

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH IN AOTEAROA, NEW ZEALAND & POLYNESIA
62nd Session of the General Synod/Te Hīnota Whānui 2016

THURSDAY 12 May 2016

Synod/Hīnota reconvened at 8.15am. The Most Rev'd Philip Richardson in the Chair.

Morning Prayer

Morning Prayer was led by The Rev'd Deborah Broome at 8.15am.

Bible Study

Bible Study was led by Bishop John Pritchard at 8.30am and focused on Ephesians 1:15-23

The President advised that there would be an opportunity to thank Bishop Pritchard and his wife Wendy this evening. Members showed their appreciation.

Apologies

Mr Tony Hill (for early departure).

Announcements

There were no announcements.

General Notices & Directions

The General Secretary highlighted that the answers to the question raised about Child Poverty/Affordable Housing was set down in the Order of the Day for 1.30pm, stipulating that the answers must be in written form.

Petitions

There were no petitions.

Reports

There were no reports.

Motions for leave to introduce Bills

There were no motions for leave to introduce Bills.

Notices of Motions

There were no notices of motion.

Confirmation of Bills

The President moved from the Chair that:

Bill No 16 the Bill intituled "The Finance Statute 2016"

be confirmed

Agreed

Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes from Monday 9 May be confirmed.

Agreed

Motion 29

Interim Way Forward - Amended

1. The Rt Rev'd A Hedge
2. The Rev'd A Burgess

That this General Synod/Te Hinota Whanui 2016:

1. Receives with thanksgiving the report of the "A Way Forward – He Anga Whakamua – Na Sala Ki Liu" Working Group.
2. Resolves that the report and its recommendations do lie on the table until General Synod/Te Hinota Whanui 2018, with a firm expectation that a decision to move forward will be made there.
3. Establishes and commits to pray for a working group to be appointed by the Primates to consider possible structural arrangements within our Three-Tikanga Church to safeguard both theological convictions concerning the blessing of same gender relationships.
4. That this working group report by 1 July 2017.

Agreed

Motion 5

Motion 30 A Way Forward Report (Christchurch Synod)

The President moved from the Chair that leave be granted to withdraw Motion 5.

Agreed

Motion 6

Moratorium on General Synod Motion 30 (Nelson Synod)

The President moved from the Chair that leave be granted to withdraw Motion 6.

Agreed

Motion 19

A Way Forward Process Working Group

The President moved from the Chair that leave be granted to withdraw Motion 19.

Agreed

Bill No 15

A Bill intituled 'Adopt as Formularies two Liturgies for blessing the relationship of those who have entered a civil marriage Statute, 2016' (to lie on the table until General Synod/Te Hīnota Whānui 2018).

Agreed

Bill No 9

A Bill intituled 'The Constitution/Te Pouhere (Authorised Services) Amendment Confirmation Statute, 2016.'

On the motion of The Rt Rev'd TK Pikaahu, seconded by The Rev'd S Ulu'ilakepa, the principle of the Bill was agreed to by Synod/Hīnota.

On the motion of The Rt Rev'd TK Pikaahu, seconded by The Rev'd S Ulu'ilakepa, Synod/Hīnota moved into Committee to consider the Bill.

Synod/Hīnota resumed.

The Committee reported to Synod/Hīnota that Bill No 9 had been passed without amendment.

The President sought leave of Synod/Hīnota to suspend SO86, in order to allow Bills to be confirmed on the same day.

Bill No 9 (revisited)

On the motion of The Rt Rev'd TK Pikaahu, seconded by The Rev'd S Ulu'ilakepa, the decision of Committee was taken as the decision of Synod/Hīnota with the third reading of the Bill to be an Order of the Day for Thursday afternoon.

Agreed

Bill No 10

A Bill intituled 'Title G Canon VI and XIV Amendment Statute, 2016.'

On the motion of The Rt Rev'd TK Pikaahu, seconded by The Rev'd J Murphy, the principle of the Bill was agreed to by Synod/Hīnota.

On the motion of The Rt Rev'd TK Pikaahu, seconded by The Rev'd J Murphy, Synod/Hīnota moved into Committee to consider the Bill.

Synod/Hīnota resumed.

The Committee reported to Synod/Hīnota that Bill No 10 had been passed with amendment.

On the motion of The Rt Rev'd TK Pikaahu, seconded by The Rev'd J Murphy, the decision of Committee was taken as the decision of Synod/Hīnota with the third reading of the Bill to be an Order of the Day for Thursday afternoon.

Agreed

Motion 16

(Subsequent to passing of Bill No 10)

To Annul SRL3 Experimental Orders of Service

1. The Rt Rev'd TK Pikaahu
2. The Rev'd S Ulu'ilakepa

That this General Synod/Te Hīnota Whānui 2016:

Repeal SRL3 as it is no longer required.

Note:

Following the Confirmation of Statute 711 providing a definition in the Constitution/Te Pouhere of 'Authorised Services,' and the amendment of Title G Canon XIV to provide for Bishops to authorise forms of service within their jurisdiction, this Standing Resolution is no longer required, and its provisions are now included in Title G Canon XIV.

On the motion of the Chair, and pursuant to Title C Canon II Clause 5, Synod/Hīnota moved into Committee to consider the motion.

Synod/Hīnota resumed.

The Committee reported to Synod/Hīnota that Motion 16 had been passed without amendment.

On the motion of the Chair, the decision of Committee was taken as the decision of Synod/Hīnota.

Agreed

Bill No 14

A Bill intituled 'Liturgies of the Word Amendment Statute, 2016.'

On the motion of The Rt Rev'd TK Pikaahu, seconded by The Rev'd J Murphy, the principle of the Bill was agreed to by Synod/Hīnota.

On the motion of The Rt Rev'd TK Pikaahu, seconded by The Rev'd J Murphy, Synod/Hīnota moved into Committee to consider the Bill.

Synod/Hīnota resumed.

The Committee reported to Synod/Hīnota that Bill No 14 had been passed with amendment.

On the motion of The Rt Rev'd TK Pikaahu, seconded by The Rev'd J Murphy, the decision of Committee was taken as the decision of Synod/Hīnota with the third reading of the Bill to be an Order of the Day for Thursday afternoon.

Agreed

Acknowledgements

The President acknowledged Mr Mark Wilcox (Anglican Pension Board), and Mr Dave Peterson (Anglican Insurance Board) and introduced them to members of Synod/Hīnota.

Synod/Hīnota adjourned for morning tea at 10.30am and resumed at 11.05am. The Most Rev'd Dr Winston Halapua in the Chair.

Bill No 17

A Bill intituled 'A New Zealand Prayer Book – He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa Biblical Readings in Te Reo Maori Amendment Statute, 2016.'

On the motion of The Rt Rev'd TK Pikaahu, seconded by The Rev'd S Ulu'ilakepa, the principle of the Bill was agreed to by Synod/Hīnota.

On the motion of The Rt Rev'd TK Pikaahu, seconded by The Rev'd S Ulu'ilakepa, Synod/Hīnota moved into Committee to consider the Bill.

Synod/Hīnota resumed.

The Committee reported to Synod/Hīnota that Bill No 17 had been passed without amendment.

On the motion of The Rt Rev'd TK Pikaahu, seconded by The Rev'd S Ulu'ilakepa, the decision of Committee was taken as the decision of Synod/Hīnota with the third reading of the Bill to be an Order of the Day for Thursday afternoon.

Agreed

Bill No 18

A Bill intituled 'Title B Canon IX Amendment Statute, 2016.'

On the motion of The Most Rev'd P Richardson, seconded by The Rev'd J Murphy, the principle of the Bill was agreed to by Synod/Hīnota.

On the motion of The Most Rev'd P Richardson, seconded by The Rev'd J Murphy, Synod/Hīnota moved into Committee to consider the Bill.

Synod/Hīnota resumed.

The Committee reported to Synod/Hīnota that Bill No 18 had been passed without amendment.

On the motion of The Most Rev'd P Richardson, seconded by The Rev'd J Murphy, the decision of Committee was taken as the decision of Synod/Hīnota with the third reading of the Bill to be an Order of the Day for Thursday afternoon.

Agreed

Bill No 19

A Bill intituled 'Title B Canon XXX Amendment Statute, 2016.'

On the motion of Judge C Harding, seconded by The Rt Rev'd V Matthews, the principle of the Bill was agreed to by Synod/Hīnota.

On the motion of Judge C Harding, seconded by The Rt Rev'd V Matthews, Synod/Hīnota moved into Committee to consider the Bill.

Synod/Hīnota resumed.

The Committee reported to Synod/Hīnota that Bill No 19 had been passed without amendment.

On the motion of Judge C Harding, seconded by The Rt Rev'd V Matthews, the decision of Committee was taken as the decision of Synod/Hīnota with the third reading of the Bill to be an Order of the Day for Thursday afternoon.

Agreed

Bill No 21

A Bill intituled 'Title E Canon II Amendment Statute, 2016.'

On the motion of The Rt Rev'd TK Pikaahu, seconded by The Rt Rev'd A Qiliho, the principle of the Bill was agreed to by Synod/Hīnota.

On the motion of The Rt Rev'd TK Pikaahu, seconded by The Rt Rev'd A Qiliho, Synod/Hīnota moved into Committee to consider the Bill.

Synod/Hīnota resumed.

The Committee reported to Synod/Hīnota that Bill No 21 had been passed with amendment.

On the motion of The Rt Rev'd TK Pikaahu, seconded by The Rt Rev'd A Qiliho, the decision of Committee was taken as the decision of Synod/Hīnota with the third reading of the Bill to be an Order of the Day for Thursday afternoon.

Agreed

Therefore we recommend:

Recommendations

1. The implementation and compliance with Motion 19 of General Synod/Te Hinota Whanui 2014 Safe Church Charter and Policy Group at Hui Amorangi/Diocesan level.
2. That we recognise that a key responsibility of the church is to the survivors of abuse as outlined in the Anglican Communion Safe Church Charter.
3. Title D Canon 1– That awareness is raised of the Canon and in particular education around Title D Canon 1 and Canon 2 at all Church levels.
4. Provision of adequate training for appropriate people, clergy and lay to care, support and refer victims/survivors of violence.
5. That the church shall be a strong and consistent advocate for prevention of violence against all people particularly women and children as an Anglican Church initiative or in partnership with others.
6. That each Hui Amorangi/Diocese provides a mechanism to disseminate relevant information resourcing parishes and ministry units to address the issue of violence against all people particularly women and children e.g. Break the Silence, 16 Days of Activism, White Ribbon Campaign, Community Mobilisation.

Agreed

Motion 15

Guidelines for the Ownership and Use of Parish Registers

1. The Rev'd Dr R Nicholson
2. The Rt Rev'd V Matthews

That this General Synod/Te Hīnota Whānui 2016:

1. Receives the Guidelines for the Ownership and Use of Parish Registers prepared by the Archives and History Committee/Te Puna o Neherā, as presented in the below schedule, and
2. Commends the Guidelines in their latest updated version, to be available online on the John Kinder Theological Library website Archives page, to all Dioceses/Hui Amorangi and Ministry Units as a resource to help achieve best practice managing Parish Registers.

Schedule:

Guidelines for the Ownership and Use of Parish Registers

Agreed to by the Archives and History Committee: Te Puna o Neherā, 11 March 2016

Ownership of Registers

All registers (baptism, marriage, burial, confirmation and other services) are the property of the Episcopal Unit, who will make suitable arrangements with a Ministry Unit for the storage, care and use of the Ministry Unit registers, according to the following Guidelines:

Location of Registers

1. The Episcopal Unit must arrange for registers to be removed to the agreed Episcopal unit archival repository (which might be the archives of the Episcopal Unit or of a contracted third party) when registers:
 - a. Have an oldest entry which reaches 50 years old, whether or not they have room for further entries.
 - b. Are completed and are not in current use for new entries (i.e. there being a successor register).
2. A Ministry Unit may copy information from a register prior to deposit if they wish to have access to the information within the Ministry Unit. A Ministry Unit may have access to the registers held by the Episcopal unit archival repository.
3. Arrangements with a third party for storage and access should be approved by the Archives and History Committee: Te Puna o Neherā, in consultation with the Episcopal Unit. Copyright and ownership remains with the Episcopal Unit.
4. A legally effective written agreement covering potential copyright, ownership, possession and use issues, must be completed before any deposit of registers with a third party takes place.

Information in Registers

5. The information contained in a register is restricted by both the Copyright Act and the Privacy Act.
6. The guidance of the Registrar-General Births, Deaths and Marriages, as to when registers can be accessed by the general public, must be followed, so that people or families who might still be alive can be protected. This allows access to
 - a. baptism records that are at least 100 years old
 - b. marriage records that are at least 80 years old
 - c. burial records that are at least 50 years old — or the deceased's date of birth was at least 80 years ago
 - d. confirmation records – no restrictions
 - e. service registers – no restrictions

(NB: Some pastoral discretion may be exercised over these restrictions by the respective Episcopal Unit.)
7. Under the Privacy Act, an individual has access to her or his own record, without time restrictions.
8. Custodians of Episcopal unit archival repositories may allow the verified descendant of an individual to have access to that individual's records within the restricted periods noted above.

Copyright issues

9. Copyright of the original material in registers is held by the Episcopal Unit, who should control the copying and dissemination of the information to any third party according to any policy or Guidelines agreed to by the Church.

(**Note** that with marriage registers, not all information will be copyright to the Church because some information will be copied from a government issued marriage licence).

10. Where an historical agreement is already in place, this should be reviewed in the light of the above Guidelines, and where possible a modified agreement made to better protect the interests of the Church in the registers.¹
11. A legally effective written agreement covering potential copyright, attribution and use issues must be completed before any external party is permitted to access and use (including copying, digitising, scanning, etc.) any registers.
12. Any new form of existing records (e.g. electronic or transcription) will be regarded under the Copyright Act as a literary work and have copyright of its own (but only to the extent it is original). If it is simply a copy of the existing record, then it is subject to the Church's copyright in that existing record. However, if the copy incorporates new *original* material then there will be mixed copyright. The Church's rights in the existing records should be preserved wherever possible.

Agreed

Synod/Hinota adjourned for afternoon tea at 3.00pm and resumed at 3.30pm. The Most Rev'd Philip Richardson in the Chair.

Notices

Members of General Synod Standing Committee to meet at 5.00pm.

Written answers to the question about Child Poverty/Affordable Housing are to be forwarded to the General Secretary and will be inserted into the proceedings.

Diocese of Waiapu:

We cannot report any programme on affordable housing.

However we have many social services that touch on and support the lives of children in poverty, directed naturally through their families:

- *early childhood education,*
- *socialising and parenting skills,*
- *budget advice,*
- *growing through grief.*

¹ It is noted that it may be difficult to challenge some historic agreements. Most historic agreements did not deal with copyright issues. All effort should be made to regularise these agreements.

We have is committed to work towards payment of not less than the Living Wage to all Diocesan employees and the Diocese encourages all Ministry Units (e.g. the Social Services Trust Board) to do likewise. We have over 500 employees in social services, many of them currently under the Living Wage.

Diocese of Wellington:

Child Poverty has been one of our 3 key diocesan foci for the last two years. Each Parish is asked to develop initiatives in these focus areas and report on them to the annual Diocesan Synod meetings. It has also been the subject of specific Synod motions.

Some of the initiatives in the area of reducing child poverty are:

Breakfast clubs, City Mission partnership with the Lux festival, parenting courses, connecting with local social service agencies, support for foodbanks (including recording contributions to such), child poverty forum with government representatives in conjunction with the Roman Catholic Church, Church represented at government level by the City Missioner and Mission Enabler, working with the Children's Commissioner.

We are not aware of any specific action on affordable housing, other than Naenae Parish building affordable housing on church property – these units especially for ex-prisoners, but are is aware that it is probably on the horizon of the above mentioned group working with the Children's Commissioner.

Diocese of Dunedin:

Anglican Family Care is the social services agency of the Diocese (in Otago) and works actively to relieve the effects of child poverty through programmes like Family Start. In 2015, the Family Start team worked with 333 babies and whanau, workers made over 10,000 home visits. Anglican Family Care has offices in South, Central, and North Otago.

In Invercargill, housing is cheaper than some places but child poverty still exists. Anglican Family Care there is working with housing problems and the secondary problems that occur when there are large numbers of low income families.

Motion 21

Anglican-Methodist Interchangeability of Ordained Ministries

The Rt Rev'd R Bay sought leave of the Synod/te Hīnota to withdraw the Motion.

Agreed

Anglican Methodist Dialogue Report

The report of the Anglican Methodist Dialogue be received.

Agreed

Motion 17
Guidelines for Christian Initiation

To lie on the table until General Synod/Te Hīnota Whānui 2018.

Agreed

Confirmation of Bills

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Bill No 18 the Bill intituled “Title B Canon IX Amendment Statute, 2016”

Bill No 19 the Bill intituled “Title B Canon XXX Amendment Statute, 2016”

Bill No 21 the Bill intituled “Title E Canon II Amendment Statute, 2016”

be confirmed.

Agreed

Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes from Tuesday 10 May be confirmed.

Agreed

The Most Rev’d Brown Turei resumed the Chair.

The Commission and the Working Group are required to consider:

1. How to keep the Spirit of bicultural partnership flowing through a biennial Tikanga Rua Wananga attached to General Synod.
2. What it means to be in a Covenantal, Gospel and Treaty partnership.
3. By research and education to resource the Church to meet its Treaty/Te Tiriti, Constitution/Te Pouhere obligations for the benefit of the Church and its mission.
4. To review Title B, Canons XXXI and XXXIII to ensure that the bicultural Treaty partnership is given high priority.
5. How to encourage local bicultural partnerships between Dioceses and Hui Amorangi.

The Commission and Working Group to jointly report to the General Synod Standing Committee in 2017, and the General Conference that takes place prior to General Synod/Te Hinota Whanui in 2018.

The motion as amended was put.

Agreed

Motion 24 Religious Instruction in Schools

1. The Rev'd P Kawhia
2. Ms R Paenga

WHEREAS Anglican missionaries began religious education in schools in Aotearoa-New Zealand when they established their first mission schools in this country in the early 1800s; and

The Religious Instruction and Observance Act 1962 and the Education Act 1964 established the legal framework for the incorporation of voluntary religious education in primary schools and that this framework remain in effect today; and

Participation in religious education in schools programmes remains entirely voluntary; and

Noting the recent legal action supported by minority groups hoping to end religious education in Schools;

It is moved that this General Synod/Te Hinota Whanui 2016:

1. Strongly affirms the continuation of religious education in schools; and
2. Encourages every Hui Amorangi and Diocese to actively support the high-quality delivery of religious education in schools in their regions.

Amendment to Motion 24

That the word 'minority' be deleted.

1. The Rev'd P Kawhia

2. Ms R Paenga

Amended Motion

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The motion as amended was put.

Agreed

Notice of motion

1. The Most Rev'd P Richardson

2. The Rt Rev'd TK Pikaahu

That motions 25, 26, 27 & 28 be referred as unfinished business to the General Synod Standing Committee.

Agreed

Statement of Apology

On behalf of the Primates, the Most Rev'd Philip Richardson made the following statement.

"I wish to apologise to our Methodist guest the Rev'd Tony Franklin-Ross for how this Synod/Hīnota has handled Motion 21. You have stood with us and you have been through some tough times with us. You have worked closely and faithfully with us. You've exited and you've returned, and when it came to this motion, we have not done our work. I apologise. I apologise for the offence we have caused you, and for the offence to your Church, we apologise."

Closing Prayer

Prayers were led by The Rev'd Deborah Broome. The candles lit at the beginning of Synod/Hīnota were extinguished.

Synod/Hīnota adjourned at 5.00pm and resumed at 7.00pm for the closing dinner.

Closing Dinner

Bishop Andrew Hedge welcomed everyone to the closing dinner, stating that it had been a pleasure hosting this General Synod/Te Hīnota Whānui 2016. He then acknowledged Bishop Bruce & Pat Gilberd, Bishop Murray & Judy Mills, Mr Michael Morgan (Chair of the Waiapu Board of Diocesan Trustees) & his wife Christina, and Mary Kippenberger & Peter Charlton-Jones, who were providing the entertainment for the evening. He then presented the programme for the evening, inviting Bishop Bruce Gilberd to give thanks for the evening meal.

Acknowledgements

Archbishop Philip Richardson and Bishop Andrew Hedge shared in acknowledging the many individuals that contributed to the General Synod/Te Hīnota Whānui 2016.

Youth Stewards, Observers, Visitors, Members of the General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui, Bishop Kito Pikaahu, Ms Sepi Hala'api'api, Mrs Ruth Wildbore (Chairs of Committee), Registrars, Administrators, Ms Paula Jakeman and the Rev'd Dr Paul Reynolds (Minute Takers), Ms Julianne Clarke-Morris and the Rev'd Jayson Rhodes (Media), the Rev'd Michael Hughes, Ms Marissa Alix and Staff (General Secretary's Office), Ms Colleen Kaye (Assistant Clerk for Synod/Hīnota), Chaplains and Prayer Group, Mr Evan Turbott, Mr Tony Hill, Judge Chris Harding, Messrs Jeremy Johnson and Bruce Gray (Legal Advisors), the Diocese of Waiapu, Bishop Andrew Hedge and his team.

The Rt Rev'd Dr Kelvin Wright

Archbishop Philip Richardson paid tribute to Bishop Kelvin Wright and his wife Clemency, this being his last Synod/Hīnota as Bishop of the Diocese of Dunedin, stating that the proclamation of the Gospel was always at the centre of Bishop Wright's ministry. Archbishop Richardson ended with the words *"on behalf of my fellow Bishops and this General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui, and all those whom you have touched – God bless you."*

The Rev'd Michael Wallace acknowledged Bishop Wright stating, *"As a Diocese we are grateful for your ministry and we, as a Diocese, will miss you. We thank you for your contribution to General Synod."*

Bishop Wright thanked everyone for their words of acknowledgement, stating that while he will miss those that he has worked with closely, he is looking forward to experiencing that silent place where there is a presence that is transformative, taking retreats, being with his grandchildren and digging in his garden.

The tribute ended with a song sung by members from the Diocese of Dunedin.

The Most Rev'd Brown Turei

Archbishop Philip Richardson highlighted the uniqueness of the Primacy - 3 Tikanga sharing the responsibility and joy of leadership. He then acknowledged how difficult this Synod/Hīnota had been for Archbishop Brown Turei. In his determination to be at the General Conference, there was a cost, and he wanted Archbishop Turei to know that *"We love you and we respect you and we want to acknowledge you and we want you to take care of yourself."*

The Rt Rev'd John Pritchard

Archbishop Philip Richardson acknowledged Bishop John Pritchard and his wife Wendy highlighting that the bible studies, that Bishop John led, provided the centre point each morning. Bishop Kito Pikaahu also acknowledged that the studies not only provided a deeper understanding of scripture and the beatitudes, but it also related to where members were at in the General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui. Bishop Pritchard had been welcomed into the Tikanga Māori caucus and it was hoped that he was able to get a glimpse of their Tikanga perspective. Members of Te Pihopatanga o Aotearoa sang a waiata medley and gifts were presented. Bishop Pritchard thanked everyone and stated that it had been a privilege to be able to attend the Tikanga Māori caucus.

Bishop Ngarahu Katene acknowledged the members of the General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui, the Archbishops and Bishop Pritchard. He also thanked the Presidents who were able to guide the Synod/te Hīnota through the 'heavy' parts of the business. Finally, he gave thanks to his brothers and sisters in Christ and ended with a waiata.

Evening Entertainment

Bishop Andrew Hedge introduced Ms Mary Kippenberger and the Rev'd Peter Charlton-Jones who provided 'live' versions of 'Little Red Riding Hood,' 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears,' and 'The Gingerbread Man,' utilising the skills of some members of Synod/Hīnota. A thoroughly entertaining time was had by all.

General Synod/Te Hīnota Whānui 2018

Archbishop Winston **Halapua** advised the next General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui **2018** would be hosted by the Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki at New Plymouth.

Bishop Helen-Ann Hartley extended the formal invitation from the Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki as the host for the General Synod/Te Hīnota Whānui 2018.

Prior to closing prayers, members of Synod/Hīnota acknowledged and thanked the Staff at East Pier Hotel for their work.

Farewell/Poroporoaki

Bishop Andrew Hedge acknowledged the relationship between the Diocese of Waiapu and Te Hui Amorangi o te Tairawhiti, the evening at Hukarere and the blessing of the Chapel site, and the shared service with Archbishop Brown Turei at the Cathedral.

In response to the invitation from the Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki, Bishop Hedge noted that his first two General Synods as Bishop would be beside the water/foreshore, the first in Napier on the East Coast and the second in New Plymouth on the West Coast.

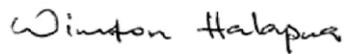
As the host of the General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui 2016, Bishop Hedge sent everyone on their way, with the blessing of the people of Waiapu.

Synod/Hīnota adjourned at 10.00pm with a waiata by members of the Diocese of Waiapu.

Blessing

Archbishop Brown Turei gave the blessing.

Signed by the Presidents



W Halapua

Primate and Archbishop



P Richardson

Primate and Archbishop



WB Turei

Primate and Archbishop