

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH IN AOTEAROA, NEW ZEALAND & POLYNESIA
66th Session of the General Synod / te Hīnōta Whānui 2024
Wednesday 22nd May 2024

Opening Prayer and Reflection

The General Synod / Te Hinōta Whānui in Wānanga with Father Gregory Boyle and Mr Steve Avalos of Homeboy Industries.

Synod / Hīnōta reconvened at 11.25am with Archbishop Don Tamihere in the Chair.

Apologies

Mr Tim Cross of Waiapu for two sessions this morning.

There were no Notices or Petitions.

Question

Dr Peter Lineham asked on behalf of an informal Rainbow Community caucus: “What provision exists within this church and the structures of General Synod for a Rainbow Group or study centre, apart from Canon 38 (B/XXXVIII), under which the Community of St Mark was formed?”

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

Notices of Motion

Bishop Peter Carrell sought leave of the Synod / te Hīnōta to introduce a Motion on Liturgical Matters.

Motion # 13

Liturgical Matters

Mover: The Rt Rev’d Dr Peter Carrell

Seconded: The Most Rev’d Don Tamihere

That this General Synod / te Hinōta Whānui

requests the Common Life Liturgical Commission to give consideration to the following matters raised in discussions at our meeting in Hastings in 2024:

1. Calendar
 - A. The challenge of honouring local saints when the celebrations in our calendar occur on the same day as a saint such as an apostle (and a current rubric says, “These days, and the liturgical provision for them, are not usually displaced.” [Appendix B, Notes on the calendar, per Motion 10, GSTHW 2024.]);
 - B. Whether, consequently, any changes might be proposed to the dates of celebrations of local saints, noting that celebrations of other saints are appropriately set down for dates common to churches around the world;
 - C. Guidance given in our rubrics to precedence of celebrations.

2. Collects
 - A. Consistency in literary, theological qualities of collects, including qualities as collects (compared to other forms of prayer) proposed for printing in A New Zealand Prayer Book – He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa;
 - B. Accessibility of other collects authorised for use in our church but not to be printed in A New Zealand Prayer Book – He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa.
3. Bible Translations

Sharing with the General Synod / te Hinōta Whānui the assessment criteria used when the Commission proposes versions of the Bible to be authorised for use in our church.

Mr Sione Moala-Mafi sought leave of the Synod / te Hinōta to introduce a Motion – Respond to the Critical issue of continuing decreases in members of the Anglican Communities in the Province (3 Tikanga).

Motion # 14

Respond to the Critical issue of continuing decreases in members of the Anglican Communities in the Province (3 Tikanga)

Mover: Mr Sione Finau Moala-Mafi

Seconder:

That this General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui:

1. Approves the establishment of a Committee or Working Group to address the critical issue of consistently decreasing members of the Anglican Communities throughout the Tikanga Pākehā, Tikanga Māori and Tikanga Pasefika, which have clearly reflected in their last four respective censuses and National and Regional reports;
2. Asks the Committee to investigate the causes of the decreasing church population (push and pull factors) and provide recommendations and an URGENT plan of action for the next General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui Meeting.

Ven Hannah Pomare sought leave of the Synod / te Hīnota to introduce a Motion – Church Protest to revoke Section 7AA of the Oranga Tamariki Act.

Motion # 15

Church Protest to revoke Section 7AA of the Oranga Tamariki Act

Mover: The Ven Hannah Pomare

Seconder: Dr Peter Lineham

That this General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui:

Hearing with great concern that the Parliament has before it a bill to revoke Section 7AA of the Oranga Tamariki Act by which Maori whanau will no longer be given priority to care for Tamariki taken from their immediate whanau, do hereby protest at this undermining of the principles of the whanaungatanga and the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi.

Motion # 4

St Stephen's and Queen Victoria Schools Trust Board Trustees Appointment

Mover: The Rt Rev'd Te Kitohi Pikaahu

Seconder: Sir Selwyn Parata

Noting that the St Stephen's and Queen Victoria Schools Trust Board seek continuity of membership at this critical time leading up to the reopening of Tipene in 2025,

That this General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui 2024 resolves that:

In accordance with Standing Resolution SRA5(b) Ms Agnes Naera and Ms Karleen Everett are reappointed to the St Stephen's and Queen Victoria Schools Trust Board. **Agreed**

In speaking to the above motion, representatives of SSQVSTB addressed the Synod / te Hīnota and made a presentation on developments of the Board around reopening Tipene.

The report of the SSQVSTB was received.

Synod / Hīnota adjourned for lunch at 12.30pm.

Synod / Hīnota reconvened in Tikanga caucuses after lunch break at 1.30pm to consider a nomination from TPC for Senior Bishop Tikanga Pākehā.

Synod / Hīnota resumed after the afternoon tea break at 3.30pm.

Notice

Archbishop Don Tamihere committed to circulating via hardcopy and email the charge of Archbishop Sione Ulu'ilakepa.

Tikanga Caucuses Reported

Tikanga Pākehā

Discussion took place on motions that had been placed before the Synod / te Hīnota without notice.

Tikanga Pasefika

Tikanga Pasefika reported that they agreed wholeheartedly with the name put forward by Tikanga Pākehā to be the next Senior Bishop Tikanga Pākehā.

Tikanga Māori

Reported the same as Tikanga Pasefika.

Archbishop Philip Richardson then presented, and Archbishop Don Tamihere announced Bishop Justin Duckworth as the new Senior Bishop Tikanga Pākehā – therefore the new Archbishop. This was met with acclamation and waiata.

Archbishop Justin Duckworth was welcomed to the top table and into the role as chair of the session of Synod / te Hīnota.

Elections

The General Secretary advised the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui of the nominations received and any consequent actions required by the Standing Committee of the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui in order to fill the membership of various Committees and Commissions.

ANGLICAN INSURANCE BOARD

Title B, Canon XXXII, Clause 5

One person for each Tikanga either lay or ordained appointed by the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui on the nomination of the representatives of:

Te Pīhopatanga o Aotearoa:

Mr Andrew Tamihere

Dioceses in New Zealand:

Ms Colleen Kaye

Diocese of Polynesia:

Mr Viliami Folau to replace Mr Don Baskerville (term to 2026)

One person, lay or ordained, with relevant industry skills, appointed by the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui on the nomination of the House of Bishops:

The Rt Rev'd (House of Bishops to replace Rt Rev'd Richard Wallace)

ARCHIVES & HISTORY COMMITTEE / TE PUNA O NEHERĀ

Title B, Canon X, Clause 3(a)

Six members appointed at each ordinary session of the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui.

Two members by Te Pīhopatanga o Aotearoa:

Lay Canon Sharlene Douglas-Huriwai
Ms Rachael Te Karu

Two members by the several dioceses in New Zealand:

Ms Jane Teal
Dr Peter Lineham

Two members by the Diocese of Polynesia:

The Rev'd Liliani Havili
The Rev'd Salacielu Koroi

COMMISSION ON TREATY AND PARTNERSHIP ISSUES

Title B, Canon XXXI, Clause 2

Six members of the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui, appointed by the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui, two being nominated by representatives of Te Pīhopatanga o Aotearoa, two being nominated by representatives of the New Zealand Dioceses and two being nominated by representatives of the Diocese of Polynesia.

Two members nominated by representatives of Te Pīhopatanga o Aotearoa:

The Rev'd Dr Rangī Nicholson
The Rev'd Vianney Douglas

Two members nominated by representatives of the New Zealand Dioceses:

The Rev'd Peter Bargh
(a vacancy)

Two members nominated by representatives of the Diocese of Polynesia:

The Ven Jemima Teo-Nafatali
The Right Rev'd Gabriel Sharma

COUNCIL FOR ANGLICAN WOMEN'S STUDIES

Title B, Canon XXXV, Clause 5

Six members appointed for terms of four years with three members appointed at each ordinary session of the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui:

One member nominated by Te Rūnanga Whaiti o Te Pīhopatanga o Aotearoa:

(to be advised by Whaiti)

One member nominated by the Tikanga Pākehā Conference Coordinating Group:

Mrs Bridie Marsden-Boyd (appointed to 2028)
(A vacancy to be appointed to 2026)

One member nominated by the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Polynesia:

Ms Quandolita Reid Enari (appointed to 2028)

JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

Title C, Canon IV, Clause 2.2

Nine members, in which there shall be at least two members from each Tikanga; and among the nine members there shall be at least one Bishop, at least one ordained Minister, and at least three lay persons.

Please note the lay qualification requirements of Clause 2.1:

any lay member of the church who is enrolled as a barrister or solicitor of the High Court of New Zealand of not less than seven years' standing, or who holds similar qualifications and experience in any of the legal jurisdictions in the Diocese of Polynesia.

At least two members from Tikanga Māori:

Rev'd Pania Houkamau-Ngaheue

Vacancy – to be nominated by Whaiti

At least two members from Tikanga Pākehā:

Judge Chris Harding

Judge Alex Twaddle

The Rev'd Joel Rowse

At least two members from Tikanga Pasefika:

Mr Walton Morgan

Ms Shirleen Kiran Prasad

At least one from the House of Bishops:

The Right Rev'd ...

Plus a vacancy for any tikanga

NEW ZEALAND ANGLICAN CHURCH PENSION BOARD

Title B, Canon XIV, Clause 5

One person, lay or ordained, appointed at each ordinary session of the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui by the:

Representatives of Te Pīhopatanga o Aotearoa

The Rev'd Canon Isaac Beach

Representatives of the Dioceses in New Zealand

The Rev'd Lawrence Kimberley

Representatives of the Diocese of Polynesia

Mr Manoj Kumar

Under the provisions of Title B, Canon XIV, Clause 5.4

One person elected by the ordained ministers of the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui present at each ordinary session.

The Ven Carole Hughes

STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL SYNOD/TE HĪNOTA WHĀNUI

Title B, Canon 1, Clause 3.2

The Primates / Ngā Pīhopa Mātāmua

The Most Rev'd Don Tamihere

The Most Rev'd Sione Ulu'ilakepa

The Most Rev'd Justin Duckworth

Five members of the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui nominated by the representatives of Te Pīhopatanga o Aotearoa, including at least one ordained minister and at least one lay person:

The Rev'd Wiremu Anania

The Ven Mere Wallace

The Ven Ruihana Paenga

Ms Ema Weepu

Sir Herewini Parata

Seven members of the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui nominated by the representatives of the Dioceses of New Zealand, including at least two ordained ministers and at least two lay persons:

The Rev'd Peter Bargh

The Rev'd Ivica Gregurec

The Rev'd Toby Behan

Dr Penny Field

The Rev'd Dr Andrew Burgess

Mr John Whitehead

The Rev'd Canon Jenny Chalmers

Three members of the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui nominated by the representatives of the Diocese of Polynesia, including at least one ordained minister and one lay person:

Ms Bolivia Smith

The Rev'd Winston Tarere

Mr Fe'iloakitau Tevi

Three members of the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui, who shall be one Youth representative from each Tikanga, as defined by that Tikanga and nominated by that Tikanga, whether clergy or lay:

Tikanga Māori

Rev'd Canon Isaac Beach

Tikanga Pākehā

Ms Jessica Hughes

Tikanga Pasefika

vacancy

TE KOTAHITANGA

Title E, Canon II, Clause 3.1

Two members from each Tikanga elected biennially at each Ordinary Session of the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui, of whom at least one member from each Tikanga shall be a member of the Synod / te Hīnota.

Two members from Tikanga Māori:

The Rt Rev'd Waitohiariki Quayle
Ven Michael Tamihere
Ven Susan Wallace (Te Waka Matauranga appointment)

Two members from Tikanga Pākehā:

The Rt Rev'd Peter Carrell
The Very Rev'd Dr Graham O'Brien
Mrs Karen Spoelstra (Tikanga Pākehā Ministry Council appointment)

Two members from Tikanga Pasefika:

The Ven Christopher Solomona (Lay)
Mr Sione Moala-Mafi
Mr Sanjeu Reddy (Ministry Committee appointment)

One member appointed by the St Johns College Trust Board:

(vacant)

TREATY/TIRITI, CHURCH & NATION COMMISSION

Title B, Canon XXXIII, Clause 6

Two persons each nominated by:

Te Rūnanga Whaiti o Te Pihopatanga o Aotearoa:

Vacancies – to be nominated by the Whaiti

Tikanga Pākehā Conference Coordinating Group:

The Rev'd Richard Bonifant
The Rev'd Jolyon White

Standing Committee of the Diocese of Polynesia:

Mrs Shirleen Prasad
Mr Walton Morgan

TRIBUNAL ON DOCTRINE

Title C, Canon V, Clauses 2, 3.1 & 3.2

(Five Clergy and Five Lay members)

Two Priests or Deacons, and two Lay persons are required to retire their places at each ordinary session of the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui (are eligible for re-election should they so agree) the requirement to retire based on the length of tenure of office.

The persons to fill these places will be elected by Houses respectively, Priests and Deacons being elected by the Clergy at the Synod / te Hīnota and the Lay persons by the Lay members of the Synod / te Hīnota. Lay members must be at least 20 years old and duly qualified to be members of GSTHW.

The retiring members of the Tribunal are:

Clergy	The Most Rev'd Sione Ulu'ilakepa The Rev'd Dr Andrew Burgess
Lay Persons	Mr Gareth Bezett Miss Bolivia Smith

Two Clergy Required:	The Rev'd Dr Andrew Burgess The Ven Jemima Teo-Nafatali Plus - The Rev'd Dr Hirini Kaa (to fill a vacancy)
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Two Lay Persons Required:	Mr Gareth Bezett Ms Bolivia Smith Plus - a vacancy to be filled by Whaiti
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Current Members Remaining:

Clergy	The Rev'd Deborah Broome The Very Rev'd Ven Orisi Vuki
Lay Persons	Mr Anthony Hill Mr Eli Tapene
House of Bishops	The Right Rev'd Dr Peter Carrell The Right Rev'd Rahu Katene The Right Rev'd Gabriel Sharma <i>Two vacancies for bishops</i>

TRIBUNAL UNDER THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND EMPOWERING ACT 1928
Act, Clause 5, PA19

(Seven Clergy and Seven Lay members)

In accordance with the Act, two Priests and two Lay persons shall retire at each session of the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui (the retiring members being eligible for re-election).

The retiring members of the Tribunal are:

Clergy	The Rev'd Bettina Maxwell The Ven Don Rangi QSM
Lay Persons	Ms Victoria Mann Mr Andrew Tamihere

Two Clergy required: The Rev'd Bettina Maxwell
 A vacancy to be appointed by Whaiti

Two Lay Persons required: Ms Victoria Mann
 Mr Andrew Tamihere
 Plus – Ms Karera Wallace to replace Ms Ataahua Hepi

Current Members Remaining:

Clergy	The Rev'd Diana Rattray The Ven Canon Sue Fordyce The Rev'd Canon Michael Wallace The Rev'd Sonja Hunter The Rev'd Pania Hokomau-Ngaheu
Lay Persons	Mr Gerald Bailey Dr Anthony Fitchett Mr Ian Pask Mrs Mele Taliai

COUNCIL FOR ECUMENISM

Title B, Canon XVIII, Clause 5

Two persons nominated by each of the following:

Te Rūnanga Whaiti o Te Pīhopatanga o Aotearoa:

Whaiti to advise

Tikanga Pākehā Conference Coordinating Group:

The Very Rev'd Anne Mills

The Rev'd Canon Michael Wallace

Standing Committee of the Diocese of Polynesia:

The Rev'd Sepiuta Hala'api'api

Mr Fe'iloakitau Tevi

Appointments by Tikanga not requiring the sanction of the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui

THREE TIKANGA YOUTH COMMISSION

Title B, Canon XXXVI, Clause 3

Six members elected by the Tikanga Youth Synod, comprising two members from each Tikanga.

Two approved by Te Rūnanga Whaiti o Te Pīhopatanga o Aotearoa:

Whaiti to advise

Two approved by the Tikanga Pākehā Conference Coordinating Group:

Mr Etienne Wain

TPCCG to advise

Two approved by the Diocesan Youth Advisory Committee of Polynesia:

Ms Loini Simeti

Mr Alakoulu Ulukivaiola

COMMON LIFE LITURGICAL COMMISSION

Title B, Canon XXX, Clause 2

Two persons appointed by each of the following:

Te Rūnanganui Whaiti o Te Pīhopatanga o Aotearoa:

Whaiti to advise

Tikanga Pākehā Conference Coordinating Group:

The Ven Nick Mountfort

The Rev'd Jean Malcolm

Standing Committee of the Diocese of Polynesia:

The Most Rev'd Sione Ulu'ilakepa

The Ven Orisi Vuki

The President moved from the Chair that the appointments be adopted. **Agreed.**

Acknowledgements

The Synod / te Hinota acknowledged the taonga of those who had served the Church on various bodies since General Synod / te Hinota Whanui 2022 to General Synod / te Hinota Whanui 2024.

Motion # 11

Proposed Settlement of Te Korowai Trust

Mover: Mr Etienne Wain

Seconded: Mr Fe'iloakitau Tevi

Noting that at present, members of GSTHW and GSSC are exposed to significant legal liability by virtue of their office;

Mindful that no designated legal entity exists to carry such liability;

Mindful that this state of affairs unduly burdens Tuia / the General Synod Office, its staff, and other employees of the Church;

Recalling the decision of GSSC on 22 June 2023 that tasked Te Korowai Small Working Group (SWG) with exploring possible solutions to the above issue; and

Noting the GSSC decision on 14 March 2024 to approve in principle the settlement of Te Korowai Trust, subject to GSTHW's approval.

THAT this General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui

1. Approves the settlement of Te Korowai Trust; and
2. Mandates GSSC to identify sources of funding for this matter.

There was a call for the draft Trust Deed to be circulated and discussion was deferred till Thursday 23 May.

Motion # 10

Notes on the Calendar

Mover: The Ven Ruihana Paenga

Seconder: The Rev'd Clare Barrie

That this General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui 2024:

moves into committee to consider amendments to Standing Resolution Appendix B – Notes on the Calendar (pursuant to Title C/ Canon II/ Clause 5)

That Standing Resolution Appendix B – Notes on the Calendar be repealed and replaced with the following:

(**NB** the changes are highlighted in yellow)

Appendix B

Notes on the Calendar - Te Maramataka, and Precedence in Liturgical Observance - Kupu Whakamarama - Ko Tēhea te Rā Tuatahi o Ngā Rā Hākari

Sundays - Ngā Rātapu

All Sundays celebrate the paschal mystery of the death and resurrection of the Lord. Nevertheless, they also reflect the character of the seasons in which they are set.

Principal Feasts - Ngā Rā Hākari

The principal feasts which are to be observed are:

Christmas Day - Te Rā Whānautanga o tō tātou Ariki, o te Karaiti - Baradin (Hindi)

The Naming of Jesus - Te Whakaingoaanga o Ihu - O le Faasuafaina o Iesu (Samoan)

The Epiphany - Te Whakaaturanga - 'Aho 'oe 'eiki Hili 'ae Epifane (Tongan)

The Baptism of Christ - Te Iriiringa o te Karaiti - Krist Ka Baptishma (Hindi)

The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple - Te Tapaenga o te Karaiti i te Temepara - Na Vakacabori i Jisu, e na Vale ni Soro (Fijian)

The Annunciation of our Saviour to the Blessed Virgin Mary –

Te Whakapuakitanga o tō tātou Kaiwhakaora ki te Puhī Tapu ki a Meri - O le Fofogaina o te Taupou o Maria e uiga i le afio mai o lo tatou Faaola (Samoan)

Easter Day - Te Rā o te Aranga - Tucake Tale (Fijian)
Ascension Day - Te Rā Kakenga - Koe 'aho 'oe Ha'ele hake (Tongan)
The Day of Pentecost - Te Rā o te Petekoha - Penitiko (Fijian)
Trinity Sunday - Te Rātapu o te Tokotoru - O le aso Sa o le Tasi Tolu Paia
(Samoan)
The Transfiguration of the Beloved Son - Te Whakaahuakētanga o te Tama
aroha - Koe Faka-haha 'oe 'Alo 'Ofa'anga (Tongan)
All Saints' Day - Te Rā o te Hunga Tapu Katoa - Santho Ka Din (Hindi)

On these days the holy communion is normally celebrated.

These days, and the liturgical provision for them, should not be displaced by any other celebration, except that the Annunciation, falling on a Sunday, is transferred to the Monday following or, falling between Palm Sunday / Rātapu Nikau and Easter 1 [the Second Sunday of Easter] inclusive, is transferred to the Monday after Easter 1 [the Second Sunday of Easter].

Except in the case of Christmas Day and Easter Day, the celebration of the feast begins with Evening Prayer on the day before the feast, and the collect at that Evening Prayer is that of the feast.

In the case of Christmas Eve / Te Rā i mua i te Rā Whānautanga and Easter Eve / Holy Saturday / Te Rā i mua i te Aranga, there is proper liturgical provision, including a collect, for the Eve, and this is used at both Morning and Evening Prayer.

In any year when there is a Second Sunday of Christmas, the Epiphany (6 January) may, for pastoral reasons, be celebrated on that Sunday.

The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple is celebrated either on 2 February or on the Sunday falling between 28 January and 3 February.

All Saints' Day is celebrated on either 1 November or the Sunday falling between 30 October and 5 November; if the latter there may be a secondary celebration on 1 November.

Other Principal Holy Days - Ētahi atu Rā Tapu

Ash Wednesday / Te Wenerei Pungarehu and Maundy Thursday / Te Taite Mone are principal holy days. On both these days the Holy Communion is normally celebrated.

Good Friday / Te Paraire Pai is a principal holy day.

These days, and the liturgical provision for them, should not be displaced by any other celebration.

Eastertide - Te Rā o te Aranga

The paschal character of the Great Fifty Days of Eastertide, from Easter Day to The Day of Pentecost, should be celebrated throughout the season, and should not be displaced by other celebrations. Except for a patronal or dedication festival, no festival may displace the celebration of Sunday as a memorial of the resurrection, and no saint's day may be celebrated in Easter Week.

The paschal character of the season should be retained on those weekdays when saints' days are celebrated.

The nine days after Ascension Day until Pentecost may be used as days of prayer and preparation to celebrate the outpouring of the Spirit.

Festivals - Ngā Rā Whakamaharatanga o te hunga tapu i ngā Karaipiture

The festivals are:

The Conversion of St Paul / Te Whakatahuritanga o Paora Tapu (*25 January*)

St Matthias the Apostle / Matiaha Tapu, te Apotoro (*14 May*)

St Joseph of Nazareth / Hohepa Tapu o Nahareta (*19 March*)

St Mark the Evangelist / Maka Tapu te Kaituhi Rongopai (*26 April*)

St Philip and St James, Apostles / Piripi Tapu rāua ko Hemi Tapu, ngā Apotoro (*1 May*)

The Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth / Te Haerenga o Meri ki a Erihapeti (*31 May, or 2 July*)

St Barnabas the Apostle / Panapa Tapu, te Apotoro (*11 June*)

St John the Baptist / Hoani Kaiiriiri (*24 June*)

St Peter and St Paul, Apostles, Martyrs / Pita Tapu rāua ko Paora, ngā Apotoro i Patua mo te Whakaponu (*29 June*)

St Mary Magdalene / Meri Makarini Tapu (*22 July*)

St James and St John, Apostles / Hemi Tapu rāua ko Hone Tapu, ngā Apotoro (*25 July*)

St Mary, the Mother of Jesus / Meri Tapu, te Whaea o Ihu (*15 August*)

St Bartholomew (Nathanael), Apostle / Patoromu Tapu, te Apotoro (*24 August*)

The Builders of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia / Ngā Kaiwhakaū o te Hāhi Mihinare ki Aotearoa ki Niu Tireni, ki ngā Moutere o te Moana Nui a Kiwa (*1 September*)

Holy Cross Day / Te Rā o te Rīpeka Tapu (*14 September*)+

St Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist / Matiu Tapu te Kaituhi Rongopai (*21 September*)

St Michael and All Angels / Mikaera Tapu rātou ko Ngā Anahera Katoa (*29 September*)

St Luke the Evangelist / Ruka Tapu te Kaituhi Rongopai (*18 October*)

St James of Jerusalem / Hemi Tapu o Hiruharama (*23 October*)

St Simon and St Jude, Apostles / Himona Tapu rāua ko Hura Tapu, ngā Apotoro (*28 October*)

Christ the King / Ko te Karaiti te Kīngi (*Sunday next before Advent*)+
St Andrew, Apostle, Martyr / Anaru Tapu, te Apotoro i Patua mo te Whakapono (*30 November*)
St Thomas the Apostle / Tamati Tapu, te Apotoro (*21 December, or 3 July*)
St Stephen, the first Martyr / Tipene Tapu, te tuatahi o rātou i patua mo te Whakapono (*26 December, or 3 August*)
St John, the Evangelist / Hoani Tapu te Kaituhi rongopai (*27 December, or 6 May*)
The Holy Innocents / Ngā Kōhungahunga Tapu (*28 December, or 16 February*)

These days, and the liturgical provision for them, are not usually displaced. For each day there is full liturgical provision for the Holy Communion and for Morning and Evening Prayer.

Provision is also made for a first Evening Prayer on the day before the festival where this is required.

Festivals falling on a Sunday may be kept on that day or transferred to the Monday (or, at the discretion of the minister, to the next suitable weekday). But a festival should not be celebrated on Sundays in Advent, Lent or Eastertide. Festivals coinciding with a Principal Feast or Principal Holy Day are transferred to the first available day.

The Baptism of Christ is only transferred when 6 January is a Sunday.

Christ the King is not transferred.

When St Joseph's Day falls between Palm Sunday and the Second Sunday of Easter inclusive, it is transferred to the Monday after the Second Sunday of Easter [Easter 1] or, if the Annunciation has already been moved to that date, to the Tuesday following.

When St Mark's Day fall between Palm Sunday and Easter 1 [the Second Sunday of Easter] inclusive, it is transferred to the Monday after Easter 1 [the Second Sunday of Easter].

The Thursday after Trinity Sunday may be observed as the Day of Thanksgiving for the Holy Communion (sometimes known as Corpus Christi), and may be kept as a festival.

Local Celebrations - Ngā Rā Whakamaharatanga o ia Rohe

The celebration of the patron saint or the title of a church is kept either as a festival or as a principal feast.

The Dedication Festival of a church is the anniversary of the date of its dedication or consecration. This is kept either as a festival or as a principal feast.

When the date of dedication is unknown, the Dedication Festival may be observed on the first Sunday in October, or on the Last Sunday after Pentecost, or on a suitable date chosen locally. **[See also For All the Saints.]**

When kept as principal feasts, the Patronal and Dedication Festivals may be transferred to the nearest Sunday, unless that day is already a principal feast or one of the following days: The First Sunday of Advent, The Baptism of Christ, The First Sunday of Lent, The Fifth Sunday of Lent or Palm Sunday.

Harvest Thanksgiving may be celebrated on a Sunday and may replace the propers for that day, provided it does not supersede any principal feast or festival.

In the calendar of the saints, diocesan, tribal and other local provision may be made to supplement The Calendar - Te Maramataka.

Lesser Festivals - Ētahi atu Rā Hākari

Lesser festivals, which are listed in the calendar, are observed at the level appropriate to a particular church. Each is provided with a collect, psalm and readings, which may supersede the collect of the week and the daily eucharistic lectionary. The daily psalms and readings at Morning and Evening Prayer are not usually superseded by those for lesser festivals, but at the minister's discretion psalms and readings provided on these days for the Holy Communion may be used at Morning and Evening Prayer.

The minister may be selective in the lesser festivals that are observed, and may also keep some or all of them as 'commemorations.'

When a lesser festival falls on a principal feast or holy day or on a festival, its celebration is normally omitted for that year, but, where there is sufficient reason, it may, at the discretion of the minister, be celebrated on the nearest available day.

Commemorations - Ētahi atu Rā Whakamaharatanga

Commemorations, which are listed in the calendar, are made by a mention in prayers of intercession and thanksgiving. They are not provided with collect, psalm and readings, and do not replace the usual weekday provision at either the Holy Communion or Morning and Evening Prayer.

The minister may be selective in the commemorations that are made.

A commemoration may be observed as a lesser festival, with liturgical provision from the common material for holy men and women, only where there is an established celebration in the wider church or where the day has a special local significance. In designating a commemoration as a 'lesser festival', the minister must remember the need not to lose the spirit of the season, especially of Advent and Lent, by too many celebrations that detract from its character.

Days of Self-Examination and Special Devotion - Ngā rā e whakaaro ai te tangata ki a ia anō me ngā inoi pūmau

The weekdays of Lent and every Friday in the year are days of self-examination and special devotion, except all principal feasts and festivals outside Lent and Fridays from Easter Day to Pentecost.

The eves of principal feasts are also appropriately kept as days of self-examination and special devotion in preparation for the feast.

Days of Prayer for the Ministry of the Church and Ordinands (Ember Days) - Ngā rā inoi mo te mahi minita i roto i te Hāhi me te hunga i karangatia hei minita

Prayers are offered on the weekdays following the Day of Pentecost and the week preceding St Andrew's Day.

Days of Prayer for the Ministry of the Church and Ordinands (Ember Days) should be kept, under the bishop's directions, in the week before an ordination as days of prayer for those to be made deacon or priest.

Ember Days may also be kept even when there is no ordination in the Episcopal unit as more general days of prayer for those who serve the Church in its various ministries, both ordained and lay, and for vocations.

Traditionally they have been observed on the Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays within the weeks before the Third Sunday of Advent, the Second Sunday of Lent and the Sundays nearest to 29 June and 29 September.

[For All the Saints provides a Proper with two sets of Collects: (a) for Deacons, Priests and those to be ordained; and (b) for lay ministers with particular ministries in the Church.]

Days of Prayer for Industry, Science and Technology - Ngā inoi mo ngā wāhi mahi, taha taiao, pūtaiao taha tangata

These are days in the month of May and provide an opportunity for prayers to be offered for God's guidance for those involved in Industry, Science, and Technology.

Days of Prayer for the Care of Creation - Ngā rā inoi kia tiakina ngā mea katoa i hanga

These are days on either side of the commemoration of St Francis of Assisi (4 October) and provide opportunities for prayer to be offered for God's blessing on the fruits and creatures of the earth, and the stewardship of the environment. **[Collects are in For All the Saints.]**

Ordinary Time - He wā noa

Ordinary time is the period after the Feast of the Presentation of Christ until Shrove Tuesday, and from the day after the Feast of Pentecost until the day before the First Sunday of Advent. During ordinary time, there is no seasonal emphasis, except that the period between All Saints' Day and the First Sunday of Advent is observed as a time to celebrate and reflect upon the reign of Christ in earth and heaven.

Liturgical Colours - Ngā ritenga mo ngā kameta me ngā kākahu

Appropriate liturgical colours are suggested: they are not mandatory and traditional or local use may be followed.

White is the colour for the festal periods from Christmas Day to the Presentation and from Easter Day to Ascension Day, for Trinity Sunday, for festivals of Our Lord and the Blessed Virgin Mary, for All Saints' Day, and for the festivals of those saints not venerated as martyrs, for the Feast of Dedication of a church, at Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday and in thanksgiving for Holy Communion and Holy Baptism. It is used for Marriages, and Baptisms. It may be used in preference to violet or black for Funerals, and should be used at the Funeral of a Child.

Red is used during Holy Week (except at Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday), from the Friday after Ascension Day to the Feast of Pentecost, may be used between All Saints' Day and the eve of the First Sunday of Advent (except where other provision is made), and is used for the feasts of those saints venerated as martyrs. It is appropriate for any services which focus on the gift of the Holy Spirit, and is therefore suitable for Confirmation and Ordination.

Violet is the colour for Advent and from Ash Wednesday until the day before Palm Sunday. It may be used for Funerals and for the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed, although either black or white may be preferred. A Lent array of unbleached linen is sometimes used as an alternative to violet, but only from Ash Wednesday until the day before Palm Sunday.

Green is used from the day after the Presentation until Shrove Tuesday, and from the day after Pentecost until the eve of All Saints' Day, except when other provision is made. Coloured hangings are traditionally removed for Good Friday and Easter Eve, but red is the colour for the liturgy on Good Friday.

The colour for a particular service should reflect the predominant theme. If the collect, readings, etc. on a lesser festival are those of the saint, then either red (for a martyr) or white is used; otherwise, the colour of the season is retained.

Agreed

Synod / Hinota did not move into Committee but agreed to the changes as consequential updates, and looked forward to further revision in 2026 in response to Motion 13.

Motion # 7

Of Rangatahi Representation on Synodical and Statutory Bodies within the ACANZP

Mover: Mr Etienne Wain

Seconded: Mr Levi Torrey

PREAMBLE

Whereas, it has been six years since "Motion 8 – Youth Representation" was presented, discussed, and adopted at GSTHW 2018.

Whereas, we are aware that Amorangi / Dioceses, individual Tikanga and Three Tikanga bodies are at varying progressions with regard to youth representation.

Whereby, an equitable level of Rangatahi / youth representation is still an important issue for young people across the Three Tikanga.

That, this General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui

1. Investigates the result or progress of “Motion 8, GSTHW 2018 – Youth representation.”
2. Collates the current three tikanga youth representation data and report that information back to Tikanga Youth Synod (TYS) through the Tikanga Toru Youth Commission (TTYC) by 31 August 2024.
3. Asks each Tikanga, Diocese and Amorangi collate their own current youth representation data and report that information back to TYS through the TTYC by 31 August 2024.
4. Directs the TTYC to collate and utilise that information to facilitate the development of a “Youth Representation Strategy” for ratification at Tikanga Youth Synod 2025.
5. Further directs the TTYC to appropriately resource the communication and implementation of this resolution.

Note from GSTHW 2018:

Motion 8

Youth Representation

1. *The Rev'd J Crosse*
2. *Ms A Hepi*

Preamble:

At the Tikanga Youth Synod (TYS) in June 2017, the matter of the level of youth representation on governing bodies was discussed and identified as an issue.

TYS delegates wish to identify the current level of youth representation on governing bodies.

That this General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui 2018:

Mandate General Synod Standing Committee and the Tikanga Toru Youth Commission (T3YC) to undertake a study of youth representation on church governing bodies in the province (3-Tikanga and Tikanga level bodies) within the next 12 months.

Agreed

On the motion of the Mr Etienne Wain, Synod / Hīnota moved into Committee to consider Motion 7.

Synod / Hīnota resumed.

The Committee reported to Synod / Hīnota that Motion 7 has been passed without amendment.

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

Bill No 5

A Bill intituled, *A Bill to Amend Title D Canons II and III, 2024*

Synod / Hīnota moved into Committee to consider further detail of Bill No 5.

Synod / Hīnota resumed.

The Committee reported to Synod / Hīnota that Bill No 5 has been progressed and leave sought to discuss again tomorrow.

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

Archbishop Philip Richardson noted that the Trust Deed in draft format of the Te Korowai Trust had been made available both in paper format and by email to all members of General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui.

Notice of Motion

Mr Fe'iloakitau Tevi gave notice he would seek leave of the Synod / te Hīnota to introduce a Motion – Establishment of the office of Climate Change Commissioner.

Motion # 12

Te Hīnota Whānui / The General Synod Review of Te Pouhere / The Constitution

Mover: The Rev'd Dr Rangi Nicholson

Seconded: The Rev'd Dr Andrew Burgess

In recognition that:

1. It is now 40 years since Te Hīnota Whānui / the General Synod established Te Kōmihana mō te Kaupapa Tikanga Rua mō te Tiriti o Waitangi / The Bicultural Commission on the Treaty of Waitangi / Te Tiriti o Waitangi;
2. It has been more than 30 years since Te Pouhere / The Constitution was adopted by Te Hīnota Whānui/ The General Synod in 1992, to give effect to the principles of Treaty Partnership and Bicultural Development within Mihinare / Anglican ecclesiology, as outlined in Te Kōmihana's report; and
3. There have been significant developments in the Treaty landscape and within the Three Tikanga Church since that time;

That Te Hīnota Whānui / this General Synod

1. Resolves to establish a Commission to review Te Pouhere / The Constitution and a Reference Group to support the Commission's work, per the appended Terms of Reference (Appendix 1) and Standing Orders 93–96 (Appendix 2);
2. Requests that the General Synod Standing Committee:
 - (a) finalises the membership and terms of reference for this review as required; and
 - (b) facilitates the appropriate resourcing of this review.

Debate was adjourned and the motion will be further discussed tomorrow.

Synod / Hīnota adjourned for the evening at 6.00pm, members attended a Gala Dinner at 7.00pm with karaoke as the entertainment for the evening.

Archbishop Justin Duckworth's family were in attendance and congratulatory speeches were offered and the prayers and blessings of the Synod / te Hinota were expressed for Archbishop Duckworth and his whanau.

Signed by the Presidents



D Tamihere
Primate and Archbishop