**Note to Bills 11, 12, and 13.**

These three Bills are related, and it is proposed that GSTHW adopt either Bill 11 or Bill 12, and if adopting Bill 11, then Bills 12 and 13 will be withdrawn.

If GSTHW instead adopts Bill 12, then consideration is invited for also adopting Bill 13.

Rationale:

In 1988 General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui in Statute 457 confirmed as a Formulary ‘A Form for Ordering the Eucharist’, and

‘A Form for Ordering the Eucharist’ provides only for use of one of the Great Thanksgivings provided on pages 420, 436, 467, and 485, or the following on pages 512-514 of *A New Zealand Prayer Book – He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa*, (i.e. all those Great Thanksgivings authorised by GSTHW available at the time) and

In 2006General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui in Statute 656 confirmed as a Formulary ‘An Alternative Form for Ordering the Eucharist’, and

‘An Alternative Form for Ordering the Eucharist’, provides for use of one of any Great Thanksgiving approved by the General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui, or equivalent, of any member church of the Anglican Communion, and

In 2010 General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui in Statute 693 confirmed as Formularies ‘Alternative Great Thanksgivings A to F’, and ‘Alternative Great Thanksgivings for use with Children A and B’.

So, we currently have an inconsistency in our provisions for what Great Thanksgivings can be used with our two ‘Forms for Ordering the Eucharist’.

The earlier ‘A Form’ only allows use of the 5 Great Thanksgivings printed in the original Prayer Book in 1989.

GSTHW authorised 8 further Great Thanksgiving in 2010, which will be printed in the next edition of our Prayer Book, but never amended ‘A Form’ to allow for use of these as well.

And ‘An Alternative Form’ allows use of all the Great Thanksgivings authorised by GSTHW, and any authorised by equivalent bodies of other churches who are members of the Anglican Communion.

Solution 1:

GSTHW amends the earlier ‘A Form for Ordering the Eucharist’ to match the later ‘An Alternative Form for Ordering the Eucharist’, so that any approved Great Thanksgiving may be used. (Bill 11)

Or

Solution 2:

GSTHW amends the earlier ‘A Form for Ordering the Eucharist’ to at least allow for use of all Great Thanksgivings authorised by GSTHW. (Bill 12).

And if GSTHW chooses Solution 2, then GSTHW also considers if it wishes to amend ‘An Alternative Form for Ordering the Eucharist’ to restrict use to only those Great Thanksgivings authorised by GSTHW, and exclude those authorised by equivalent bodies of other churches who are members of the Anglican Communion.