

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH IN AOTEAROA, NEW ZEALAND & POLYNESIA
66th Session of the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui 2024
Tuesday 21st May 2024

Opening Prayer and Reflection

The General Synod / Te Hīnota Whānui in Wānanga on Mana Wāhine – Ven Ruihana Paenga, Bishop Ana Fletcher, Ms Colleen Kaye, and Ms Bolivia Smith.

Synod / Hīnota reconvened at 11.00am with Archbishop Don Tamihere in the Chair.

There were no further Apologies.

Notices

Archbishop Don Tamihere welcomed Ms Margaret Bearsley from Anglican Financial Care, and acknowledged members of the Religious Orders who were praying with and for the Synod / te Hīnota.

At the end of the session before dinner, nominations close, ready for elections tomorrow.

There were no Petitions, further Reports, Motions of leave to introduce Bills, or Notice of Motions.

Motion # 9

50th Anniversary of the Ordination of Women

Mover: Ms Jessica Hughes

Seconder: The Rev'd Dr Anne van Gend

That this General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui

1. Notes that the 50th anniversary of the first ordination of women in this Provincial Church will occur in 2027;
2. Asks the General Synod Standing Committee to establish and resource a representative small working group to plan appropriate and significant celebrations for this occasion; and
3. Invites such a small working group to propose plans and budget for such celebrations to be included in the finance bill to the meeting of the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui in 2026.

In moving the motion, the Mover sought leave to include an amendment:

- Add the words “to the priesthood” in clause 1 directly after the word women which was agreed.

Following debate, a Caucus by Gender was called. Although there is no provision in the Standing Orders to caucus this way, the Chair put it to the floor of Synod / Hīnota if they were happy to caucus in that way, it was agreed to proceed in that manner.

Synod / Hīnota in Gender caucus to lunch at 12.50pm.

Synod / Hīnota reconvened after lunch break at 1.50pm.

The Chair called for report back from caucuses.

Men's caucus discussed women's leadership. A statement of repentance was delivered verbally to the Synod / te Hīnota by the Rev'd Canon Michael Wallace.

The men's caucus then sang a waiata in support of their statement.

The Ven Ruihana Paenga reported from the **women's caucus** and sought leave to introduce a Motion without notice tomorrow that encompasses the report back from the two caucuses. **Agreed unanimously.**

It was agreed to introduce a consequential second amendment to Motion #9.

Amendment:

Amend clause 2 to delete the words 'establish and' and to replace the words 'a representative small working group' with the words 'the Council for Anglican Women's Studies,' and consequentially amend clause 3 by replacing the words 'Invites such a small working group,' with the words 'Resources the Council for Anglican Women's Studies.'

Agreed

Motion # 9 as amended

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1. Notes that the 50th anniversary of the first ordination of women to the priesthood in this Provincial Church will occur in 2027;
2. Asks the General Synod Standing Committee to resource the Council for Anglican Women's Studies to plan appropriate and significant celebrations for this occasion; and
3. Resources the Council for Anglican Women's Studies to propose plans and budget for such celebrations to be included in the Finance Bill to the meeting of the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui in 2026.

Agreed unanimously

Confirmation of Bills

The President moved from the chair that:

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| Bill No 1 | A Bill intituled <i>A Bill to Amend Title B Canon IX 'of The Anglican Missions Board of the Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia, 2024'</i> |
| Bill No 2 | A Bill intituled, <i>A Bill to Confirm 'The Calendar – Te Maramataka Amendment Statute, 2022'</i> |
| Bill No 3 | A Bill intituled, <i>A Bill to Confirm 'The Liturgies of the Eucharist Amendment Statute, 2022'</i> |

Bill No 4	A Bill intituled, <i>A Bill to Confirm 'The Liturgies of the Word Amendment Statute, 2022'</i>
Bill No 7	A Bill intituled, <i>A Bill to Amend Title B Canon XXXII of The Anglican Insurance Board, 2024</i>
Bill No 8	A Bill intituled, <i>A Bill to Amend The Constitution/Te Pouhere, 2024</i>
Bill No 9	A Bill intituled, <i>A Bill to Amend 'The Pastoral Liturgies – Thanksgiving for the Gift of a Child,' 2024</i>
Bill No 10	A Bill intituled, <i>A Bill to Amend 'The Liturgies of the Word, 2024'</i>
Bill No 11	A Bill intituled, <i>A Bill to Amend Title G Canon V, 'Of Translations of Holy Scripture, 2024'</i>
Be confirmed.	Agreed

Bill No 13

A Bill intituled A Bill to Approve an Alternative Formulary for 'Sentences, Prayers and Readings for the Church's Year, 2024'

On the motion of The Ven Ruihana Paenga, seconded by Rev Claire Barrie, the principle of the Bill was discussed.

The Movers sought leave to have the Bill lie on the table until the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui 2026, for further work to be completed on the Bill. **Agreed**

Motion # 3

Reports and Accounts

Mover: Archbishop from the Chair

Secunder: The Rev'd Brian Dawson

That this General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui 2024:
Goes into Committee to consider the Motion. **Agreed**

That this General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui 2024:
Adopts or receives the reports and accounts listed in Motion #3.

Notes the late addition of a Communications Report attached to the GSSC Report, and the Te Pae Tawhiti Report attached to the Te Kotahitanga Report.

Also notes the absence of a Tikanga Toru Youth Commission report though listed.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS OF VARIOUS BODIES BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The Order Paper Committee recommends that the Committee of the Whole deal with the Reports in the manner shown in the Schedule. It commends the following motion to the Chair of Committee.

That the Committee of the Whole deals with the Reports in the manner shown in the Schedule alongside each report respectively, that is:

- (a) Where “adopt” or “receive” appears in the “Action” column that Report is to be adopted or received without further consideration and the author thanked for it.
- (b) Where a rider appears in the “Further Action or Qualification” column, the adoption or reception of that Report implies that the Committee incorporates the rider in its own recommendation.
- (c) Where “defer” appears in the “Action” column, that report is to be considered elsewhere on Synod’s agenda, in conjunction with the item of business shown in the “Further Action or Qualification” column.
- (d) Should any item of deferred business not be dealt with at that time, it will return to the Committee for its consideration as time permits.
- (e) Where “Consider” appears in the “Action” column, that report is to be given priority in the Order Paper at the time shown in the “Further Action or Qualification” column.
- (f) Any member may, before this motion is passed, reserve a report for consideration by the Committee, in which case that Report is excluded from the motion.

SCHEDULE

No	Report	Motions	Bills	Order Paper	Action	Further action or qualification
1	Anglican Financial Care	5			Receive	
2	Anglican Insurance Board		7		Receive	
3	Anglican Missions Board		1		Receive	
4	Archives and History Committee / Te Puna o Nehera				Adopt	
5	Association of Anglican Women				Receive	
6	Church Army NZ				Receive	
7	Christian World Service				Receive	

8	Churches Education Commission (Launchpad)				Receive	
9	Common Life Liturgical Commission	10	2,3,4, 8,9,10, 11, 13		Adopt	
10	Council for Ecumenism				Adopt	
Red pp	General Church Trust Board			Financial	Receive	
11	General Secretary				Adopt	
12	General Synod Standing Committee, with Communications Report attached	11	5		Adopt	
13	InterChurch Bioethics Council				Receive	
14	Interchurch Council for Hospital Chaplaincy					
15	Inter-church Tertiary Chaplaincy Council					
16	Judicial Committee				Adopt	
17	King's College				Receive	
18	Mothers Union					
19	Registrars, Diocesan Secretaries & Administrators				Adopt	
20	Representation of Dioceses				Adopt	
Red pp	St John's College Trust Board	6		Financial	Receive	
21	St Stephen's and Queen Victoria Schools Trust Board	4				(To be deferred)
22	Te Aute Trust Board				Receive	

23	Te Kaunihera		6		Receive	
24	Te Kotahitanga, with Te Pae Tawhiti Report					
25	Kinder Library Oversight Committee)				Adopt	
26	Tikanga Toru Youth Commission	7, 8			Adopt	Not submitted
Red pp	Treasurer's Report with Audited Accounts		12	Financial	Adopt	
27	Uniting Congregations of Aotearoa New Zealand				Receive	
28	Women's Studies Centre	9			Adopt	

Synod / Hīnota moved into Committee to consider the Motion.

Synod / Hīnota resumed.

The Committee reported to Synod / Hīnota that Motion 3 has been passed with the changes noted and deferring the SSQVSTB Report to be considered with Motion 4.

On the motion of Archbishop Don Tamihere from the Chair, that the decision of Committee was taken as the decision of Synod / Hīnota. **Agreed**

At 3pm Afternoon Tea break, a caucus by Tikanga was called to consider nominations.

Synod / Hīnota reconvened at 7.00pm after dinner.

Motion # 5

Anglican Church support of Christian KiwiSaver Scheme

Mover: The Most Rev'd Philip Richardson **Seconder:** The Rev'd Canon Isaac Beach

That this General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui 2024:

1. **Notes** that The New Zealand Anglican Church Pension Board, trading as Anglican Financial Care/ Te Maru Mihinare (AFC), is the Issuer and Manager of Aotearoa New Zealand's only KiwiSaver Scheme that is based on Christian membership and values, which is called the Christian KiwiSaver Scheme (CKS) formerly called Koinonia KiwiSaver Scheme;

2. **Notes** that CKS was established in 2007 when KiwiSaver was introduced as a savings product in Aotearoa New Zealand, and that CKS is restricted to those with an active Christian faith, immediate family members of those with an active Christian faith, and employees of Christian organisations whose primary activities are Christian mission or ministry.
3. **Notes** that AFC applies its Ethical Investment Policy to all its funds, ensuring that its investments are made and are maintained in accordance with Christian values.
4. **Notes** that CKS consistently outperforms its benchmarks, and while its fees are higher than average, they are not significantly out of line with the market, and that the larger CKS grows the better economies of scale it can achieve to pass on those savings to members;
5. **Notes** that employers in Christian organisations whose primary activities are Christian mission or ministry can select CKS to be their employer chosen KiwiSaver scheme for their employees, so that employees who will be auto-enrolled into KiwiSaver or opt into KiwiSaver, and do not choose their own scheme, will be enrolled in CKS; and
6. **Agrees** to strongly encourage all Anglican Church-related employers to apply to AFC to have CKS as their employer chosen KiwiSaver scheme.

Amendment:

Point 6 – add ‘within Aotearoa New Zealand’ after the word ‘employers’.

Agreed

Motion # 5

Mōtini mā Te Haahi Mihinare te Kaupapa Tiaki Pūtea Karaitiana e tautoko

Kaimōtini: [The Right Reverend Philip Richardson] **Kaitautoko:** [The Rev’d Canon Isaac Beach]

Mā tēnei Te Hīnota Whānui 2024:

1. **E mārama ana** ko Te Pōari Pēnihana o Te Haahi Mihinare o Aotearoa, arā, ko Te Maru Mihinare (AFC), he kaupapa motuhake o Aotearoa, hei Kaiwāwāhi (Kaituku) me te Kaiwhakahaere o te kaupapa Tiaki Pūtea i raro ngā uara a Te Karaiti. Ā, he wāhi ingoa anō ko te Christian Kiwi Saver Scheme (CKS), mohiotia i mua ko Koinonia KiwiSaver Scheme.
2. **E mārama ana** i tū a CKS i te tau 2007 i te wā i timata ai a Kiwisaver hei Ratonga Pena Pūtea, ā, ka noho motuhake ōna whakaurunga ki te hunga whakapono Karaitiana ana, ā rātou whānau ake, te hunga kaimahi Rōpū Karaitiana e mahi pū ana i ngā mahi a Te Karaiti.

3. **E mārama ana** ka meinga te Ethical Investment Policy a AFC ki ngā tahua moni katoa, ka mutu, ka tupu ake i runga i te tika me te pono o ngā uara Karaitiana.
4. **E mārama ana** ka eke panuku a CKS i ōna ake taumata ahakoa te nui o te nama utu kahore i nui noa atu i ngā nama utu o te māketē, ā, ka mārama i te kaha tipu mātoro a te CKS ka pai ake ngā ohanga, ahei ai te toha i aua penapena ki āna mema.
5. **E mārama ana** ko tā te hunga kaitukumahi kaupapa Karaitiana e mahi pū ana ā mihana, a minitātanga rānei, e whiriwhiri mā CKS hei Kiwisaver matua mō āna kaimahi, kia tāea hoki aua kaimahi te whakaurua noatia, kāhore kē rānei, ka mutu, ko te hunga kihai i kowhiri, ka urua noatia ai ki raro o te CKS; ā,
6. **E whakaae ana** te akiaki marika i te hunga kaitukumahi o Te Haahi Mihingare kia tonu atu ki a AFC kia whai wāhi a CKS hei KiwiSaver Scheme matua. **Agreed**

Evening prayer led by Rev'd Zhane Whelan.

Synod/ Hīnota adjourned at 8.30pm.

Signed by the President



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Primate and Archbishop