**Motion # 6**

**Anglican-Methodist Relationships**

**Mover:** The Rt Rev’d R Bay **Seconder:**

**THAT this General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui 2018:**

1. Reaffirms its recognition that episcope is exercised within the Methodist Church of New Zealand through the office of the President;
2. Reaffirms the covenantal hope to work towards a united and interchangeable ministry between the Anglican and Methodist Churches;
3. Invites the Methodist Conference to consider how it might give more explicit expression to the personal and enduring nature of episcopal ministry on those who are ordained to that office;
4. Commits to responding in an open and generous way to the Methodist Conference should they be able to give effect to such an expression of episcopal ministry.

Notes:

This motion relates to a matter introduced at the 2016 Synod / Hīnota. Relevant reports are those presented in 2016 along with material distributed to episcopal units for consideration during 2017.

The affirmation of episcope was first made by the Anglican General Synod in 1986.

The intention to pursue the interchangeability of ordained ministry is an aspiration of the Anglican-Methodist Covenant document signed in 2009.