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BILLS

BILL 1: THE TE WAI POUNAMU STATUTE REPEAL BILL 2023

Explanatory Notes:

1. An Anglican Māori girls' boarding school was founded in 1909 at Tuahiwi, Canterbury, and then moved into Christchurch.
2. Land in Ferry Road, Christchurch was initially purchased by the “Purchaser-Trustees” on August 1921 for the purpose of establishing a school for Māori children.
3. On 19th August 1929 the land passed from the Purchaser-Trustees to Church Property Trustees for the purpose of religious and educational training for Māori and partly Māori girls.
4. The Te Wai Pounamu Statute was enacted in 1943 and transferred the ownership of the land from Church Property Trustees to Te Pihopatanga O Aotearoa to establish Te Wai Pounamu College.
5. In 1965 Te Wai Pounamu College became a residential college/hostel with the girls being transported to attend Avonside Girls' High School.
6. In 1990 Te Wai Pounamu College closed.
7. The land is now the site of Te Whare Wananga o Te Waipounamu, the education centre for the Anglican Māori Diocese of Te Waipounamu.
8. The Statute is therefore redundant and should be repealed.
9. In accordance with the Statute Archbishop Don Tamihere and Bishop Richard Wallace have been advised of the intention to repeal this Statute and both are in agreement to repeal the statute but approval of Runanga Whaiti is also pending and may be received in August.

1. Title:

That the title of this Statute will be The Te Wai Pounamu Repeal Statute 2023.

2. Commencement:

This Statute comes into force at the end of the session of Synod at which it is passed.

3. Purpose:

The purpose of this Statute is to repeal the Te Wai Pounamu Statute as it no longer has any purpose.

4. Repeal

The Te Wai Pounamu Statute is repealed.

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THE TE WAI POUNAMU STATUTE

Enacted 1943; Amended 1951, 1981, 1984, 1989, 1990, 1992

A STATUTE

TO DEFINE THE STATUS AND TO AUTHORISE THE INCORPORATION OF TE WAI POUNAMU COLLEGE

WHEREAS there has existed in the Diocese of Christchurch for many years a School for Maori children, first conducted as a private venture at Ohoka in the year 1909 and elsewhere by Charles Anderson Fraer, Clerk in Holy Orders, and subsequently supported by contributions from well-wishers and friends of the Maori people, which said well-wishers and friends have also been members of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia in the Diocese of Christchurch.

AND WHEREAS by Memorandum of Agreement dated the 2nd day of August, 1921, and made between George Edwin March of Kaiapoi in New Zealand, Bank Manager, as Vendor of the one part, and the said Charles Anderson Fraer, Clerk in Holy Orders, John de Burgh Galwey of Christchurch in New Zealand, Clerk in Holy Orders, and Edward James Ross also of Christchurch aforesaid, solicitor, as Purchasers of the other part (all of which Purchasers are hereinafter referred to as the "Purchaser-Trustees") certain lands situated in Ferry Road, Christchurch, were brought by the Purchaser-Trustees for the purposes of the said School and were declared by the said Purchaser-Trustees to be held by them upon certain trusts set out in the aforesaid Memorandum of Agreement and hereinafter to be recited.

AND WHEREAS in the aforesaid Memorandum of Agreement power was taken by the said Purchaser-Trustees either to take title to the said lands in their own name or to have such title vested in The Church Property Trustees of the Diocese of Christchurch or any other body or persons incorporated or associated for religious and educational purposes in the said Diocese upon and for the trusts and purposes therein declared.

AND WHEREAS in exercise of the said power the Purchaser-Trustees requested the title of the said property to be transferred to the Church Property Trustees of the Diocese of Christchurch upon and for the trusts and purposes hereinbefore referred to.

AND WHEREAS on the 19th day of August, 1929, the said Church Property Trustees accepted the title of the said land and now hold the same upon and for the following trusts and purposes - that is to say -

- (a) In the first place for the religious and educational training in the Diocese of Christchurch of Maori and partly Maori girls.
- (b) In the second place, should it at any time be found impossible or inexpedient to continue such training of Maori girls then at the discretion of the Synod or Standing Committee of such Diocese for religious or educational work or both amongst the Maoris in the said Diocese or elsewhere.
- (c) In the third place if at any time there should cease to be separate church work amongst Maoris in the said Diocese then at the discretion of the said Synod or Standing Committee for religious educational work in general in the said Diocese.

AND WHEREAS the said School was moved to the Ferry Road site and has there been conducted as a School for Maori girls by governing body or council to which members have from time to time been

appointed by the Bishop of the Diocese, by the Standing Committee of the Synod of the Diocese and in other diverse manners never clearly defined or regulated.

AND WHEREAS it is desirable clearly to define the status of the said school and to make provision for the appointment of members of the governing body or council, and to authorise the incorporation of the same, with full power (either incorporated or unincorporated) to conduct the business of the school in a proper and fitting manner and for such purposes to borrow money and hold property.

WHEREAS pursuant to recommendations of the commission set up by the Standing Committee to consider sharing of assets with Te Pihopatanga O Aotearoa it is desirable to vest control of Te Wai Pounamu College and the property held on its behalf in Te Pihopatanga O Aotearoa subject to the trusts and purposes accepted by the Church Property Trustees when title was accepted by the Trustees on the 19th day of August 1929.

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

Short Title

1. The short title of this statute shall be "The Te Wai Pounamu Statute 1943".
2. There shall be constituted a Board to be known as the Board of Governors of Te Wai Pounamu College (hereinafter referred to as "The Board") the duty and function of which shall be generally to conduct and control Te Wai Pounamu College and particularly to conduct it in such manner as may be prescribed under this Statute.
3. The composition, method of election, powers and functions of the Board shall be as from time to time provided for by Te Pihopatanga O Aotearoa.
4. (a) All freehold or leasehold land held by the Church Property Trustees for or on behalf of Te Wai Pounamu College shall be transferred to Te Pihopatanga O Aotearoa to be held by Te Pihopatanga O Aotearoa upon and for the following trusts and purposes:
 - (i) In the first place for the religious and educational training in the Diocese of Christchurch for Maori and partly Maori girls.
 - (ii) In the second place, should it at any time be found impossible or inexpedient to continue such training of Maori girls then at the discretion of Te Pihopatanga O Aotearoa for religious or educational work or both amongst the Maoris in the said Diocese or elsewhere.
 - (iii) In the third place if at any time there should cease to be separate church work amongst Maoris in the said Diocese then at the discretion of Te Pihopatanga O Aotearoa for religious educational work in general in the said Diocese.
- (b) All other assets subject to any liabilities affecting the same held by the Church Property Trustees for or on behalf of Te Wai Pounamu College shall be conveyed or transferred to Te Pihopatanga O Aotearoa upon and for the same trusts and purposes.
5. The provisions of this Statute shall not be subject to amendment without the consent of Te Pihopatanga O Aotearoa.

Bill 2: THE CATHEDRAL CHAPTER STATUTE 2016 AMENDMENT BILL 2023

Preamble:

Christ Church Cathedral is not a parish of the Diocese of Christchurch but in certain ways it operates like a parish, notably in the role the “Cathedral congregation” or “Cathedral Regulars” plays in the mission and ministry of the Cathedral, including in this statute in respect of choosing two lay canons; yet there are no churchwardens provided for by this statute, and one amendment below by way of addition to the statute seeks to remedy this deficiency by providing for “executive ” to undertake tasks similar to churchwardens in parishes. Also, clarity is provided regarding the status of any person in the role of Acting Dean with respect to status otherwise only provided for by reference to “the Dean.”

1. Title:

That the title of this Statute will be The Cathedral Chapter Statute 2016 Amendment Statute 2023.

2. Commencement:

This Statute comes into force at the end of the session of Synod at which it is passed.

3. Purpose:

The purpose of this Statute is to amend the Cathedral Chapter Statute 2016

4. Insert an additional clause after clause 8, with subsequent renumbering of clauses.

9. Executive Canons

- (1) Two of the lay canons shall be executive canons for the Cathedral.
- (2) One executive canon will be appointed by the Dean and the other will be elected annually by the lay canons, prior to 30 April.
- (3) The purpose of the executive canons is, through the grace of God, to:
 - a. support the Dean on behalf of Chapter between meetings of Chapter;
 - b. support the Dean and Chapter in fulfilling all of their statutory requirements;
 - c. to be signatories to all contracts and deeds executed on behalf of Chapter;
 - d. be spokespersons for the Dean and Chapter to the Cathedral Regulars;
 - e. be spokespersons for the Cathedral Regulars in all matters except those for which the Lay Synod Representatives are responsible;
 - f. attend the Bishop, or the Vicar-General, or the Archdeacon as required for visitation purposes; and
 - g. inform the Bishop should the Dean be prevented by death, illness, or accident from officiating.

5. Insert an additional clause 13(6).

13(6) The Bishop may, with the agreement of Chapter and after consultation with Standing Committee, appoint an ordained person to fill the role of the Dean during any vacancy in that office and such person shall be called the Acting Dean with the same powers, functions and responsibilities as the Dean. For the sake of clarity, references to the Dean in any Diocesan Statute, Regulation, Resolution, Standing Order, Policy, Guideline, or Instruction shall be read so as to include a reference to an Acting Dean.

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MOTIONS

PROCEDURAL MOTIONS 1 -9

MOTION 1: Granting of Speaking Rights

Moved: Mrs Kirsty May Seconded: Mr David Prosser

MOTION 2: Acceptance of the Order Paper

Moved: Mrs Kirsty May Seconded: Mr David Prosser

MOTION 3: Acceptance of the Audited Accounts for 2022 of the Diocese of Christchurch

Moved: Mrs Corinne Haines Seconded: Mrs Kirsty May

MOTION 4: Acceptance of the Audited Accounts for 2022 of the ADMSC

Moved: Mr David Prosser Seconded: Rev'd Michael Brantley

MOTION 5: Acceptance of the Audited Accounts for 2022 of CPT

Moved: Dr Corin Murfitt Seconded Mr Chris Wilson

MOTION 6: Acceptance of the Diocese of Christchurch Budget 2024

Moved: Rev'd Kofe Havea Seconded: Rev'd Lucy Flatt

MOTION 7: Acceptance of the ADMSC Budget 2024

Moved: Mr David Prosser Seconded: Rev'd Kofe Havea

MOTION 8: Acceptance of Presidential Address

Moved: Mrs Corinne Haines Seconded: Mrs Fran Boyd

MOTION 9: Acceptance of the Annual Reports

Moved: Ven Nick Mountfort Seconded: Mrs Fran Boyd

MOTION 10: **ANGLICAN MISSIONS TARGET**

That this synod reaffirms its commitment to global mission by:

- a) setting a target of \$200,000 as our Diocesan contribution to Anglican Missions for 2024; and
- b) encouraging people in our ministry units to use the resources available from Anglican Missions and NZCMS for specific, informed prayer about our partners in mission around the world.

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Seconded: Rev'd. Chris Ponniah chris@burnside.org.nz

MOTION 11: **THE DISSOLUTION OF THE PARISH OF CHRISTCHURCH: ST. JOHN'S, ALSO KNOWN AS THE PARISH OF ST. JOHN'S LATIMER SQUARE**

This motion is a revised version of that which was previously published on the Diocesan website. It incorporates feedback from Pre Synod meetings and other conversations. It is proposed that Standing Order 80 be invoked in order to suspend Standing Order 17 for the purpose of the updated motion below to replace the previously published version. *Paper copies of the motion including its preamble and the report on boundaries will be available to members of Synod when they arrive on Friday 8 September 2023.*

Motion re the Dissolution of the Parish of Christchurch: St. John's, also known as the Parish of St. John's Latimer Square

Preamble:

- A. Since the disaffiliation of some 95%+ regular worshippers in the Parish of Christchurch: St. Johns ("the Parish") in 2018, the Parish has existed largely in name only as a parish but with significant property and assets, especially experienced and appreciated in the life of the Diocese of Christchurch through the siting of the Transitional Cathedral on the St. John's, Latimer Square site (corner of Madras and Hereford Streets), and through the income from the commercial building on the same site, the income of which continues to pay parish quota to the Diocese and to support the ministry of the Cathedral.
- B. Since nearly five years has elapsed since disaffiliation and this 2023 session of Synod, it is timely to finalise the situation of this parish which is inactive as a worshipping community.
- C. We are now within a five year period at the end of which the Cathedral in the Square will be re-opened and the question of the future of the St. John's property on the corner of Madras and Hereford Streets may reasonably be addressed in a formal way by Synod.

- D. The Cathedral Reinstatement Project fundraising continues but in a challenging environment. One challenge from donors is whether the Diocese of Christchurch is digging deep enough to support the costs of its own Cathedral being reinstated. The contribution of our Cathedral insurance funds is appreciated (per the 2017 resolution of Synod to reinstate the Cathedral), along with the contribution of funds from the dissolution of the Parish of Christchurch St Luke's (per the 2021 resolution of Synod), but the questions continues to be asked whether we could give more.
- E. The potential redundancy of the St. John's site and the buildings on it once we are back in the Square raises a question whether proceeds from a projected future sale of the site and the buildings on it could contribute to fundraising for the Cathedral Reinstatement Project. That is, a decision in 2023 to make a contribution from a future property sale could be a material encouragement to the Project through the remaining four to five years of its projected period to complete reinstatement.
- F. In principal, the land concerned and the buildings on it are surplus to requirements:
- we have no congregation to place in the building when we vacate (and we will have a cathedral to fill with people when back in the Square);
 - the site is going to be "awkward" relative to the location of the stadium, Te Kaha, and would be best owned by an entity empathetic to the stadium if not by the stadium itself.
- G. Any decision we make to sell the site will need to have regard for:
- the quota income the Diocese is receiving from the Parish
 - the income the Cathedral is receiving from the Parish.
- H. Nevertheless, consultation and discussion to date, including via the Pre Synod meetings in August 2023, have yielded the following matters for consideration about the future of the property and financial assets of the parish (in no particular order of importance):
- Could consultation with past parishioners take place before any decisions are made re these assets?
 - If a sale takes place, to whom might the sale be made? (A sale to a private individual or company? A sale to an entity such as the stadium (i.e. City Council) which would offer continuing benefit from the site to the public?)
 - How might the uniqueness of the Transitional Cathedral building – its particular history, its award winning architecture, its curiosity value to visitors to Christchurch - be preserved in the event of any sale?
 - What is the realistic life of the Transitional Cathedral as a building, and what might be maintenance costs in years ahead?
 - The site has been significant as a place on which a distinctive, longstanding evangelical ministry has been based: could that continue? Could we plant a new inner city evangelical ministry there? Or, elsewhere?
 - The Māori Mission for Te Waipounamu was established on that site (i.e. in association with the Parish of St. John's, Latimer square): how might we

preserve the memory of that association? How might any sale of the site benefit Te Hui Amorangi o Te Waipounamu?

Report on Proposal to Adjust Boundaries

Introduction:

In 2021 the Parish of Christchurch St. Luke's was dissolved but there was no proposal to Synod regarding the rearrangement of the boundaries of that parish.

Prior to Synod 2023, the Parishes of Merivale-St. Albans, Christchurch St. Michael's and Avonside were given opportunity to comment on a proposal for change which would have seen Merivale-St. Alban's boundaries change by a small amount of inner city area and the boundaries of Christchurch St. Michael's and Avonside change to a larger degree.

The responses given at that time by each of the parishes is appreciated and has contributed to further consideration of the best way forward in respect of reporting to Synod.

With further reflection it is considered that a better way forward is in fact, with one exception, to make no substantial changes at this time – no changes, that is, for the period while the Cathedral's ministry and mission is based on the Latimer Square site. When we are back in the Square will be a good time to review – in an appropriately considered way – what the shape and scope of ministry and mission in the central city should look like with respect to parishes and the Cathedral itself.

The exception is that Merivale-St. Albans has requested a modest change so that a block of residential territory to the north of Bealey Avenue be incorporated into their parish area, a change which would reflect the reality that since the dissolution of the Parish of Christchurch: St. Luke's, Merivale-St. Albans has been responsible for new ministry to two rest homes in that part of Christchurch.

Consequently, the proposal to Synod is that no changes are made in 2023, that Synod 2024 will consider a modest change as requested by the Parish of Merivale-St. Albans, and the Cathedral continues what it effectively is already doing, that is, to have pastoral and missional responsibility for the area encompassed by the boundaries of the Christchurch St Luke's and Christchurch St John's parishes.

The motion:

That the Synod of the Diocese of Christchurch, in accordance with the Diocesan Ministry Units Statute 2021:

1. Gives thanks to God for the ministry and mission of the Parish of Christchurch: St John's – a ministry and mission located and focused on the inner city of Christchurch, its people and their spiritual and physical needs, in association in past times with the Māori Mission and with the City Mission, and with a well-known and historically significant evangelical character;
2. dissolves the Parish of Christchurch St John's on the passing of this motion.

3. approves the proposal in respect of the boundaries of the parish (and of the former Parish of Christchurch: St. Luke's) such that the territory encompassed by Parishes of Christchurch: St. Luke's and Christchurch: St John's becomes the responsibility of the Transitional Cathedral in respect of pastoral and missional matters:
 - a. Until such time as various aspects of the future of mission and ministry are reviewed by Standing Committee and resolution of those aspects is agreed by Synod;
 - b. Always respecting the continuing ministry in the inner city of Christchurch of the Inner City Chaplain;
 - c. On the understanding that this proposal is more or less the reality of the Cathedral's current ministry and thus does not incur a new burden on the Cathedral.
4. requests Standing Committee, ADMSC Board and CPT, within the terms of trusts pertaining to St. John's properties, to
 - a. maintain present commitments to the ministry of the Diocese and of the Transitional Cathedral until further resolution is made;
 - b. consider possible future uses of the property and assets of the Parish of Christchurch: St. John's and to report back to Synod 2024 on its considerations.

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Seconded: Mrs Fran Boyd frantic007@xtra.co.nz

For reference for members of Synod the relevant section, re dissolution of a ministry unit, from the Diocesan Ministry Units Statute 2021 is cited here:

“9. Amalgamation and dissolution

(1) Parishes may be amalgamated in accordance with the Diocesan Ministry Unit Amalgamation Statute 2016.

(2) Parishes may be dissolved by resolution of Synod proposed by the Standing Committee.

(3) Any resolution to dissolve a parish presented to Synod shall be accompanied by a proposal to adjust any boundaries and a report on the results of a consultation with the relevant Archdeacon(s) and the affected parishes.

(4) On the dissolution of a parish, all parish property:

a. held in trust by CPT shall be dealt with by CPT in accordance with the Anglican (Diocese of Christchurch) Church Property Trust Act 2003 and any trusts relating to such property; and

b. not held in trust by CPT passes to the Anglican Diocesan Ministry Support Centre (ADMSC) to be available for:

i. first the carrying out of mission and ministry in the geographic area formerly covered by the dissolved parish; and

ii. second, to the extent not required for the first, for the general purposes of the Diocese.

(5) The appointments of any clergy may only be terminated in accordance with the Clergy Resignation and Termination Statute.

(6) Dissolution of a parish does not affect any financial commitments made by the parish which may only terminate in accordance with their own terms.”

MOTION 12: REGIONAL PRAYER GATHERINGS

Preamble

RECOGNISING

In 2021 the diocese of Christchurch committed itself to the stated goal of the Diocesan Mission Action Plan, namely “regenerating our Diocese by growing in strength, depth and breadth”

CELEBRATING THAT The Church belongs to God. God established it, it exists to serve God and for God’s glory, and it is God who grows it.

AND THAT Without the support of the Holy Spirit, we are ourselves incapable of maintaining, growing, and discipling ourselves and others in following Christ

AND IN CONFIDENCE THAT God moves when God’s people pray and seek God’s face in sincere and earnest prayer

WE MOVE that the synod of the Diocese of Christchurch ask the Bishop to establish a series of regional prayer gatherings, overseen by the Archdeacon for Regeneration and Mission, to intercede for the regeneration of the Diocese, and the health of its various parts.

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Seconded: Rev. Victoria Askin vicaskin@hotmail.com

MOTION 13: REVISION OF STANDING ORDERS OF THE SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

That this Synod adopts the amendments to the Standing Order of the Synod of the Diocese of Christchurch as shown in the document titled “Standing Orders of The Synod of the Diocese of Christchurch Statute 2021”

Moved: Mrs Kirsty May kirstymaybarrister@gmail.com

Seconded: Rev’d Kofe Havea kofe_havea@outlook.com

The Standing Orders of Synod before the proposed amendments.

STANDING ORDERS OF THE SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH

Part 1 – General

Length of Synod

1. Each Synod lasts three (3) years. The twenty-ninth Synod of the Diocese of Christchurch commenced with the election of Lay members of Synod in 1943.

Place of meeting

2. The members of Synod will meet for discussion but any member may move, without notice, that the order to which that member belongs withdraws to a separate chamber to deliberate on any matter specified in the motion and that order will withdraw if:
 - (1) The motion is seconded by another member of the same order; and
 - (2) the motion is carried having being put to the members of that order alone.
3. During any withdrawal allowed for under clause 2 the Synod will be adjourned.

President

4. The Bishop, or any person who is a member of Synod nominated by the Bishop, will preside.

Quorum

5. The quorum for Synod will be:
 - (1) The Bishop of the Diocese or, in the absence of the Bishop, by the Vicar-General; and
 - (2) One quarter (1/4) of the Clergy of the Diocese qualified to vote at the Synod; and
 - (3) One quarter (1/4) of the lay members of the Synod qualified to vote at the Synod.
6. If there is no quorum present thirty (30) minutes after the time appointed for Synod to meet the President will adjourn Synod until the day or hour appointed for the next meeting of Synod.
7. If at any time while Synod is in session attention is called to the state of the Synod, the President will count the number of members present and if no quorum is present the President will ring a bell and if within five minutes no quorum is present the President will adjourn Synod until the time appointed for the next meeting of Synod.

Synod open to the public

8. The meetings of Synod will be open to the public but at any stage any member may move without notice that non-members of Synod withdraw and that motion, if seconded, will be put immediately and without debate.

Documents in advance

9. At least nine (9) weeks before the opening Session of Synod the Diocesan Manager will ensure that a copy of the following is forwarded to all members of Synod:
 - (1) All reports and statements of accounts to be presented to Synod; and
 - (2) Any motion or Bill, including the name and contact details of the mover and seconder, which is to be presented to Synod.

Attendance book, minutes and hours of Synod

10. An Attendance Book will be provided by the Diocesan Manager and each member of Synod has a duty to sign their names at each day's meeting of the Synod at which they are present.
11. Standing Committee is responsible for:
 - (1) Appointing before each Synod:
 - (a) A Minutes Secretary to keep minutes of all the proceedings of Synod; and
 - (b) A Minutes Committee comprising two (2) ordained ministers and two (2) lay members of Synod.
 - (2) Setting the hours of Synod.
12. The minutes of each day's sitting will be submitted by the Minutes Secretary to the Minutes Committee and once approved by that Committee the minutes will be submitted to the President for confirmation by the Synod.

Part 2 – Order of Business

Proceedings of Synod

13. The proceedings of Synod will be set by Standing Committee in advance provided that the following be allowed for during the course of the Synod:
 - (1) prayers;
 - (2) notices of questions to be asked of the President or of any member of Synod may be given;
 - (3) notices of Motions to be considered by Synod;
 - (4) answers to questions may be read;
 - (5) consideration of Bills:

- (a) Introduction;
 - (b) Detail; and
 - (c) Confirmation.
- (6) consideration of the Accounts of Standing Committee;
- (7) consideration of the Report of Standing Committee and related motions;
- (8) adoption of the General Budget;
- (9) reports of any other body or person Standing Committee may wish Synod to hear from;
- (10) motions; and
- (11) elections.
- 14. It will be in order for Standing Committee to allow in the proceedings for Synod to break into groups to discuss but not decide on any matters.
- 15. The order of proceedings of Synod may be altered at any time by resolution of Synod.
- 16. At any stage proceedings may be interrupted by an Order of the Day, and after any such Order of the Day has been disposed of any suspended debate will be resumed and Synod proceed with its business in accordance with the order set by Standing Committee. The Resolutions Committee will decide the order in which motions and Bills will be considered by Synod and may alter the order at any time as it thinks fit provided that any motion or Bill brought forward by or on behalf of Standing Committee will be given priority; and

Procedure for proposing motions

- 17. Synod may consider any motion that is proposed and seconded by any two members of Synod provided that:
 - (1) Written notice of the motion, including the name and contact detail of the mover and seconder, is given to the Diocesan Manager no later than three (3) months before the first day of a new session of Synod; or
 - (2) If the motion arises from the reports and materials circulated prior to Synod and it has been discussed and endorsed by a pre-Synod Archdeaconry meeting or the Diocesan Youth Forum written notice, including the name and contact details of the mover and seconder, is given to the Diocesan Manager no later than one (1) month before the first day of a new session of Synod; or
 - (3) If the motion arises from the business of the current session of Synod, or from public questions of the day, it may be considered by Synod if it agrees to accept notice of the motion.
- 18. Synod may consider any motion that is put forward to it by resolution of Standing Committee provided that written notice of the motion is

given to the Diocesan Manager no later than one (1) month before the first day of a new session of Synod.

19. Synod may not consider again in the same session any motion or notice that has been disposed of by Synod.
20. Any motion proposed by the President will be considered without the need for it to be seconded.

Procedure for proposing Bills

21. Synod may consider any Bill that is proposed and seconded by any two members of Synod provided that written notice of the Bill, including the name and contact details of the mover and seconder, is given to the Diocesan Manager no later than three (3) months before the first day of a new session of Synod.
22. Synod may consider any Bill that is put forward to it by resolution of Standing Committee provided that written notice of the motion is given to the Diocesan Manager no later than one (1) month before the first day of a new session of Synod.
23. Any Bill will be considered by Synod and voted on in three (3) stages which may occur at any time during proceedings; except that whenever a session of Synod lasts more than one day, a Bill may not be confirmed until the day following its consideration in detail.
 - (1) Introduction – Synod will consider the principle of the Bill and vote on whether Synod approves of the principle and wishes to consider the Bill in detail. No amendments may be able to be offered at this stage;
 - (2) Detail – Synod will consider the Bill in detail with amendments to the Bill able to be offered. Synod will vote on each amendment and once no more amendments are offered; and
 - (3) Confirmation – Synod will consider the principle of the Bill (as amended) and vote on whether or not to pass the Bill. No amendments may be able to be offered at this stage.
24. On the passing of a motion without notice, consideration of a Bill may revert to stage 2 (consideration in detail) prior to its confirmation.
25. When a Bill is to amend any particular clause or clauses of an existing Act it will not be in order to introduce any matter affecting any other clause or clauses in the Act, except as the President rules to be an amendment required as a result of the amendment before Synod.
26. Synod may order that any motion on any subject will pass through the stages set out at clause 23.

The Resolutions Committee

27. At least three (3) months before the first day of any session of Synod the Standing Committee may appoint a Resolutions Committee which will consist of:
 - (1) the Diocesan Manager;
 - (2) the Chancellor;
 - (3) two (2) ordained ministers; and
 - (4) two (2) lay members of Synod.
28. All motions and Bills will be given to the Resolutions Committee for consideration before they are considered by Synod.
29. The Resolutions Committee will consider the motion or Bill and the following will apply:
 - (1) The Resolutions Committee may approve of the form of motion or Bill or may suggest alterations to it;
 - (2) If the member proposing the motion or Bill does not approve of the suggested changes the motion or Bill will be put to Synod in its original form, but the Resolutions Committee has the right to put below the motion or Bill the alteration suggested and the reasons for it;
 - (3) If the member proposing the motion or Bill approves of the suggested changes the motion or Bill will be put to Synod as altered; and
 - (4) If the Resolutions Committee considers that any motion or Bill is out of order for any reason and the proposer declines to alter it to make it in order the motion or Bill will not be put;
 - (5) The Resolutions Committee will decide the order in which motions and Bills will be considered by Synod and may alter the order at any time as it thinks fit provided that any motion or Bill brought forward by or on behalf of Standing Committee will be given priority; and
 - (6) The Resolutions Committee will consider motions and Bills in the order in which they are submitted to it.

Part 3 – Rules of Debate

General Rules of Debate

30. Every member when speaking will address the President and may speak in any of the official languages used in Aotearoa, New Zealand or the Diocese of Polynesia.
31. All questions of order will be decided by the President.
32. If two members rise at the same time, the member who is called upon by the President will have precedence.

33. Except as allowed for in clause 34, speeches at any point must not exceed:
 - (1) Seven (7) minutes for the proposer of a Motion or Bill when moving the Motion or Bill;
 - (2) Five (5) minutes for the seconder of a Motion or Bill;
 - (3) Three (3) minutes for any other person; and
 - (4) Three (3) minutes for the proposer of a Motion or Bill when speaking in reply.
34. An extension of time of up to two (2) minutes may be given by leave of a majority of the members of Synod present, except that a speaker may not be granted more than two (2) extensions of time for any one speech.
35. The President may at any time take part in the deliberations of Synod without leaving the Chair.
36. It is the duty of the President to confine each speaker to the subject-matter of the debate, and it will not be in order for any member to interrupt the speaker except through the medium of the President.
37. No member, except the President, may speak more than once on the same question except in personal explanation, but the proposer of any question not being an amendment will be allowed a right of reply and the seconder may reserve his or her speech to any time during the debate.
38. When a Bill is being considered at the:
 - (1) Introduction stage a member may only speak once;
 - (2) Detail stage a member may speak to any amendment proposed; and
 - (3) Confirmation stage a member may only speak once.
39. Synod will pass to the next business if a motion is carried to that effect; such motion to be proposed and seconded by members of Synod and voted on without debate.
40. A motion to adjourn Synod or debate may be proposed at any time, provided that no member may be interrupted when speaking, and if seconded the adjournment motion is to be voted on without debate.
41. Any member of Synod may during a debate on any matter move without notice "That the motion now be put" which motion, if seconded, will be immediately put without debate and if carried the proposer of the matter under debate will be called upon to exercise his or her right of reply after which the matter under debate will be put without further discussion.

Amendments to motions and Bills

42. No amendment, not being a minor correction, may be put from the Chair until copies of the amendment have been handed to the President and secretary.
43. If an amendment replaces the original motion or Bill or is to replace certain words of the original motion or Bill it must be moved and the question put as follows: "That all the words after the word [that or previous remaining word of the motion or Bill] be replaced by [the words of the amendment]".
44. When the amendment is to delete certain words it must be moved and the question put as follows: "That the following words be deleted [words to be deleted]".
45. When the amendment is to insert certain words it must be moved and the question put as follows: "That the following words be inserted [words to be inserted and where they are to be inserted]".
46. No amendment of an amendment is in order until the original amendment has become the substantive motion, but, when an amendment is being considered by Synod it is in order for any member to read a second or other amendment to Synod but such amendment will not be moved or debated until the first amendment has been put and dealt with.
47. No member who has already spoken to the motion before Synod may move or second an amendment to it, nor may a member who has moved or seconded an amendment move or second a further amendment to the same motion.
48. When a Bill or motion is being considered in Detail a member may move more than one amendment to that Bill.
49. When an amendment is being considered by Synod the debate will be confined to the amendment and any member may speak once to an amendment before Synod and doing so will not affect:
 - (1) their right to speak later to the main motion whether it be amended or not; or
 - (2) the right of reply to the debate on the main motion by the mover of the main motion.
50. Any amendment containing more than one proposition will be divided on the request of any member of Synod and each proposition will be put separately and all that have been carried will be put as an entire motion.
51. Formal correction and made necessary by amendments may be made by the Diocesan Manager with the approval of the President.

Conference

52. At any stage Synod may resolve to go into Conference to consider a matter.

53. While in Conference the General Rules of Debate will be suspended and the following will apply:
- (1) Speakers will be limited to three (3) minutes although extensions may be granted at the discretion of the President;
 - (2) Members may speak more than once to a matter and may ask questions of speakers provided that each speech and question is unique and relevant; and

All questions of order will be determined by the President.

Committee

54. At any stage Synod may resolve to go into Committee to consider a matter.
55. While in Committee all non-members of Synod must leave the hall and the discussion, although not any resolutions made by Synod, will be confidential to those members present in Committee.

Voting

56. Every act of the Synod must be assented to by the Bishop or, in the absence of the Bishop, by the Vicar-General, and by a majority of clergy and by a majority of lay members of Synod present and entitled to vote.
57. At the discretion of the President a motion may be declared carried after voting by voice or by show of hands or having voting members of Synod stand.
58. Any member may ask that the Synod vote by Order, any such vote to occur by show of hands by Order or having voting members of Synod stand by Order.

Voting by Division

59. Any member may, before the President has declared a result, demand a division. If a division is demanded then all non-voting members of Synod and those who wish to abstain will be asked to leave the Synod hall. The doors will then be closed and no member permitted to enter or to leave the Synod hall until after voting has finished. Ballot boxes must be used.
60. The Diocesan Manager will prepare and distribute ballot papers.
61. Different coloured paper will be used for the two Orders.
62. The Diocesan Manager will be assisted in collecting and counting the votes by:

- (1) Two scrutineers appointed by the President who must be lay members of Synod and who will count the votes for the clergy; and
 - (2) Two scrutineers appointed by the President who must be clergy members of Synod and who will count the votes for the laity.
63. The scrutineers will report the result to the President who will then report the result to Synod.
 64. The names of those voting and how they cast their votes will be recorded in the Division Book but will not be recorded in the Minutes unless Synod so resolves.
 65. If there is an equality of votes in either order the question will be lost.

Part 4 - Elections

66. At least two weeks prior to the first day of each session of Synod the elections to be held during the session will be advised to Synod members in writing, with the times and dates for the closing of nominations and for the taking of ballots, if necessary.
67. Any member, provided they obtain the prior consent of the person concerned, may, on the form provided, nominate a person for election. The Nomination Paper will be in a form approved by Standing Committee.
68. Every Nomination Paper will be handed to the Diocesan Manager who will keep a record of all Nomination Papers in the order in which they are received and place a copy on a notice board in the Synod hall.
69. The time at which nominations close and the time at which voting will start, together with the names of those nominated, must be notified on the Order Paper for each day of the Session up to and including the day of election.
70. If at the time nominations close the number of nominations received is less than the number of persons required to be elected the Diocesan Manager will report the deficiency to the President who will call for further nominations which will be made to at least the number required.
71. If at the time nominations close the number of nominations received is equal to the number of persons required to be elected the President will put the question that those nominated be elected. If the nominations exceed the number required then Synod will proceed to ballot. Ballot boxes must be used.
72. The Diocesan Manager will prepare and distribute voting papers containing the names of those nominated in the order in which they were nominated.
73. In the case of all elections, other than those of the Standing Committee and of the Diocesan representatives on General

Synod/Hinota Whānui, those nominees up to the number required securing the largest number of votes of the whole Synod, irrespective of orders, will be declared elected.

74. In the event of a tie among two or more nominees a fresh ballot will be held to determine which of the two or more tied nominees will be elected.
75. Any voting paper purporting to vote for less than the required number of vacancies will be valid. Any voting paper purporting to vote for more than the required number of vacancies will be invalid.
76. In the case of the election of the Standing Committee different coloured paper will be used for the two Orders.
77. For any election the Diocesan Manager will be assisted in collecting and counting the votes by:
 - (1) Two scrutineers appointed by the President who must be lay members of Synod and who will count the votes for the clergy; and
 - (2) Two scrutineers appointed by the President who must be clergy members of Synod and who will count the votes for the laity.
78. The scrutineers will report the result to the President who will then report the result to Synod.
79. The election of the Diocesan representatives on General Synod/Hinota Whānui will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of "The General Synod/Te Hinota Whānui Representation Statute, 1908".

Part 5 - Miscellaneous

80. Any Standing Order may at any time be suspended or replaced on motion without notice.
81. Any member may ask a question of the President after due notice. The question and answer will, at the discretion of the President, be either read or printed on the Order Paper, in either case without explanation or comment on either side, but they will not be printed with the minutes except by order of Synod.
82. The Diocesan Manager is authorised, unless otherwise ordered by Synod or the President, to permit copies to be taken of all documents which are laid before Synod, and of all resolutions and other proceedings which may be recorded in the minutes.
83. No notice or other document may be distributed in or placed upon the walls of the Synod hall without the permission of the Diocesan Manager of the Synod.
84. Every report of a committee requiring action will be accompanied by a resolution or resolutions for the consideration of the Synod.

85. In the case of every election or ballot after voting has been completed the Synod may proceed with any other business except for any business that the Diocesan Manager or any scrutineer expressly requests not be proceeded with due to their absence or which the President wishes to postpone until after the announcement of the result of the election or ballot.
86. Any matter not provided for by these Standing Orders will be dealt with by ruling of the President.

The Standing Orders of Synod showing the proposed amendments.

Standing Orders of The Synod of the Diocese of Christchurch Statute 2021

Part 1 – General

Length of Synod

1. Each Synod lasts three (3) years. The twenty-ninth Synod of the Diocese of Christchurch commenced with the election of Lay members of Synod in 1943.

Place of meeting

2. The members of Synod will meet for discussion but any member may move, without notice, that the order to which that member belongs withdraws to a separate chamber to deliberate on any matter specified in the motion and that order will withdraw if:
 - (1) The motion is seconded by another member of the same order; and
 - (2) the motion is carried having being put to the members of that order alone.
3. During any withdrawal allowed for under ~~clause~~Standing Order 2 the Synod will be adjourned.

President

4. The Bishop, or any person who is a member of Synod nominated by the Bishop, will preside.

Quorum

5. The quorum for Synod will be:
 - (1) The Bishop of the Diocese or, in the absence of the Bishop, by the Vicar-General; and
 - (2) One quarter (1/4) of the Clergy of the Diocese qualified to vote at the Synod; and
 - (3) One quarter (1/4) of the lay members of the Synod qualified to vote at the Synod.
6. If there is no quorum present thirty (30) minutes after the time appointed for Synod to meet the President will adjourn Synod until the day or hour appointed for the next meeting of Synod.
7. If at any time while Synod is in session attention is called to the state of the Synod, the President will count the number of members present and if no quorum is present the President will ring a bell and if within five minutes no quorum is present the President will adjourn Synod until the time appointed for the next meeting of Synod.

Synod open to the public

8. The meetings of Synod will be open to the public but at any stage any member may move without notice that non-members of Synod withdraw and that motion, if seconded, will be put immediately and without debate.

Documents in advance

9. At least nine (9) weeks before the opening Session of Synod, or one (1) week before to the first pre-synod meeting held prior to that Session, (whichever is the later in time) the Diocesan Manager will ensure that a copy of the following is forwarded to all members of Synod:
 - (1) All reports and statements of accounts to be presented to Synod; and
 - (2) Any motion or Bill, including the name and contact details of the mover and seconder, which is to be presented to Synod.

Attendance book, minutes and hours of Synod

10. An Attendance Book-attendance record will be provided-maintained by the Diocesan Manager, and each member of Synod has a duty to sign-record in the form prescribed by the Diocesan Manager their names at each day's meeting of the Synod at which they-the member are-is present.
11. Standing Committee is responsible for:
 - (1) Appointing before each Synod:
 - (a) A Minutes Secretary to keep minutes of all the proceedings of Synod; and
 - (b) A Minutes Committee comprising two (2) ordained ministers and two (2) lay members of Synod.
 - (2) Setting the hours of Synod.
12. The minutes of each day's sitting will be submitted by the Minutes Secretary to the Minutes Committee and once approved by that Committee the minutes will be submitted to the President for confirmation by the Synod.

Part 2 – Order of Business

Proceedings of Synod

13. The proceedings of Synod will be set by Standing Committee in advance provided that the following be allowed for during the course of the Synod include:
 - (1) prayers;
 - (2) notices of questions to be asked of the President or of any member of Synod may be given;

- (3) notices of Motions to be considered by Synod;
 - (4) answers to questions may be read;
 - (5) consideration of Bills:
 - ~~(a) — Introduction;~~
 - ~~(b) — Detail; and~~
 - ~~(c) — Confirmation.~~
 - (6) consideration of the Accounts of Standing Committee;
 - (7) consideration of the Report of Standing Committee and related motions;
 - (8) adoption of the General Budget;
 - (9) reports of any other body or person Standing Committee may wish Synod to hear from;
 - (10) motions; and
 - (11) elections.
14. It will be in order for ~~Standing Committee~~the President of Synod to allow in the proceedings for Synod to break into groups to discuss but not decide on any matters.
 15. The order of proceedings of Synod may be altered at any time by resolution of Synod.
 16. At any stage proceedings may be interrupted by an Order of the Day, and after any such Order of the Day has been disposed of any suspended debate will be resumed and Synod proceed with its business in accordance with the order ~~set by Standing Committee~~.
 - 16.17. The ~~Resolutions Committee~~Bishop President, in consultation with the Diocesan Manager, will decide the order in which motions and Bills will be considered by Synod and may alter the order at any time as ~~the Bishop~~the President thinks fit provided that any motion or Bill brought forward by ~~or on behalf of~~ Standing Committee will be given priority; ~~and.~~

Procedure for proposing motions

- 17.18. Synod may consider any motion that is proposed and seconded by any two members of Synod provided that:
 - (1) Written notice of the motion, including the name and contact detail of the mover and seconder, is given to the Diocesan Manager no later than three (3) months before the first day of a new session of Synod; or
 - (2) If the motion arises from the reports and materials circulated prior to Synod and it has been discussed and endorsed by a pre-Synod ~~Archdeaconry~~ meeting or the Diocesan Youth Forum written notice, including the name and contact details of the mover and seconder, is

given to the Diocesan Manager no later than one (1) month before the first day of a new session of Synod; or

- (3) If the motion arises from the business of the current session of Synod, or from public questions of the day, it may be considered by Synod if it agrees to accept notice of the motion.

~~18-19.~~ Synod may consider any motion that is put forward to it by resolution of Standing Committee provided that written notice of the motion is given to the Diocesan Manager no later than one (1) month before the first day of a new session of Synod.

~~19-20.~~ Synod may not consider again in the same session any motion or notice that has been disposed of by Synod.

~~20-21.~~ Any motion proposed by the President will be considered without the need for it to be seconded.

22. Synod may resolve that any motion on any subject will pass through the stages set out at Standing Order 25 (in which case, the word “Bill” shall be read as “motion”).

Procedure for proposing Bills

~~21-23.~~ Synod may consider any Bill that is proposed and seconded by any two members of Synod provided that written notice of the Bill, including the name and contact details of the mover and seconder, is given to the Diocesan Manager no later than three (3) months before the first day of a new session of Synod.

~~22-24.~~ Synod may consider any Bill that is put forward to it by resolution of Standing Committee provided that written notice of the motion is given to the Diocesan Manager no later than one (1) month before the first day of a new session of Synod.

~~23-25.~~ In the absence of any resolution to the contrary, Any Bill will be considered by Synod and voted on in three (3) stages which may occur at any time during proceedings; except that whenever a session of Synod lasts more than one day, a Bill may not be confirmed until the day following its consideration in detail. The stages are:

- (1) Introduction – Synod will consider the principle of the Bill and vote on whether Synod approves of the principle and wishes to consider the Bill in detail. No amendments may ~~be able to~~ be offered at this stage;
- (2) Detail – Synod will consider the Bill in detail with amendments to the Bill able to be offered. Synod will vote on each amendment and once no more amendments are offered; and
- (3) Confirmation – Synod will consider the principle of the Bill (as amended) and vote on whether or not to pass the Bill. No amendments may ~~be able to~~ be offered at this stage.

~~24-26.~~ On the passing of a motion without notice, consideration of a Bill may revert to stage 2 (consideration in detail) prior to its confirmation.

27. On the passing of a motion without notice by a 75% majority during the Introduction stage of a Bill, Synod may choose to consider, amend, and vote on a Bill in a single reading, instead of using the stages set out in Standing Order 25.

25-28. When a Bill is to amend any particular clause or clauses of an existing Act it will not be in order to introduce any matter affecting any other clause or clauses in the Act, except as the President rules to be an amendment required as a result of the amendment before Synod.

26. Synod may order that any motion on any subject will pass through the stages set out at clause 23.

The Resolutions Committee

27-29. At least three (3) months before the first day of any session of Synod the Standing Committee may appoint a Resolutions Committee which will consist of:

- (1) the Diocesan Manager;
- (2) the Chancellor;
- (2)(3) the Vice Chancellor (if any);
- (3)(4) two (2) ordained ministers; and
- (4)(5) two (2) lay members of Synod.

28-30. All motions and Bills will be given to the Resolutions Committee for consideration before they are considered by Synod.

29-31. The Resolutions Committee will consider the motion or Bill and the following will apply:

- (1) The Resolutions Committee may approve of the form of motion or Bill or may suggest alterations to it;
- (2) If the member proposing the motion or Bill does not approve of the suggested changes the motion or Bill will be put to Synod in its original form, but the Resolutions Committee has the right to put below the motion or Bill the alteration suggested and the reasons for it;
- (3) If the member proposing the motion or Bill approves of the suggested changes the motion or Bill will be put to Synod as altered; and
- (4) If the Resolutions Committee considers that any motion or Bill is out of order for any reason and the proposer declines to alter it to make it in order the motion or Bill will not be put. and
- (5) The Resolutions Committee will decide the order in which motions and Bills will be considered by Synod and may alter the order at any time as it thinks fit provided that any motion or Bill brought forward by or on behalf of Standing Committee will be given priority; and
- (6) The Resolutions Committee will consider motions and Bills in the order in which they are submitted to it.

32. The Resolutions Committee may require that the mover of a Bill or Motion prepare an explanatory paper, which should be no more than 500 words, summarising the policy objectives of the Bill or Motion. The explanatory paper will then be circulated to members of Synod prior to any session.

Part 3 – Rules of Debate

General Rules of Debate

30.33. Every member when speaking will address the President and may speak in any of the official languages used in Aotearoa, New Zealand or the Diocese of Polynesia.

31.34. All questions of order will be decided by the President.

32.35. If two members rise at the same time, the member who is called upon by the President will have precedence.

33.36. Except as allowed for in clause Standing Order 34.37, speeches at any point must not exceed:

- (1) Seven (7) minutes for the proposer of a Motion or Bill when moving the Motion or Bill;
- (2) Five (5) minutes for the seconder of a Motion or Bill;
- (3) Three (3) minutes for any other person; and
- (4) Three (3) minutes for the proposer of a Motion or Bill when speaking in reply.

34.37. An extension of time of up to two (2) minutes may be given by leave of a majority of the members of Synod present, except that a speaker may not be granted more than two (2) extensions of time for any one speech.

35.38. The President may at any time take part in the deliberations of Synod without leaving the Chair.

36.39. It is the duty of the President to confine each speaker to the subject-matter of the debate, and it will not be in order for any member to interrupt the speaker except through the medium of the President.

37.40. No member, except the President, may speak more than once on the same question except in personal explanation, but the proposer of any question not being an amendment will be allowed a right of reply and the seconder may reserve his or her speech to any time during the debate.

38.41. When a Bill is being considered at the:

- (1) Introduction stage a member may only speak once;
- (2) Detail stage a member may speak to any amendment proposed; and
- (3) Confirmation stage a member may only speak once.

- ~~39.42.~~ Synod will pass to the next business if a motion is carried to that effect; such motion to be proposed and seconded by members of Synod and voted on without debate.
- ~~40.43.~~ A motion to adjourn Synod or debate may be proposed at any time, provided that no member may be interrupted when speaking, and if seconded the adjournment motion is to be voted on without debate.
- ~~41.44.~~ Any member of Synod may during a debate on any matter move without notice "That the motion now be put" which motion, if seconded, will be immediately put without debate and if carried the proposer of the matter under debate will be called upon to exercise ~~his or her~~their right of reply after which the matter under debate will be put without further discussion.

Amendments to motions and Bills

- ~~45.~~ No amendment, not being a minor correction, may be put from the Chair until copies of the amendment have been handed to the President and secretary.
- ~~42.46.~~ Any amendment proposed which is a minor correction may stand as part of the wording of the motion or Bill without vote if the amendment is accepted by the mover of the motion or Bill as a friendly amendment.
- ~~43.47.~~ If an amendment replaces the original motion or Bill or is to replace certain words of the original motion or Bill it must be moved and the question put as follows: "That all the words after the word [that or previous remaining word of the motion or Bill] be replaced by [the words of the amendment]".
- ~~44.48.~~ When the amendment is to delete certain words it must be moved and the question put as follows: "That the following words be deleted [words to be deleted]".
- ~~45.49.~~ When the amendment is to insert certain words it must be moved and the question put as follows: "That the following words be inserted [words to be inserted and where they are to be inserted]".
- ~~46.50.~~ No amendment of an amendment is in order until the original amendment has become the substantive motion, but, when an amendment is being considered by Synod it is in order for any member to read a second or other amendment to Synod but such amendment will not be moved or debated until the first amendment has been put and dealt with.
- ~~47.51.~~ No member who has already spoken to the motion before Synod may move or second an amendment to it, nor may a member who has moved or seconded an amendment move or second a further amendment to the same motion.
- ~~48.52.~~ When a Bill or motion is being considered in the Detail stage a member may move more than one amendment to that Bill.

~~49-53.~~ When an amendment is being considered by Synod the debate will be confined to the amendment and any member may speak once to an amendment before Synod and doing so will not affect:

- (1) their right to speak later to the main motion whether it be amended or not; or
- (2) the right of reply to the debate on the main motion by the mover of the main motion.

~~50-54.~~ Any amendment containing more than one proposition will be divided on the request of any member of Synod and each proposition will be put separately and all that have been carried will be put as an entire motion.

~~51-55.~~ Formal correction of Statutes and Resolutions made necessary by amendments may be made by the ~~-Diocesan Manager -~~with the approval of the President. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, this includes correction of corresponding clause references arising from amendments.

Conference

~~52-56.~~ At any stage Synod may resolve to go into Conference to consider a matter.

~~53-57.~~ While in Conference the General Rules of Debate will be suspended and the following will apply:

- (1) Speakers will be limited to three (3) minutes although extensions may be granted at the discretion of the President;
- (2) Members may speak more than once to a matter and may ask questions of speakers provided that each speech and question is unique and relevant; and

(3) All questions of order will be determined by the President.

For the avoidance of doubt, the suspension of the General Rules of Debate while Synod is in Conference does not suspend the application of other standing orders.

Committee

~~54-58.~~ At any stage Synod may resolve to go into Committee to consider a matter.

~~59.~~ While in Committee all non-members of Synod must leave the hall and the discussion will be confidential to members, ~~although not any resolutions made by Synod, will be confidential to those members present in Committee.~~

~~55-60.~~ When Synod resolves to go out of Committee, any resolutions adopted by Synod while in Committee will be communicated by the President to the minute-taker, so that the minutes can record any

resolutions which were carried, and the names of the mover and seconder of any such resolutions.

Voting

~~56-61.~~ Every act of the Synod must be assented to by the Bishop or, in the absence of the Bishop, by the Vicar-General, and by a majority of clergy and by a majority of lay members of Synod present and entitled to vote.

~~57-62.~~ At the discretion of the President a motion may be declared carried after voting by voice or by show of hands or having voting members of Synod stand.

~~58-63.~~ Any member may ask that the Synod vote by Order, any such vote to occur by show of hands by Order or having voting members of Synod stand by Order.

Where the counting of votes for motion is not done by voice.

Voting by Division

~~59-64.~~ Any member may, before the President has declared a result, demand a division. If a division is demanded then all non-voting members of Synod and those who wish to abstain will be asked to leave the Synod hall. The doors will then be closed and no member permitted to enter or to leave the Synod hall until after voting has finished. Ballot boxes must be used.

~~60-65.~~ The Diocesan Manager will prepare and distribute ballot papers.

~~61-66.~~ Different coloured paper will be used for the two Orders.

~~62-67.~~ The Diocesan Manager will be assisted in collecting and /or counting the votes by:

- (1) Two scrutineers appointed by the President who must be lay members of Synod and who will count the votes for the clergy; and
- (2) Two scrutineers appointed by the President who must be clergy members of Synod and who will count the votes for the laity.

~~63-68.~~ The scrutineers will report the result to the President who will then report the result to Synod.

~~64-69.~~ The names of those voting and how they cast their votes will be recorded in the Division Book but will not be recorded in the Minutes unless Synod so resolves.

~~65-70.~~ If there is an equality of votes in either order the question will be lost.

Part 4 - Elections

~~66-71.~~ At least two weeks prior to the first day of each session of Synod the elections to be held during the session will be advised to Synod

members in writing, with the times and dates for the closing of nominations and for the taking of ballots, if necessary.

~~67.~~72. Any member, provided they obtain the prior consent of the person concerned, may, on the form provided, nominate a person for election. The Nomination Paper will be in a form approved by Standing Committee.

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Part 6 – Virtual Synod

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Quorum

93. If at any time while Synod is in session attention is called to the state of the Synod, the President will count the number of members present by confirming the number signed in to the virtual conference.

Synod open to members only

94. The meetings of Synod virtually will be open to Synod members only.
95. Where members are gathered together to sign in through one virtual account they are to e-mail or otherwise contact the Diocesan Manager recording the names and orders of those present.

General Rules of Debate

96. Members will indicate they wish to speak using such function as the virtual meeting facility provides (e.g. a 'raise hand' function) and they will be called in the order in which that function is engaged.

Voting

97. Voting will take place through the voting function providing for by the virtual meeting facility and the President may declare a motion carried once a majority of members present have voted in favour.
98. Where Synod members are joining the virtual meeting facility through one account then they shall vote by advising the Diocesan Manager, through a private communication provided for by the virtual meeting facility, the number of members joining through that account and how they each voted.

Voting by Division

99. Any member may, before the President has declared a result, demand a division. If a division is demanded, then voting will take place by each member e-mailing their vote to the Diocesan Manager and recording in the e-mail their name and order.
100. The Diocesan Manager will count the votes assisted by the Chancellor and/or Vice Chancellor.
101. The Diocesan Manager will report the result to the President who will then report the result to Synod.

Elections

102. Every Nomination Paper will be e-mailed to the Diocesan Manager who will keep a record of all Nomination Papers in the order in which they are received and arrange for the list of nominees to be placed on the Diocesan website.
103. If the nominations exceed the number required then Synod will proceed to ballot. Voting will take place by each member e-mailing to the Diocesan Manager the names of those they wish to vote for by position and recording in the e-mail their name and order. The details of how people voted will kept confidential by those counting the votes and the e-mails recording votes will be destroyed as soon as the result is announced.

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The Standing Orders of Synod after the amendments.

Standing Orders of The Synod of the Diocese of Christchurch Statute 2021

Part 1 – General

Length of Synod

1. Each Synod lasts three (3) years. The twenty-ninth Synod of the Diocese of Christchurch commenced with the election of Lay members of Synod in 1943.

Place of meeting

2. The members of Synod will meet for discussion but any member may move, without notice, that the order to which that member belongs withdraws to a separate chamber to deliberate on any matter specified in the motion and that order will withdraw if:
 - (1) The motion is seconded by another member of the same order; and
 - (2) the motion is carried having being put to the members of that order alone.
3. During any withdrawal allowed for under Standing Order 2 the Synod will be adjourned.

President

4. The Bishop, or any person who is a member of Synod nominated by the Bishop, will preside.

Quorum

5. The quorum for Synod will be:
 - (1) The Bishop of the Diocese or, in the absence of the Bishop, by the Vicar-General; and
 - (2) One quarter (1/4) of the Clergy of the Diocese qualified to vote at the Synod; and
 - (3) One quarter (1/4) of the lay members of the Synod qualified to vote at the Synod.
6. If there is no quorum present thirty (30) minutes after the time appointed for Synod to meet the President will adjourn Synod until the day or hour appointed for the next meeting of Synod.
7. If at any time while Synod is in session attention is called to the state of the Synod, the President will count the number of members present and if no quorum is present the President will ring a bell and if within five minutes no quorum is present the President will adjourn Synod until the time appointed for the next meeting of Synod.

Synod open to the public

8. The meetings of Synod will be open to the public but at any stage any member may move without notice that non-members of Synod withdraw and that motion, if seconded, will be put immediately and without debate.

Documents in advance

9. At least nine (9) weeks before the opening Session of Synod, or one (1) week before the first pre-synod meeting held prior to that Session, (whichever is the later in time) the Diocesan Manager will ensure that a copy of the following is forwarded to all members of Synod:
 - (1) All reports and statements of accounts to be presented to Synod; and
 - (2) Any motion or Bill, including the name and contact details of the mover and seconder, which is to be presented to Synod.

Attendance book, minutes and hours of Synod

10. An attendance record will be maintained by the Diocesan Manager, and each member of Synod has a duty to record in the form prescribed by the Diocesan Manager their name at each day's meeting of the Synod at which the member is present.
11. Standing Committee is responsible for:
 - (1) Appointing before each Synod:
 - (a) A Minutes Secretary to keep minutes of all the proceedings of Synod; and
 - (b) A Minutes Committee comprising two (2) ordained ministers and two (2) lay members of Synod.
 - (2) Setting the hours of Synod.
12. The minutes of each day's sitting will be submitted by the Minutes Secretary to the Minutes Committee and once approved by that Committee the minutes will be submitted to the President for confirmation by the Synod.

Part 2 – Order of Business

Proceedings of Synod

13. The proceedings of Synod will include:
 - (1) prayers;
 - (2) notices of questions to be asked of the President or of any member of Synod;
 - (3) notices of Motions to be considered by Synod;
 - (4) answers to questions may be read;
 - (5) consideration of Bills:

- (6) consideration of the Accounts of Standing Committee;
 - (7) consideration of the Report of Standing Committee and related motions;
 - (8) adoption of the General Budget;
 - (9) reports of any other body or person Standing Committee may wish Synod to hear from;
 - (10) motions; and
 - (11) elections.
- 14. It will be in order for the President of Synod to allow in the proceedings for Synod to break into groups to discuss but not decide on any matters.
 - 15. The order of proceedings of Synod may be altered at any time by resolution of Synod.
 - 16. At any stage proceedings may be interrupted by an Order of the Day, and after any such Order of the Day has been disposed of any suspended debate will be resumed and Synod proceed with its business in accordance with the order.
 - 17. The President, in consultation with the Diocesan Manager, will decide the order in which motions and Bills will be considered by Synod and may alter the order at any time as the President thinks fit provided that any motion or Bill brought forward by Standing Committee will be given priority.

Procedure for proposing motions

- 18. Synod may consider any motion that is proposed and seconded by any two members of Synod provided that:
 - (1) Written notice of the motion, including the name and contact detail of the mover and seconder, is given to the Diocesan Manager no later than three (3) months before the first day of a new session of Synod; or
 - (2) If the motion arises from the reports and materials circulated prior to Synod and it has been discussed and endorsed by a pre-Synod meeting or the Diocesan Youth Forum written notice, including the name and contact details of the mover and seconder, is given to the Diocesan Manager no later than one (1) month before the first day of a new session of Synod; or
 - (3) If the motion arises from the business of the current session of Synod, or from public questions of the day, it may be considered by Synod if it agrees to accept notice of the motion.
- 19. Synod may consider any motion that is put forward to it by resolution of Standing Committee provided that written notice of the motion is given to the Diocesan Manager no later than one (1) month before the first day of a new session of Synod.

20. Synod may not consider again in the same session any motion or notice that has been disposed of by Synod.
21. Any motion proposed by the President will be considered without the need for it to be seconded.
22. Synod may resolve that any motion on any subject will pass through the stages set out at Standing Order 25 (in which case, the word "Bill" shall be read as "motion").

Procedure for proposing Bills

23. Synod may consider any Bill that is proposed and seconded by any two members of Synod provided that written notice of the Bill, including the name and contact details of the mover and seconder, is given to the Diocesan Manager no later than three (3) months before the first day of a new session of Synod.
24. Synod may consider any Bill that is put forward to it by resolution of Standing Committee provided that written notice of the motion is given to the Diocesan Manager no later than one (1) month before the first day of a new session of Synod.
25. In the absence of any resolution to the contrary, any Bill will be considered by Synod and voted on in three (3) stages which may occur at any time during proceedings; except that whenever a session of Synod lasts more than one day, a Bill may not be confirmed until the day following its consideration in detail. The stages are:
 - (1) Introduction – Synod will consider the principle of the Bill and vote on whether Synod approves of the principle and wishes to consider the Bill in detail. No amendments may be offered at this stage;
 - (2) Detail – Synod will consider the Bill in detail with amendments to the Bill able to be offered. Synod will vote on each amendment and once no more amendments are offered; and
 - (3) Confirmation – Synod will consider the principle of the Bill (as amended) and vote on whether or not to pass the Bill. No amendments may be offered at this stage.
26. On the passing of a motion without notice, consideration of a Bill may revert to stage 2 (consideration in detail) prior to its confirmation.
27. On the passing of a motion without notice by a 75% majority during the Introduction stage of a Bill, Synod may choose to consider, amend, and vote on a Bill in a single reading, instead of using the stages set out in Standing Order 25.
28. When a Bill is to amend any particular clause or clauses of an existing Act it will not be in order to introduce any matter affecting any other clause or clauses in the Act, except as the President rules to be an amendment required as a result of the amendment before Synod.

The Resolutions Committee

29. At least three (3) months before the first day of any session of Synod the Standing Committee may appoint a Resolutions Committee which will consist of:
 - (1) the Diocesan Manager;
 - (2) the Chancellor;
 - (3) the Vice Chancellor (if any);
 - (4) two (2) ordained ministers; and
 - (5) two (2) lay members of Synod.
30. All motions and Bills will be given to the Resolutions Committee for consideration before they are considered by Synod.
31. The Resolutions Committee will consider the motion or Bill and the following will apply:
 - (1) The Resolutions Committee may approve of the form of motion or Bill or may suggest alterations to it;
 - (2) If the member proposing the motion or Bill does not approve of the suggested changes the motion or Bill will be put to Synod in its original form, but the Resolutions Committee has the right to put below the motion or Bill the alteration suggested and the reasons for it;
 - (3) If the member proposing the motion or Bill approves of the suggested changes the motion or Bill will be put to Synod as altered; and
 - (4) If the Resolutions Committee considers that any motion or Bill is out of order for any reason and the proposer declines to alter it to make it in order the motion or Bill will not be put.
32. The Resolutions Committee may require that the mover of a Bill or Motion prepare an explanatory paper, which should be no more than 500 words, summarising the policy objectives of the Bill or Motion. The explanatory paper will then be circulated to members of Synod prior to any session.

Part 3 – Rules of Debate

General Rules of Debate

33. Every member when speaking will address the President and may speak in any of the official languages used in Aotearoa, New Zealand or the Diocese of Polynesia.
34. All questions of order will be decided by the President.
35. If two members rise at the same time, the member who is called upon by the President will have precedence.

36. Except as allowed for in Standing Order 37, speeches at any point must not exceed:
 - (1) Seven (7) minutes for the proposer of a Motion or Bill when moving the Motion or Bill;
 - (2) Five (5) minutes for the seconder of a Motion or Bill;
 - (3) Three (3) minutes for any other person; and
 - (4) Three (3) minutes for the proposer of a Motion or Bill when speaking in reply.
37. An extension of time of up to two (2) minutes may be given by leave of a majority of the members of Synod present, except that a speaker may not be granted more than two (2) extensions of time for any one speech.
38. The President may at any time take part in the deliberations of Synod without leaving the Chair.
39. It is the duty of the President to confine each speaker to the subject-matter of the debate, and it will not be in order for any member to interrupt the speaker except through the medium of the President.
40. No member, except the President, may speak more than once on the same question except in personal explanation, but the proposer of any question not being an amendment will be allowed a right of reply and the seconder may reserve his or her speech to any time during the debate.
41. When a Bill is being considered at the:
 - (1) Introduction stage a member may only speak once;
 - (2) Detail stage a member may speak to any amendment proposed; and
 - (3) Confirmation stage a member may only speak once.
42. Synod will pass to the next business if a motion is carried to that effect; such motion to be proposed and seconded by members of Synod and voted on without debate.
43. A motion to adjourn Synod or debate may be proposed at any time, provided that no member may be interrupted when speaking, and if seconded the adjournment motion is to be voted on without debate.
44. Any member of Synod may during a debate on any matter move without notice "That the motion now be put" which motion, if seconded, will be immediately put without debate and if carried the proposer of the matter under debate will be called upon to exercise their right of reply after which the matter under debate will be put without further discussion.

Amendments to motions and Bills

45. No amendment, not being a minor correction, may be put from the Chair until copies of the amendment have been handed to the President and secretary.
46. Any amendment proposed which is a minor correction may stand as part of the wording of the motion or Bill without vote if the amendment is accepted by the mover of the motion or Bill as a friendly amendment.
47. If an amendment replaces the original motion or Bill or is to replace certain words of the original motion or Bill it must be moved and the question put as follows: "That all the words after the word [that or previous remaining word of the motion or Bill] be replaced by [the words of the amendment]".
48. When the amendment is to delete certain words it must be moved and the question put as follows: "That the following words be deleted [words to be deleted]".
49. When the amendment is to insert certain words it must be moved and the question put as follows: "That the following words be inserted [words to be inserted and where they are to be inserted]".
50. No amendment of an amendment is in order until the original amendment has become the substantive motion, but, when an amendment is being considered by Synod it is in order for any member to read a second or other amendment to Synod but such amendment will not be moved or debated until the first amendment has been put and dealt with.
51. No member who has already spoken to the motion before Synod may move or second an amendment to it, nor may a member who has moved or seconded an amendment move or second a further amendment to the same motion.
52. When a Bill or motion is being considered in the Detail stage a member may move more than one amendment to that Bill.
53. When an amendment is being considered by Synod the debate will be confined to the amendment and any member may speak once to an amendment before Synod and doing so will not affect:
 - (1) their right to speak later to the main motion whether it be amended or not; or
 - (2) the right of reply to the debate on the main motion by the mover of the main motion.
54. Any amendment containing more than one proposition will be divided on the request of any member of Synod and each proposition will be put separately and all that have been carried will be put as an entire motion.
55. Formal correction of Statutes and Resolutions may be made by the Diocesan Manager with the approval of the President. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, this includes correction of corresponding clause references arising from amendments.

Conference

56. At any stage Synod may resolve to go into Conference to consider a matter.
57. While in Conference the General Rules of Debate will be suspended and the following will apply:
 - (1) Speakers will be limited to three (3) minutes although extensions may be granted at the discretion of the President;
 - (2) Members may speak more than once to a matter and may ask questions of speakers provided that each speech and question is unique and relevant; and
 - (3) All questions of order will be determined by the President.

For the avoidance of doubt, the suspension of the General Rules of Debate while Synod is in Conference does not suspend the application of other standing orders.

Committee

58. At any stage Synod may resolve to go into Committee to consider a matter.
59. While in Committee all non-members of Synod must leave the hall and the discussion will be confidential to members.
60. When Synod resolves to go out of Committee, any resolutions adopted by Synod while in Committee will be communicated by the President to the minute-taker, so that the minutes can record any resolutions which were carried, and the names of the mover and seconder of any such resolutions.

Voting

61. Every act of the Synod must be assented to by the Bishop or, in the absence of the Bishop, by the Vicar-General, and by a majority of clergy and by a majority of lay members of Synod present and entitled to vote.
62. At the discretion of the President a motion may be declared carried after voting by voice or by show of hands or having voting members of Synod stand.
63. Any member may ask that the Synod vote by Order, any such vote to occur by show of hands by Order or having voting members of Synod stand by Order.

Where the counting of votes for motion is not done by voice,

Voting by Division

64. Any member may, before the President has declared a result, demand a division. If a division is demanded then all non-voting

members of Synod and those who wish to abstain will be asked to leave the Synod hall. The doors will then be closed and no member permitted to enter or to leave the Synod hall until after voting has finished. Ballot boxes must be used.

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66. Different coloured paper will be used for the two Orders.
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 - (1) Two scrutineers appointed by the President who must be lay members of Synod and who will count the votes for the clergy; and
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68. The scrutineers will report the result to the President who will then report the result to Synod.
69. The names of those voting and how they cast their votes will be recorded in the Division Book but will not be recorded in the Minutes unless Synod so resolves.
70. If there is an equality of votes in either order the question will be lost.

Part 4 - Elections

71. At least two weeks prior to the first day of each session of Synod the elections to be held during the session will be advised to Synod members in writing, with the times and dates for the closing of nominations and for the taking of ballots, if necessary.
72. Any member, provided they obtain the prior consent of the person concerned, may, on the form provided, nominate a person for election. The Nomination Paper will be in a form approved by Standing Committee.
73. Every Nomination Paper will be handed to the Diocesan Manager who will keep a record of all Nomination Papers in the order in which they are received and place a copy on a notice board in the Synod hall.
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83. The Diocesan Manager will report the result to the President who will then report the result to Synod.
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MOTION 14: **DMAP COMMISSION REPORT**

RECOMMENDATIONS OF STANDING COMMITTEE FOR STRUCTURES TO SUPPORT GROWTH

Preamble

In September 2021, the Christchurch Diocesan Synod approved the

adoption of the Diocesan Mission Action Plan (DMAP), and directed the Bishop, in conjunction with the Diocesan Manager, to action the vision of the DMAP.

The DMAP stated the following goal: Focusing our mission thinking in the *Missio Dei* helps us understand that churches who accept God's missionary call to proclaim our faith afresh in each generation will grow organically and easily (Mark 4:26- 29). Faithful participation in God's mission allows missional churches to:

1. grow in strength, as they trust the God who calls them (Ephesians 1:13-23)
2. grow in depth, bearing fruit as part of the true vine (John 15:1-11)
3. grow in breadth, to reflect the community they live within (Acts 10)

In particular, the DMAP directed the Standing Committee to undertake the following;

Under the heading 'Structure' on page 5 of the DMAP

- 12 Standing Committee will commission a study of a variety of organisational structures that will identify those that will better support the growth of ministry units and present the most suitable ones to Synod. This study should focus on freeing the spiritual leaders from any excessive administrative burdens of running parishes so they can engage wholeheartedly in the task of leading and equipping mission and ministry in their context. It should also investigate whether there would be benefits from better cooperation between ministry units, e.g., creating admin hubs across multiple parishes, adopting a hub and spoke model for ministry unit organisation. It should provide options that can be adopted within the wide range of ministry units within the diocese.
- 13 Standing Committee will commission a review of governance and management practices that will ascertain whether they reflect best practice for contemporary church life. The review will propose any amended statutes to Synod.
- 14 Standing Committee and CPT will be expected to develop policies that support new and appropriate ways of doing mission of the Diocese—alongside the existing Parish model— and be open to supporting creative initiatives e.g., missional communities, retreat houses, pilgrimage, etc.
- 15 When, in consultation with the Bishop and the Missional Leader (ML), parishes choose to close some aspects, or all, of their current ministry, the Bishop and ML will ensure there is care and support to the people, the clergy, and the staff of those parishes. (*ML is now the Archdeacon for Regenartion and Mission [ARM]*)

Under the heading 'Resources', page 5 of the DMAP

- 16 Standing Committee and CPT will support ministry units wanting to release resources held in property and buildings so they can be used to support better ways of doing mission and ministry. There will be no support for ministry units only wanting to use or sell these assets to maintain the status quo for a shrinking Parish.

- 17 A report will be prepared by ADMSC staff for Standing Committee annually outlining the financial health of each ministry unit, flagging where diminishing resources threaten future mission and ministry.

In 2022, Standing Committee commissioned Coglio Consulting to prepare a report intended to address 12 and 13 above. That report was received in November 2022. It contained much information which was known to the Diocese and some information which was only visible with 'outside' eyes. Twelve recommendations were made to Standing Committee at the end of the report. Some of the recommendations are challenging to our ways of thinking about the Diocese and Ministry Units. Broadly, they fall into three areas – Policy, Strategy, and Resourcing.

Standing Committee has considered the report's recommendations and has, in turn, produced the attached recommendations, with commentary. It is Standing Committee's view that the recommendations below reflect a practical implementation of both the Coglio report and the goals set out in the DMAP.

SUMMARY VIEW OF STANDING COMMITTEE

“As a Diocese we must face the reality of our situation. This reality is challenging and potentially overwhelming. The following recommendations, whether proposing policy changes, offering guidance or even compelling change, are intended to enable ministry units (MU) within the Diocese and the Diocese as a whole entity to embrace the challenge we face. As far as possible, Standing Committee is seeking to be constructive and helpful while facing, rather than avoiding, our challenging situation.

Further, rather than roll out a series of piecemeal changes through successive Synods, given the urgency of the situation, Standing Committee is being so bold as to place all its recommendations before Synod in one piece.”

RECOMMENDATIONS WITH COMMENTARY

	RECOMMENDATION	SUPPLEMENTARY COMMENTS	SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION
1	That the people of our Diocese be invited to a greater emphasis and dependance on God in prayer as we seek the renewal and regeneration of our Diocese.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We acknowledge that ‘Unless the Lord builds the house those who build it labour in vain.’ Psalm 127:1 It is the consistent witness of scripture and Christian practice through the ages that we should be ‘constant in prayer’ presenting our needs and the needs of the Diocese to God. 1 Thess. 5:16-17. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) That a Diocesan Day of Prayer be organized to focus our prayers on the regeneration of our Diocese ii) That a ‘Diocesan Prayer for Regeneration’ be composed and offered for use in the Diocese. iii) That a Prayer Community be set up consisting of those who have committed themselves to pray regularly for the regeneration of our Diocese.
2	An average donation of \$1,500-\$2,000/person/annum should be regarded as a target for a financially sustainable ministry unit structure.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is a way to assess the overall financial health of a ministry unit. It is acknowledged that this is an average figure and that in reality a small number of parishioners will give more than this and a larger number of parishioners will give less than this. This information could 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Adopt as a Diocesan Policy ii) This could be a desktop exercise which would inform the ministry and mission of individual MUs iii) This metric could be used as a means to assess the viability of MUs

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		be a helpful encouragement for MUs to assess their level of giving.	
3	To generate a minimum annual operating budget of \$280,000 a sustainable MU should target an attendance of over 150 financially contributing parishioners per week.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is acknowledged that rural MUs have a much smaller population base and so a commensurately lower expected attendance. Minimum staffing for a MU with this income would include at least a full time Vicar, Administrator and a Youth or Children and Family Worker. Taken together, Recommendation 2 and 3 describe a healthy future MU 	i) Adopt as Diocesan Policy ii) This policy should be described more fully in the Diocesan Handbook
4	Improve financial sustainability of MUs by targeting the following; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) 80% or more of total income coming from parishioner's financial giving ii) 80% or more of donations from parishioners on a regular giving plan iii) 25% or less of income going toward building costs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building costs would include full replacement insurance, rates and a provision of 3.5% of the capital value of the building for maintenance and depreciation. If we don't fund buildings realistically today, future generations will be 'saddled' with this cost Meeting the guidelines in column 1 will ensure the long-term viability of our MUs These guidelines apply to urban, suburban and rural MUs. 	i) Adopt as Diocesan Policy ii) Write paper about this for Vicars, Vestries, Wardens and Treasurers. iii) Assist particular MUs to undertake this desktop analysis and publish this information throughout the Diocese along with a calculating tool.
5	To support greater accountability and better governance, MUs should assess how they are using the resources they have available using a tool such as the Social Dividend Model	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This enables MUs to gain insight into the true cost of ministry – in both volunteer time and cost of buildings. 	i) Adopt as Diocesan Policy ii) Write paper about this for Vicars, Vestries, Wardens and Treasurers. iii) Develop an Assessment Tool to assist MUs iv) The Diocese would need the support of (e.g.) Justin Stevenson to enable this

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6	Establish a governance approach, both in ministry units and in the Diocese that acknowledges challenges and possibilities for buildings: for example, the challenge that buildings are better viewed as a useful liability rather than an asset; the possibility that a building retained helps a younger generation to inherit the faith.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The importance of endowments for building maintenance as well as the difficulty MUs face setting aside 3.5% PA of the capital value of buildings for long term maintenance is acknowledged. • This recommendation also relates to 3 above. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Adopt as Diocesan Policy ii) Write paper about this for Vicars, Vestries, Wardens and Treasurers. iii) Develop an Assessment Tool to assist
7	<p><u>Acknowledge</u> that through the next decade, the number of current MUs will reduce as MUs choose to merge with other MUs or to be dissolved. <u>Commission</u> a planning group to determine whether to recommend to Synod 2024 that this reduction should be hastened through the adoption of a strategic plan for such reduction. Each proposal for a new MU would only proceed if, in the judgement of the Bishop and Standing Committee, it was sustainable in the context of the DMAP and the changes envisaged in these recommendations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The principle behind this recommendation is to guide a 'retrenchment' to a position of strength so that new missional initiatives could then be considered. • The intention would be that each of the remaining MUs would meet the criteria in Recommendations 2, 3 and 4. • If agreed at Synod 2023, the planning group would be tasked with undertaking research and developing a proposal. • Decisions would be made with full information at Synod 2024. • The proposal would be based on having a full time Vicar in each existing or reconstituted MU. • Staffing of new pioneer missional initiatives would • be determined on a case by case basis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) If agreed, Synod establishes: ii) A Strategic Planning Group (SPG) iii) SPG should consist of the Bishop, Archdeacon for Regeneration and Mission (ARM) and at least two other Synod members iv) The Bishop, ARM and local Vicars must initiate the planting and grafting of new congregations to enable the ongoing regeneration, vitality and growth of the Diocese
8	A greater proportion of vicar, priest- in-charge and volunteer time should be proactively allocated to church development, growth and community outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The basis of this recommendation is the importance of the reorientation of MUs from maintenance to mission • This recommendation will 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Training required from ARM, Post Ordination Training (POT), etc ii) MUs encouraged to undertake Mission Action Planning

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		<p>only be achieved through Mission Action Planning and for Vicars to reprioritise their time and effort from maintenance to mission.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The development of lay ministry teams is essential for this to happen• It is acknowledged that Vicars or Priests-in-Charge who are in a less than full time role would find this difficult hence the importance of Recommendations 2, 3 and 4.	process
9	Improve administration by focusing on enhanced formal and informal sharing of knowledge and processes across MUs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improved administration would include well aligned purpose, effective governance culture, effective compliance and increase accountability.• Currently our MUs are too ‘siloed’ – we need to learn off each other.• Where there are benefits, MUs are encouraged to collaborate with other MUs.• There is a need to identify the knowledge and processes that are envisioned	i) The Diocesan Manager to lead in-depth study of improving MU admin
10	<p>Diocese level services should be provided by the Anglican Centre when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i) They require specialist expertiseii) There is sufficient professional capabilityiii) They are genuinely cost effective compared to external providersiv) They reduce burden of responsibility for MU officers and employees <p>Some of these services, such as accounting service and legal advice may come as an</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Desired here are strengthened relationships between MUs and the Diocese/Anglican Centre, a stronger sense of collaboration and teamwork between MUs, and between MUs and Diocese, and appreciation of the value of contributing to costs of Diocese via Quota.• Please find below examples of services that could be provided;<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Payroll• Accounting	i) The Diocesan Manager to document and publicise

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	additional cost to the MUs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IT • Archiving • Financial and investment • Land and buildings • Insurance • Website and digital comms advice • Health and Safety • HR and legal advice • Bulk purchasing • Police Checking • Youth and YA ministry • Children's ministry • Missional 	
II	More clearly articulate, in tangible language, the value of being Anglican and belonging to the Diocese as a whole.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Diocese needs to position itself as a sympathetic, trustworthy and reliable guide able to support the spiritual journey of enquirers. • There needs to be appropriate celebration of being Anglican 	i) The Diocese undertakes this exercise with the Comms Officer ii) Training required for clergy from the ARM, POT, Clergy Conference etc.
IIa	Enable MUs to more clearly articulate the value and benefit they offer the community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There must be an overall emphasis on living out and articulating the gospel of Christ which is our primary calling • Among other benefits, MUs should position themselves as sympathetic, trustworthy, reliable guides able to support the spiritual growth of enquirers. • MUs need to develop communications strategies that are positive, clearly articulating the value offered and offering multiple calls to action. 	i) A MU communications auditing tool needs to be developed to help our MUs become aware of how they are doing in becoming known as places of spiritual depth and vitality, clearly living out and declaring the love of God in Jesus Christ. This would be more narrowly focused than a Mission Impact Review. ii) Provide advice and templates to MUs including brochures, websites, social media posts etc iii) Alpha needs to be promoted and used regularly in our MUs
12	Initiatives and policies should	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diocesan communications 	i) The Bishop and Dio

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	help parishioners throughout the Diocese think of themselves as being part of an energised, coherent, well-led, well-resourced family of churches.	<p>need to promote, among other things, the value of being Anglican and undertaking and resourcing mission together.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This recommendation has to do with our culture as an Anglican Diocese. It will take time to re-shape this. 	<p>staff are to be trained in how to do this more effectively.</p> <p>ii) The Diocese itself undertakes this exercise with the Comms Officer</p> <p>iii) Training required for clergy from the ARM, POT, Clergy Conference etc.</p>
13	Undertake further investigation into particular MUs to confirm the gaps that could be limiting their potential for growth and thriving.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential MUs could include those in which rapid development of new housing is taking place. • Some of these MUs need support to improve their buildings which are currently limiting growth. • Other MUs that are experiencing growth may need more leadership support to ensure growth is maintained. 	<p>i) The ARM spearhead this initiative.</p> <p>ii) CPT to support land and building requirements.</p>

That this Synod:

1. Acknowledges with gratitude the work of Standing Committee in setting up a small commission to assist Standing Committee with its response to the DMAP;
2. accepts the recommendations made by Standing Committee in the light of the commissioners' work and their suggestions for implementation, and delegates to the Bishop and to Standing Committee, acting as Synod out of session, to prepare and promulgate any policies, procedures, regulations, and guidelines that will assist with the implementation of these recommendations."

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MOTION 15: **ANGLICAN CARE RESTRUCTURE**

That Synod affirms that Standing Committee is authorised to support the Social Service Council of the Diocese of Christchurch – Anglican Care – as they investigate options to move from their current structure, (that is defined by an Act of Parliament), to a Charitable Trust or another simpler Structure.

At the same time Synod affirms that Standing Committee also support Anglican Care as they investigate whether there is a more appropriate name that represents who they are and what they do, so that those with whom Anglican Care (and especially the City Mission) have dealings, can identify more readily with the organisation.

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GSTHW STATUTES FOR ASSENT

MOTION 16: ASSENT OF GSTHW STATUTE 763 THE CALENDAR TE MARAMATAKA AMENDMENT STATUTE, 2022

That this Synod grants its assent to GSTHW Statute 763.

Moved: Ven Nick Mountfort nick.mountfort@gmail.com

Seconded: Rev'd Lucy Flatt franklylucy@gmail.com

Statute 763 The Calendar Te Maramataka Amendment Statute, 2022

Whereas:

(a) The General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui by Statute 438 in 1988 confirmed the adoption of The Calendar Te Maramataka as a Formulary, and

(b) This formulary has been variously amended by the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui since that date, and

(c) This formulary requires further updating to incorporate consequential changes agreed by General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui, and

(d) The Common Life Liturgical Commission wishes to make provision for consistency between the formulary and the developed practice of the Lectionary.

The General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui enacts as follows:

1. Title: The title of this Statute shall be *The Calendar Te Maramataka Amendment Statute, 2022*.

2. Purpose: To update and amend The Calendar Te Maramataka.

3. The Calendar Te Maramataka is amended as follows:

3.1 On pp 4-6:

(a) page 4 line 19, change (Second Sunday to the Sixth Sunday of Epiphany)* to (Second Sunday to the Fourth Sunday of Epiphany)*

(b) page 6 – replace current text with:

line 1 Heading: **Sundays in Ordinary Time**

line 2: Sundays after the Presentation till Lent*

line 3: Trinity Sunday: First Sunday after Pentecost

line 4: Te Pouhere Sunday: Second Sunday after Pentecost

line 5: Sundays after Te Pouhere Sunday till Advent*

line 6: Sunday before Advent - 34th Sunday in ordinary time

line 7: *The number of Sundays after Epiphany or Pentecost depends upon the date of Easter.

line 8: See Table on pages 940-941.

3.2 On page 8, change to

line 8: St Matthias the Apostle, 14 May

and make the consequential amendments to page 15 and 18, and to the Standing Resolutions Appendix B 'Notes on the Calendar'.

3.3 On page 15, remove from 24 '**St Matthias the Apostle**'

On page 18, insert at 14 following Ngakuku, Missionary in Mataatua, '**St Matthias the Apostle**'

In Appendix B 'Notes on the Calendar' delete '24 February, or' from St Matthias the Apostle / Matiaha Tapu, te Apotoro (24 February, or 14 May) and appropriately reorder St Matthias in the list of Festivals.

4. Clause 3 of this Statute is the adoption of a specific proposal in terms of Part B, Clause 6(a) of the Constitution/ te Pouhere, and Section 4(a) of the Church of England Empowering Act 1928, and shall be made known to Te Rūnanganui o Te Pīhopatanga o Aotearoa, the Synod of the Diocese of Polynesia, and the several Diocesan Synods in New Zealand.

We certify that this Statute was passed by the General Synod/ te Hīnota Whānui on 28 October 2022. As witnessed by our hands 13 February 2023.

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*D Tamihere
Primate and Archbishop*

MOTION 17: ASSENT OF GSTHW STATUTE 766 THE LITURGIES OF THE EUCHARIST AMENDMENT STATUTE, 2022

That this Synod grants its assent to GSTHW Statute 766

Moved: Ven Nick Mountfort nick.mountfort@gmail.com

Seconded: Rev'd Lucy Flatt franklylucy@gmail.com

Statute 766 The Liturgies of the Eucharist Amendment Statute, 2022

Whereas:

- (a) The General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui by Statute 457 in 1988 confirmed the adoption of The Liturgies of the Eucharist as a Formulary, and
- (b) This included the Seasonal Sentences, Prayers, and Blessings on pages 525 to 545 of A New Zealand Prayer Book – He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa, and
- (c) With the adoption in 2010 of a Schema rearranging for the 3-year lectionary the Sentences, Prayers and Readings for the Churches Year on pages 550-723, it is noted that certain prayers do not appear in the Schema, and so
- (d) The Common Life Liturgical Commission wishes to move the Prayers after Communion for All Saints' Day, previously on pages 671 and 672 of A New Zealand Prayer Book – He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa to a new page following page 543, in the section entitled 'Seasonal Sentences, Prayers, and Blessings for use after Communion', and
- (e) To regularise the season headings in this section with the removal of some words, and noting
- (f) A 2020 version of this Bill was introduced to the GSTHW 2020 and deferred.

The General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui enacts as follows:

1. Title: The title of this Statute shall be *The Liturgies of the Eucharist Amendment Statute, 2022*.

2. Purpose: To allow for the Prayers after Communion for All Saints' Day to be included in The Liturgies of the Eucharist, and to regularise season headings.

3. The Liturgies of the Eucharist are amended as follows:

at the appropriate place on a new page 543a, the words

All Saints' Day
1 November
Prayer after Communion

God,
we give you praise and glory
for all your saints,
who have followed the way of Christ
in the power of the Holy Spirit.
May we learn from their example and rejoice in your call to us
to bring your kingdom to all.

We praise and thank you Holy Spirit of God,
for the men and women you have called to be saints;
from your first fallible, frightened friends
who followed you to Jerusalem,
through the centuries of discovery and growth,
people of every class and temperament
down to the present day.

We praise you, Holy Spirit, for calling us
to serve you now,
for baptising us to represent you
in this broken world.
Help us to be Christ's united body to heal and reconcile;
help us to share Christ's life with everyone.

Lord of hosts,
we praise your glory reflected in your saints;
may we who share at this table be filled with the joy of your eternal kingdom,
where Jesus is Lord
now and for ever.

are inserted, and to delete the word 'The' from the title 'The Season of Easter' on
page 536, and from the title "The Day of Pentecost" on page 541.

4. Clause 3 of this Statute is the adoption of a specific proposal in terms of Part B,
Clause 6(a) of the Constitution/ te Pouhere, and Section 4(a) of the Church of
England Empowering Act 1928, and shall be made known to Te Rūnanganui o Te
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MOTION 18: ASSENT OF GSTHW STATUTE 767 THE LITURGIES OF THE WORD AMENDMENT STATUTE, 2022

That this Synod grants its assent to GSTHW Statute 767

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Seconded: Rev'd Lucy Flatt franklylucy@gmail.com

Statute 767 The Liturgies of the Word Amendment Statute, 2022

Whereas:

(a) The General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui by Statute 453 in 1988 confirmed the adoption of The Liturgies of the Word as a Formulary, and

(b) This included words for the Gloria to be said at the end of a Psalm, on page 55-56 of A New Zealand Prayer Book – He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa, and

(c) The Common Life Liturgical Commission wishes to add to these liturgies additional alternatives for the Gloria sourced from *Celebrating Common Prayer* and the *Order of Saint Helena Breviary*, and noting

(d) A 2020 version of this Bill was introduced to the GSTHW 2020 and deferred.

The General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui enacts as follows:

1. Title: The title of this Statute shall be *The Liturgies of the Word Amendment Statute, 2022*.

2. Purpose: To allow for alternative words for the Gloria to be added to The Liturgies of the Word.

3. The Liturgies of the Word are amended as follows:

at the appropriate place on page 56, following the words

ā, haere ake nei. Āmine.

the words

Or

Glory to God, Source of all being, Eternal Word, and Holy Spirit,* as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.

Or

Glory to God, Source of all being, Incarnate Word, and Holy Spirit,* as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Or

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Or

Glory to the Trinity, the only God, for ever and ever.

are inserted.

4. Clause 3 of this Statute is the adoption of a specific proposal in terms of Part B, Clause 6(a) of the Constitution/ te Pouhere, and Section 4(a) of the Church of England Empowering Act 1928, and shall be made known to Te Rūnanganui o Te Pīhopatanga o Aotearoa, the Synod of the Diocese of Polynesia, and the several Diocesan Synods in New Zealand.

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Late Motion

MOTION 19: **WAIMATE DISTRICT COOPERATING VENTURE**

Preamble

In 2012 Synod resolved to establish the Waimate District Cooperating Venture (WDCV) between the Anglican and Presbyterian churches and covering the area included in the St Andrews Cooperating Parish, the Waimate Parish, and the Waihao Cooperating Parish.

The respective churches have now requested that the WDCV be dissolved.

When the WDCV was established none of the associated parishes were dissolved, therefore when the WDCV is dissolved there will be the need to determine the new mission and ministry arrangements for the district covered by the WDCV and the manner in which the assets of the three parishes listed above are to be allocated and used going forward.

It should be further noted that:

- a. between 2011 and 2012/13 the accounts of the three parishes were merged.
- b. the Co-operating Venture was registered with Charity Services on 8 October 2012.
- c. Waihao Cooperating Parish was deregistered on 23 September 2013.
- d. St Andrew's Cooperating Parish was deregistered 7 April 2013.
- e. there is no reference to Waimate Parish on the Charities Register, but that might be because that prior to 2016 none of our parishes were registered charities.

Consequently, upon dissolution of the WDCV the three parishes will not be registered charities and therefore any surplus funds exceeding \$1,000 will be subject to tax. It will therefore be necessary to register, as soon as possible, the proposed temporary Mission District as a registered charity, along with the setting up the necessary bank accounts, independent of the relationship with any parish in Timaru.

Motion

Standing Committee shall be, and is hereby authorised, from and including the date on which the Waimate District Cooperating Venture ("WDCV") is dissolved, to:

- a. **create a temporary Mission District in respect of the area in which the WDCV provided ministry and mission before its dissolution("District")**
- b. **Consult and make such arrangements with the parishes in Timaru and in the District it considers appropriate to:**
 - I. **Ensure continuity of ministry and mission in the District immediately following the dissolution of the WDCV, and**

- II. **Prepare and present to the Synod on 6th or 7th September 2024 a proposal for providing ministry and mission in the District in accordance with the Mission and Ministry Unit Amalgamation Statute 2016.**

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