

DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SECOND SESSION OF THE FIFTY-FOURTH SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

FIRST DAY – THURSDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2014

WORSHIP

Members of the Synod gathered for a Eucharist in the Treaty Rooms of the Copthorne Hotel, Waitangi. The Rt Rev'd Jim White presided. The Preacher was The Rt Rev'd Te Kitohi Pikaahu.

QUORUM

The Diocesan Manager, Mr Kevin Third, certified that the requisite number of members were present to constitute the Synod. The President of the Synod formally constituted the Synod at 6.30pm.

At the conclusion of the Eucharist, members remained in the Treaty Rooms for the continuation of the Synod.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were recorded in the attendance registers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President acknowledged guests from Te Tai Tokerau and presented greetings which had been received from Bishops, Dioceses and Hui Amorangi. The Diocesan Manager made announcements.

APPOINTMENTS

Officers of Synod

The President advised that due to illness and bereavement, temporary Secretaries be appointed as follows:

Clerical Secretaries	The Rev'd Sarah Moss The Rev'd Judy Vause
Lay Secretaries	Ms Megan Bowden Mrs Sally Naulls

ORDER OF THE DAY:

THE BISHOPS' CHARGE

Bishops Ross Bay and Jim White jointly delivered the Bishops' Charge.

MOTIONS SOUGHT TO BE INTRODUCED

Mrs Pat Lee sought to introduce a Motion Without Notice thanking the Bishops for their Charge and requesting that the Charge be distributed.

AGREED

REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS

The Diocesan Manager tabled the following:

The Minute Book of the Diocesan Council

The Terrier of Properties in terms of Title F Canon III Clause 4.2.

PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

(a) **Hours of Business**

THE PRESIDENT MOVED

"THAT the hours of business of this Second Session of the Fifty Fourth Synod be:

- (1) Thursday 4 September 2014 – from 6.30pm to 9.00pm;
- (2) Friday 5 September 2014 - from 8.30am to 9.00pm including meal and refreshment breaks at 10.30am-11.00am and 12.45pm-7.30pm (including pilgrimage to Oihi);
- (3) Saturday 6 September 2014 - from 8.30am to 3.00pm with refreshment breaks at 10.30am-11.00am and 1.00pm-1.45pm;

provided that any sitting may be extended by Motion Without Notice."

AGREED

(b) **Auditors**

THE PRESIDENT MOVED

"THAT Hayes Knight be appointed auditors for the following entities for the year ended 31 December 2014:

Diocesan Council
Anglican Trusts Board."

AGREED

ELECTIONS

THE PRESIDENT MOVED:

"THAT nominations for elections to Diocesan Council shall close at 7.30pm on Friday 5 September 2014 and that any ballot which may be required shall take place on Saturday 6 September 2014."

AGREED

CLOSING PRAYERS were led by the Synod Chaplain (The Rev'd Sarah Stevens).

ADJOURNMENT

The President declared Synod adjourned at 9.00pm until 8.30am on Friday 5 September 2014.

SECOND DAY – FRIDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2014

SYNOD IN SESSION at 8.30am with The Rt Rev'd Ross Bay presiding.

OPENING PRAYERS

Opening Prayers were led by the Synod Chaplain.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were recorded in the attendance registers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Diocesan Manager introduced the Administrative Services Group and thanked those who helped the organization of this Synod in Northland. Advised of trip to Oihi and nomination process for Diocesan Council elections.

Bishop Ross clarified from the Bishop's Charge that the \$500,000 requested by the Parish of Massey was part of a longstanding plan of funding from Diocesan Council for buildings.

MOTIONS SOUGHT TO BE INTRODUCED

MOVED BY THE REV'D CLARE BARRIE

"THAT Bishop Kito be thanked for his sermon at the Synod Eucharist and that copies be made available to Synod members."

AGREED

APPROVAL OF BILL IN PRINCIPLE AND IN DETAIL

WAIUKU MISSION DISTRICT DISSOLUTION STATUTE

BILL 1

MOVED BY: THE RT REV'D JIM WHITE

SECONDED BY: MR GRAHAM JONES

"THAT the principle of Bill Number One be approved."

CARRIED

9.30am Synod in committee

9.40am Synod in Session

MOVED BY THE PRESIDENT

"THAT the detail of Bill 1, as agreed by Synod in Committee, be approved".

CARRIED

LEGAL BUSINESS COMMITTEE

MOTION 1

MOVED BY: THE WORSHIPFUL BRUCE GRAY QC

SECONDED BY: MS DAWN JONES OBE

"THAT this Synod receives the report of the Legal Business Committee."

AGREED

CHILD POVERTY

MOTION 2

MOVED BY: THE REV'D RICHARD BONIFANT

SECONDED BY: MR DAVID HALL

"THAT this Synod:

1. Deplores the fact that 27% of New Zealand children live in households where income falls below the poverty line and that this figure has remained relatively flat since 2009 as reported by the Children's Commissioner (May 2014).
2. Deplores the injustice of a system that delivers family income support through tax credits to the exclusion of children in families that receive benefit income, student allowance, pensions or long-term ACC payments.
3. Supports the Children's Commissioner's call for reducing child poverty to be a "top-line mission" of government and for the enactment of child poverty legislation that includes income measurements and targets; and

4. Calls for the following courses of action:

- (a) The release of a public statement on the Synod's concern to see a reduction in child poverty levels to be sent to media outlets and to the Leaders of all political parties.
- (b) Letters and emails from Ministry Units and individuals in the Diocese to all MPs and relevant ministers in the incoming government to call for urgent action to reduce child poverty.
- (c) Challenges to candidates in the upcoming election concerning their commitment to ensuring real reductions in child poverty levels by such means as posing questions at election meetings and emailing or writing to candidates."

Amendment

MOVED BY: MR GRAHAM MILLER

"THAT Clause 4 of the motion be amended to read:

- 4(a) The release of a public statement by our Bishops on the Synod's concern to see a reduction in child poverty levels to be sent to media outlets and to the leaders of all political parties.
- 4(b) Calls to all Ministry Units and individuals in the Diocese to send letters and emails to all MPs and relevant ministers in the incoming government to call for urgent action to reduce child poverty.
- 4(c) Invites Ministry Units and individuals to challenge candidates in the upcoming election concerning their commitment to ensuring real reductions in child poverty levels by such means as posing questions at election meetings and emailing or writing to candidates."

The amendments were put and

AGREED

The Motion as amended was put and

AGREED

10.25am Synod adjourned for morning tea

11.00am Synod in session with The Rt Rev'd Jim White presiding.

ORDER OF THE DAY

PRESENTATION OF THE DIOCESAN COUNCIL REPORT AND BUDGET

The Rev'd Sarah Moss led the presentation of the Diocesan Council report. Questions were taken. A Communications report was presented by the Diocesan Communications Manager Kate Stace.

THE PRESIDENT MOVED

"THAT the Diocesan Council Report and draft budget be received."

AGREED

PRESENTATION OF THE CATHEDRAL REPORT

The Cathedral report was presented by the Cathedral Dean the Very Rev'd Jo Kelly-Moore.

HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY

MOTION 3

MOVED BY: THE REV'D BOB HORNBURG

SECONDED BY: THE REV'D ANNE MOODY

"THAT this Synod:

- (1) is seriously concerned about the rapid decrease in affordable rental housing particularly for the elderly in both Retirement Villages and other areas; and
- (2) calls on all political parties to develop and implement policies as a matter of urgency so that Central Government, Housing New Zealand Corporation, Local Authorities and Registered Community Housing Providers are required to include affordable accessible rental housing for the elderly with few if any assets and on low or fixed incomes in their housing development plans, including in 'Special Housing Areas'."

Amendment

MOVED BY: THE REV'D VICKY SYKES
SECONDED BY: THE REV'D ANDREW BEYER

"THAT the title of the motion be 'Housing for the Vulnerable' and the clauses be amended as follows:

- (1) is seriously concerned about the rapid decrease in affordable rental housing for the vulnerable in our society, including the elderly; and
- (2) calls on all political parties to develop and implement policies as a matter of urgency so that Central Government, Housing New Zealand Corporation, Local Authorities and Registered Community Housing Providers are required to include affordable accessible rental housing for those with few if any assets and on low or fixed incomes in their housing development plans, including in 'Special Housing Areas'."

The amendment was put and

LOST

Amendment

MOVED BY: THE RT REV'D JIM WHITE

"THAT a new clause be inserted at (2) with consequential re-numbering:

- (2) Acknowledges with gratitude the work and ministry of the Selwyn Foundation and asks that the Foundation hears the concerns of this Synod, and that it report to the next session what actions it is able to take to meet these concerns."

The amendment was put and

CARRIED

Amendment

MOVED BY: MR DARREN WOODWARD
SECONDED BY: MRS ANNABELLE COULDWELL

"THAT Clause (1) be amended to read:

- (1) is seriously concerned about the rapid decrease in affordable rental housing particularly for older people without the assets or income to afford the often costly options currently available privately."

The amendment was put and

LOST

Amendment

MOVED BY: LAY CANON DR BRIAR PEAT
SECONDED BY: MR DAVID HALL

"THAT Clause (1) be amended to read:

- (1) is seriously concerned about the rapid decrease in affordable rental housing particularly for the elderly in both Retirement Villages and in the wider community."

The amendment was put and

AGREED

Final wording of motion with amendments reads:

HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY

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SECONDED BY: THE REV'D ANNE MOODY

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- (3) calls on all political parties to develop and implement policies as a matter of urgency so that Central Government, Housing New Zealand Corporation, Local Authorities and Registered Community

Housing Providers are required to include affordable accessible rental housing for the elderly with few if any assets and on low or fixed incomes in their housing development plans, including in 'Special Housing Areas'."

AGREED

12.30 pm Synod adjourned for lunch and pilgrimage to Oihi Bay and the Marsden Cross.
7.40pm Synod in session.

ORDER OF THE DAY

Nominations for Diocesan Council closed.

ORDER OF THE DAY

SYNOD CONFERENCE SESSION WITH TE TAI TOKERAU

Edward Swift chaired a panel discussion with members of the Diocese of Auckland (Sarah Moss, Graham Miller, Sarah Stevens) and members of Te Tai Tokerau (Bruce Gregory, Kerry Davis, John Payne, Anne Candy).

CLOSING PRAYERS were led by the Synod Chaplain.

ADJOURNMENT

The President declared Synod adjourned at 9.00pm until 8.30am on Saturday 6 September 2014.

THIRD DAY – SATURDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2014

SYNOD IN SESSION at 8.30am with The Rt Rev'd Ross Bay presiding.

OPENING PRAYERS

The Synod Chaplain led Opening Prayers.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were recorded in the attendance registers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Diocesan Manager announced that Pat Bawden's book "The Years Before Waitangi" is available through the Marsden Cross Trust Board.

PASSING OF THE BILL

MOVED BY THE PRESIDENT

"THAT Bill 1, having been approved in detail, does now pass and become a Statute."

AGREED

ORDER OF THE DAY

FIRST BALLOT FOR DIOCESAN COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The scrutineers appointed were The Rev'd Dr Mark Harris, The Rev'd Caroline Leys, The Rev'd Stephen Baxter, Mr Martin Brown, Mrs Sally Nauls and Mr Edward Swift.

GENERAL DEBATE (Standing Order 75)

MOTION 11

MOVED BY THE PRESIDENT:

"THAT Synod receives the various reports that have been tabled."

AGREED

The following members spoke during the general debate: Mr Peter Lineham, The Rev'd Joyce Marcon, The Rev'd Anne Priestley and Mr Chris Barfoot.

The President closed the general debate.

DECADE OF MISSION

MOTION 5

MOVED BY:

MR GRAHAM MILLER

SECONDED BY:

THE REV'D SARAH STEVENS

"THAT this Synod:

- (a) Recognising that Aotearoa New Zealand is statistically no longer a Christian nation; and
- (b) Recognising that as a church we have declined in influence and are no longer effective salt and light to our nation; but
- (c) Acknowledging the great hope that is ours in Jesus Christ; and
- (d) Recognising the sacrifice and commitment of the early CMS missionaries who first proclaimed the gospel in Aotearoa 200 years ago;

Hereby:

- (1) Commits itself to the decade of mission agreed by General Synod / Te Hinota Whanui 2014;
- (2) Acknowledges that:
 - (a) Every Ministry Unit must commit itself to actively engaging in mission activity which presents the life, love, Grace and claims of Jesus to an Aotearoa New Zealand community, much of which no longer has knowledge of the Christian faith;
 - (b) It may be necessary to assess the way our Ministry Units demonstrate our life as Christians to be more relevant to those who are not part of our church;
- (3) Commits to growing our worshipping congregations by a further 35,000 persons by the year 2025; and

- (4) Invites the Mission and Ministry Oversight Group to guide, advise and challenge us as to how this might be achieved."

AGREED

RESULT OF ELECTION FOR DIOCESAN COUNCIL

The President announced the results of the vote for Diocesan Council members as follows:
House of Clergy: The Rev'd Richard Bonifant, The Rev'd Lucy Nguyen and the Rev'd Sarah Stevens.
House of Laity: Ms Megan Bowden and Mr Graham Jones.
No further ballot is required.

10.25am Synod adjourned.
11.05am Synod in Session with the Rt Rev'd Jim White presiding.

ORDER OF THE DAY

LAUNCH OF THE YOUTH RESOURCE

The Diocesan Youth Facilitator, Karen Spoelstra presented a new youth leadership guide for ministry units to use with teenagers.

PRESENTATION OF THE REPORT FROM GENERAL SYNOD

General Synod representatives summarized decisions made at General Synod 2014.

OVERSEAS MISSIONS

MOTION 4

MOVED BY: THE REV'D CRAIG HARRIS
SECONDED BY: THE REV'D PAUL ASHMAN

"THAT, recognising our heritage as a missionary church, this Synod affirms its commitment to partnership with the Church overseas and, in particular:

- (1) acknowledges the many ways in which ministry units participate in overseas missions and encourages ministry units to form and maintain personal links with mission partners and projects;
- (2) commends to ministry units the principle of giving 5% of income to the work of the Church overseas;
- (3) encourages ministry units to engage and utilise the Diocesan Committee for Overseas Mission as a resource to assist them to support the work of the Church overseas;
- (4) encourages ministry units to consider how they might be involved in overseas mission as part of their commitment to the Decade of Mission commencing at Advent 2015; and
- (5) recognises its continuing responsibility towards work funded by the Anglican Missions Board by setting a target of \$275,000 as its diocesan contribution to the Board's budget for 2015."

AGREED

FAIR GO FOR AGED CARE WORKERS

MOTION 6

MOVED BY: MR DAVID HALL
SECONDED BY: MR ROD ORAM

"THAT this Synod calls on all political parties to adopt policies, as a matter of urgency, that ensure that those who provide front line care to vulnerable older citizens be treated fairly and with dignity by providing sufficient resources so that those providing the care receive at least a Living Wage of \$18.80 per hour."

AGREED

WITHDRAWAL OF MOTIONS

THE PRESIDENT MOVED UNDER STANDING ORDER 71

"THAT motions 7, 8 and 9 be withdrawn and will be addressed at Synod 2015."

AGREED

PEOPLE MATTER/HE TAURA TANGATA

MOTION 10

MOVED BY: THE VERY REV'D JO KELLY-MOORE
SECONDED BY: THE VEN CAROLE HUGHES

"THAT this Synod notes Motion 18 passed by General Synod/te Hinota Whanui 2014 entitled "People Matter/He Taura Tangata" and commits itself to best practice in all areas where staff are employed."

AGREED

MOTIONS INTRODUCED WITHOUT NOTICE

MOVED BY THE REV'D TONY SURMAN UNDER STANDING ORDER 14, CLAUSE B (ii):

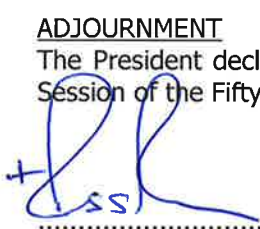
"THAT the members of this Synod wish to express in the strongest terms their gratitude and thanks to Bishops Ross and Jim, Pihopa Kito, the Diocesan Secretary and Chancellor and other officers of Synod, the Chaplain and team she has organized to lead worship through words and music, the management and staff of the Copthorne Hotel, and all who have made this historic Synod a joy and a privilege to be a part of."

AGREED

CLOSING PRAYERS were led by the Synod Chaplain.

ADJOURNMENT

The President declared Synod adjourned at 12.35pm until Thursday 3 September 2015 when the Third Session of the Fifty-Fourth Synod will open at 6.30pm.


..... President


..... Clerical Secretary


..... Lay Secretary


..... Date