

Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki

Synod 2023

Motion No. 2: Adoption of WDTB General Purpose Financial Statements 2022

Mover: Canon Robin Brockie
Secunder: The Venerable Joyce Marcon

“That this Synod approves the audited General Purpose Financial Statements of the Waikato Diocesan Trust Board, for the year ended 31 December 2022.”

Motion No. 3: Adoption of TATB General Purpose Financial Statements 2022

Mover: Canon Robin Brockie
Secunder: The Venerable Joyce Marcon

“That this Synod approves the audited General Purpose Financial Statements of the Taranaki Anglican Trust Board, for the year ended 31 December 2022.”

Motion No. 4: Adoption of Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki General Purpose Financial Statements for 2022

Mover: The Most Reverend Philip Richardson

“That this Synod approves the audited General Purpose Financial Statements of the Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki, for the year ended 31 December 2022.”

Motion No. 5: Funding Standing Committee Operations – Approval of 2024 Budget

Mover: The Most Reverend Philip Richardson

“That for the year 2023 this Synod agrees to a Diocesan Budget for Standing Committee operations of \$753,372 allocated in accordance with details contained in the budget, with \$575,187 of this sum to be provided by assessments.”

Motion No.6: Assessments 2024 – Approval of Schedule

Mover: Canon Robin Brockie
Secunder: The Most Reverend Philip Richardson

“That Parish Diocesan Assessments for the year 2023 be set according to the schedule of percentages for 2022, as detailed in the Synod papers.”

Motion No.7: Funding the 2024 Ministry Support Fund

*Mover: Canon Robin Brockie
Seconder: The Venerable Joel Rowse*

“That this Synod requests Standing Committee to fund the Ministry Support Fund, to be calculated at the equivalent of the basic Vicar’s stipend and contributed to by all parishes, Parish Districts and Mission Districts per annum using the same formula as used for Assessments.”

Motion No.8: Mission Target 2024

*Mover: The Rev’d Peter Bargh
Seconder: The Rev’d Blythe Cody*

“That for the year 2024 the target for Overseas Missions remain at \$210,000.00.”

Motion No.9: Receive the Reports to Synod

Mover: The President of Synod

That this Synod receives the following reports:

- 1 Anglican Action Report to Synod
- 2 BAF Report to Synod 2023
- 3 The Waikato Diocesan Trust Board
- 4 University of Waikato Chaplaincy – Chairperson’s report
- 5 University of Waikato Chaplaincy – Ecumenical Chaplain’s report
- 6 WINTEC Ecumenical Chaplaincy – Chairperson’s report
- 7 WINTEC Ecumenical Chaplaincy – Ecumenical Chaplain’s report

Motion No. 10: Exploration of Issues for Equality

*Moved: The Very Reverend Julian Perkins
Seconded: Mr Elliot Tuck*

“That this synod asks General Synod to continue to explore issues of equality for all regardless of sexuality. In particular, we ask General Synod to set out a process for considering whether churches within our tikanga could opt in to offering marriage for same sex couples and for those who do not identify as either a man or a woman.”

Motion No.11: Diocesan and Parish Accounting

Mover: The Very Reverend Julian Perkins

Seconder: Mr Elliot Tuck

“That the Diocesan Standing Committee explore whether there is a more robust and reliable way to produce accounts for parishes and the Diocese as a whole and report back its finding to the next meeting of Synod.”

Motion No.12: Releasing of Church Land

Moved: The Reverend Peter Sampson

Seconded: Ms Karen Morrison-Hume

“That this Synod

1. Ensure the right of first refusal of purchase goes to local iwi for any land when released by the Church, and
2. Ensure that land gifted to the Church is gifted back to local iwi when released by the Church.

Recognising:

this Diocese’s current approach to restorative justice over Māori land, the underlying and ongoing harm of dispossession of land for Māori communities, the responsibilities of partnership under Te Tiriti o Waitangi, the principle of Jubilee in relation to land for ensuring equity.”

Motion No.13: Role of the Archbishop

Moved: Bob Clark

Seconded: Mary Bourke

That this Synod request General Synod to consider the way in which the expectations of the Archbishop and Primate of Polynesia have evolved; and in the event that this apparent exponential extension of the role is considered acceptable; to re consider the reasonableness of this impost of time and responsibility on any Bishop with existing responsibilities to a diocese which in most cases would appear to be already more than a full-time commitment.

Motion No.14: Parish Accounting

Moved: Mary Garlick

Seconded: Russell Smith

“That this Synod instruct the Diocesan Manager to investigate an improved accounting system and process including consultation with:

- The Finance Teams at neighbouring Dioceses on the advantages/disadvantages of their systems
- Parish and Archdeaconry Board Treasurers who have system process experience
- An independent national accounting for expert advice.

Briefly:

- Our server-based accounting system is elderly and clumsy and does not have the flexibility to move with the times.
- This necessitates double handling with a time and money cost for paid staff – but more importantly a time and goodwill cost for unpaid church officers.
- While Accredo has traditionally been free – at which stage does the cost in wasted time and goodwill begin to outweigh the administrative cost that alternative more intuitive and simpler to manage systems might offer?
- Mission and service is where we need to spend our time [it is a currency of its own!]”