



Diocesan Synod 2023

DIOCESE OF WAIKATO AND TARANAKI

4 August 2023

Greetings

Synod 2023

Welcome to our Diocesan Synod 2023, the second session of the thirty-ninth Synod of the Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki.

The synodal form of governance in the Anglican Church in Aotearoa New Zealand and Polynesia began in Auckland in 1857 with a General Conference, called by Bishop Selwyn, of Bishops and certain clergy and laity, the first time that a Bishop in the (then) Church of England had shared governance of a Diocese. That conference approved the Constitution for our Church, which Bishop Selwyn had prepared, instituting a new form of Church governance, a synodal structure. The principle of governance by Bishops in Synod is encapsulated in Bishop Selwyn's words:

"It remains then to define by some simple principle the terms of our co-operation. They are simply these; that neither will I act without you, nor can you act without me."

In accordance with the Standing Orders Statute 1972, the Bishop will, no later than Friday 25 August 2023, post his summons to you to attend Synod. All other Synod papers and communications will be sent electronically. If you know of a Synod representative in your ministry unit who does not have access to email, would you kindly ensure that that representative sees a copy of this letter.

We gather as Synod members:

- to worship together
- to participate in the governance of our Diocese
- to strengthen our Diocesan community through our experience of fellowship and trust

SYNOD ADMINISTRATION

SYNOD MAIL: "Synod 2023", PO BOX 21, HAMILTON, 3240 NEW ZEALAND
TELEPHONE: 64 7 857 0020: Email: ea@wtanglican.nz

Synod Dates Times and Venues

Synod 2023 will begin on

Friday 22 September 2023 at 6.30 pm

and will end on

Saturday 23 September 2023 no later than 5.00 pm

Synod will convene on Friday evening in

All Saints Chapel, Waikato Diocesan School for Girls

Martin Street

Fairfield

for the opening service at 6.30 pm. During this service, Synod will be formally constituted and the Bishop will give his charge to Synod.

Before the opening service, a light dinner will be available from 5.00 pm in the Dining Hall at the school. The cost for this is \$25.00 per person. If you would like dinner, please indicate this on your registration form.

Synod members should ensure that they are seated in the Chapel by **6.15 pm**.

On Saturday 23 September 2023, Synod will meet in the

All Saints Chapel

Waikato Diocesan School for Girls

Hamilton

Registration

Registration will be open from Monday 14th August.

Please register online at https://form.jotform.com/Ben_Ferreira/synod-registration-2023.

If you do not have access to the internet, please complete the attached registration form and post it to the

Diocesan Office

PO Box 21

Hamilton 3240, and mark the envelope Synod 2023.

Telephone enquiries may be made on **(07) 857 0020**

Registration closes on Friday 8 September 2023.

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Attending Synod

Accommodation

It is essential to arrange accommodation early.

The following are available for those who do not live locally or who are not able to make private arrangements:

Waikato Diocesan School for Girls

Accommodation at Waikato Diocesan School for Girls is in the school boarding hostels. The boarding hostels are 16 single "rooms" per floor and they share a bathroom complex per floor. There are 32 rooms available on the ground floors of the two hostels with stair access to another 32 rooms on the second floor of the hostels.

Please note: you will not be able to access the boarding hostels until after the conclusion of the service to open Synod, as the hostels need to be cleaned and set up as this is the last day of the school term. If you wish to stay at the boarding hostels, please bring your own sheets, pillowcase and towel.

Bags and all other belongings must be removed from the Boarding House by 10 am on Saturday morning 23 September so the staff can prepare for the boarders' return.

Accommodation at Waikato Diocesan School for Girls can only be booked in conjunction with registration for Synod.

Bookings close on **Friday 8 September 2023**.

There is only single accommodation at Waikato Diocesan School for Girls. Each floor consists of 16 individually partitioned rooms.

To assist us with arrangements, would those who do wish to stay at the school indicate this choice during the registration process. When booking, please indicate clearly if your Partner is attending.

Other Accommodation

If you **do not wish** to stay at Waikato Diocesan School, **arranging, booking and paying for accommodation is your responsibility**. Any financial support for that cost is a matter for direct negotiation between you and your ministry unit.

Motel accommodation is available in Hamilton. Our preferred provider is:

Brooklyn Motor Lodge
42 Brooklyn Road
Hamilton
Telephone (07) 855 0774

The prices range from \$165 to \$ 185 per night for a couple in studio units.

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Synod Meals

If you (or your Partner if he/she is attending) have special dietary needs please record these in the spaces provided on the attached registration form.

Morning and afternoon tea and lunch will be provided at the Synod venue on Saturday. Breakfast is provided at Waikato Diocesan School for Girls for those who are staying there. Otherwise, breakfast is your own responsibility.

Costs of Attending Synod

The costs of **attending** Synod, with the exclusions noted above, are invoiced to your parish or ministry unit.

1. Bed and Breakfast accommodation at Waikato Diocesan School for Girls for one night: \$55.00 per person

The additional charge for the light meal on Friday night will be \$25, and for lunch and morning and afternoon tea on Saturday, the charge will be \$23.

The costs of **running** the Synod are covered by the Diocese.

Pre-Synod Documents

After 8 August 2023, the last date for receipt in the Diocesan Office of Bills, Motions and Reports, members will receive email notice outlining the business for Synod 2023. From Friday 25 August 2023, all pre-Synod documents will be available online, and may be accessed via the website

<https://www.wtanglican.nz/synod/>

Please note that motions must be accompanied by the name of the mover and the seconder of the motion.

Elections

Elections for Standing Committee and for diocesan representatives to General Synod will be held at Synod this year.

This Synod is required to elect members to two bodies:

1. The Standing Committee (Three Lay and Three Clerical members)
Nominations for Standing Committee must be submitted to the Synod Coordinator at ea@wtanglican.nz by **no later than Friday 8 September 2023**.

2. General Synod/Te Hīnota Whānui (Three Lay and Two Clerical representatives)
Nominations for General Synod/ Te Hīnota Whānui must be submitted by **the opening of business on the first business day of Synod** (Saturday 23 September 2023).

Although nominations for General Synod representatives are not required prior to Synod itself, it would be helpful for you to consider in advance who might best represent the Diocese.

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Information and nomination forms for both elections will be available from Monday 4 September 2023 on the Synod 2023 Documents website at <https://www.wtanglican.nz/synod/>

Timeline

Please note the following important dates:

1. **8 August 2023**

Last day for the Secretary to Synod to receive Bills, Motions and Reports. Please email the **full text** of any motions for Synod **with the names of the mover and the seconder** to ea@wtanglican.nz or post to "Synod 2023" PO Box 21, Hamilton 3240, to arrive by the due date.

2. **25 August 2023**

Summons posted to Synod Members and first documents available online.

3. **8 September 2023**

Last date to **register** for Synod attendance, **including accommodation bookings for Waikato Diocesan School for Girls** and noting any dietary needs for Synod meals.

4. **8 September 2023**

Last date for receipt of requests for leave of absence.

Such requests must be in writing. Letters should be addressed to your bishop, include your reason for seeking leave of absence and preferably emailed to ea@wtanglican.nz.

Please note: Any requests for leave of absence in the last week before the commencement of Synod will result in your parish being invoiced for meals.

Synod Contact Details

Any of the contact methods listed below are available for giving, requesting or accessing information:

1. The Synod email address is ea@wtanglican.nz. This email address will be monitored Monday to Friday.
2. Telephone: 07 857 0020
In the event your call is not answered, you may leave a message on this number.
When leaving a message please:
 1. **Begin with your name and contact number.**
 2. **Leave a short message about the query you have.**
 3. **Conclude your message by repeating your name and contact number**
3. Information will be posted regularly on the Synod website : <https://www.wtanglican.nz/synod/>.

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4. Synod mailing address: **Synod 2023, PO Box 21, Hamilton 3240**

Further information will be provided in accordance with the timeline above.

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If you do post the form, please do **not** include payment as Parishes or Ministry units will be invoiced directly.

Name: _____

Parish or Ministry Unit: _____

Email address: _____

Phone number: _____

I represent: Clergy Laity

Accommodation: (Cross out what does **NOT** apply)

- I would like to book B&B accommodation at Waikato Diocesan School for Girls
- I am making my own arrangements
- I would like to have the meal on the Friday night at \$25 per person

Catering:

I have the following dietary needs:

- None
- Vegetarian
- Vegan
- Gluten-free
- Dairy-free
- Diabetic

Other (*please list*): _____

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Do you have any accessibility requirements?

Partner Attending: (please cross out what does **NOT** apply)

My Partner _____ will be attending and:

- requires B&B accommodation at Waikato Diocesan School for Girls
- has the following dietary needs _____

I understand that I will be invoiced for these costs separately.

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