



## DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

### **PROCEEDINGS OF A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE FIFTY-SIXTH SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND**

#### ***FIRST DAY – FRIDAY 20 NOVEMBER 2020***

##### WORSHIP

Members of the Synod gathered for a Eucharist in the Church of St Mary's-in-Holy Trinity Cathedral, Parnell. The Rt Rev'd Ross Bay presided. The preacher was The Ven Dr Lyndon Drake, Archdeacon of Tāmaki Makaurau in Te Pihopatanga o Te Tai Tokerau. Archdeacon Lyndon was also the Synod Chaplain.

##### QUORUM

The Diocesan Manager, Ms Sonia Maugham, certified that the requisite number of members were present to constitute the Synod. The President of the Synod formally constituted the Synod at 8.36am.

At the conclusion of the Eucharist, members gathered in the Cathedral for the continuation of the Synod with The Rt Rev'd Ross Bay presiding.

9.45am            Synod adjourned for morning tea.  
10.25am            Synod in session, The Rt Rev'd Ross Bay presiding.

##### ORDER OF THE DAY:

##### APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were recorded in the attendance registers.

##### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Diocesan Manager made announcements.

##### QUESTIONS

No questions were asked.

##### MOTIONS SOUGHT TO BE INTRODUCED

No motions were sought to be introduced.

##### REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS

The Diocesan Manager tabled the following:

Minute Book of Diocesan Council

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

## PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

### **Hours of Business**

THE PRESIDENT MOVED:

"THAT the hours of business of this Special Session of the Fifty-Sixth Synod be:

- i. Friday 20 November 2020 - from 8.30am to 5.30pm including meal and refreshments breaks at 10.30am – 11.00am, 1.00pm – 1.45pm and 3.00pm – 3.30pm; and
  - ii. Saturday 21 November 2020 - from 8.30am to 5pm including meal and refreshment breaks at 10.30am-10.55am, 1.00pm-1.45pm;
- provided that any sitting may be extended by Motion Without Notice."

*AGREED*

## ORDER OF THE DAY

### **Tikanga Partnership Discussion**

The Rt Rev'd Bishop Ross Bay, The Rt Rev'd Bishop Te Kitohi Pikaahu, Ms Elizabeth Witton, The Rev'd John Payne, The Rev'd Megan Means and Ms Anne Candy spoke to partnership relations between the Diocese of Auckland and Te Pihopatanga o Te Tai Tokerau.

## ORDER OF THE DAY

### **Presentation of Report of Diocesan Council**

Ms Elizabeth Witton, The Rev'd Gendi Burwell, Ms Sue O'Halloran, and The Rev'd Rebecca Conolly spoke to the Diocesan Council's Report.

## PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

The President moved that leave be granted to withdraw motions 6, 10 and 12 from the Order Paper.

*AGREED*

The President moved that leave be granted to allow the following motions to proceed with amended text:

### **MOTION 5 – MINISTRY UNIT HOUSING INITIATIVES (AS AMENDED)**

"THAT this Synod,

1. Encourages ministry units to explore how they might work collaboratively and ecumenically to provide concrete solutions for the insecurely housed.
2. Asks Diocesan Council to actively facilitate and enable efforts by ministry units who wish to investigate re-purposing land and buildings for respite, transitional or long-term housing."

### **MOTION 7 – PROCUREMENT POLICIES FOR ECOLOGICAL AND SOCIAL VALUES AND OUTCOMES (AS AMENDED)**

"THAT this Synod,

Requests that the Diocesan Council, in collaboration with and/or by delegation to relevant parties, provide an ethical procurement framework for the consideration of ecological and social values and outcomes, which would inform reports and proposals for building repairs and construction projects in the Diocese."

MOTION 14 – CLIMATE CHANGE RISK DISCLOSURE (AS AMENDED)

“THAT this Synod,

Supports the proposal by the New Zealand Government, in accordance with international best practice, to require mandatory, publicly-available climate change risk disclosure by publicly-listed companies, banks, general insurers, asset owners and asset managers, finance firms, and large non-listed companies.”

*AGREED*

APPROVAL OF BILLS IN PRINCIPLE AND IN DETAIL

**A STATUTE TO AMEND LICENSED MINISTRY STATUTE 1999**

**BILL 2**

MOVED BY           The Rev’d Clare Barrie

SECONDED BY       The Rev’d Tim Meadowcroft

“That Bill Number 2 be approved in principle”

*AGREED*

12.22pm       Synod in committee.

12.25pm       Synod in session.

MOVED BY THE PRESIDENT

“THAT the detail of Bill Number 2 as agreed by Synod in Committee be approved.”

*AGREED*

**A STATUTE TO AMEND STATUTES IN RELATION TO FACULTIES**

**BILL 3**

MOVED BY           The Ven Michael Berry

SECONDED BY       Ms Megan Bowden

“That Bill Number 3 be approved in principle”

*AGREED*

12.32pm       Synod in committee.

12.37pm       Synod in session.

MOVED BY THE PRESIDENT

“THAT the detail of Bill Number 3 as agreed by Synod in Committee be approved.”

*AGREED*

**A STATUTE TO AMEND STATUTES IN RELATION TO LICENSED LAY MINISTRY**

**BILL 4**

MOVED BY           The Ven Michael Berry

SECONDED BY       The Rev’d Sarah Moss

“That Bill Number 4 be approved in principle”

*CARRIED*

12.54pm       Synod in committee.

12.57pm       Synod in session.

MOVED BY THE PRESIDENT

“THAT the detail of Bill Number 4 as agreed by Synod in Committee be approved.”

*CARRIED*

The Synod Chaplain said grace.

12.59pm Synod adjourned for lunch.

1.55pm Synod in session, The Rt Rev’d Ross Bay presiding.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President made announcements.

### MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

#### **Report of Legal Business Committee.**

#### **LEGAL BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

#### **MOTION 1**

MOVED BY: The Worshipful Bruce Gray QC

SECONDED BY: Ms Amanda Mark

“THAT this Synod,

Receives the report of the Legal Business Committee;

Recommends the following amendment to the Standing Orders:

7. LEGAL BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Add to (c)

(xv) amend any defect or error in a statute that does not add to, diminish or otherwise affect the meaning of the statute;

Renumber subsequent sub-clause (xv) to (xvi).”

The President moved that Synod go into committee to consider the report of the Legal Business Committee.

*AGREED*

2.02pm Synod in committee.

2.06pm Synod in session.

The President moved that the report of the Legal Business Committee be received and put Motion 1 (as amended in Committee).

*AGREED*

The amended Motion One reads:

THAT this Synod,

Receives the report of the Legal Business Committee;

Recommends the following amendment to the Standing Orders:

7. LEGAL BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Add to (c)

- (xv) amend any defect or error in a statute in a manner that does not add to, diminish or otherwise affect the meaning of the statute;  
Renumber subsequent sub-clause (xv) to (xvi).

**PARS (PEOPLE AT RISK SOLUTIONS) INC**

**MOTION 3**

MOVED BY Ms Liz Caughey  
SECONDED BY The Rev'd Petra Zaleski

“THAT this Synod,

In accordance with the Fourth Mark of Mission set out in our Church's Constitution, namely 'To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation':

1. Acknowledges the transformational work carried out by PARS (People At Risk Solutions) Inc with tangata in and on release from prison, at-risk rangatahi, deportees from Australia, and their whānau;
2. Encourages all Ministry Units to pray for PARS' work which is complementary to the work of Auckland City Mission and Anglican Trust for Women and Children;
3. Supports a request to Diocesan Council for an annual donation of \$5000 to be made to PARS to assist them in their work.”

**AMENDMENT**

MOVED The Ven Sarah Moss  
SECONDED Mr Colin Dale

“TO amend clause 3 by the removal of the words ‘of \$5,000’.”

*AGREED*

The Motion, as amended, was put.

*AGREED*

The amended Motion Three reads:

THAT this Synod,

In accordance with the Fourth Mark of Mission set out in our Church's Constitution, namely 'To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation':

1. Acknowledges the transformational work carried out by PARS (People At Risk Solutions) Inc with tangata in and on release from prison, at-risk rangatahi, deportees from Australia, and their whānau;
2. Encourages all Ministry Units to pray for PARS' work which is complementary to the work of Auckland City Mission and Anglican Trust for Women and Children;
3. Supports a request to Diocesan Council for an annual donation to be made to PARS to assist them in their work.

## THE NEW CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

## MOTION 2

MOVED BY           The Rev'd Fraser McDermott  
SECONDED BY       Capt Peter Lloyd

"THAT this Synod,  
Acknowledges the establishment of a newly formed Christian Community as an expression of diversity within the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia."

Following the closure of the debate, The President sought leave of Synod for the Chancellor to give advice. *AGREED*

The President sought leave of the Synod to allow for a late amendment to be introduced, with support from the Mover and Seconder.

### AMENDMENT

MOVED           The Worshipful Bruce Gray QC  
SECONDED       The Rev'd Caroline Leys

"TO amend the motion by substituting "the" for "a" and "Anglican Community of St Mark" for "Christian Community".

*AGREED*

The Motion, as amended, was put.

*CARRIED*

The amended Motion Two reads:

THAT this Synod,  
Acknowledges the establishment of the newly formed Anglican Community of St Mark as an expression of diversity within the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

3.10pm       Synod adjourned for afternoon tea.

3.39pm       Synod in session.

The President made announcements.

### ORDER OF THE DAY

#### **Presentation by the Selwyn Foundation**

The Hon David Cunliffe, Mr Garry Smith and The Rev'd Caroline Leys reported on the work of the Selwyn Foundation.

### MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

#### MINISTRY UNIT HOUSING INITIATIVES

#### MOTION 5

MOVED BY           The Rev'd Joel Carpenter  
SECONDED BY       The Rev'd Brenda Rockell

"THAT this Synod,

1. Encourages ministry units to explore how they might work collaboratively and ecumenically to provide concrete solutions for the insecurely housed.
2. Asks Diocesan Council to actively facilitate and enable efforts by ministry units who wish to investigate re-purposing land and buildings for respite, transitional or long-term housing.”

During debate on this motion the President invited Synod to acknowledge the contributions of Mr Chris Farrelly as the departing City Missioner. The Synod did so with acclamation.

The Motion was put.

*AGREED*

### **BENEFIT INCOME LEVELS**

### **MOTION 11**

MOVED BY Ms Vicky Mee  
SECONDED BY The Rev'd Jan Wallace

“THAT this Synod,

1. Recognises the current financial distress of many citizens caused by the COVID-19 pandemic;
2. Acknowledges that the level of income provided by the COVID-19 Income Relief Payment and Wage Subsidy is necessary to cover basic income sufficiency;
3. Requests the incoming government to implement the Whakamana Tāngata (Welfare Expert Advisory Group Report February 2019) recommendations.”

*AGREED*

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The President made announcements.

CLOSING PRAYERS were led by the Synod Chaplain.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The President declared Synod adjourned at 5.30pm.

## ***SECOND DAY - SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2020***

SYNOD IN SESSION at 8.32am, The Rt Rev'd Ross Bay presiding.

### MORNING PRAYERS

Morning Prayers were led by the Synod Chaplain.

### APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were recorded in the attendance registers.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Diocesan Manager made some announcements.

The President made an announcement.

### QUESTIONS

Mr Fa'afuhia Fia (Youth Representative) asked three questions.

### MOTIONS SOUGHT TO BE INTRODUCED

No motions were sought to be introduced.

### ORDER OF THE DAY

**Life in Lockdown** – a video presentation was played showing scenes from online worship and activity in the Diocese during the various COVID-19 lockdowns.

### PASSAGE OF THE BILLS

The President moved that Bills 2, 3, 4 having been approved in detail now pass and become statutes.

*AGREED*

### MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

### PROCUREMENT POLICIES FOR ECOLOGICAL AND SOCIAL VALUES AND OUTCOMES

MOTION 7

MOVED BY                      Mr Ethan Fasi-Mohenoa

SECONDED BY                The Rev'd Sarah West

"THAT this Synod,

Requests that the Diocesan Council, in collaboration with and/or by delegation to relevant parties, provide an ethical procurement framework for the consideration of ecological and social values and outcomes, which would inform reports and proposals for building repairs and construction projects in the Diocese."

*AGREED*



## CLIMATE CHANGE RISK DISCLOSURE

## MOTION 14

MOVED BY            Dr Richard Milne  
SECONDED BY       Ms Vicky Mee

“THAT this Synod,  
Supports the proposal by the New Zealand Government, in accordance with international best practice, to require mandatory, publicly-available climate change risk disclosure by publicly-listed companies, banks, general insurers, asset owners and asset managers, finance firms, and large non-listed companies.”

*CARRIED*

## WORKING TOGETHER ON HOUSING

## MOTION 13

MOVED BY            Ms Vicky Mee  
SECONDED BY       Mrs Cathy Bi-Riley

“THAT this Synod,

1. Recognises the major contribution of Community Housing Providers including churches to emergency and transitional housing, wrap-around services including support for people with mental health needs and progressive home ownership projects;
2. Supports the Homelessness Action Plan (Housing and Urban Development, February 2020);
3. Calls on the incoming Government to take responsibility for an accelerated and immediate state building programme in order to deliver permanent rental housing to address homelessness in all its forms and to meet the needs of people on fixed and low incomes.”

*AGREED*

10.31am        Synod adjourned for Morning Tea.

11.01am        Synod in session.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The President made some announcements.

## QUESTIONS

The President answered the questions of Mr Fa’afuhia Fia.

The President moved that the question and answer be recorded in the Proceedings.

*AGREED*

The questions and answers were as follows:

1. *To date, how many Ministry Units have been proposed to close?*

During the term of my episcopate there have been six ministry units which have closed. Four of those were through decisions made by the local congregation to do so and two were closed as the result of a Diocesan Council appointed Commissions of Reconstruction.

2. *Could you please remind us of the criteria for closure of a ministry unit?*

The criteria for functioning as a ministry unit are detailed in Clause 11 of the Ministry Unit Statute, and as well as the physical infrastructure required a key set of those criteria is the ability to provide the ministry of worship, pastoral care, outreach and stewardship. When a ministry unit is unable to fulfil those criteria, the Diocesan Council is empowered to address that issue, including through the appointment of a Commission of Reconstruction, which can lead to closure.

3. *In the event of the closure of a ministry unit what would the General Trust Board or Diocesan Council do in regards to the disposal or distribution of assets associated with the closure?*

Assets associated with any closure come under the stewardship of the Diocesan Council and General Trust Board for use at their discretion in accordance with diocesan policy. In taking these decisions, account is taken of any hopes or aspirations of the people of the ministry unit. Most funds have been reserved in the Diocesan Development Fund. Some examples of how those assets have been reapplied are: the new church builds at North West and Flat Bush; support of the City Mission HomeGround Project; the provision of a house for clergy serving in Glen Innes.

#### ORDER OF THE DAY

##### **General Debate**

The President moved that Synod receive the Reports.

Mr Grant Hodson spoke to the Statistical Report  
Dr Peter Lineham spoke to the Statistical Report  
Mrs Carolyn Wellm spoke to the Space Report  
Mr Fa'afuhia Fia spoke to the Statistical Report  
The Rev'd Ivica Gregurec spoke to the Cathedral Report  
The Rev'd Jacynthia Murphy spoke to biculturalism

*AGREED*

#### MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

##### **CELEBRATING LOCAL SHARED MINISTRY**

##### **MOTION 9**

MOVED BY               The Rev'd Chris Swannell  
SECONDED BY         Mrs Anne Anderson

“THAT this Synod,

1. Celebrates the significant contribution of Local Shared Ministry to the life and mission of the diocese over more than twenty years.
2. Congratulates the Ministry Support Teams and other leadership of the 12 Local Shared Ministry Units across the diocese for their creative responses to mission and ministry challenges.

3. Commends to its members the Collaborative Ministry Training Course held in August each year as a valuable opportunity for laity and clergy to gain skills in working corporately.
4. Encourages ministry units to give serious consideration to Local Shared Ministry as a sustainable ministry model when they consider options for their future direction.”

*AGREED*

**DISABILITY RESPONSIVENESS**

**MOTION 8**

The President sought the leave of Synod for Mr Mark Grantham (who is not a member of Synod) to speak via video on Motion 8.

*AGREED*

MOVED BY               The Rev’d Vicki Terrell  
 SECONDED BY         The Rev’d Lucy Nguyen

“THAT this Synod,

1. Acknowledges the work underway in the diocese to enable the church to be more inclusive of disabled people;
2. Asks Diocesan Council in partnership with the Disability Community Chaplain's Working Group to develop and formalise a policy of active inclusion to ensure that disabled people can fully participate in church life.”

*AGREED*

**LSMU CONTRIBUTION TO THE CLERGY HOUSING FUND**

**MOTION 4**

MOVED BY               The Rev’d Joan Fanshawe  
 SECONDED BY         Mr Ross Matheson

“THAT this Synod,

Requests the Diocesan Council to calculate each Local Shared Ministry Unit’s contribution in a way that is relative to the median house rental cost in the Unit’s area.”

Leave was sought to extend The Ven Sarah Moss’ speaking time.

*GRANTED*

**AMENDMENT**

MOVED                The Ven Sarah Moss  
 SECONDED         The Rev’d Bryan Haggitt

“TO amend the motion by replacing the text to read as follows, ‘Requests the Diocesan Council review the policy on calculating each Local Share Ministry Unit’s contribution with respect to enablers.’”

*LOST*

The advice of the Chancellor was sought on the implications of the motion.

The Motion was put.

*CARRIED*

**MOTION OF THANKS**

MOVED BY Mr Ethan Fasi-Mohenoa  
SECONDED BY Ms Jessica Hughes

“That this Synod:  
Acknowledges with heartfelt thanks the contribution of all those who have made this 2020 Diocesan Synod possible.”

*AGREED WITH ACCLAMATION*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The President made announcements.

**CLOSING PRAYERS**

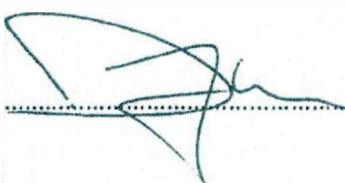
Closing prayers were led by the President.

The President gave the blessing.

**CONCLUSION**

The President declared the Special Session of the 56<sup>th</sup> Synod concluded at 1.28pm.  
The Third Session of the 56<sup>th</sup> Synod will commence at 6.30pm on Thursday 2 September 2021.

 ..... President

 ..... Clerical Secretary

 ..... Lay Secretary

8 December 2012

Date