

Tuesday 8 May 2018

Morning Prayer & Bible Study

Morning prayer and Bible Study was led by Mr Lance Pilbrow at 8.30am. Bible Study focused on the reading taken from John 18: 15 & 25 - 27, Peter's denial of Jesus.

Synod/Hīnota reconvened at 9.20 am. The Most Rev'd Philip Richardson in the Chair.

Welcome

Synod/Hīnota acknowledged the birthday of The Rev'd Sepiuta Hala'api'api.

Apologies

The Rt Rev'd Richard Wallace (Monday), Mr Selwyn Parata.

General Notices and Directions

The General Secretary gave the notices for the day.

Call for nominations

The General Secretary reminded Synod/Hīnota that nominations would close later today.

Petitions

There were no petitions.

Reports

There were no reports.

Motions for leave to introduce Bills

The Rev'd Wendy Scott sought leave of Synod/Hīnota, to introduce a Bill without notice to amend Title B Canon XXII 'of the Inter Diocesan Conference' 2018.

Bill No 26
The Ven W Scott / Mr I Pask

A Bill to Amend Title B Canon XXII 'OF THE INTER-DIOCESAN CONFERENCE,' 2018

Whereas, General Synod/Te Hīnota Whānui in 1992 passed Statute 530 providing for the Inter-Diocesan Conference (IDC), and

Whereas, the IDC established the Inter-Diocesan Conference Co-ordinating Group, and

Whereas, the Inter-Diocesan Conference meeting in New Plymouth on 4 May 2018 agreed to change the name of the Inter-Diocesan Conference to the Tikanga Pākehā Conference, and thus the name of the Inter-Diocesan Conference Co-ordinating Group to the Tikanga Pākehā Conference Co-ordinating Group,

The General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui enacts as follows:

1. **Title.** The Title of this Statute is *The Title B Canon XXII Amendment Statute, 2018*.
2. **Purpose.** To amend Title B Canon XXII to rename the Inter-Diocesan Conference the Tikanga Pākehā Conference, and make consequential amendments to references to the Conference and its Co-ordinating Group.
3. **Title B Canon XXII** is amended by:
 - 3.1 deleting the Canon title and inserting a new title 'OF THE TIKANGA PAKEHA CONFERENCE'.
 - 3.2 In clause 2.1 replacing the words 'Inter Diocesan Conference' with the words 'Tikanga Pākehā Conference'.
4. All necessary consequential amendments shall be made to all references to the Inter-Diocesan Conference or the Inter-Diocesan Conference Co-ordinating Group in the Canons of this Church.
5. **Commencement.** This Statute comes into effect at the close of the session of General Synod/ te Hīnota Whānui at which it is passed.

Notices of Motion

Mr Isaac Beach sought leave of the Synod/Hīnota to withdraw Motions 20 and 21 and to replace them with a revised motion without notice.

Notice Of Motion 20 (21)

A Framework to Enhance Resilience to Climate Change and Disasters - 2025

Mover: Mr I Beach

Secunder: Mr F Tevi

That this General Synod / Te Hinota Whanui 2018:

Noting the development of a framework called *Taking Climate Action into our Hands* and acknowledging the direction from the 2016 General Synod/ Te Hinota Whanui that identified climate change as a significant threat, and

That in response, the youth of the 3T Church developed this framework to guide the Anglican church in strengthening resilience and building on the many good initiatives that are already being implemented;

Recognises that Maori, Pasefika and indigenous knowledge incorporates and manifests unique and powerful understandings of humanity's relationship to God's creation and offers solutions to the human-made challenges we face with Climate Change. These solutions include technological, theological, philosophical components expressed in examples such as Archbishop Winston Halapua's Moana Theology, through to the Waitangi Tribunal Report Wai 262 Ko Aotearoa Tenei/This is New Zealand the latter of which articulates matauranga Maori concepts including whanaungatanaga, kaitiakitanga and manaakitanga.

Notes the gratitude of the Diocese of Polynesia and the youth of the 3T Church for the resources to develop a diocesan strategy on climate resilience. This strategy was adopted at the last Diocesan Synod in April 2018.

Acknowledges the immense contribution to date of the Anglican Missions Board in accompanying the youth in the development of this Diocesan climate resilience strategy;

Noting the deep appreciation and common sense of purpose by the members of the 2018 Oceania Anglican FONO to roll out this training for them as well;

Acknowledging that we hold the wellbeing of our world in our hands and are called to be responsible stewards in caring for God's creation;

Noting that we as a church, play a particularly important role in community life, which extends to being a 'first-responder' following natural disasters. Increasingly, churches are focusing on disaster preparedness, risk reduction and building resilience;

Recognizing the actions we need to take to build climate resilience in our Church include:

1. **Climate Vulnerability/Resilience mapping** - Engage in assessing parish/community levels of climate resilience through Community Integrated Vulnerability Assessment (CIVA) and Geographical Information System (GIS).
2. **Develop CIVA QGIS training plan for Tikanga Maori (2019) and Tikanga Pakeha (2020)** ensuring that the Strategy is fit for purpose, complements existing training programmes and will fit with existing church strategic structures. It is noted that the richness and the value of the Strategy depends on collaboration, consensus and the togetherness of the community
3. **Future-proof assets** - The 3T Church has human resources (including ministers and congregations), physical resources (including churches and schools) and extensive networks. Get church assets ready for the impacts of climate change, make climate-smart investments, and prepare for effective recovery and reconstruction.
4. **Plan** - Develop simple and clear disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation plans for churches across the 3T Church to be ready to provide early warning, respond and recover well from natural disasters including taking care of people's emotional needs.
5. **Plan** – rolling out the CIVA/QGIS training to other members of the Anglican FONO in 2018 – 2019
6. **Recruit champions** – Establish 'champions' or 'ambassadors' for climate resilience, with a particular focus on young people.
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Rejoicing in the creativity and power of people working,

1. Tasks each Diocese and Hui Amorangi to demonstrate its commitment to this urgency by:

(i) Creating a strategy for, and resourcing of, local and regional responses to climate change based on the principles above adapted as adopted to reflect local circumstances, and

(ii) Approving these strategies at their synods in 2018 or 2019

2. Requests GSTHW create a new role of Climate Commissioner to help further this work, and to appoint a group to scope and define this role and budget to support it, with a significant proportion of the role and resource based in the Diocese of Polynesia, recognizing its people are on the front line of climate change.

(i) The Climate Commissioner works with dioceses and hui amorangi to weave their plans into a multi-faceted Climate Change Action Plan for the Province to be submitted to GSTHW 2020.

Mr Fe'iloakitau Tevi sought leave of the Synod/Hīnota to introduce a motion without notice on the blessing of same gender relationships.

Notice of Motion 22

A Tikanga Pasefika Perspective on the Blessing of Same Gender Relationships

Mover: Mr F Tevi

Seconded: The Most Rev'd P Richardson

That this 63rd General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui 2018:

Deeply mindful of the deep interweaving of cultural and religious values at the core of our Pacific societies that place a profound respect, and reverence for the belief in God and the belief in the traditional understanding of marriage;

Noting the constitutions of the respective Pacific Island Countries (Samoa, Tonga Fiji) do not recognize any union between the same gender;

Receiving with deep appreciation the report of the Small Working Group and noting the proposed recommendations;

Recalling the outcomes of the talanoa on the report of Motion 29 in the Diocese of Polynesia and notably at the Diocesan Synod;

Celebrating the core values of the 3 Tikanga Church of mutual respect and common journey;

Noting that the discussion and positions on same gender relations have shifted quite significantly in Aotearoa New Zealand over the last 2 years;

Mindful of the respect for the positions of the respective Tikanga of the Church; and

Noting with appreciation the willingness of the Tikanga Polynesia not to be an obstacle in the journey of Tikanga Māori and Tikanga Pakeha towards the blessing of same gender relations in Aotearoa New Zealand;

Resolves to:

1. Accept the position of the Tikanga Pasefika against the principles of the report of the Small Working Group based on the above mentioned preambular clauses outlining the premises for the Tikanga Pasefika;
2. Note Tikanga Pasefika's desire not to hinder the progression of the recommendations for the Tikanga Māori and Tikanga Pākehā;
3. Encourage Tikanga Pasefika to convene talanoa on this issue in its journey towards a greater understanding of the plight of minority groups in the Pacific region and to report back to General Synod of the outcomes of the talanoa series on this matter;
4. Promote greater partnership across Tikanga with a view to nurturing and deepening Tikanga relations on challenging issues faced by our societies.

Confirmation of Bills

The President moved from the Chair that:

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| Bill No 6 | the Bill intituled 'The Endings of Collects Amendment Statute 2018' |
| Bill No 9 | the Bill intituled 'The Liturgies of the Word Amendment Confirmation Statute 2018' |
| Bill No 10 | the Bill intituled 'A New Zealand Prayer Book - He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa Biblical Readings in Te Reo Māori Amendment Statute 2018' |
| Bill No 12 | the Bill intituled 'A Form for Ordering the Eucharist Amendment Statute 2018' |
| Bill No 13 | the Bill intituled 'An Alternative Form for Ordering the Eucharist Amendment Statute 2018' |
| Bill No 16 | the Bill intituled 'Title B Canon XXX Amendment Statute 2018' |
| Bill No 17 | the Bill intituled 'The Constitution/Te Pouhere (Authorised Services - Te Reo Māori) Amendment Statute 2018' |
| Bill No 18 | the Bill intituled 'Title G Canon V, 'Of Translations of Holy Scripture' (Paipera Tapu 2012) Amendment Statute 2018' |
| Bill No 4 | the Bill intituled 'Title B Canon XVIII Amendment Statute 2018' |
| Bill No 5 | the Bill intituled 'The Calendar - Te Maramataka Amendment Statute 2018' |
| Bill No 19 | the Bill intituled 'Title B Canon XXXV Amendment Statute 2018' |

be confirmed.

Agreed

Hui for Motion 29 WG Report

The Synod/Hīnota moved into Synodical Conference to receive and consider the Motion 29 WG report.

Conference adjourned for lunch at 12.30pm and Synod/Hīnota resumed at 1.35pm. The Most Rev'd Philip Richardson in the Chair.

Hui for Motion 29 WG Report continued

The President moved from the Chair that Standing Order 10 be suspended, to enable the Order of the Day to be deferred, in order for the Synod/Hīnota to continue in Conference.

Agreed

The Synod/Hīnota moved back into Synodical Conference to further consider the Motion 29 WG report.

Conference adjourned for afternoon tea at 3.00pm and resumed at 4.10pm. The Most Rev'd Philip Richardson in the Chair.

The President moved from the Chair that the session move out of Synodical Conference at 4.35pm and into Synod/te Hīnota.

Motion 22

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1. Mr F Tevi
2. The Most Rev'd P Richardson

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Resolves to:

1. Accept the position of the Tikanga Pasefika against the principles of the report of the Small Working Group based on the above mentioned preambular clauses outlining the premises for the Tikanga Pasefika;
2. Note Tikanga Pasefika's desire not to hinder the progression of the recommendations for the Tikanga Māori and Tikanga Pākehā;
3. Encourage Tikanga Pasefika to convene talanoa on this issue in its journey towards a greater understanding of the plight of minority groups in the Pacific region and to report back to General Synod of the outcomes of the talanoa series on this matter;
4. Promote greater partnership across Tikanga with a view to nurturing and deepening Tikanga relations on challenging issues faced by our societies.

The President moved from the Chair that the decision of Conference on Motion 22 be taken as the decision of Synod/Hīnota.

Agreed

Motion 7

Final Report of Motion 29, 2016 Working Group

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| 1. | The Rev'd K Eruera | 2. | Mr F Tevi |
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That this General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui 2018:

Having been presented with the Final Report of the Motion 29 Working Group, resolves to:

- receive the report;
- accept the recommendations in the report;
- endorse in principle, for consideration, the proposed changes to the Constitution/Te Pouhere and Canons of the Church set out in the report, and in Bills 20-24, and
- agrees to the withdrawal of Bill 3 (being Bill 15, 2016) and Motion 4 of the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui 2016 currently lying on the table.

Leave was sought to amend Motion 7.

Motion 7 amended
Final Report of Motion 29, 2016 Working Group

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| 1. The Rev'd K Eruera | 2. Mr F Tevi |
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That this General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui 2018:

Having been presented with the Final Report of the Motion 29 Working Group, resolves to:

- receive the report;
- accept the recommendations in the report subject to appointment of a select committee to consider and report to the Synod/te Hīnota on Wednesday, 9 May on changes to address:
 1. A Blessing should require a civil marriage or civil union
 2. Ambiguity on right ordering for ordination be retained
 3. Christian Communities
 - a) The constitution of a community recognise te Tiriti, Te Pouhere;
 - b) Recognition of a community be with General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui;
 - c) Any allocation of resources to a community recognise mana whenua;
 - d) The relationship between the Visitor Bishop and Diocesan be described more fully and include for the Visiting Bishop to have influence and advocacy but not authority
 4. Implementation of the proposals be in accordance with tikanga within each Tikanga and in accordance with Te Pouhere
- endorse in principle, for consideration, the proposed changes to the Constitution/Te Pouhere and Canons of the Church set out in the report, and in Bills 20-24, and
- agrees to the withdrawal of Bill 3 (being Bill 15, 2016) and Motion 4 of the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui 2016 currently lying on the table.

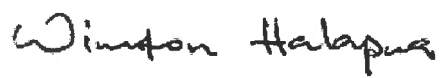
Synod/Hīnota adjourned for the evening at 5.45pm.

Evening Prayers

The evening prayer was led by The Most Rev'd Philip Richardson at 6.00pm.

Close of Nominations

Signed by the Presidents



W Halapua
Primate and Archbishop



P Richardson
Primate and Archbishop



D Tamihere
Primate and Archbishop

