

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH IN AOTEAROA, NEW ZEALAND & POLYNESIA
66th Session of the General Synod / Te Hīnota Whānui 2024
Thursday 23rd May 2024

Opening Prayer and Reflection

Morning prayer was led by Rev'd Merekaraka Te Whitu.

There were no Apologies.

Announcements

- The newly elected GSSC need to attend to procedural matters so will meet with the General Secretary this morning at Tea break.
- Reminder to be checked out of hotels and be ready for shuttles.
- Bishop Andrew Hedge gave a preview of the video advertising for the new Anglican Care Waiapu Kaihautū role.

Acknowledgement and Thanks

Archbishop Don Tamihere gave thanks to the teams behind the scenes organisationally of the Synod / te Hīnota as some will be leaving before close of business.

Answer to Question

The General Secretary responded:

The four options that seem possible are as follows:

Provision 1 - To propose a new Canon via a Bill to GSTHW, like CAWS (B/35) or TTYC (B/36).

Provision 2 - As noted in the question, to establish a Christian Community under B/38.

Provisions 1 and 2 have a potential long life, until repealed.

Provision 3 - To establish a Commission under Standing Orders 93-96, as in Motion 12 of this GSTHW.

Provision 4 - To ask GSSC to establish a SWG (small working group), either by a motion to GSTHW, as in Motion 9 before amendment or Motion 14 as proposed to this GSTHW, or by application to the next meeting of GSSC, who can establish SWGs between GSTHW hui.

Provisions 3 and 4 usually only have a life until the next GSTHW, unless renewed there.

The General Secretary offered to meet and work with the group to explore the best/ preferred/ or initial direction they would like to take.

Reports

A summary of the report back from the Men's and Women's caucus is to be printed in the proceedings of the Synod / te Hīnota.

Men - Proposed that this General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui

1. Rejoices in the upcoming 50th anniversary of the first ordination of women to the priesthood in this Province;
2. Acknowledges that women's leadership and ministries have often been undermined by the Church; and
3. Repents of this behaviour and commits to encouraging and supporting women's leadership at all levels of the church.

Women - Note for the record that following a Wānanga on Women's Leadership and a motion calling the church to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Womens' ordination in the Anglican Communion, the women's gender caucus hearing stories from women from each tikanga of their experience in this church as a wahine:

1. Affirms that women's leadership in the church requires urgent attention; and
2. Reaffirms the prioritising of key principles such like Whakawhanaunga - Commitment to putting the whanau relationship first across all Hui Amorangi, Diocese, Ministry Units and Common Life Bodies.

Notices of Motion

Ms Rachael Te Karu sought leave of the Synod / te Hīnota Whānui to introduce a Motion regarding Disability Cuts.

Motion # 16

Disability Cuts

Mover: Ms Rachael Te Karu

Seconder: The Rev'd Heather Major

That this General Synod / Te Hīnota Whānui notes with alarm the recent disability funding cuts and adds its voice to many community groups to reinstate the funding arrangements to enable disabled people and those who support them, to live independently in the community with equity as other New Zealanders do.

The Rev'd Dr Hirini Kaa gave notice of the formation of a working group to explore this year's End of Life Choices legislation.

Te Whaikorero / Archbishops' Charge No 2

Archbishop Sione Ulu'ilakepa's charge was circulated to all Synod / Hīnota members and will be printed in the Proceedings.

Bill No 5

Synod / Hīnota moved into Committee to consider the Bill.

Synod / Hīnota resumed.

The Committee reported to Synod / Hīnota that Bill No 5 has been passed with amendment.

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

The third reading be an order of the day for later today.

Bill No 6

Synod / Hīnota moved into Committee to consider the Bill.

Synod / Hīnota resumed.

The Committee reported to Synod / Hīnota that Bill No 5 has been passed with amendment.

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

The third reading be an order of the day for later today.

Bill No 12

A Bill intituled, *The Finance Statute, 2024*

On the motion of Sir Selwyn Parata, seconded by Mr John Whitehead, the principle of the Bill was agreed to by Synod / Hīnota.

Synod / Hīnota moved into Committee to consider the Bill.

Synod / Hīnota resumed.

The Committee reported to Synod / Hīnota that Bill No 12 has been passed without amendment.

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

The third reading be an order of the day for later today.

Confirmation of Bills

The President moved from the chair that:

Bill No 5 A Bill to Amend Title D Canons II and III, 2024

Bill No 6 A Bill to Amend Title E Canon II of St John's College and the Utilisation of the St Johns College Trust Funds, 2024

Bill No 12 The Finance Statute, 2024

Be confirmed.

Agreed

Tikanga Māori called for a caucus over the morning tea break to discuss Motion 12.

The General Synod Standing Committee met during the Tea break.

Synod / Hīnota resumed at 11.00am after the morning tea break.

Motion # 11 as amended

Mover: Mr. Etienne Wain

Seconder: Mr Fe'iloakitau Tevi

That this General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui:

1. Approves the settlement of Te Korowai Trust in principle; and
2. Mandates GSSC to progress this matter, providing that the feedback received from GSTHW (contained in Appendix 1) is duly considered; and to identify sources of funding for this.

Appendix 1

Feedback to Standing Committee on the Draft Deed of Charitable Trust of Te Korowai Charitable Trust:

- At [10]: Reporting obligations should include annual audited financial statements/performance report to be completed by a qualified auditor.
- At [21]: Reconsider the winding up provisions in [21]. The trust could have significant financial assets given its intended purpose. The current provision for the transfer of Trust Funds should the Trust be wound up is too broad as it only requires it to be transferred to "another Anglican Church affiliated organisation." We recommend that instead, on winding up, GSTHW will determine where the funds be transferred to with money held on trust in the interim.

Agreed

Tikanga Caucuses Reported

All were in favour of Motion #12.

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 / 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/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.

Agreed

Synod / Hīnota closing

Archbishop Philip Richardson had to leave early, and Archbishop Justin Duckworth shared two taonga to present to Archbishop Philip Richardson and Belinda and asked Archbishop Don Tamihere to bless the taonga.

Tikanga Pasefika asked to speak. As per cycle of hosting General Synod / Hīnota Whānui, gave thanks for Tairawhiti hospitality. Tikanga Pasefika will host the General Synod / Te Hīnota Whānui in 2026, hopefully in Tonga.

Notices

Advice given as to clean up, shuttles, and Lunch is available upstairs at 12 noon.

Synod / Hīnota adjourned with final blessing from Archbishop Justin Duckworth.

Signed by the Presidents



D Tamihere
Primate and Archbishop



J Duckworth
Primate and Archbishop