

MINUTES OF SYNOD

DIOCESE OF WAIKATO AND TARANAKI

SECOND SESSION OF THE FORTY FIRST SYNOD

ST. BRIDE'S CHURCH,
OTOROHANGA.

MINUTES OF SATURDAY 15 OCTOBER 2022

9.30am **Synod Eucharist**
President's Welcome / Announcements
To Synod Members

CONSTITUTION OF SYNOD

During the Opening, Synod 2022 was constituted by the Synod Secretary.

The Synod Secretary, reported that 20 apologies had been received and with the Bishop present, along with 62 Clergy members and 66 Lay members we have a quorum under Statute No. 2 The Waikato and Taranaki Diocesan Statute, Clause 14, sub-clause 2.

10.53am **Morning Tea**

11.20am **Session 2**

11.20am **Motion No. 1** **Procedural Motion and Officers of Synod**

Mover: **The Venerable T Harrison**

Seconder: **Canon Dr B Bang**

a) **That the Officers, Sessional Committees and Hours of Synod be as follows;**

OFFICERS & SESSIONAL COMMITTEES OF SYNOD 2022

SECRETARIES:
Clerical Secretary
Lay Secretary

The Venerable T Harrison

CHAIRPERSONS OF COMMITTEE:

The Venerable J Rowse Mrs CBryant

ORDER PAPER COMMITTEE as required:

The Most Reverend P Richardson The Venerable T Harrison
The Chancellor, Judge C Harding Canon Dr B Bang

MINUTES COMMITTEE:

Canon Dr B Bang The Venerable T Harrison

VOTE OF THANKS:

The Reverend P Bowers-Mason

b) Hours of Synod

That the hours of Synod be as follows:

Saturday 15 October 2022

9.30am Morning Worship followed by business sessions until 5.30pm.

5.30pm Final Prayers and closing of Synod.

c) Leave of Absence & Apologies

That Leave of Absence is granted to those who have made submission in writing; and in addition to those recorded (during Synod) on the attendance list.

d) Right to Speak

That those listed have the right to Speak, but not to Vote:

Ms S Hipkiss – Trust Management Ltd
Ms G Sun – Trust Management Ltd
Mr M Hartfield – Anglican Missions
The Reverend B Cody
Mr B Ferreira – Diocesan Manager-elect

Anybody else with leave of the Presidents:

e) Procedural

That the General Purpose Financial Statements of the Standing Committee, Taranaki Anglican Trust Board and Waikato Diocesan Trust Board be taken as read.

Greetings, Announcements and Leaves of Absence

The President greeted: Mr Michael Hartfield, Anglican Missions Board
Mr Ben Ferreira, Diocesan-Manager *elect*

Ben responded to the President's welcome.

First Reading of Bills

11.36am Bill No. 1 The Miscellaneous Statutes Bill 2022

Moved: Canon Dr B Bang
Seconded: Canon G Bailey

“That the principles of the Bill be approved and that the Bill be referred to Synod in Committee for consideration in detail for later in the day.”

CARRIED

11.43am

Bill No. 2 The Interim Mission Units Bill 2022

Moved: The Reverend L Pilbrow
Seconded: Canon Dr B Bang

“That the principles of the Bill be approved and that the Bill be referred to Synod in Committee for consideration in detail for later in the day.”

CARRIED

11.45am PRESENTATION Ms S Hipkiss, General Manager, Finance
Ms G Sun, Manager, Financial Services

The Chancellor thanked Sarah and Grace for the clearest and most easily followed presentation he has heard in all the years he has been coming to Synod. Endorsed by general acclamation.

12.14pm Motion No. 2: Adoption of WDTB General Purpose Financial Statements 2021

Mover: The President

“That this Synod approves the audited General Purpose Financial Statements of the Waikato Diocesan Trust Board, for the year ended 31 December 2021.”

CARRIED

12.15pm Motion No. 3: Adoption of TATB General Purpose Financial Statements 2021

Mover: The President

“That this Synod approves the audited General Purpose Financial Statements of the Taranaki Anglican Trust Board, for the year ended 31 December 2021.”

CARRIED

12.16pm Motion No. 4: Adoption of Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki General Purpose Financial Statements for 2021

Mover: The President

“That this Synod approves the audited General Purpose Financial Statements of the Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki, for the year ended 31 December 2021.”

CARRIED

12.17pm Motion No. 5: Funding Standing Committee Operations – Approval of 2023 Budget

Mover: The President

“That for the year 2023 this Synod agrees to a Diocesan Budget for Standing Committee operations of \$731,711.00 allocated in accordance with details contained in the budget, with \$590,261.00 of this sum to be provided by assessments.”

CARRIED

12.18pm Motion No.6: Assessments 2023 – Approval of Schedule

Mover: The President

“That Parish Diocesan Assessments for the year 2023 be set according to the schedule of percentages for 2022, as detailed in the Synod papers.”

CARRIED

12.19pm Motion No.7: Funding the 2023 Ministry Support Fund

Mover: The President

“That this Synod requests Standing Committee to fund the Ministry Support Fund, to be calculated at the equivalent of the basic Vicar’s stipend and contributed to by all parishes, Parish Districts and Mission Districts per annum using the same formula as used for Assessments.”

CARRIED

12.20pm Motion No.8: Mission Target 2023

Mover: The President

“That for the year 2022 the target for Overseas Missions remain at \$210,000.00.”

CARRIED

The minutes of the First Session of the Forty-First Synod were tabled.

12.25pm Lunch with grace prayed by Reverend Peter Sampson

12.55pm Session no. 3.

Greetings were received from:

Te Pihopa o Aotearoa

Diocese of Dunedin

Diocese of Wellington

Diocese of Christchurch

Diocese of Waiapu

Te Pihopatanga o Te Manawa o Te Wheke

Te Pihopatanga o Te Upoko o Te Ika

Archbishop Sir David Moxon

Motion without notice: Archbishop’s Charge

Mover: The Venerable T Harrison

Seconder: Mrs P Harrison

“That the Archbishop’s Charge be part of the minutes of this Synod.”

CARRIED

NOTICES: (1) The powerpoint of the Archbishop’s Charge will shortly be posted to the Diocesan website.

The transcript of the Archbishop’s Charge will follow later.

(2) Trust Management Limited’s powerpoint presentation will be emailed to all members of Synod.

1.00pm Second Reading of Bills

“That Synod move into Committee to consider Bill No. 1”.

Mover: The President

CARRIED

1.00pm SYNOD IN COMMITTEE

Bill No.1

The Miscellaneous Statutes Bill 2021

Moved: **Canon Dr B Bang**

Seconded: **Canon G Bailey**

DIOCESE OF WAIKATO AND TARANAKI

BILL NO.1

THE MISCELLANEOUS STATUTES BILL 2022

The Synod of the Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki enacts as follows –

1. TITLE

This statute is the Miscellaneous Statutes Amendments Statute 2022.

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this statute is to make minor amendments to various statutes, to clarify or amend provisions or to correct errors.

3. COMMENCEMENT

This statute shall come into force at the close of the session of Synod at which it is enacted.

4. THE STANDING COMMITTEE STATUTE 2014

In clause 9 delete sub-clauses (1)(f) and (g) and replace them with the following

“(f) From time to time establish and disestablish such sub-committees and task groups as it sees fit for its better administration and management of the Diocese including but not limited to

(i) A Finance and Audit Sub-Committee

(ii) A Statutes Revision Sub-Committee

provided that members of sub-committees or task groups need not be Synod Members.

(g) Make such regulations for the operations of such sub-committees and task groups as may be required.”

(1) Add a new sub-clause to clause 9 as follows –

“(h) Having regard to skills, gender balance, age and geographical location appoint persons to such sub-committees and task groups for a specified term provided that every member of a sub-committee or task

group whether elected or appointed shall remain in office until his or her successor is elected or appointed.”

5. **THE STANDING ORDERS STATUTE 1972**

1. Insert a new clause 51 as follows with consequential renumbering –

“DIOCESAN NOMINATORS

- (51) (1) At its first meeting following the First Session of Synod Standing Committee shall on the recommendation of the Bishop appoint for a term of two years eight diocesan nominators as follows –
- (i) four ordained ministers holding the Bishop’s licence and
 - (ii) four baptised parishioners resident in the Diocese
- (2) Appointees as diocesan nominators need not be members of Synod.
- (3) Suggested names for appointment by Standing Committee as diocesan nominators may be submitted to Standing Committee prior to its first meeting after the close of the first annual session of Synod.
- (4) Diocesan nominators hold office until their successors are appointed.
- (5) Casual vacancies in the office of nominator may be filled by Standing Committee”

6. **THE STATUTE OF PASTORS 1993**

1. Delete clauses (3) (4) (5) and (6) and replace with the following with consequential renumbering –

“APPOINTMENT OF CLERGY

“(3) In this part vicar includes co-vicar or a dean.

(4) Any appointment of a vicar of a Parish must be made by the Bishop on the recommendation of the Board of Nomination as set out in this statute.

(5) No proceedings for the appointment of a vicar may be commenced until the Bishop and the Board of Nomination are satisfied that there are sufficient means available for the stipend, allowances, housing provisions and pension and insurance arrangements for the vicar for the expected length of appointment.

- (6) There continues to be a Board of Nomination comprising the following-
- (i) The Bishop
 - (ii) The Vicar-General or Deputy Vicar General as the case may require

- (iii) Diocesan Nominators appointed pursuant to the Standing Orders Statute 1972
- (iv) Parish nominators for the Parish in which the vacancy has occurred elected in accordance with the Parishes Statute 2009

(7) Responsibilities of the Diocesan Nominators

The responsibilities of the diocesan nominators are:

- (a) To work with the Bishop in any matter concerning the appointment of clergy in respect of which they may be consulted;
- (b) Where a vacancy is to be filled inform themselves of all persons who may be suitable to fill the vacancy having regard to the wishes and needs of the Parish;
- (c) To inform themselves of any possible implications of an appointment for the well-being of the Diocese as a whole.

(8) Responsibilities of the Parish Nominators

The responsibilities of the parish nominators if there is vacancy in the office of vicar are:

- (a) To participate in any consultation within the parish about its future ministry;
- (b) To meet with the diocesan nominators as members of the board of nomination to consider who may be a suitable person for appointment to the office;
- (c) To make enquiries that the Board of Nomination considers appropriate;
- (d) To continue to consult with the Bishop and the diocesan nominators until the Board of Nomination agrees to an appointment and an appointment is made.

(9) Proceedings of the Board

(1) The bishop shall be the convenor of the Board of Nomination and shall prescribe the minimum number of Board members to constitute a quorum and shall chair each meeting of the Board.

(2) In the course of its deliberations the Board may consult

- (i) The Archdeacon of the parish in which the vacancy has occurred
- (ii) The Bishop's Chaplain for Ministry
- (iii) The vicar of the parish in which the vacancy has occurred

(3) If the Board wishes to interview applicants or nominees for appointment as vicar of a parish the board shall appoint from amongst its members an interview panel consisting of the Bishop or his or her nominee as chair together with two diocesan nominators and two parish nominators.

- (a) That interview panel shall conduct any interviews of applicants or nominees on behalf of the Board and shall report the outcome of such interviews to the Board either orally or in writing as it may determine.

- (10) After the Board of Nomination has met and considered the appointment the Bishop may:
- (a) Proceed to make an offer of appointment not inconsistent with the recommendation of the Board;
 - (b) Defer the matter for further consideration;
 - (c) Decline to make an appointment.
- (11) No appointment shall be made unless there is consensus between the diocesan nominators and the parish nominators in their recommendation to the Bishop.
- (1) Prior to issuing a Letter of Offer the Bishop shall be satisfied that the nominee is an appropriate person to undertake the office for which appointment is to be made by examination of the nominee's Letters of Orders, Letters Testimonial, and any other evidence including at the Bishop's discretion by examination of the nominee.
 - (2) If the Bishop is not satisfied about the suitability of the nominee for appointment the Bishop shall report back to the Board and any information not previously known to the Board must be considered.
- (12) All clergy other than the dean and any vicar or co-vicar may be appointed
- (a) by the Bishop or
 - (b) by any Diocesan institution empowered to do so
- subject to
- (i) prior consultation with the Bishop
 - (ii) the appointee obtaining and retaining the appropriate licence from the Bishop
 - (iii) the appointment being in accordance with the relevant provisions of this statute and with Diocesan policies from time to time determined in respect of that class of appointment.

7 THE PARISHES STATUTE 2009

Delete sub-clause (4) of clause 20 and replace with the following-

- “(4) (a) At every second annual general meeting from and including 2011 the Parish will elect four baptised parishioners of or over the age of 16 years to be Parish Nominators.
- (b) Any casual vacancy of the Parish Nominators shall be filled by the Vestry.
- (c) If any the parish fails to elect parish nominators as prescribed in this clause Standing Committee shall appoint the parish nominators or so many of them as shall be required for that two year term to make up the full number if fewer than the full number shall have been elected.

- (d) The duties and responsibilities of the parish nominators are as set out in the Statute of Pastors

8 THE USE OF CAPITAL AMENDMENT STATUTE 2018

8.1 Add to Clause 2 Purpose, the following “subject always to the provisions of the Anglican Church Trusts Act 1981, (N.Z. Parliament) and its Amendments, and the Declaration of Trust Boards’ Powers Statute 1994 (Waikato).

In Clause 4 (i) between the words “the” and “capital”, add the word “nett”.

8.2 Re number clause 5 as 5.1 and add a new clause as follows –

8.3 The Standing Committee shall have the discretion to permit a parish to use capital where the parish concerned makes application to the Standing Committee for such permission stating clearly why it is necessary to use capital in the way submitted.

9 STATUTE OF PASTORS AMENDMENT STATUTE 2022

5.1 Add to the list of Licences in Clause 10 of the Statute of Pastors the following, “(n) Cathedral Precentor who, in consultation with the Dean, shall be responsible for the preparation of worship services and other liturgical celebrations.

5.2 In Clause 13 (3) after the word “Officiate” add the following “including permission to Officiate Emeritus”,

1.38pm SYNOD OUT OF COMMITTEE

The Co-Chair of Committee reported to the President that Synod in Committee has passed Bill no. 1 with amendments.

MOTION: “That the decision of Synod in Committee become the decision of Synod.”

Mover: The President

CARRIED

MOTION: “That the 3rd reading of the Bill be an order of the day later today.”

Mover: The President

CARRIED

1.38 pm PRESENTATION Anglican Missions Board
Mr Michael Hartfield

1.59pm “That Synod move into Committee to consider Bill No. 2”.

CARRIED

SYNOD IN COMMITTEE

1.59pm

Bill No. 2 The Interim Mission Units Bill 2022
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Moved: **The Reverend L Pilbrow**

Seconded: **Canon Dr B Bang**

THE DIOCESE OF WAIKATO AND TARANAKI

BILL NO 2

THE INTERIM MISSION UNITS BILL 2022

- 1 **TITLE:** This Statute is the Interim Mission Units Statute 2022

- 2 **PURPOSE:** The purpose of this Statute is to make provision for the establishment, administration and management of Mission Units not otherwise provided for in these statutes.

- 3 **INTERPRETATION:**
In this statute –
Mission Unit - means a group or organisation whether existing or to be formed that operates within the Diocese as a religious assembly that is licenced by the Bishop as a Mission Unit and includes a religious order.
Missioner - means a person who leads the Leadership team. A Missioner may include a co-Missioner.
Leadership Team – means a group of people being not fewer than three or more than six appointed by the Bishop on the recommendation of the Missioner (or Missioners) who has the responsibility for the governance of a Mission Unit.
Mission Partner – means a person who has expressed a wish for his or her name to be entered on to the roll of Mission Partners, and is so enrolled.

- 4 **RESPONSIBILITIES OF MISSION UNIT:**
Every Mission Unit shall report to Standing Committee at least annually and in any event no later than 30 June in every year on the following –
 - a. The extent and type of worship and other religious activities entered into.
 - b. The acceptance of the Diocesan Mission Statement
 - c. The maintenance of a roll of members (the Mission Partners) of the Mission Unit and the number of such Mission Partners enrolled annually.
 - d. The financial position of the Mission Unit as at 31 December in each year.

- 5 **FINANCE:**

(1) It shall be lawful for the Mission Unit to collect money from its members and to operate a bank account.

(2) The Mission Unit will observe (with the necessary changes) the requirements of clause (5) of the Finance Statute 1991.

6 ORGANISATION:

(1) Each mission Unit shall be led by a team consisting of

- a. A Missioner
- b. A Leadership Team.

(2) Every lay person appointed to a position under this clause must before commencing in that position complete a declaration in the form set out in the Third Schedule Form A of The Parishes Statute of the Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki as required by Part C Clause 15 of the Constitution/te Pouhere.

7. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

(1) Every Mission Unit shall hold an annual general meeting not later than the 30th day of April each year or in exceptional circumstances and with the approval of Standing Committee, the 31st day of May. Notice of the annual general meeting must be given twenty-one days in advance of the meeting.

(2) The agenda for every annual general meeting must include as a minimum:

- (a) an opening prayer;
- (b) confirmation of the minutes of the last annual general meeting and any special general meetings held since the last annual general meeting;
- (c) consideration of accounts duly reviewed;
- (d) election for the ensuing year of the following officers from amongst the lay Mission Partners whose names are recorded in the roll of the Mission Unit:
 - (i) the Mission Unit Committee consisting of no fewer than three and no more than six persons not being members of the Leadership Team;
 - (ii) a Treasurer;
 - (iii) a Secretary.

(3) At every second annual general meeting from and including 2023 the Mission Unit will elect two lay Mission Partners as its Synod Representatives, and may in addition elect a Mission Partner under the age of thirty years to be its youth representative on Synod.

(4) The officers elected pursuant to the provisions of this clause constitute the Mission Unit Council.

8. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING

On the giving of twenty-one days' notice a special general meeting may be called at the request of the Leadership Team or any member thereof, or at the request of ten Mission Partners.

9. MATTERS NOT PROVIDED FOR:

Where there are matters not provided or otherwise in this Statute reference may be made to any other Statute of the Diocesan Statutes.

10. REGULATIONS AND REVIEW:

- (1) The Standing Committee may make Regulations for the better administration of the Statute.
- (2) This Statute shall be reviewed at the Synod in 2023 and will be either confirmed as is, or amended, or repealed

DIOCESE OF WAIKATO AND TARANAKI

FIRST SCHEDULE

TO the Rt Rev the Bishops of Waikato and Taranaki

AND TO

Members of the Diocesan Standing Committee

PETITION FOR THE FORMATION OF A MISSION UNIT

We being the interim Missioner(s) and baptised people of the Anglican Church of Aotearoa New Zealand and Polynesia hereby apply to the Bishop(s) for recognition and Licence as a Mission Unit to be known as

Attached hereto are;

- A roll of names of those who wish to form the Mission Unit
- A description of the work to be carried out by the Mission Unit.

We certify that the list of persons marked "A" is a true record of the roll of Mission Partners for the proposed Mission Unit.

Dated at this day of

Signed by the Sponsors of the Application.

2.16pm SYNOD OUT OF COMMITTEE

The Co-Chair of Committee reported to the President that Synod in Committee had passed Bill no. 2 with amendments.

MOTION: “That the decision of Synod in Committee become the decision of Synod.”

Mover: The President

CARRIED

MOTION: “That the Third reading of the Bill be an order of the day later today.”

Mover: The President

CARRIED

2.19pm Motion No.9: Receive the Reports to Synod

Mover: The President

That this Synod receives the following reports:

- 1 Anglican Missions Board
2. University of Waikato Chair’s Report
3. University of Waikato Ecumenical Chaplain’s Report
4. Waikato Diocesan Trust Board
5. Report to the Churches Supporting the Waikato Hospital Chaplaincy
6. WINTEC Chair’s Annual Report
7. WINTEC Chaplain’s Annual Report
8. Anglican Action

CARRIED

2.24pm Motion No. 10: The Prohibition of Conversion Practises

Moved: The Reverend Dan Lander
Seconded: The Reverend Alan Maxwell

“That noting this Synod’s decision in 2018 (Motion 3) to call on the New Zealand parliament to pass legislation banning the harmful practice of gay conversion therapy,”

“And noting that the New Zealand Government has passed the Conversion Practices Prohibition Legislation Act 2021,”

“And noting that the New Zealand Government’s objectives in prohibiting conversion practices are to:

- (a) affirm the dignity of all people and that no sexual orientation or gender identity is broken and in need of fixing.
- (b) prevent the harm conversion practices cause in New Zealand and provide an avenue for redress.
- (c) uphold the human rights of all New Zealanders, including of rainbow New Zealanders, to live free from discrimination and harm,”

“We move that this Synod:

- 1 Endorse the Government’s objectives in prohibiting conversion practices;

2 Recognise that all human beings of all sexual orientations, gender identities and gender expressions are a precious part of God's creation and are part of the natural order;

3 Denounce all practices that seek to change or suppress a person's sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression;

4 Provide ministry units with the resources necessary to create safe and inclusive church and community spaces for rainbow New Zealanders."

Following the raising of issues of definition and clarification of terminology by Mrs Pip Harrison the President suggested it might be beneficial for the mover and Pip, along with any others who share an interest in this, to consider the wording of this motion and then to bring it to Standing Committee for passing it on behalf of the Synod.

A show of hands indicated the approval of Synod for this action.

2.37pm Motion No.11: The Lowering of the Voting Age

Mover: The Reverend Peter Sampson
Seconder: The Reverend Stephanie Owen

That this synod urges the government to prioritise the lowering of the voting age to 16.

Recognising that:

1. the greatest issue facing humanity today is the climate crisis
2. young people have inherited the climate crisis
3. the climate crisis is the result of decisions made, and actions taken, by prior generations who have themselves benefited at the expense of those who follow
4. current leadership has been unwilling or unable to address the effects of the climate crisis
5. young people around the world are already leading responses to the climate crisis

Amendment: "That clause 4 be deleted."

Mover: Canon Gerald Bailey
Seconder: Mr Denis Burchill

CARRIED

The amended motion was put and was LOST.

2.50pm Third Readings of the Bills

"That Bill No. 1 be read a third time."

Mover: The President

CARRIED

“That Bill No. 2 be read a third time.”

Mover: The President

**Amendment: “That a commencement clause be added which reads:
COMMENCEMENT This Statute comes into force at the close of the
Synod at which it is enacted.”**

Mover: Canon Gerald Bailey
Seconder: Canon Dr Bryan Bang

CARRIED

“That Bill No. 2 as amended be read a third time.”

Mover: The President

CARRIED

3.05pm Afternoon Tea

3.30pm Session 4

3.30pm Motion No.12: The Living Wage

Moved: The Reverend Blythe Cody
Seconded: The Reverend Peter Sampson

That this synod strengthens its position as a Diocese committed to providing a living wage by gaining accreditation as a living wage employer with the Living Wage Movement Aotearoa New Zealand.

Background

In April 2013 an incorporated society was formed called Living Wage Movement Aotearoa NZ with a governance body and membership comprising the three streams of civil society: faith based religious groups, unions and community/secular groups.

The Living Wage Movement is not aligned to any political party but seeks to influence those who have the power to change the lives of workers and their families. The focus of attention is where incomes are funded through public money, and on large employers who can afford to pay a Living Wage. Many small and ethical employers choose to pay a Living Wage and have become accredited.

Living Wage Movement Aotearoa New Zealand upholds four key principles which state that the Living Wage Movement is:

1. Non-party political
2. Built locally through local relationships and local issues
3. Independent of government in terms of funding and association
4. Comprised of three streams of the membership: secular/community, union, faith-based groups.

There is an accreditation system for employers who meet the criteria to become a Living Wage Employer. Accreditation is a trademark and cannot be used unless a license has been signed which commits the business to paying no less than the Living Wage to directly employed and contracted workers who deliver services on a regular and ongoing basis.

Accreditation fees are up to \$500/yr. for charity/community employers with 100 or more employees.

Similar faith-based organisations who are accredited include:

The Anglican Centre (Anglican Diocese of Wellington)

Auckland City Mission

Christian World Service

Methodist City Action

Methodist Mission Northern

New Zealand Council of Christian Social Services

Accreditation holds us accountable for our own stance on paying the living wage (Motion No.5, Synod 2013), and supports and helps resource us to advocate for the just treatment of employees.

CARRIED

3.59pm Motion No.15: NZ Housing Crisis

Mover: Christine Bryant, LLM, St John's, Te Awamutu

Secunder: The Reverend Julie Guest, St John's, Te Awamutu

"That this Synod investigates how the Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki might participate in alleviating the housing crisis."

Rationale:

In 2017 or 2018 there was a presentation to Synod about the construction of 3 houses in New Plymouth, using church land. Simon Cayley spoke about the work of liaising with the city council, the local community and developers to provide "rent to buy" homes at an affordable cost. This Synod approved of the fact that the church was playing a role in providing social housing.

Since then, the housing situation, both to buy and to rent, has become a full-blown crisis. There is almost no affordable housing and the availability of social housing falls way short of what is needed.

Amendment: "That the words "*asks Standing Committee to investigate*" be added after 'Synod' and deletes 'investigates'."

Mover: The President

CARRIED

AMENDED MOTION: “That this Synod asks Standing Committee to investigate how the Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki might participate in alleviating the housing crisis.”

CARRIED

Amendment: “That the words ‘*and its Ministry Units*’ be added after the word ‘Taranaki’.”

Mover: The President

CARRIED

AMENDED MOTION: “That this Synod asks Standing Committee to investigate how the Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki and its Ministry Units might participate in alleviating the housing crisis.”

CARRIED

4.55pm Cessation of Ministry

Vote of Thanks to:
The Reverend Stephen Black
Mr Kiki Ruakere
Canon Gerald and Mrs Jenny Bailey
Mrs Barbara Jolly

MOTION: This Diocese puts on record its formal gratitude to Gerald Bailey and Barbara Jolly for their immense service over a number of decades to the Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki in the work of Synod, Standing Committee and its sub-committees.

Mover: The Most Reverend P Richardson

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

5.15pm Motion: No. 16 Vote of Thanks

Mover: The Reverend Paul Bowers-Mason
Seconder: Acclamation

Thanks were accorded to:
The Parish of Otorohanga & its people for hosting Synod;
The Acting Diocesan Manager, the Venerable Trevor Harrison;
The Chairs of Committee, the Venerable Joel Rowse & Mrs Chrstine Bryant;
The Musicians, the Reverend Kat & Mr Alan Maxwell;
The President & Chancellor;
The IT gurus, Kiki Raukere & Mrs Trudy Smith;
The Diocesan Staff, Mrs Jill Schumacher & Mrs Helen Martin;
The Members of Synod for participating through their attending, speaking and listening.

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

5.23pm

Closing Prayer

The Very Reverend J Ruka

5.24 pm

Closing of Synod