



The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

Diocese of Christchurch

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SYNOD 2020 Nomination Form

I hereby nominate Revd Michael Brantley
(who has agreed to accept nomination) for election as a member of

Diocesan Standing Committee

Nominator: Revd Dr John Fox (Please print name)

(Signed)

Date 26/08/2021

Profile of Nominee

Michael has served in ministry for his entire adult life and entered vocational ordained ministry in pastoral roles from 1995. These roles included youth, university and a congregational lead pastor for a young adult congregation in a large church. While in these roles, Michael grew in passion and conviction for engaging the growing post-Christendom western context with how we live as Christians and function as church, and in planting new fresh expressions of being church to reach those not predisposed to engaging with the church. His first plant was literally a "skater church."

Michael met Susanne (ne Wellington) in seminary, both were serving in ministry and earning masters' degrees (MDiv honours & an MA honours, respectively). They have three sons; Adam (in Seattle); Logan (in Wellington); and Jay (here in our diocese and in Christchurch) (Jay feels called to pursue ordination), all engaged actively in ministry leadership.

In 2001 Michael joined a mission that does these very things through a relational mentoring role with leaders. In 2002 Michael, with his family, moved to Wellington to launch CRM NZ as a NZ ministry organisation, but remaining associated with it's global mission partners (Church Resource Ministries, now known globally today as Novo). Working cross denominationally with churches and movement leaders, from Baptists to Vineyard, New Life to Micro church groups, in NZ, Australia and twice annual extended trips to the UK and Europe, Michael invested in our waning western church.

In 2006 they were led to go to New Orleans to launch Communitas, a sub-unit mission within InnerChange (an order within CRM) in the post-Hurricane Katrina disaster devastation. Mobilising five incarnational missionary communities in N.O. that expanded to Chicago and Brooklyn NYC, they also were in Haiti for a protracted emergency relief effort after the 2010 earthquakes. Over the thirteen years with CRM/InnerChange Michael served in national and international strategic roles, departing the mission full time end of 2014 upon return to NZ, yet continues to do some ministry through the NZ organisation here. Arriving back in Wellington, they served in the Diocese of Wellington, where both served in various diocese roles. Susanne became the Financial Manager (from Payroll, Financial Management to Investments) and Michael in diocesan leadership roles (enabling lay leadership development, mobilising young leaders, creating a College of Preachers, and in several parishes for specific roles including leading two parishes. While in Wellington, Michael, having had previous experience with Church Army, hosting interns in New Orleans, from Australia, England, Northern Ireland and NZ, was invited to join the board and serves on this board today.

In 2019, they moved to join us in Christchurch, becoming the vicar of the Parish of Avonhead, St Christopher's. Working on building a discipleship culture and engaging the community in mission on several fronts, Michael has a passion for reaching people in a way that wins hearts naturally in natural relational contexts by ordinary Christians who have a heart and conviction to see their friends, associates and families discover Christ's love. From there, be able to see these saints confident and competent to share the truth and hope of Jesus with them in winsome ways on the journey of relationship (1 Peter 3.15).

Michael's contribution for Standing Committee include experience in planting and revitalising churches and movements, missiology in post-Christian contexts, board management, change strategy, large events, and mentoring. He has a deep love of our Anglican whanau, the church, and working at strategic levels has developed a heart to contribute within our diocese to build the Kingdom.