

Tikanga Pākehā Conference (TPC)

TPC brings together members from each of the seven New Zealand Dioceses: Auckland, Waikato & Taranaki, Waiapu, Wellington, Nelson, Christchurch and Dunedin. Together our NZ dioceses make up 'Tikanga Pākehā', one of the strands of the Anglican Church in the Province of Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia. Refer to the TPC website for information about our mission and purpose!

TPC MEMBERSHIP

TPC members of each Diocese are usually also [General Synod/Te Hīnota Whānui \(GSTHW\)](#) members, serving for the same term (elected at Diocesan Synods). Dioceses determine their own membership. It is often helpful for members to have a reasonable knowledge of both the diocese and wider church. Dioceses often give consideration to a balance of gender, age, experience and skills amongst their members.

More information about TPC is available on the [TPC Website](http://tpanglican.nz) tpanglican.nz

TPC MEETINGS

ORDINARY MEETING: Every two years, often held immediately prior to GSTHW.

SPECIAL MEETING: Held in the alternate (off) year; next one in 2027.

The next GSTHW will take place in August 2026 (dates to be confirmed); likely at least 6-7 days including TPC prior.

DIOCESAN MEMBERS ON TP BODIES, FROM GSTHW/TPC MEMBERSHIP

TPCCG (TP Conference Coordinating Group)	GSSC (General Synod Standing Committee)
Tikanga Pākehā body. Administration provided by the Tikanga Pākehā Conference Administrator.	Three-Tikanga (operates as GSTHW when out of session). Administration provided by the General Synod Office.
One member from each Diocese serves on this group, with the Senior Bishop Tikanga Pākehā as Convenor. Membership aligns with TPC membership (i.e. 2 years from 1 Jan 2026). Members of TPCCG can also be nominated to serve on GSSC.	At least two names requested from each diocese for TPC consideration. The Nominations Committee considers balance (gender, clergy/laity, age, experience). Seven members are confirmed from Tikanga Pākehā (one from each diocese), plus one youth rep.
Responsible for the planning and coordinating of TPC, oversight of national TP employees, TPC finances etc.	Information about the skill-set required can be provided by the General Secretary.
Meetings: At least one in-person meeting a year, 4-5 zooms, plus small working group commitments.	GSSC meets three times per year for 2 days (in-person). Membership continues to next GSTHW.

LOGISTICS

TPC provides flights and destination shuttle for TPC and subsidiary group meetings organised through the TPC Administrator (including TPCCG).

The General Synod Office (GSO) provides communications and logistics (travel, accommodation) for meetings of GSSC and GSTHW.

