



DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND
The Anglican Diocese of Auckland

**Proceedings of the Second Session of the Fifty-Fifth Synod of the
Diocese of Auckland**

FIRST DAY – THURSDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2017

Worship

Members of the Synod gathered for a Eucharist in the Church of St Mary's in Holy Trinity Cathedral, Parnell. The Rt Rev'd Ross Bay presided. The Preacher was the Rt Rev'd Jim White, Assistant Bishop of Auckland.

Quorum

The Diocesan Manager, Ms. Sonia Maugham, certified that the requisite number of members were present to constitute the Synod. The President of the Synod formally constituted the Synod at 6.36pm.

At the conclusion of the Eucharist, members gathered in the Cathedral for the continuation of the Synod with the Rt Rev'd Ross Bay presiding.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were recorded in the attendance registers.

Announcements

The Diocesan Manager made announcements.

Questions

There were no questions.

ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Bishops' Charge

The Rt Rev'd Ross Bay and the Rt Rev'd Jim White jointly delivered the Bishops' Charge.

Motions Sought To Be Introduced

There were no motions to be introduced.

Reports and Accounts

The Diocesan Manager tabled the following:

- The Minute Book of the Diocesan Council,
- The Terrier of Properties in terms of Title F Canon III Clause 4.2.

Procedural Motions

(a) Hours of Business

THE PRESIDENT MOVED

"THAT the hours of business of this Second Session of the Fifty Fifth Synod be:

- (1) Thursday 7 September 2017 – from 6:30pm to 9:00pm;
 - (2) Friday 8 September 2017 - from 8:30am to 5:00pm including meal and refreshment breaks at 10:30am-11:05am, 1:00pm-1:45pm and 3:30pm–3:55pm.
 - (3) Saturday 9 September 2017 - from 8:30am to 5:00pm including meal and refreshment breaks at 10:30am-11:05am, 1:00pm-1:45pm and 3:30pm–3:55pm.
- provided that any sitting may be extended by Motion Without Notice."

Agreed

(b) Auditors

THE PRESIDENT MOVED

"THAT Synod delegates to Diocesan Council the decision to appoint the auditors for the Diocesan Council and Anglican Trusts Board financial accounts for the year ended 31 December 2017 following the completion of a contestable appointment process, such decision to be advised to members of synod in writing."

Agreed

(c) Order Paper Committee

THE PRESIDENT MOVED:

"THAT the Order Paper Committee be the Diocesan Bishop, Assistant Bishop, the Chancellor, and Personal Assistant to the Diocesan Manager."

Agreed

(d) Synod Officers

THE PRESIDENT noted that these officers are already appointed to the Fifty-Fifth Synod:

Clerical Secretary	The Rev'd Ian Hardcastle
Lay Secretary	Mrs Barbara Bryan
Chair of Committees	Ms Dawn Jones
Deputy Chair of Committees	Mr Graham Miller
Clerk of Committees	Mrs Jackie Addis.

THE PRESIDENT MOVED:

"THAT the following be appointed as Officers of the Fifty-fifth Synod:

Deputy Clerical Secretary	The Rev'd Lucy Nguyen
Deputy Lay Secretary	Ms Mary Griffiths
Deputy Clerk of Committees	The Rev'd Matthew Griffiths."

Agreed

(e) Legal Business Committee

THE PRESIDENT MOVED:

"THAT the following be appointed as members of the Legal Business Committee: the Worshipful Bruce Gray QC, Mr Richard Gay, Ms Dawn Jones, Mr Andrew Peat."

Agreed

Elections

THE PRESIDENT MOVED:

"THAT nominations for elections to Diocesan Council, General Synod and Inter Diocesan Conference, and the Stipends and Pensions Committee, shall close at 3.55pm on Friday 8 September 2017 and that ballots shall take place on Saturday 9 September 2017."

Agreed

Closing Prayers were led by the President.

Adjournment

The President declared Synod adjourned at 8:46pm until 8:30am on Friday 8 September 2017.

SECOND DAY – FRIDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2017

Synod in Session at 8.31am, the Rt Rev'd James White presiding.

Morning Prayers

Morning Prayers were led by St John's College students.

Apologies for Absence

Written apologies for absence were recorded in the attendance registers.

Announcements

The Diocesan Manager made some announcements and the President made an announcement.

Questions

There were no questions.

Motions Sought To Be Introduced

No motion was introduced.

ORDER OF THE DAY

Presentation of Report from Diocesan Council

The Ven Carol Hughes took the chair.

- Ms Megan Bowden reviewed Diocesan Council's written report.
- Ms Karen Spoelstra gave a summary of Feedback on Missional Viability.
- The Rev'd Richard Bonifant gave a report on Synod Arrangements.

The Chair sought leave for Robyn Levinge (Optime Health and Safety) to address Synod.

Granted

- Ms Robyn Levinge gave a presentation on Diocesan Health and Safety.

9:27am Synod in conference for informal discussion in Ministry Units about Health and Safety questions.

Members of synod asked questions of clarification of the Diocesan Council.

10:04am Synod in session with the Rt Rev'd Jim White presiding.

Motions of Which Notice Has Been Given

LEGAL BUSINESS COMMITTEE

MOTION 1

Moved by: The Worshipful Bruce Gray QC
Seconded by: Ms Dawn Jones OBE, CNZM

"THAT whereas the Standing Orders and Standing Resolutions Statute 1968 (#22) authorises the Legal Business Committee to review resolutions passed at the previous Session of Synod with a view to determining which resolutions shall be maintained in force as Standing Resolutions of Synod, this Synod therefore

1. receives the report of the Legal Business Committee;

2. annuls Standing Resolution 27:

Committee Representation (Standing Resolution 27, 1984)

'The Diocesan Synod notes the NCC recommendation of the principle of 50% female representation on all committees.'

3. designates the following parts from Motion 4 - Synod 2016 be made a Standing Resolution:

Equal Gender Representation (Motion 4, 2016)

1. 'The Diocesan Synod and Ministry Units work towards equal representation of women and men in decision making at all levels - when electing or appointing representatives to governing and consultative bodies anywhere in the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia;'
2. 'The Diocesan Synod encourages equality in visibility and involvement of women and men at all diocesan events.'

The President moved that Synod go into committee to consider the report of the Legal Business Committee.

Agreed

10:09am Synod in committee

10:11am Synod in session

The President moved that the recommendation of the committee be the resolution of Synod.

Agreed

Approval of Bills in Principle and in Detail

HOUSING

BILL 2

Moved by: The Venerable Sarah Moss

Seconded by: Mrs Jackie Addis

"THAT the Bill Number 2 be approved in principle."

Carried

10:40am Synod adjourned for morning tea.

11:12am Synod in Session with the Rt Rev'd Jim White presiding.

ORDER OF THE DAY

The Rt Rev'd Ross Bay took the chair.

Auckland City Mission

The City Missioner, the Rev'd Chris Farrelly, reported on the work of the Auckland City Mission and particularly on plans for a new City Mission facility. The Rt Rev'd Jim White spoke of the vision for the new facility.

The Rt Rev'd Jim White took the chair.

HOUSING

BILL 2

Consideration of Bill 2 resumed.

MOVED BY THE PRESIDENT

"THAT the Synod move into committee to consider the detail of Bill Number 2."

Agreed

11:45am Synod in committee
12:16pm Synod in session

ANNUAL FINANCIAL RETURNS

BILL 3

Moved by: Mr Graham Miller
Seconded by: Mr Garry Smith

"THAT the Bill Number 3 be approved in principle."

Agreed

MOVED BY THE PRESIDENT

"THAT the Synod move into committee to consider the detail of Bill Number 3."

Agreed

12:22pm Synod in Committee
12:33pm Synod in Session

MOVED BY THE PRESIDENT

"THAT the detail of Bill Number 3 as approved by Synod in Committee be approved."

Agreed

LICENSED MINISTRY

BILL 4

Moved by: The Ven Carole Hughes
Seconded by: The Ven Michael Berry

"That the Bill Number 4 be approved in principle."

Agreed

MOVED BY THE PRESIDENT

"THAT the Synod move into committee to consider the detail of Bill Number 4."

Agreed

12:41pm Synod in Committee
12:49pm Synod in Session

MOVED BY THE PRESIDENT

"THAT the detail of Bill Number 4 as approved by Synod in Committee be approved."

Agreed

MISSION VENTURE SYNOD REPRESENTATION

BILL 5

Moved by: The Ven Michael Berry
Seconded by: The Ven Carole Hughes

"That the Bill Number 5 be approved in principle."

Agreed

MOVED BY THE PRESIDENT

"THAT the Synod move into committee to consider the detail of Bill Number 5."

Agreed

12:55pm Synod in Committee
12:57pm Synod in Session

MOVED BY THE PRESIDENT

"THAT the detail of Bill Number 5 as approved by Synod in Committee be approved."

Agreed

The President said Grace.

1:02pm Synod adjourned for lunch
1:53pm Synod in session with the Rt Rev'd Ross Bay presiding

ORDER OF THE DAY

Presentation on Quota

Mr David Howe and Mr Ian Mackley gave a presentation on the review of the Quota system.

2:22pm Synod moved into informal discussion in Ministry Units
2:28pm Synod in session

QUOTA

BILL 1

Moved by: Mr David Howe
Seconded by: Mr Colin Dale

"That the Bill Number 1 be approved in principle."

Agreed

MOVED BY THE PRESIDENT

"THAT the Synod move into committee to consider the detail of Bill Number 1."

Agreed

3:15pm Synod in Committee
3:17pm Synod in Session

MOVED BY THE PRESIDENT

"THAT the detail of Bill Number 1 as approved by Synod in Committee be approved."

Agreed

3:19pm Synod in committee to give further consideration to Bill Number 2.
3:29pm Synod adjourned for afternoon tea.
3:55pm Synod in session.

ORDER OF THE DAY

Stipends and Pensions Committee Conference Announcement

The Rev'd Stephen Baxter and the Rev'd Dr Ken Bennett made announcements

Presentation by the Holy Trinity Cathedral

The Very Rev'd Anne Mills and the Chancellor, Worshipful Bruce Gray spoke about the forthcoming consecration service, and showed a video on the ministry of the Cathedral.

4:24pm Synod in committee to give further consideration to Bill Number 2.
4:28pm Synod in session

MOVED BY THE PRESIDENT

"THAT the detail of Bill Number 2 as approved by Synod in Committee be approved."

Agreed

Motions of which notice has been given

The President sought leave to advance Motion 2 in the order paper to ensure the mover would be present.

Granted

HAGAR NZ

MOTION 2

Moved by: Captain Peter Lloyd
Seconded by: The Rev'd Learne McGrath

"That this Synod acknowledges the work of Hagar NZ in rescuing women from slavery."

The President sought leave for Ms Joanne Hand to speak.

Granted

The President put Motion 2.

Agreed

The President sought leave to extend the sitting by 30 minutes.

Granted

TITLE G CANON III OF MARRIAGE

MOTION 1

Moved by: The Rev'd Richard Bonifant
Seconded by: The Rev'd Clare Barrie

"THAT this Synod requests that General Synod establish a working group to review title G canon III of marriage with the aim of bringing recommendations to General Synod in 2020."

Carried

Closing Prayers were led by the Synod Chaplains.

Adjournment

The President declared Synod adjourned at 5:34pm until 8:30am on Saturday 9 September 2017.

THIRD DAY – SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2017

Synod in Session at 8:35am with The Rt Rev'd James White presiding.

Morning Prayers

Opening Prayers were led by members of the Diocesan Training Programme.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were recorded in the attendance registers.

Announcements

There were no announcements

Questions

The Rev'd Fraser McDermott asked a question.

Motion without notice

The President moved that the question and answer be recorded in the proceedings.

Agreed

Question:

"There has been some confusion relating to the requirement of Vestry's signing the Declaration of Adherence and Submission.

1. "Please may we have clarity on the legal standing of the requirement for signing the Declaration?"
2. "Please may we have clarity regarding the administrative processes – as we are receiving conflicting instructions. Do we hold these records within the Ministry Unit or are we required to send them into a Central Office?"

Answer:

"The Constitution of our Church/Te Pouhere provides that authority rests with General Synod/Te Hinota Whanui. All officers of the Church exercise authority which is delegated to them by General Synod/Te Hinota Whanui. Members of the Vestry of a Parish or the Governing Body of a Ministry Unit are officers of the Church. The Constitution/Te Pouhere requires that all office holders sign a declaration adhering to the authority of General Synod. This applies to members of vestries and governing bodies of Ministry Units. General Synod/Te Hinota Whanui does not instruct individual diocese how to arrange for the making of Declarations of Adherence. The Diocese of Auckland does not have a statute which provides specifically for it. The Diocese of Auckland expects members of Vestries and Governing Bodies to make a Declaration of Adherence, and to acknowledge the authority of General Synod/Te Hinota Whanui. The Diocese provides a form which can be signed. The form is not required to be returned to the Diocese but retained in the Minute Book of the Vestry or Governing Body."

Motions Sought To Be Introduced

There were no motions.

PASSING OF THE BILLS

Passage of Bills 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5

MOVED BY THE PRESIDENT

"THAT Bills 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 having been approved in detail now pass and become statutes."

Agreed

ORDER OF THE DAY

Elections

The Diocesan Manager gave instructions on voting.

The President proposed the following be appointed as scrutineers:

- Clergy:** The Rev'd Matthew Bruns, Parish of St Heliers; The Rev'd Steven Down, Parish of Hibiscus Coast; The Rev'd Denise Kelsall, Glen Eden Mission District and Ministry Enabler Waiheke Island LSMU.
- Lay:** Amber Burns, BOLD; Alex du Plessis, BOLD; Amariah Gumbeze, BOLD; Grace Paddison, BOLD; Jean Rheinfrank, Parish of St Martin at St Chad.
- Co-ordinator** Bridget Morrison, Diocese of Auckland staff.

The President moved that these be the scrutineers.

Agreed

First ballot for elections to Diocesan Council, General Synod and Inter Diocesan Conference, and Pensions and Stipends Committee

- The President invited all election candidates to introduce themselves to Synod.
- There being fewer nominations than vacancies in the House of Laity, the Chancellor ruled that no election is required for the House of Laity for Diocesan Council pursuant to the Diocesan Council Statute 21, Clause 5.
- The first ballot was held and continued during the Order of the Day.

ORDER OF THE DAY

Presentation from Anglican Youth Ministries

Ms Karen Spoelstra introduced the team (Mr Jeremy Harris and Mrs Jacolize Becker) and spoke about their work.

Ms Emily Paterson advertised the Summer Adventure Weekend.

Motions of Which Notice Has Been Given

OVERSEAS MISSION

MOTION 12

Moved by: The Rev'd Craig Harris
Seconded by: Mr Sujoy Nandy

"That this Synod affirms its commitment to partnership with the Church overseas, and in particular: - Recognises its continuing responsibility towards work funded by the Anglican Missions Board by setting a target of \$300,000 as its diocesan contribution to the Board's budget for 2018."

The President sought leave for the Rev'd Steve Maina, National Director of NZCMS, to have speaking rights.

Granted

The President sought leave for Steve to be given one minute's extension of time.

Granted

The President put Motion 12.

Agreed

Moved by: Captain Peter Lloyd
 Seconded by: The Rev'd Ian Hardcastle

"THAT this Synod affirms the goals of the Decade of Mission announced by General Synod 2014."

10:36am Synod adjourned for morning tea.
11:04am Synod in Conference Session

Results of First Ballot

The President declared the following were elected to **Diocesan Council** and no further ballot was required:

Clergy	Lay
The Rev'd Andrew Coyle	Ms Amanda Mark
The Rev'd Jonathan Grant	
The Rev'd Bryan Haggitt	
The Rev'd Josh Jones	

The President declared the following were elected as **Lay General Synod/IDC Representatives**:

Ms Celia Haggitt
 Capt Peter Lloyd
 Mr Graham Miller
 Mr Rod Oram

There was no clear result for the clergy vacancy for General Synod/IDC, with the lowest polling candidate being eliminated and a further ballot being required between the remaining seven candidates.

The President announced that the vacancies on Diocesan Council and the Stipends and Pensions Boards would be filled by Diocesan Council.

ORDER OF THE DAY

Interim Report of the Primates Working Group on Motion 29

The Rev'd Learne McGrath, a member of the Working Group, introduced the report.

Synod worked in small groups to discuss the recommendations of the Working Group then reported back to Synod as a whole.

The Rev'd Learne McGrath concluded the discussion. Feedback will be collated by Diocesan Council and sent to the Working Group along with that from other dioceses, and incorporated into the final report.

12.42pm Synod in session with the Rt Rev'd Ross Bay presiding.

Result of Second Ballot

The President declared the following were elected as **Clergy General Synod/IDC Representatives**:

The Rev'd Clare Barrie
 The Rev'd Richard Bonifant
 The Rev'd Dr Tim Meadowcroft

Debate on Motion 3 resumed
The President put the motion.

Agreed

EQUAL GENDER REPRESENTATION

MOTION 4

Moved by: The Rev'd Jordan Greatbatch
Seconded by: The Rev'd Clare Barrie

"THAT this Synod,

1. Receive the report from the Equal Gender Representation Working Group established by Diocesan Council according to Motion 4 of the 2016 Diocesan Synod;
2. Affirms its commitment to equal gender representation in accordance with the Standing Resolution SR05 of General Synod/te Hinota Whanui of 2008 and 2014, resolutions 8 and 22 of General Synod/te Hinota Whanui, and Standing Resolution 27 of the Diocese of Auckland Synod 1984.
3. Accepts the report and requests that Diocesan Council appoint a Diocesan Gender Representation Advocate whose task is to remind us of our commitment to gender diversity and to encourage awareness in our decision making, representation, appointment processes, and visibility of leaders at diocesan events and liturgies.

The President moved that leave be granted to delete Clause 2.

Granted

The President said Grace

1:03pm: Synod adjourned for lunch.

1:51pm: Synod in session, the Rt Rev'd Jim White presiding.

ORDER OF THE DAY

Presentation from Christian World Service

The President sought leave for Mr David Lawson, Auckland Relationship Manager, Christian World Service to speak.

Granted

Mr David Lawson spoke to the presentation

Debate on Motion 4 resumed

Amendment

Moved by: The Rev'd Vicki Terrell
Seconded by: Ms Patricia Hall

In the renumbered clause 2, the word 'Diversity' be substituted for the word 'Representation'.

Carried

The President put the amended motion.

Carried

Final wording of motion with amendments reads:

EQUAL GENDER REPRESENTATION

MOTION 4

THAT this Synod,

1. Receive the report from the Equal Gender Representation Working Group established by Diocesan Council according to Motion 4 of the 2016 Diocesan Synod;
2. Accepts the report and requests that Diocesan Council appoint a Diocesan Gender Diversity Advocate whose task is to remind us of our commitment to gender diversity and to encourage awareness in our decision making, representation, appointment processes, and visibility of leaders at diocesan events and liturgies.

General Debate

The following members spoke during the general debate:

The Rev'd Jan Wallace	140 years of ministry in Pukekohe District
The Rev'd Andrew Bayer	150 th anniversary of St Peter's in the Forest, Bombay
The Rev'd Bryan Haggitt	Report of Disability Chaplain
Ms Megan Bowden	Seasons programme
The Rev'd Josh Jones	Spirituality in music programme
Dr Peter Lineham	Comment on Bishops' Charge
Bishop Ross	Report on Anglican-Methodist Interchangeability of Ministry
The Rev'd Fraser McDermott	Advertising through Synod as a captive audience

MOVED BY THE PRESIDENT:

"THAT Synod receives the various reports that have been tabled."

Agreed

Motions of Which Notice Has Been Given

HOUSING

MOTION 5

Moved by: Ms Vicki Mee
Seconded by: Ms Dayna Townsend

THAT this Synod calls on the Government to build 34,000 social houses in the Auckland Region in the next ten years.

Amendment

Moved by: Ms Tulaki Tu'inukuafe
Seconded by: Mr Chris McMenamin

That these words be added to end of the motion:

"and we form a working group led by Diocesan Council to work on practical responses to the housing crisis across the diocese."

Agreed

The President put the amended motion.

Agreed

Final wording of motion with amendments reads:

HOUSING

MOTION 5

THAT this Synod calls on the Government to build 34,000 social houses in the Auckland Region in the next ten years and we form a working group led by Diocesan Council to work on practical responses to the housing crisis across the diocese.

3:31pm: Synod adjourned for afternoon tea
3:55pm: Synod in session, the Rt Rev'd Ross Bay presiding

Announcement

The Diocesan Manager announced that the Diocesan Budget is now available.

TPPA

MOTION 6

Moved by: Mr David Hall
Seconded by: Ms Vicki Mee

THAT this Synod calls on all political parties involved in this year's General Election to commit to ratifying the TPPA agreement or any revision of it, only after a binding referendum.

Carried

SHAREABLE RESOURCES

MOTION 8

Moved by: Ms Jessica Hughes
Seconded by: Ms O'Love Uluave

THAT the Diocese of Auckland creates a centralised register of shareable resources and asks every Ministry Unit to inform the Diocese of its shareable resources.

Agreed

ADDRESSING INEQUALITY IN NEW ZEALAND

MOTION 7

Moved by: Mr David Hall
Seconded by: The Rev'd Peter Bargh

THAT this Synod calls on the Government to introduce a more progressive income tax regime that is linked to the Living Wage.

Carried

ON THE ROLES OF FAITH AND ACTION IN TACKLING CLIMATE CHANGE

MOTION 9

Moved by: Mr Rod Oram
Seconded by: The Rev'd Cate Thorn

THAT this Synod commends to Ministry Units the inclusion of care of creation material in liturgy and teaching.

Carried

MOTION 10

Moved by: Mr Rod Oram
Seconded by: Ms Amanda Mark

THAT the Diocese of Auckland commits to carbon neutrality in its business including its travel.

Agreed

MOTION 11

Moved by: Mr Rod Oram
Seconded by: Ms Vicki Mee

THAT this Synod requests Diocesan Council to establish an annual budget to employ a Sustainability Field Worker.

Agreed

The President sought leave to extend the sitting by 15 minutes.

Granted

The President sought leave for 2 further motions without notice to be introduced

Granted

Motions without Notice

Moved by: The Rev'd Peter Bargh
Seconded by: Dr Peter Lineham

THAT this synod supports the Bishops' charge, the appointment of an Archdeacon for Ministry Review and Planning, and the goals of the Decade of Mission; and encourages the continuing articulation of a missional vision for the diocese that recognises both where we are and where we plan to be.

Agreed

Motion of Thanks

Moved by: Ms Karen Spoelstra
Seconded by: Miss Jessica Hughes

THAT this Synod thanks all who have worked to make this session of Synod a success.

Agreed with Acclamation

Closing Prayers

The Synod Chaplains led closing prayers.

Adjournment

The President declared Synod adjourned at 5:22pm until Thursday 6 September 2018 when the Third Session of the Fifty-Fifth Synod will open at 6:30pm.

 President

 Clerical Secretary

 Lay Secretary

20.10.2017 Date