**Motion # 9**

**Mental Health Awareness Training**

**Mover:** Ms Mira Martin  **Seconder:**

**Preamble:**

At the Tikanga Youth Synod (TYS) in June 2017, the issue of the unsatisfactory level of mental health awareness and discussion in the Church was identified as a priority, especially as so many people are affected by mental health in one way or another. TYS delegates wish to increase discussion and awareness of mental health, especially among clergy and lay leaders, as well as youth leaders, through current training and ministry formation programmes.

**That this General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui 2018:**

Encourage clergy and lay leaders, including youth leaders, within each Diocese/Amorangi to participate in workshops and/or training programmes, led and supported by the Social Justice Unit, on mental health awareness, as part of their ministry training and ongoing formation, in the hope of integrating that learning into their ministry units.