since been made to the housing and quota bills. Attached is the updated Bills and Motions for Synod 2017.

In addition, here is a reminder of important dates leading up to Synod:

**1. Pre Synod Meetings**

The Pre-synod meetings will be taking place across three different locations across the Diocese. You are not restricted to attend the meeting within your Archdeaconry and are welcome to attend any one of the meetings.

- Thursday 10 August, St Marks Remuera from 7:30pm onwards
- Tuesday 15 August, Christ Church Papakura from 7:30pm onwards
- Friday 18 August, Christ Church Whangarei from 7:30pm onwards

**2. Housing Bill – Pre Synod Meeting**

This year there will be a Bill before Synod related to the Housing clauses in the Financial Regulations Statute. It seeks to provide a clear, just and equitable manner for applying the principle of clergy housing across the diocese. There is a policy that will need to follow this Statute, which defines what is meant by Suitable Housing and outlines the Housing Allowance payable to clergy who are not accommodated by the church. All clergy for whom housing provision/housing allowances are relevant, are invited to attend a meeting to hear the rationale for the proposed changes to the Housing clauses of the Statute and the Housing Allowance policy which would follow.

**Venue: Selwyn Library, 8 St Stephen's Ave, Parnell**

**Date: Thursday 17 August**

**Time: 1.30 pm - 2.30 pm**

Have a lovely evening.

Thanks

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