

SYNOD HISTORY – ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH (2022–2025) – *The last five Synod’s at a glance*

Synod / Year	Item	Summary	Status
2025 (56th # 3)	Motion 10 – Anglican Missions Target	Set a \$160,000 diocesan contribution target for 2026 Anglican Missions.	Actioned
	Motion 11 – Anglican Care Transition	Approved transition of Anglican Care to a charitable trust model, with Standing Committee oversight.	In progress
	Motion 12 – Clergy Wellbeing Working Group	Established working group to review clergy wellbeing and report to Synod 2026.	Actioned
	Motion 13 – Investigation into Use of Funds	Requested exploration of how diocesan funds may better support mission & growth.	Defeated
	Motion 14 – Cathedral Motion	Noted Cathedral update and endorsed revised scope toward Nave reinstatement.	Actioned
	Motion 15 – Prayer in the Diocese	Directed strengthening of diocesan prayer through resourcing and formation.	Actioned
	Motion 16 – Gaza Statements	Endorsed ecumenical statements on Gaza and encouraged prayer and advocacy.	Actioned
	Motion 17 – Cave Rock Mast	Requested engagement with Christchurch City Council regarding mast redesign.	Actioned
	Bill 1 – Mission & Ministry Units Amendment	Enabled delegated establishment/dissolution of ministry units with reporting.	Passed
	Bill 2 – Diocesan Ministry Units Statute Amendment	Updated governance framework for ministry units and compliance requirements.	Passed
	Bill 3 – ADMSC Statute Amendment	Updated ADMSC governance and compliance provisions.	Passed
Bill 4 – Cathedral Chapter Statute Amendment	Modernised Cathedral governance and clarified Chapter powers.	Passed	
Bill 5 – Sister Eveleen Retreat House Statute	Replaced 2009 statute with updated Charities Act–aligned governance.	Passed	
2024 (56th # 2)	Motion 10 – Anglican Missions Target	Set \$160,000 diocesan contribution target for 2025 Anglican Missions.	Actioned
	Motion 11 – Temuka & Te Ngawai Amalgamation	Amalgamated parishes into Anglican Parish of Temuka–Te Ngawai.	Implemented
	Motion 12 – DMAP Progression	Continued implementation of diocesan regeneration programme.	In progress

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	Motion 13 – Insurance Self-Review	Requested exploration of self-insurance options for diocesan property.	In progress
	Motion 14 – Access to Minutes	Enabled public access to Synod minutes after 10 years.	Passed
	Motion 15 – Rolleston Mission Unit	Establish Mission Unit and Missioner for Rolleston growth area.	Passed
	Motion 16 – Synod Year Definition	Defined Synod year as 1 June–31 May.	Passed
	Motion 17 – Disaster Insurance Planning	Directed development of insurance and resilience planning.	In progress
	Motion 18 – Akaroa–Banks Peninsula Church	Approved Anglican–Presbyterian joint church initiative.	Actioned
	Motion 19 – Statute 776 (Te Pouhere)	Assented to constitutional clarification amendments.	Actioned
	Motion 20 – Statute 777 (Liturgical Amendment)	Removed outdated baptismal rubric.	Actioned
	Motion 21 – Statute 778 (Prayer Book)	Updated sovereign prayer wording.	Actioned
	Motion 22 – Statute 779 (Bible Translations)	Approved additional Bible translations.	Actioned
	Motion 23 – Cathedral Construction Pause	Noted Cathedral works pause and requested reporting.	Actioned
	Motion 24 – Royal Commission Budget Line	Renamed budget lines to reflect restorative intent.	Actioned
	Bill 1 – Clergy Conditions of Appointment	Clarified annual leave provisions.	Passed
	Bill 2 – Licensed Lay Ministers Statute	Modernised lay ministry governance.	Passed
	Bill 3 – Schools & Youth Work Repeal	Repealed obsolete statute.	Passed
	Bill 4 – St Margaret’s College Board	Governance amendment defeated.	Defeated
	Bill 5 – Ministry Units Statute Amendment	Updated parish governance and voting rules.	Passed
2024 (56th #1)	Motion 2 – Cathedral Importance	Reaffirmed commitment to Cathedral reinstatement.	Actioned
	Motion 3 – Cathedral Funding Commitment	Approved up to \$20m diocesan funding (conditional).	Actioned

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	Motion 4 – Cathedral Scope Reduction	Supported potential Cathedral scope reduction.	Actioned
	Motion 5 – CPT Act Changes	Supported endowment flexibility legislation.	In progress
2023 (55th #3)	Motion 10 – Anglican Missions Target	Set \$200,000 diocesan contribution target for 2024.	Actioned
	Motion 11 – St John’s Latimer Square	Dissolved parish and transferred responsibilities to Cathedral.	Actioned
	Motion 12 – Regional Prayer Gatherings	Established diocesan prayer gatherings.	Actioned
	Motion 13 – Standing Orders Amendment	Updated Synod procedures including virtual provisions.	Passed
	Motion 14 – DMAP Commission	Delegated DMAP implementation to Standing Committee and Bishop.	In progress
	Motion 15 – Anglican Care Restructure	Supported exploration of structural simplification.	In progress
	Motion 16 – Calendar Amendment	Liturgical calendar updates approved.	Actioned
	Motion 17 – Eucharist Amendment	Eucharistic text amendments approved.	Actioned
	Motion 18 – Word Amendment	Added Gloria options in liturgy.	Actioned
	Motion 19 – Waimate VC	Established Mission District.	Actioned
	Bill 1 – Te Wai Pounamu Repeal	Repealed obsolete statute.	Passed
	Bill 2 – Cathedral Statute Amendment	Enabled executive canons for Cathedral governance.	Passed
2022 (55th #2)	Motion 10 – Ecological Role	Proposal for ecological role not carried.	Not carried
	Motion 11 – Hokitika/Ross/SW Amalgamation	Formed combined ministry unit.	Implemented
	Motion 12 – Prayer Book Review	Requested Prayer Book review.	Actioned
	Motion 13 – Abuse in Care Response	Adopted healing, lament, and safeguarding framework.	Actioned
	Motion 14 – Native Plants Policy	Encouraged native planting on diocesan land.	Actioned

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	Motion 15 – Anglican Missions Target	Set \$170,000 missions target for 2023.	Actioned
	Motion 16 – Biblical Literacy	Established biblical literacy initiative.	Actioned
	Bill 1 – Schools & Youth Work Repeal	Repealed obsolete statute.	Passed
	Bill 2 – Amalgamation Statute Amendment	Improved amalgamation processes.	Passed
	Bill 3 – ADMSC Amendment	Expanded expenditure provisions.	Passed
	Bill 4 – Clergy Conditions Amendment	Strengthened leave provisions.	Passed