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|  | **CANON XVIII**  **OF THE COUNCIL FOR ECUMENISM** | *2002* |
| 1. | | There shall be constituted a Council to be known as ‘The Council for Ecumenism of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia’, (hereinafter referred to as “the Council”) |  |
| 2. | | The tasks of the Council shall include: | *Tasks* |
|  | | 1. Working for the wider visible unity of Christ’s Church |  |
|  | | 1. Encouraging inter-faith dialogue |  |
|  | | 1. Recommending for appointment by the General Synod Standing Committee its nominees to all ecumenical or interfaith organisations and conferences. | *2014 amended 2018* |
|  | | 1. Being responsible for relationships with international ecumenical or interfaith bodies. | *Amended 2018* |
|  | | 1. Being responsible for relationships with ecumenical or interfaith initiatives within Aotearoa New Zealand and Polynesia where all three Tikanga are involved. | *Amended 2018* |
|  | | 1. Encouraging and supporting each Tikanga in its ecumenical or interfaith work. | *Amended 2018* |
|  | | 1. Communicating with the Anglican Communion Office on ecumenical or interfaith matters. | *Amended 2018* |
|  | | 1. Advising the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui on all aspects of the ecumenical sections of the Finance Statute. |  |
|  | | 1. Receiving any ecumenical or interfaith proposal to General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui before presentation to General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui, to ensure three-Tikanga consideration and input. | *2018* |
| 3. | | The Council shall report to each ordinary session of the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui. | *Reporting* |
| 4. | | The costs incurred by the Council in carrying out the above tasks shall be a charge on the funds of the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui allocated for those tasks | *Costs* |
| 5. | | The Council shall consist of the following persons appointed at each ordinary session of the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui:- | *Membership* |
|  | | 1. two persons nominated by Te Rūnanga Whāiti Te Pīhopatanga o Aotearoa. |  |
|  | | 1. two persons nominated by the Tikanga Pākehā Conference Coordinating Group. | *2020* |
|  | | 1. two persons nominated by the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Polynesia. |  |
|  | | The Council may nominate one or more persons with interfaith expertise to General Synod Standing committee to appoint. | *2022* |
|  | | The General Secretary of this Church shall be the Convenor and Secretary of the Council. |  |
|  | | Additional persons may be appointed by the Council from time to time for specific skills or expertise for a term until the next General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui. | *2018*  *2022* |
| 6. | | The Council will appoint a Chairperson. | *Chairperson* |
| 7. | | If a member of the Council appointed under Clauses 5i, ii, or iii is unable to be present for a particular meeting | *Alternates,*  *2006, 2022* |
|  | | 7.1 the member may appoint any person as an alternate to attend, speak and vote at that meeting. |  |
|  | | 7.2 in the case of members appointed under Clauses 5i, ii or iii, the appointment must be made in consultation with the Senior Bishop / Te Pīhopa Aporei of the Tikanga by which the member is nominated. |  |
|  | | 7.3 the member and the Senior Bishop / Te Pīhopa Aporei must bear in mind (along with other considerations) the need to provide appropriate expertise. |  |
| 8. | | A member of the Council may resign by notice in writing to the Senior Bishop / te Pīhopa Aporei of that Tikanga with a copy delivered to the General Secretary. | *Resignation* |
| 9. | | The Council shall meet at least once in each year. | *Meetings* |
| 10. | | The attendance of at least four members, provided that each Tikanga is represented, shall constitute a quorum of the Council. | *Quorum* |