

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH IN AOTEAROA, NEW ZEALAND & POLYNESIA
61st Session of the General Synod/Te Hīnota Whānui 2014

SUNDAY 11 May 2014

Opening Eucharist

The Opening Eucharist was held in the Waitaha Events Centre at Copthorne Hotel & Resort commencing at 8.30am. The congregation was welcomed by the Rt Rev'd Te Kitohi Pikaahu, and the Rev'd Michael Tamihere led the liturgy. The Archbishops presided. The Rt Rev'd Te Kitohi Pikaahu gave the sermon. Intercession and Thanksgiving prayers were led by Miss Anastarshia Havili.

Morning Tea

The morning tea was provided on the deck of the Waitaha Events Centre.

Lunch

After morning tea, members, guests and observers had some time to refresh themselves prior to 11.30am, when lunch boxes were collected at the foyer of the Copthorne Hotel & Resort.

Oihi Bay Pilgrimage

At 12 noon for the ferry ride, members and guests assembled on the wharf. For the bus ride, staff and observers assembled in the parking lot.

On arrival at the Marsden Cross Trust Rangihoua Heritage Park, the Synod delegation was greeted and welcomed by Mr Hugh Rihari (Ngati Torehina, Ngati Rehia, Ngapuhi) and representatives of the Marsden Cross Trust Board. A liturgy followed commemorating the Bicentenary and, then a tour to the Marsden Cross Reserve. Afternoon refreshments were provided. Buses collected the delegation at 4.00pm to go back to the Hotel.

Dinner at Te Tii Marae

A traditional Māori dinner was arranged by Te Hui Amorangi o Te Tai Tokerau hosts at Te Tii Marae at 5.30pm beginning with a welcome in Te Whare o Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

Synod convened at 7.30pm in the Dining Room at Te Tii Marae

General Notices & Directions

The Most Rev'd Philip Richardson and the General Secretary, the Rev'd M Hughes brought necessary notices and directions for Synod members.

Motion without notice

The Most Rev'd Philip Richardson sought leave of the Synod/te Hinota for the Archbishops' charge to be delivered in three parts over Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. **Agreed.**

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Te Whaikorero – Archbishops’ Charge

The Archbishops jointly presented the introduction to Te Whaikorero, and the Most Rev’d Brown Turei delivered part 1 of the Charge.

Nga Mate – In Memoriam

Acknowledgements were made of:

The Rt Rev’d Peter Eves Sutton, Ordained Priest 1948, Consecrated Bishop of Nelson 1965.
Member of General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui 1964 to 1990.

Mr Ron Bell, Diocese of Nelson.

The Rev’d Jone Teana, Diocese of Polynesia.

The Rev’d Hakopa Tangihaere Mikaera Te Whata, Te Pīhopatanga o Te Tai Tokerau.

The Rev’d Ngahina (Christine) Tricklebank, Te Pīhopatanga o Te Waipounamu.

Mr Daniel Iharaira Wakefield, Te Hui Amorangi o Te Tairāwhiti.

Episcopal Ministry

The Archbishops noted changes in Episcopal ministry since the last General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui including Archbishop David Moxon moving to a post in Rome, Bishop Helen-Ann Hartley ordained and installed as Bishop of Waikato, and Bishop David Rice moving to a post in The Episcopal Church.

Two particular issues were noted

The experiences of the people of Canterbury and Christchurch City, and all victims of violence, including condemning the kidnap of 200 girls in Nigeria.

Beatitudes

The beatitudes were read.

Night Prayer

The Chaplain, the Rev’d Jenny Quince led karakia.

Synod/te Hīnota adjourned at 8.30pm.

Signed by the Presidents



W Halapua
Primate and Archbishop



P Richardson
Primate and Archbishop



WB Turei
Primate and Archbishop