

Statute 751

The Constitution/ Te Pouhere Amendment Statute, 2018

Whereas, General Synod/Te Hīnota Whānui in 2016 carried Motion 29 asking the Primate to establish a working group to consider possible structural arrangements within the Church to safeguard both theological convictions concerning the blessing of same gender relationships; and

Whereas, that working group in its final report made a number of recommendations including amendments to the declaration of adherence and submission required by the Constitution/Te Pouhere; and

Whereas, General Synod/Te Hīnota Whānui considers it desirable to implement the recommendations of that working group including amendments to the declaration of adherence and submission required by the Constitution/Te Pouhere

The General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui enacts as follows:

- 1. Title.** The Title of this Statute is *'The Constitution/Te Pouhere Amendment Statute, 2018'*
- 2. Purpose.** To amend clause 15 of Part C of the Constitution/Te Pouhere to repeal and replace the existing form of declaration of adherence and submission
- 3. Constitutional Amendment:**

Part C, Clause 15 of the Constitution/Te Pouhere is amended by the deletion of everything after the words "DECLARATION OF ADHERENCE AND SUBMISSION TO THE ANGLICAN CHURCH IN AOTEAROA, NEW ZEALAND AND POLYNESIA" and their replacement with:

***I, A.B. DO DECLARE** that I will give all due obedience to the Constitution/Te Pouhere and the Code of Canons of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa New Zealand and Polynesia and to the decisions and judgments of those holding authority under the Constitution/Te Pouhere and the Code of Canons including all regulations which may be made pursuant to the Constitution/Te Pouhere and the Code of Canons.*

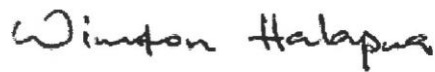
***AND** I hereby undertake in consideration of my holding any such office or membership immediately to resign that office or membership together with all the rights and emoluments appertaining thereto whenever I shall be called upon so to do by those acting under authority given to them by the Constitution/Te Pouhere or the Code of Canons or any regulations made pursuant to them.*

Given under my hand this day of in the presence of:

4. Process

The passing of Clause 3 is an adoption of a specific proposal in terms of Part G Clause 4 of the Constitution/Te Pouhere, and shall be made known to Te Runanganui o Te Pihopatanga o Aotearoa, the Synod of the Diocese of Polynesia, and the several Diocesan Synods in New Zealand in accordance with the provisions of Title C Canon I.

We certify that this Statute was passed by the General Synod/ te Hīnota Whānui on 10 May 2018. As witnessed by our hands 29 May 2018.



*W Halapua
Primate and Archbishop*



*P Richardson
Primate and Archbishop*



*D Tamihere
Primate and Archbishop*