

## THE JOINT COUNCIL FOR CHRISTIAN NURTURE AND YOUTH STATUTE 1997

**BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED** by the Bishops, Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Auckland in Synod assembled as follows:

- 1 The short title of this Statute shall be "**THE JOINT COUNCIL FOR CHRISTIAN NURTURE AND YOUTH STATUTE 1997**".
- 2 There is hereby established a Joint Council For Christian Nurture and Youth which Joint Council shall be a sector council in the structures and organisation of the Diocese of Auckland (called "the Joint Council").
  - 2.1 There shall be a division of the Joint Council responsible for Christian Nurture (which may be called "the Council for Christian Nurture").
  - 2.2 There shall be a division of the Joint Council responsible for Youth work (which may be called "the Youth Council").
  - 2.3 The divisions of the Joint Council shall co-operate with each other and work in partnership to further the fulfilment of their objectives and functions.
- 3 The objectives and functions of the Joint Council in relation to Christian Nurture shall be to assume responsibility for and offer programmes for mission and education and the encouragement and empowering of people in Christian faith and mission, biblical knowledge and understanding, spirituality and the Christian Life.
- 4 Out of a desire to seek and do God's will in creating opportunities for young people to develop faith and life in Christ, the objectives and functions of the Joint Council in relation to Youth shall be:
  - to enable and equip Christian youth leaders;
  - to deepen and widen the Church's understanding of and commitment to youth ministry;
  - to encourage and enable young people in their own ministries;
  - to assess and develop new initiatives and possibilities;
  - to be an advocate for young people;
  - to explore youth ministry opportunities within the wider community;
  - to affirm young people in their prophetic role within the life, witness and mission of the Church;
  - to support and encourage evangelism to and by young people;
  - to offer programmes and events to encourage young people in fellowship and in their relationship with Jesus Christ.
- 5 The Joint Council and each of its divisions is encouraged and authorised:
  - 5.1 To develop from time to time a Mission Statement that expresses and is consistent with the objectives and functions.
  - 5.2 To promote and encourage the achievement of the objectives amongst adults, children and young people in the Diocese.
  - 5.3 To work in co-operation and partnership with other agencies and workers in the Diocese and elsewhere in the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia, and with other Christian Churches and agencies.
  - 5.4 To undertake research and study in matters related to its objectives and functions.
  - 5.5 To publish materials relevant or relating to education, scholarship, teaching or research associated with its objectives and functions.
  - 5.6 To co-operate with the Diocesan Council and other sector councils in the Diocese.

- 5.7 To develop, promote, operate and conduct lectures, seminars, services, courses of study, camps, conferences and other events to further its objectives and functions.

#### **MEMBERSHIP OF THE JOINT COUNCIL**

- 6 The Joint Council shall consist of the ex officio members and the appointed members of each division.
- 6.1 Any appointed or employed field or other staff shall not have voting rights at meetings of the Joint Council or of a division.

#### **POWERS OF JOINT COUNCIL**

- 7 The Joint Council shall exercise such powers and authorities as are reasonably necessary and incidental to the achievements of its objectives and functions and those of each division thereof, with power to delegate to sub-committees or persons on such terms as it sees fit.
- 8 In addition, the Joint Council is empowered and authorised to:
- 8.1 develop and oversee policies and guidelines for the budgets for the Joint Council and for each of its divisions in co-operation with the division, and to make appropriate submissions to Diocesan Council;
- 8.2 appoint staff in consultation with the Diocesan Secretary, such power only to be exercised in consultation with the Bishop of Auckland for the time being and the Diocesan Council;
- 8.3 authorise and oversee the financial activities of the Joint Council and each of its divisions and the administration thereof;
- 8.4 establish policies and guidelines in relation to the appointment or employment of stipendiary or salaried staff and officers, and to set any general conditions or work descriptions;
- 8.5 appoint a Secretary, Treasurer and such other officers as it sees fit.
- 9 It is acknowledged that no monies may be borrowed, or lease or purchase of land, building, plant, equipment or other capital item entered into without the prior authorisation and approval of the Diocesan Council, which approval it shall not be bound to give or may be given conditionally in any event.
- 9.1 Proper books of account and financial records shall be kept and statements prepared annually as at the 31st of December each year, which shall be duly audited.
- 10 The Joint Council may establish its own procedures generally for the conduct of its meetings and dispatch of its business

#### **PROVIDED THAT**

- (a) at least seven (7) days notice of any meeting shall be given except in case of emergency and in that event only matters relating to the emergency may be dealt with;
- (b) at any meeting five (5) voting members personally present shall constitute a quorum;
- (c) a resolution in writing signed by or assented to by all the members shall be effective;
- (d) the Council may meet by teleconference or other communications link and a proper record thereof duly kept shall be the record of a meeting properly held;
- (e) the Convenor(s) of each division shall jointly act as Convenors of the Joint Council. In the absence of one or more Convenor(s) of a division, the remaining Convenor(s) present shall act as Convenor(s) of the Joint Council.
- (f) the Joint Council shall meet at least twice each year.

## **TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP, CASUAL VACANCIES, RE-APPOINTMENT**

- 11 A member shall be deemed to have resigned from the Joint Council if
- (a) they tender their resignation in writing to the Convenor of the Joint Council;
  - (b) they are absent without leave of the Joint Council from three (3) consecutive meetings of their division (including meetings of the Joint Council), or for more than six (6) months from the Diocese;
  - (c) they are convicted of some offence which in the opinion of the Joint Council is incompatible with continuing membership thereof;
  - (d) they suffer a mental disorder within the terms of the Mental Health (Compulsory Assessment and Treatment) Act.
- 12 Membership of a division shall be for a term of three years or such lesser term as is specified in the letter or document of appointment.
- 12.1 Any member shall be eligible for reappointment upon expiry of their preceding appointment and a former member may be reappointed.
- 12.2 In the event of a vacancy, the division may recommend a suitable person to fill such vacancy to the Diocesan Council.

## **REPORTS**

- 13 The Joint Council shall report annually to the Diocesan Synod and to the Diocesan Council by 31st March on its activities and those of each division, its financial condition and accounts and those of each division for the prior year, and shall include its plans and proposals for the next year and such other matters as it considers should be brought to the attention of the Diocesan Synod and/or Diocesan Council.

## **COUNCIL FOR CHRISTIAN NURTURE**

- 14 The division of the Joint Council responsible for Christian Nurture and Education, called the Council for Christian Nurture, shall consist of ex officio members and appointed members, not to exceed fifteen (15) persons in total.
- 14.1 The following persons shall be ex officio members thereof:
- (a) the Bishop of Auckland for the time being, or an alternative person appointed by the Bishop from time to time;
  - (b) the appointed or employed field staff of both divisions as authorised by the division concerned in each case;
  - (c) the Convenor of the Youth Council from time to time or the representative of such Council.
- 14.2 The following shall be appointed members thereof:
- (a) one member of the Diocesan Council appointed by it from amongst its members;
  - (b) one member of the Youth Council appointed by it from amongst its members;
  - (c) not less than eight persons appointed by the Diocesan Council on the nomination of the division.
- 15 The Council For Christian Nurture shall conduct its affairs in accord with policies and guidelines and budgets authorised and approved by the Joint Council and/or Diocesan Council.
- 16 The Council For Christian Nurture may generally establish its own procedures **PROVIDED THAT** it shall follow and be bound by the provisions of this Statute governing the procedures, powers,

authorities, membership and related matters, reporting, financial accounts and control, and responsibility as are applicable to the Joint Council mutatis mutandis.

#### **YOUTH COUNCIL**

- 17 The division of the Joint Council responsible for youth work, called the Youth Council, shall consist of ex officio members and appointed members, not to exceed fifteen (15) persons in total.
- 17.1 The following persons shall be ex officio members thereof:
- (a) the Bishop of Auckland for the time being, or an alternate person appointed by the Bishop from time to time;
  - (b) the appointed or employed field staff of each division as authorised by the division;
  - (c) the Convenor of the Council for Christian Nurture from time to time or the representative of such Council.
- 17.2 The following shall be appointed members thereof:
- (a) one member of the Diocesan Council appointed by it from amongst its members;
  - (b) one member of the Council for Christian Nurture appointed by it from amongst its members;
  - (c) not less than eight (8) persons appointed by the Diocesan Council on the nomination of the Joint Council or of the Youth Hui;
- 18 The Youth Council shall conduct its affairs in accord with policies and guidelines and budgets authorised and approved by the Joint Council and/or Diocesan Council.
- 19 The Youth Council may generally establish its own procedures **PROVIDED THAT** it shall follow and be bound by the provisions of this Statute governing the procedures, powers, authorities, membership and related matters, reporting, financial accounts and control and responsibility as are applicable to the Joint Council mutatis mutandis.
- 20 Any person who is a member of a youth group or engaged concerning or interested in a youth group or youth work with the consent of the Convenor or Chairperson of the Youth Council may attend and participate in the discussions of any meeting but may not vote.

#### **REPEALS AND MISCELLANEOUS**

- 21 The Diocesan Council may make any regulation or bylaw on any matter not provided for in this Statute which it considers desirable for the effective implementation of the same and its objectives.
- 22 Until new appointments or reappointments are made pursuant to this Statute the Council For Christian Nurture and the Diocesan Youth Council should continue as the councils established for respective divisions of the Joint Council.
- 23 The following Statutes are hereby repealed:  
*The Council for Christian Nurture Statute 1992*