THE REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE   
GENERAL SYNOD / TE HĪNOTA WHĀNUI 2018

**PURPOSE AND FUNCTION**

Title B, Canon I, Clause 3 prescribes the membership requirement for the Standing Committee, the election process and the duties of the Standing Committee.

## 1. Membership

The three partners of this Church are represented on the Standing Committee and are elected at each ordinary session of the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui.

The Standing Committee membership for 2016-18 is made up as follows:

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| Primate & Archbishop Tikanga Māori | The Most Reverend W Brown Turei (to January 2017) |
| *Primate & Archbishop Tikanga Pasefika* | The Most Reverend Dr Winston Halapua |
| *Primate & Archbishop Tikanga Pākehā* | The Most Reverend Philip Richardson |
| *Senior Bishop  Tikanga Māori (in a vacancy in Te Pīhopa Aotearoa)* | The Rt Reverend Muru Walters as Senior Bishop, (July 2017 to January 2018) |
| *Tikanga Pasefika* | Ms Sepiuta Hala’api’api  (Lay Archdeacon until Nov 2016, then The Rev’d, to February 2017)  Ms Rosa Filoi  (October 2017 to February 2018)  Mr Fe’iloakitau Tevi  The Reverend Sione Ulu’ilakepa |
| *Tikanga Māori* | Mr Ron McGough  The Reverend Jacynthia Murphy  Ms Anthea Napier  Mr Selwyn Parata  The Ven Hannah Pomare |
| Tikanga Pākehā | The Rev’d Jo Crosse  The Very Rev’d Jo Kelly-Moore  (to December 2016)  Mr David Kendall  Mr Graham Miller  (from February 2017)  Mr Ian Pask  Ms Moka Ritchie  Mr Alan Tanner  The Rev’d Michael Wallace |

## Membership – Alternates and Changes

The Most Rev’d Brown Turei died in January 2017, and a vacancy existed for the rest of this period.

The Rt Rev’d Muru Walters became a member as Senior Bishop, Tikanga Māori, in a vacancy in Te Pīhopa o Aotearoa, from July 2017.

The Very Rev’d Jo Kelly-Moore resigned to take up a post in the UK in December 2016, and was replaced in February 2017 by Mr Graham Miller.

Ms Sepiuta Hala’api’api was ordained in late 2016 and resigned to take up fulltime study in February 2017, and was replaced in late 2017 by Ms Rosa Filoi, who also resigned early in 2018 to take up fulltime study.

In July 2016 the Ven Don Rangi was alternate for Ms Anthea Napier, the Rt Rev’d Te Kitohi Pikaahu was alternate for the Most Rev’d Turei, Mr Graham Miller was alternate for the Very Rev’d Kelly-Moore, and Mr Russell Smith was alternate for Mr Ian Pask.

In September 2016 the Rt Rev’d Pikaahu and the Rev’d Tony Brooking shared being alternate for the Rev’d Jacynthia Murphy.

In July 2017 the Rt Rev’d Pikaahu was alternate for the Rt Rev’d Walters, who was to attend as Senior Bishop Tikanga Māori during the vacancy in Te Pīhopa o Aotearoa.

In March 2018 Mr Rod Oram was alternate for Mr Graham Miller.

The General Secretary, the Rev’d Michael Hughes, in accordance with Title B, Canon I, Clause 5.5 attends each meeting, and Ms Marissa Alix and Ms Natalie Kennaugh have been minute secretaries.

**2. Meetings**

The Standing Committee over the period covered by this Report met and was hosted as follows:

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| Special Meeting at General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui | Napier | May 2016 |
| Tikanga Pasefika | Samoa | July 2016 |
| Tikanga Pākehā | Auckland | September 2016 |
| Tikanga Māori | Christchurch | February 2017 |
| Tikanga Pasefika | Auckland | July 2017 |
| Tikanga Pākehā | Dunedin | October 2017 |
| Tikanga Pākehā | Napier | March 2018 |

* 1. **Hosting of Meetings**

When hosting, each Tikanga takes turns in chairing meetings, providing hospitality, and enabling members of Standing Committee to meet with members of the local Diocese or Amorangi. This gives a greater understanding of the special character and work carried out by the host Tikanga. It also gives Standing Committee an insight into the very diverse and rich character of this three Tikanga Church. In 2016 one meeting was held in Samoa allowing Standing Committee to engage with the local parish, and involved a traditional Samoan ritual of apology between Tikanga Pasefika and Tikanga Māori in response to the apology given by Archbishop Turei at GSTHW 2016.

During each meeting Tikanga are invited to caucus and report to the Committee items of significance that have occurred since the previous meeting and their priorities on the agenda. This provides a wonderful opportunity to share joys, achievements and concerns and focus first on what is of greatest priority. GSSC receives minutes from IDCCG and Runanga Whaiti, and the Talanoa Wave from Polynesia to aid this reporting.

The Primates, and the General Secretary, report in writing to each meeting.

### 2.2 Minutes

As required by Title B, Canon I, Clause 3.17 copies of the minutes of each meeting of the Standing Committee are sent to each member of the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui.

**3. Deaths**

Sadly, Standing Committee recorded the death of Archbishop, Pīhopa o Aotearoa, and Pīhopa o Te Tairawhiti, The Most Rev’d Brown Turei early in 2017.

GSTHW members and church leaders who died over this past period, and were remembered at meetings were: the Ven Te Hope Hakaraia, the Rev’d John Hoar, Messrs Jonathan Trotter, and Alec Hughes.

**4. Some Significant Items of Business 2016 – 2018**

Standing Committee has a very wide-ranging agenda, and members are diligent and hard working in engaging with that range, requiring quite some commitment of time and energy. General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui owes its thanks to all those who have served the Church on this key body over the last two years. The following is a summary of some of the work carried out by Standing Committee since the last session of General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui, taken from minutes.

* 1. **Anglican Consultative Council (“ACC”), and Networks**

Archdeacon Sepiuta Hali’api’api and the Rev’d Jacynthia Murphy (replacing the Rev’d Turi Hollis for one meeting) represented this church as ACC members at ACC-16 held in Lusaka in April 2016. The full set of resolutions, and later the full report, were received by GSSC and those requiring action delegated to the relevant bodies.

The Secretary General of the Anglican Communion, the Most Rev’d Josiah Idowu-Fearon visited Aotearoa New Zealand in mid-2017, and Fiji in March 2018.

Most significantly for Communion relationships, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev’d Justin Welby, again visited this church, this time to Fiji in March 2018 to share in the second Oceania Regional Anglican Fono meeting with the Primates and General Secretaries of the four Oceania provinces of Australia, Papua New Guinea, Melanesia, and Aotearoa New Zealand and Polynesia. Our Archbishops were invited to meetings of Primates in Canterbury England in October 2016 and 2017, and Archbishops Halapua and Richardson attended.

Standing Committee appoints, and receives reports from, representatives to various International Anglican Networks, including:

The Anglican Communion Environmental Network (ACEN) on which Bishop Api Qiliho represented this church. Bishop Qiliho is also part of the Eco-Bishops network around the Communion.

The Anglican Indigenous Network (AIN) whose secretariat is currently based in Aotearoa New Zealand, through Te Pīhopatanga, and Bishop Pikaahu has served as their General Secretary.

The International Anglican Family Network (IAFN) which has been supported by this Church through a small continuing annual grant.

The International Anglican Women’s Network which gathers in conjunction with the UNCSW (United Nations Consultation on the Status of Women) meeting in New York in February/March each year, and this Church again sent a representative in both 2016 and 2017. The Ven Carole Hughes, Chair of the Council for Anglican Women’s Studies, was elected onto the international Steering Committee for IAWN.

The International Anglican Alliance for Relief, Development, and Advocacy, which continued to build its profile and work both internationally and in the Oceania region, and the Rev’d Canon Robert Kereopa and the Rev’d Gerald Billings serve on their Oceania Advisory Council to represent this Church.

The International Anglican Health Network on which this church is represented by the Very Rev’d Charles Tyrell.

The International Anglican Safe Church Network on which Oceania is represented by the Rev’d Sereima Lomaloma.

Other International Anglican entities which Standing Committee has heard from on occasions have included: The Anglican Centre in Rome, and IASCUFO (unity, faith and order).

**4.2 Anglican Methodist Dialogue**

This ongoing Dialogue Group has continued to be active and meets regularly, with a continuing focus in this past biennial period on reviewing the proposals around the ’interchangeability’ of ministries, after consultation with Diocese/ Amorangi, as requested by GSTHW 2016.

**4.3 Anglican Legislative Unit**

The Inter Church Bureau, and the Anglican Legislative Unit, continue to monitor, research and respond to a range of taxation, financial, and administrative matters arising through Parliament. They have produced many resource papers and legal opinions on a wide range of these matters affecting Churches, which have been circulated through the Dioceses/ Hui Amorangi and are much appreciated by those involved in governance and management of our Church. This work is served by Mrs Elizabeth Kaye at the Pension Board, and our representatives on ICB are   
Ms Colleen Kaye and Mr Charles Hemana, and Mr Mark Wilcox (Pension Board).

**4.4 Appointments**

Appointments to DAC – Distribution Advisory Committee

Mr Charles Hemana, Mr Selwyn Parata, Mr Ian Pask, Ms Colleen Kaye,   
Mr John Simmons (to early 2017, and replaced by the Rev’d Sepiuta Hala’api’api early in 2018), and the Ven Leatauo Tupa’i-Lavea were appointed in May 2016.

Appointment to the Tikanga Toru Youth Commission

The Ven Hannah Pomare was appointed in May 2016.

Appointments to the St John’s College Trust Board

The Ven Don Rangi was appointed in September 2016.

Ms Mele Taliai, Mr Stephen Jacobi, and Mr Kevin Wearne were all reappointed in February 2017.

The Rev’d Sue Fordyce was appointed in March 2018.

The Most Rev’d Philip Richardson was reappointed in March 2018.

Mr Maui Tangohau was reappointed in March 2018.

Appointments to General Church Trust Board

Mr Selwyn Parata and Ms Victoria Mann were reappointed in February 2017.

Mr Kevin Wearne was reappointed in July 2017.

Appointments to the New Zealand Anglican Pension Board

Mr Brendon O’Donovan was appointed as Licensed Independent Trustee in July 2017.

Appointments to the St Stephen’s and Queen Victoria Schools Trust Board

Ms Agnes Naera and Mr Tama Potaka were appointed in March 2018.

Appointment to the United Nations Consultation on the Status of Women

The Ven Mere Wallace was the Archbishops’ representative to UNCSW in 2016.

Ms Isadora Betham was the Archbishops’ representative to UNCSW in 2017.

The Rev’d Ellen Bernstein was the Archbishops’ representative to UNCSW in 2018.

Appointment to the Council for Anglican Womens Studies

The Rev’d Helen Roud was appointed to replace the Rev’d Ellen Bernstein in July 2017.

Appointment to the Anglican Missions Board

The Rt Rev’d Ngarahu Katene, the Most Rev’d Philip Richardson, the Rev’d Amy Chambers, Mr Charles Hemana, Mr Stephen Perris, and the Ven (later Bishop) Henry Bull were appointed in September 2016.

The Rt Rev’d Ngarahu Katene and the Most Rev’d Philip Richardson were reappointed in July 2017.

Appointment to the Churches Education Commission Board

The Rev’d Richard Aitken was appointed in September 2016.

Appointment to Te Kotahitanga

The Ven Wendy Scott was appointed in July 2017 subject to her agreement.

Following the Ven Scott not accepting nomination the Rt Rev’d Victoria Matthews was appointed in October 2017.

Appointment to the Tikanga Toru Youth Commission

Ms Lu’isa Tu’itavake’s appointment to replace Mr Pate Buekilagi was confirmed in October 2017.

Appointment to the Interchurch Council for Hospital Chaplaincy

The Rev’ds Pam Tizzard and Lucy Nguyen were appointed in February 2017.

Appointment to the Interchurch Bioethics Council

Ms Tania Stuart was appointed in September 2016.

The Rev’d Dr Paul Reynolds was reappointed in July 2017.

Appointment to the Inter-Church Tertiary Chaplaincy Council

Mr Sam Williams was appointed in February 2017.

Appointment to the Anglican Roman Catholic Dialogue

The Rt Rev’d Te Kitohi Pikaahu and the Rev’d Andrew McKean were appointed in July 2016.

Appointment to the Anglican Methodist Dialogue

Dr Moeawa Callaghan was appointed in October 2017.

Appointment to the Anglican Insurance Board

Mr Garry Wilson was appointed in February 2017.

The Rt Rev’d Steven Benford was appointed to replace the Rt Rev’d Helen-Anne Hartley in October 2017.

Ms Colleen Kaye was appointed in March 2018.

Appointment to the Inter Churches Bureau

Mr Mark Wilcox and Mr Charles Hemana were appointed in July 2017.

Appointment to the Standing Committee of UCANZ

The Rev’d Jan Tarrant was appointed in July 2016.

The Rev’d Jenny Chalmers was appointed in July 2017.

Appointment to the NDCU Forum

The Most Rev’d Philip Richardson, Rev’ds Anne Mills and Michael Wallace, and the Rt Rev’d Muru Walters (alternate Ms Anthea Napier, 2017) were reappointed in February 2017.

Appointment as Link with the IAWN

The Rev’d Numia Tomoana was appointed in March 2018.

**4.5 Auditors**

The auditor of the General Synod continues to be BDO Hawkes Bay, and auditor Sue Boys who has worked with us for some time now was asked to continue with this work.

**4.6 Adequate Youth Representation**

The GSSC discussed the adequacy of youth representation and voice at both GSSC itself and the wider GSTHW, and in conjunction with parallel initiatives from the Tikanga Youth Synod agreed to propose canonical changes to GSTHW 2018 to better provide for youth membership.

**4.7 Common-Life SJCTB Funded Ministries**

The GSSC receives, considers, and recommends to Te Kotahitanga, annual funding for: the Bishops Training Event, the Centre for Anglican Womens Studies (CAWS), Te Kotahitanga itself, the Anglican Schools Office, the Church Army, the Tikanga Toru Youth Commission, the Social Justice Commission, and a Theological Hui. In 2017 GSSC also recommended for new initiatives funding: Anglican Schools Office, and Tikanga Toru Youth Commission.

**4.8 Common-Life bodies accountability**

A number of common-life bodies regularly report to GSSC, or bring agenda matters for GSSC consideration. In this biennial period these have included:

Liturgical Commission – For All the Saints was reprinted, three liturgical Statutes went through the assent process, the Prayer Book history research was completed and went to print, an updated Eucharistic Separate was prepared and went to print.

Council for Ecumenism – interfaith dialogue opportunities were further explored and expertise co-opted, various Dialogues continued progress, the General Secretary of the WCC and staff visited in both 2016 and 2017, a delegation attended a special CCA anniversary mission conference in Myanmar, Archbishop Richardson chaired NDCU for a second year.

Archives and History – the Mokomoko/Volkner history update went to print, Mrs Judith Bright celebrated 40 years with the Kinder Library and Archive, many more resources were added to the ‘church papers online’ catalogue.

Tikanga Toru Youth Commission – the new Chair the Rev’d Tony Brooking resigned for Military Chaplaincy and the Dep Chair Ms Kristy Boardman stepped up, TYE was hosted in Fiji, the Commissioner the Rev’d Michael Tamihere resigned, and after a part-time Interim Manager the Rev’d Jacynthia Murphy served for 6 months including undertaking a review, a new Commissioner Ms Jax Clark was then appointed, Youth Leaders were trained in climate disaster preparedness in Tonga, Youth Synod/ ASP course/ Raukura training were all held, and as this report was being written the Project Manager Karlina Brock-Smith gave notice of finishing up.

CAWS – regular newsletters were received, an annual Hui held, and the 40th anniversary of women’s ordination as priests was celebrated.

Judicial Committee – members served on two Archbishops Appeal Tribunals which held Hearings respectively in 2016 and 2017.

Social Justice Commission – a SJ Advisory Group was appointed for a trial project in February 2017 (Ven L Tupa’i-Lavea, Ms A Napier, Rev’ds T Malcolm, J White, and Dr H Kaa, and Mr R Moore, with the Rt Rev’d J Duckworth and the Most Rev’d P Richardson). They developed the Turangawaewae resource project. GSSC then established a small SJ Unit who contracted a part-time co-ordinator, the Rev’d Dr Paul Reynolds, to develop several issues based portfolio groups, held a consultative hui of the groups, launched a resource website in partnership with Ms Natalie Kennaugh from Archbishop Richardson’s office, and developed support networks amongst those working in the SJ area.

Communications – the ‘staff’ team for media and communications met regularly by video, an expert Editorial Oversight Group developed a strategic plan and are working on a restructure of the communications delivery to match the changing digital and social media needs of audiences. The video conferencing provision was extended to two new centres and is being used around 1200 times a year.

Anglican Legislative Unit – working in partnership as part of ICB (Inter Church Bureau) circulated regular reports, papers, submissions, and rolled out a country wide series of Health & Safety workshops.

Te Kotahitanga – the relationship with SJCTB and Te Kaunihera was explored through a 3-Chairs paper, a Title D complaint was made, a Commissioner to clarify legal and canonical responsibilities between the bodies was appointed, the annual funding round was engaged, along with a new initiative round, and changes to these processes are being tested and further proposed.

**4.9 Special Commissions and Working Groups**

Motion 29 Working Group on A Way Forward Structures

Membership of this Working Group was finalised in later 2016 by the Primates, and then this working group met throughout the rest of this period, with the Chair, the Rev’d Katene Eruera, regularly updating GSSC. They sought submissions, engaged with key groups, and delivered their report and recommendations by mid-2017 as requested, thereafter seeking feedback for a final report delivered by early 2018.

Decade of Mission Chairs Group

This Group involved the five task group chairs agreed by GSTHW 2016, and appointed by GSSC in September 2016, though early in 2017 two chairs stood down. The remaining Chairs met with the AMB and other interested parties and progressed the focus on the Decade, eventually convening a consultative Hui in later 2017, and a further training Hui in 2018.

**4.10 Distribution Advisory Committee (DAC)**

The DAC, or Finance Committee, chaired by Mr Ian Pask, has the vital role of oversight of the budgets and finances of the General Synod, and recommend to Standing Committee decisions based on ensuring that there is sufficient funding for the work and mission agreed upon. DAC meets each year with the General Church Trust Board, and is grateful for their careful stewardship of the assets that allow the annual distribution for the work of this Church. The accountancy work of the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui is carried out by Trust Management Ltd and we are grateful for the support and assistance of their staff.

**4.11 Elections of New Bishops**

There has been an unusually busy time of episcopal elections and installations, with Bishop Richard Wallace in Waipounamu, Bishop Don Tamihere in Tairawhiti, Bishop Eleanor Sanderson as Assistant in Wellington, Bishop ‘Afa Vaka as Assistant in Polynesia in Tonga, Bishop Steven Benford in Dunedin, Bishop Henry Bull as Assistant in Polynesia in Vanua Levu and Taveuni, and Bishop Don Tamihere as Te Pīhopa o Aotearoa.

There has also been the resignation of Bishop Helen-Ann Hartley from Waikato to take up a post in Ripon, England, and the retirement of Bishop Muru Walters from Te Upoko o Te Ika, both positions currently vacant.

**4.12 GSTHW 2018 planning**

An Order Paper Committee was elected for GSTHW 2018 and in conjunction with the local Hosts, the Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki, they and the General Synod Office Staff have developed plans and arrangements for the 2018 Synod/Hīnota. Members are: Mr Ron McGough (replaced in March 2018 by Ms Anthea Napier), Mr Ian Pask, Ms Moka Ritchie (replacing the Very Rev’d Jo Kelly-Moore), and Mr Fe’iloakitau Tevi (replacing Rev’d Sepiuta Hala’api’api), who work with the General Secretary.

**4.13 Printing**

The Standing Committee, acting as the Printing Committee of General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui, printed the Clerical Directory in 2017, the Proceedings of the 61st General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui, and a 2016 update to the Handbook containing The Constitution / Te Pouhere and Canons. The Lectionary/ Te Maramataka was also printed in each year.

**4.14 Sub-Committees of GSSC**

Three standing sub-committees exist and report as required to GSSC, being the ESC (Employment Sub-committee), responsible for all GSTHW staff; the OPC (Order Paper Committee), who plan and arrange GSTHW programme; and the FRG (Funding Review Group), who review and recommend on the annual SJCTB common life applications.

**4.15 Small Working Groups (SWG)**

1. **Bicultural Partnership.** GSTHW 2016 established this group to explore and propose bicultural partnership education and awareness options. The group held two hui and through a sub group developed a one day wananga to be offered at GSTHW 2018 as the next step in a new partnership journey.
2. **Bishops Sanction Process Review.** GSSC established this group in late 2017 to review the current approval and sanctioning processes after several electoral processes in a short period showed some shortcomings in the current provisions.

1. **Disabilities Ministries.** GSSC established this group in response to an expression of need from the disabilities ministry area, and they have developed training and awareness resources, led a workshop with the House of Bishops, and supported the appointment of a chaplain in Auckland. This group has more latterly agreed to come under the SJ Unit as one of the issues based portfolio groups.

1. **Innovation Framework (Anglican Research Unit).** This group was established by GSSC to explore synergies between key funding Trusts and GSSC to support research and innovation. A pilot project is being sought to test this provision.
2. **Divestment/ Reinvestment.** This group was asked by GSTHW 2016 to continue to monitor possible reinvestment opportunities, and developments in the Fossil Fuel divestment field.
3. **Regional Forum (Oceania Fono).** This group was established by GSSC to explore opportunities to work across the four Anglican provinces of Oceania – Australia, PNG, Melanesia, and ourselves. This led to an initial discussion between Primates in Melanesia, a planning meeting of some Primates and General Secretaries in Melbourne, the first Oceania Anglican Forum of all Primates and General Secretaries on the Gold Coast in 2017, and the second Oceania Anglican Fono in 2018 in Fiji hosted by Polynesia and involving the visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury and staff.
4. **Safety Policy.** This group has been asked to source and add resources to the safe ministry guidelines approved by GSTHW 2016 and hosted online.
5. **Social Media.** This group was asked by GSSC to consider possible policy guidelines for church social media use, and later handed its work onto the Editorial Oversight group of the Communications Team.
6. **Theological Hui.** This group was established by GSSC to plan and run the Theological Hui in 2017, convened by the Rev’d Jacynthia Murphy, with a focus on understanding different Tikanga approaches to Christian and Theological Education.
7. **Violence Prevention.** This group was formed to follow up on a resolution of GSTHW 2016, and later merged its work with a portfolio group of the new SJ Unit working in the area of women and children.

#### 4.16 Standing Committee Employees

The Employment Subcommittee, which oversees employment related matters with respect to those employees contracted by the Church through the Standing Committee, has met regularly to advise the Standing Committee, and the General Secretary as their agent in employment matters. The Committee oversaw a review and restructure of the GSO in 2016/17. Membership has been: Mr Ian Pask, the Rev’d Jacynthia Murphy (replaced by Ms Anthea Napier), and the Rev’d Sione Ulu’ilakepa, with the General Secretary.

All employees of the Church through the Standing Committee and its bodies report regularly to the Standing Committee, to ensure good accountability and transparency of the work being done on its behalf. Staff accountable to Standing Committee in this period have included; General Secretary, PA and Office Assistant (replaced in 2017 by a GSO Administrator, an Events and Projects Administrator, and a part-time Operations Support Manager), Media Officer, Te Kotahitanga Executive Officer and Assistant, Youth Commissioner and Events Administrator, Women’s Studies Centre Administrator, Anglican Taonga Magazine Editor.

**Conclusion**

The items listed above are only some in the range of work done on behalf of the Church by the Standing Committee. Many items are covered in detail elsewhere in the reports. I am certain that General Synod/ te Hīnota Whānui would want to express its deep appreciation to the members of Standing Committee for their commitment and dedication and hard work.

**Michael Hughes (Revd)**

**GENERAL SECRETARY**

March 2018