

THE ANGLICAN CARE COUNCIL STATUTE 2000

NOTE: This Statute was amended in 2005 and 2010

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

1. **TITLE**

The Short Title of this Statute shall be "**THE ANGLICAN CARE COUNCIL STATUTE 2000**", as amended by the Anglican Care Council Statute Amendment Statute 2010.

2. There is hereby established and constituted a Diocesan Council of Social Services to be known hereafter as Anglican Care Council (Auckland), (hereinafter called "the Council").

3. **MEMBERSHIP**

3.1. Membership of the Council shall be as follows:

- (a) two members appointed by Diocesan Council
- (b) four members involved in parish-based care services as recommended by the Anglican Care Council (Auckland) and appointed by Diocesan Council;
- (c) one representative nominated by ecumenical social services agencies operating within the Diocese of Auckland and appointed by Diocesan Council;
- (d) one representative nominated by Auckland Grief and Loss Support Services and appointed by Diocesan Council;
- (e) such other members as the Council may co-opt, up to a maximum of two persons.

3.2. During the transitional period, the current members of the Council shall decide amongst themselves an order of rotation so that one third of members (rounded up) shall retire each year and be eligible for re-election subject to the subsequent provisions of this Clause.

3.3. Notwithstanding Clause 3.6 no member may serve for more than five consecutive years.

3.4. In the event of a casual vacancy, the Council may fill that vacancy by appointing a person until the next date for the appointment of members under Clause 3.2.

3.5. The Anglican Trust For Women & Children, Auckland City Mission and Selwyn Foundation shall each provide a representative who will attend and report to meetings of the Council at least twice a year.

3.6. Membership of the Council shall be annual and members shall be reappointed annually, with effect from the first regular meeting of the Diocesan Council following each respective regular annual Session of the Diocesan Synod.

4. **OBJECTIVES**

4.1. The principal objective of the Council is to assist ministry units in the Diocese of Auckland to meet a major Anglican Mission Statement of responding to human needs by loving service, which may encompass but not be limited to all aspects of health and welfare services and related educational services.

4.2. In order to achieve the principal objective, the Council shall

- 4.2.1 provide resources by way of personnel, information, support and finance to parish-based services;
- 4.2.2 provide services directly in partnership with ministry units;
- 4.2.3 encourage regular consultation among its members;
- 4.2.4 facilitate information-sharing and networking among member social services agencies and ministry units;
- 4.2.5 apply for and disburse such donations, grants, bequests or other gifts as may be directed to the Council for the support of Anglican social services in the Diocese;
- 4.2.6 provide a means of communication and, where appropriate, consultation between its network members and government departments, the New Zealand Anglican Care Network,

- the New Zealand Council of Christian Social Services and any other relevant bodies so that information may be promptly collected or disseminated as the case may be;
- 4.2.7 sustain existing co-operative and ecumenical ventures and initiatives in social service work and to be open to new opportunities;
 - 4.2.8 ensure that all social service work undertaken in the Diocese that is associated with the Council is delivered in a competent manner and in accord with the Anglican Care Network Code of Ethics set out in Schedule I;
 - 4.2.9 develop appropriate partnerships in social service outreach with ministry units and our Tikanga partners;
 - 4.2.10 facilitate the establishment of liaison groups between ministry units and our Tikanga partners; and
 - 4.2.11 work toward the establishment of a minimum of two new ministry unit-based social services initiatives each year.

5. **MEETINGS**

- 5.1. The Council shall hold a minimum of six (6) meetings annually, these to include two (2) meetings particularly focused on ministry unit forums/resources, two (2) focused on resourcing and strategic matters involving the Anglican Trust for Women & Children, the Auckland City Mission and the Selwyn Foundation; and two (2) focusing on general matters; such meetings taking place on an alternating basis over the course of a year.
- 5.2. The quorum of this and any subsequent meeting of the Council shall be half the members for the time being.
- 5.3. Other meetings of the Council shall be held at such time and place as the Council shall decide having regard to considerations of convenience, cost and the necessity properly to manage the business of the Council.
- 5.4. A Minute Book shall be kept by the Secretary in which the proceedings of the Council shall be duly and regularly entered.
- 5.5. Copies of the Minutes of each meeting shall be sent to all members of the Council, and to the Diocesan Secretary for tabling with the Diocesan Council.
- 5.6. The Council may invite to any meeting as observers with speaking rights but not voting rights, such representatives from such other bodies as it thinks fit.
- 5.7. The Council will report annually to the Diocesan Synod.

6. **ACCOUNTS**

- 6.1. The Council shall provide an annual audited financial statement of monies received and expended and a Statement of Financial position to be tabled at the Diocesan Synod.
- 6.2. The Council has no authority to borrow any money or incur any financial obligation it cannot meet.

7. **WINDING UP**

- 7.1. In the event of the Council being discontinued or wound up for any reason whatsoever then, after the payment of any accounts of the Council, any surplus monies shall vest in the Diocesan Council for the general purposes of the Diocese.

SCHEDULE I

The Anglican Care Network of agencies, parishes and diocesan social services in New Zealand CODE OF PRACTICE (as confirmed in August 1995)

MISSION STATEMENT

The ANGLICAN CARE NETWORK is a nation-wide network of Anglican dioceses and social services agencies, parish-based programmes and inter-church projects, which seek to express the Love of Christ through loving service, and work towards justice and equality for all in society.

Its members work with individuals, groups and committees, regardless of race, creed, gender or ability, to meet needs, encourage healing and reconciliation and enable growth and wholeness.

1. CODE OF ETHICS

The ANGLICAN CARE NETWORK is a Christian Social Service Network and members are expected to work within the broad ethos of the gospel of Jesus Christ as expressed within the Anglican community.

- 1.1. Members are the boards, committees, agencies, services and their staff (paid and voluntary).
- 1.2. Members are expected to work towards achieving the objectives of Anglican Care.
- 1.3. The Network is committed to providing professional services and requires members to maintain high levels of competency in their particular area of work.

2. PRINCIPLES

Every human being has a unique value, irrespective of their race, colour, gender, sexual orientation, social status, ability, age or religious or political beliefs.

- 2.1. Each individual has the right of self-fulfilment to the degree that it does not encroach upon the same rights of others.
- 2.2. The Anglican Care Network will work towards providing maximum benefits for all its members.
- 2.3. Members have the responsibility to devote objective and disciplined knowledge and skill to aid individuals, groups, communities and societies in their development and resolution and personal-societal conflicts and their consequences.
- 2.4. Members shall respect the dignity and worth of every individual, the integrity of families/whanau and the diversity of cultures.
- 2.5. Members shall be honest and trustworthy in all their professional relationships.

3. RESPONSIBILITY TO THE WIDER COMMUNITY

Within the context of responsibility to the Anglican Care Network, it is appropriate for members to

- 3.1. Advocate policies and legislation that promote social justice, improved social conditions and an equitable sharing of the community's resources
- 3.2. Seek to increase the range of choices and opportunities for all members of the community, with special regard for the disadvantaged
- 3.3. Encourage public participation in the shaping of social policies and institutions

3.4. Act to prevent and eliminate discrimination in the wider community against individuals and groups on the basis of race, colour, gender, sexual orientation, social class, age, ability or religious belief.

4. **RESPONSIBILITY TO SELF**

Members should acknowledge that there are limits to the service they can properly provide and that they should take adequate care of themselves.

5. **ANGLICAN CARE NETWORK MEMBERS' RESPONSIBILITY TO CLIENTS AND STAFF**

Each member is expected to develop a code of ethics specific to the needs of their service. This should include the following objectives:

5.1. members will provide quality care and support which

- is based on Christian commitment to unconditional love and service to others
- assists each person to retain independence and dignity
- promotes a sense of community
- is of a high professional standard.

5.2. Members will have in place an agreed grievance procedure for clients.

5.3. Members will have in place an agreed grievance procedure for staff, both paid and voluntary.

5.4. Members will provide appropriate training and adequate supervision for staff.

5.5. Each member will have in place an on-going quality assurance programme.

6. **RESPONSIBILITY TO COLLEAGUES**

6.1. Members should treat colleagues with respect, courtesy, fairness and good faith.

6.2. Members should promote co-operation with colleagues to further common interests and concerns.

6.3. Members should seek mediation or arbitration when important conflicts with colleagues require to be resolved in the interests of professional integrity.

6.4. Members should take action through appropriate channels against unethical conduct by other members especially where it may be harmful to others.

6.5. Members should promote and share opportunities for knowledge, experience and ideas with colleagues for the purpose of mutual improvement and validation.

6.6. Members should defend colleagues against unjust actions.

DECLARATION

We hereby agree to adhere to the Code of Practice of the Anglican Care Network.

Signed by behalf of

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Signature:.....

Date:.....