**Motion # 6**

**Safe Church Charter**

**Mover:** Mr Fei Tevi(ACC Rep) **/ Seconder:…**

**Noting that General Synod/Te Hīnota Whānui 2014 resolved:**

**Motion 19 - Safety Charter and Policy Group**

1. The Rev’d Jo Crosse 2. Miss Rosa Filoi

**That this General Synod/Te Hīnota Whānui 2014:**

1. adopts the ACC-15 recommended ‘Charter for the Safety of People within the Churches of the Anglican Communion’ (as appended), and

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**Charter for the Safety of People within the Churches of the Anglican Communion**

***Pastoral support where there is abuse***

1. We will provide pastoral support for the abused, their families, and affected parishes and church organisations by:
   1. listening with patience and compassion to their experiences and concerns;
   2. offering spiritual assistance and other forms of pastoral care.

***Effective responses to abuse***

1. We will have and implement policies and procedures to respond properly to allegations of abuse against clergy and other church personal that include:
   1. making known within churches the procedure for making complaints;
   2. arranging pastoral care for any person making a complaint of abuse;
   3. the impartial determination of allegations of abuse against clergy and other church personnel, and assessment of their suitability for future ministry;
   4. providing support for affected parishes and church organisations.

***Practice of pastoral ministry***

1. We will adopt and promote, by education and training, standards for the practice of pastoral ministry by clergy and other personnel.

***Suitability for Ministry***

1. We will have and implement policies and procedures to assess the suitability of persons for ordination as clergy or appointment to positions of responsibility in the church including checking their background.

***Culture of Safety***

1. We will promote a culture of safety in parishes and church organisations by education and training to help clergy, other church personnel and participants prevent the occurrence of abuse.

**That this General Synod/Te Hīnota Whānui 2022:**

Pursuant to Title C/ Canon II/ Clause 5, moves into Committee to consider resolving to make the adoption of the ‘Charter for the Safety of People within the Churches of the Anglican Communion’ a Standing Resolution.