

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH IN AOTEAROA, NEW ZEALAND & POLYNESIA
The 60th Session of the General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui 2012

THURSDAY 12 July 2012

Synod/te Hīnota resumed at 8.30am.

Morning Lotu

Morning Lotu was led by Fr H Bull and the Moana Worship Team.

Announcements

The General Secretary gave notices for the day.

Petitions

There were no petitions.

Reports

There were no reports.

Notices of Motions

There were no notices of motions.

Apologies

Mr F Tevi

Minutes Monday 9 July

The President moved from the Chair that the Minutes for Monday 9 July be adopted.

Carried

The Rt Rev'd J Paterson was welcomed to Synod/te Hīnota.

ACC-15 Presentation

The Rt Rev'd J Paterson addressed the Synod/te Hīnota, providing a progress report on the preparations for the gathering of the ACC-15 to be held in Auckland in October/November 2012.

The President moved that the ACC-15 Hosting Group report be adopted.

Carried

Motion without Notice

That leave be given to introduce without Notice a Motion of Thanks

1. The Very Rev'd J Kelly-Moore

2. Dr AEJ Fitchett

THAT this Synod/te Hīnota acknowledges and recognises the extraordinary service and dedication that the Rt Rev'd J Paterson has contributed to the Anglican Communion.

Agreed

Bill No 3

The Rt Rev'd J White sought leave of the Synod/te Hīnota to recommit Bill No 3.

Agreed

On the Motion of the Rt Rev'd J White, seconded by the Rev'd H Wilderspin, Synod/te Hīnota moved into Committee to consider the Bill.

Synod/te Hīnota resumed.

The Committee reported to the Synod/te Hīnota that Bill No 3 had been passed with amendment. On the Motion of Mr R McGough, seconded by the Rev'd H Wilderspin, the decision of Committee was taken as the decision of Synod/te Hīnota, and that the confirmation of the Bill be taken immediately.

Confirmation of Bill No 3

That Bill 3, intituled "The Title B Canon XXXIV Amendment Statute 2012" be confirmed.

Carried

Confirmation of Bill No 10

That Bill 10, intituled "The Title B Canon XXXII Amendment Statute 2012" be confirmed.

Carried

Bill No 5

A Bill Intituled "The Revised Sentences, Prayers and Readings for the Church's Year Statute 2012"

The Rt Rev'd TK Pikaahu sought leave of the Synod/te Hīnota to withdraw Bill No 5.

Agreed

Bill No 7

A Bill Intituled "The Title E Canon II Amendment Statute 2012"

The Rt Rev'd sought leave of Synod/te Hīnota to withdraw Bill No 7 for rewriting.

Agreed

On the Motion of the Rt Rev'd TK Pikaahu, seconded by the Rt Rev'd A Qiliho, the principle of the New Bill No 7 was agreed to by the Synod/te Hīnota.

On the Motion of the Rt Rev'd TK Pikaahu, seconded by the Rt Rev'd A Qiliho, Synod/te Hīnota moved into Committee to consider the Bill.

Synod/te Hīnota resumed.

The Committee reported to the Synod/te Hīnota that Bill No 7 had been passed with amendment.

On the Motion of the Rt Rev'd TK Pikaahu, seconded by the Rt Rev'd A Qiliho, the decision of Committee was taken as the decision of Synod/te Hīnota with the third reading of the Bill to be an Order of the Day for Thursday afternoon.

Carried

Bill No 4

A Bill Intituled "The Alternative Services Confirmation Statute 2012"

On the Motion of the Rt Rev'd TK Pikaahu, seconded by the Most Rev'd Dr W Halapua, the principle of the Bill was agreed to by the Synod/te Hīnota.

On the Motion of the Rt Rev'd TK Pikaahu, seconded by the Most Rev'd Dr W Halapua, Synod/te Hīnota moved into Committee to consider the Bill.

Synod/te Hīnota resumed.

The Committee reported to the Synod/te Hīnota that Bill No 4 had been passed with amendment.

On the Motion of the Rt Rev'd TK Pikaahu, seconded by the Most Rev'd Dr W Halapua, the decision of the Committee was taken as the decision of Synod/te Hīnota with the third reading of the Bill to be an Order of the Day for Thursday afternoon.

Carried

Motion 7 Te Aute Trust Board

1. Professor W Winiata

That this General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui

- (a) receives the report of TATB,
- (b) notes the seven point plan,
- (c) agrees to work with the Scholarships and Funding committee to develop a TATB scholarship programme,
- (d) supports the following requests to Te Kotahitanga/St John's College Trust Board:
 - (i) a grant of \$800,000 for deferred maintenance, now urgent for the dormitories at the two colleges;
 - (ii) a commitment to fund annual hostel deficits as follows:

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- (iii) jointly fund with Crown research into the unresolved constitutional issues concerning the relationships between Ngāi Te Whatuiāpiti, the Crown and the TATB
- (iv) fund completion of the seven point plan with \$180,000 in project related grants

Synod/te Hīnota adjourned for morning tea at 10.30am and resumed at 10.48am.

The Rev'd G Cardy asked a question of the Presidents, regarding the lack of public statements addressing the political arena.

The President advised that a written response would be provided prior to conclusion of business.

Judicial Committee Ballot

Ballot papers were circulated to members of Synod/te Hīnota by House, to fill the vacant seat remaining on the Judicial Committee.

Motion 7 (continued)

Professor W Winiata continued to speak to the motion.

Mr G Bailey requested a caucus by Tikanga, in regard to Motion 7.

Synod/te Hīnota adjourned for caucusing and lunch and resumed at 1.35pm.

Tikanga Caucus Responses

Tikanga Pākehā

- acknowledges the work and progress made by Te Aute Trust Board as presented in the report to General Synod/te Hīnota
- remains totally committed to Anglican Māori Education
- notes there are difficulties in concluding a position because of the various parties involved eg St John's College Trust Board, Te Kotahitanga, General Synod Standing Committee
- is unable to support the motion as presented
- wants to secure/ensure the future of Hukarere and prioritise this
- encourages hopeful conversations with St Stephens and Queen Victoria Schools Trust Board

Tikanga Pasefika

- understands the position that Tikanga Māori finds itself
- stands completely alongside Tikanga Māori on this issue, but
- notes equally it doesn't mean that it doesn't stand alongside Tikanga Pākehā
- explains the rationale of its aroha of working relationship
- notes the depth of the moana goes beyond what is seen and unseen

1. We are going to celebrate bicentenary in 2014. What we talk about will be a reflection of our voyage together in our bicultural partnership. We cannot talk about this in isolation.
 2. What a privilege to say to Tikanga Pasefika that the time has come when one of us can speak on our behalf.
- the person at the helm of the waka of Polynesia (the Most Rev'd Dr W Halapua) must present this outcome
 - speaking from the 'inside,' it has been a privilege to be part of the St John's College Trust Board, General Synod Standing Committee, Te Kotahitanga, General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui and to be here today. I have heard the whole story.
 - the world needs holistically well educated Māori people
 - Pasefika will be in even deeper poverty if it doesn't stand alongside Tikanga Māori
 - aroha will be revealed
 - 3. Pasefika supports the whole proposal because we haven't seen where the whole Church has been engaged. All needs to be on board to look again and use the best it has – the best of General Synod Standing Committee, Te Kotahitanga, St John's College Trust Board and General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui.
 - 4. General Synod Standing Committee takes this as a priority.
- allow the moana time, open the door, let the Spirit of God flow through
 - if we arrive at a crisis situation, Tikanga Pasefika will ask to cut its share of funding from St John's College Trust Board, and redirect it to the Children and Young People whose best we haven't seen as yet, and to those who will walk alongside them
 - the ocean is an immense gift from God and if you define the ocean, you can only define from where we stand eg Nauru, Papua New Guinea and Polynesia
 - we are but a tiny dot of God's power
 - when crisis hits, we are vulnerable. Vulnerability to recognise that God is bigger than all of us in this issue
 - we have the mechanisms to deal with this
 - we need to identify this today

This response is the heart of Tikanga Pasefika.

Tikanga Māori

- thanked the Synod/te Hīnota for participating in the life of our partnership
 - likened our partnership to marriage – a difficult relationship with two partners and even more so with three
 - the question is always who is getting what and who misses out?
- has heard all the debates, the history, the paperwork, the reports (positive and negative). It was a humanly impossible task in the two-year time frame.
- has heard a great deal of talk about our youth and young people but has difficulty putting it into action
- asked where is the relationship between the Church and Iwi?
- mentioned that Maoridom has had to give up some of its rights as a people to become an ordered society. This has been detrimental to the welfare of our people.
- was prepared to have an arrangement with its partners
 - to support Tikanga Māori in times of great need
 - to nurture common needs
 - to embrace the partnership, support each other, and come together in solidarity
- recognised this is not about the school, it is about the survival of a people, to produce leadership
- valued it as a central part to forming its people; many have now died

- congratulated the work of the Anglican Social Services who guard the rights of those who can't look after themselves
- has heard the debate and are forging forward, hopefully with the support of its partners
- acknowledged it can't say that we are partners in Christ if we can't recognise needs
- talked about things passing through the 'house' (Synod/te Hīnota). We need to put meaning to what we say about what we do for the future.
- cherished that we are people at the foot of Jesus

The Rt Rev'd J Duckworth requested a further caucus by Tikanga.

Tikanga Caucus Responses

Tikanga Pasefika

It couldn't add any more to what has already been said, but said prayers in Fijian, Samoan, Tongan and Hindi.

Tikanga Māori

It was very happy to consider Bill No 8 and then on to Motion 27 St John's College Trust Board from Te Runanganui.

Tikanga Pākehā

- sent an embassy to Tikanga Māori
- sought unity in Christ based on justice and was forever committed to that
- noted that Bill No 8 needs to be addressed on our return
- preferred that Motion 7 be put on hold so that Motion 27 on resource sharing and matters of tino rangatiratanga be addressed

Bill No 8

A Bill Intituled "The Finance Statute 2012"

On the motion of Mr I Pask, seconded by the Very Rev'd J Kelly-Moore, the principle of the Bill was agreed to by the Synod/te Hīnota.

On the Motion of Mr I Pask, seconded by the Very Rev'd J Kelly-Moore, Synod/te Hīnota moved into Committee to consider the Bill.

Synod/te Hinota resumed.

The Committee reported to the Synod/te Hīnota that Bill No 8 had been passed with amendment.

On the motion of Mr I Pask, seconded by the Very Rev'd J Kelly-Moore, the decision of the Committee was taken as the decision of Synod/te Hīnota with the third reading of the Bill to be in conjunction with Bill Nos 7 and 4.

Confirmation of Bill No 7

That Bill 7, intituled "The Title E Canon II Amendment Statute 2012" be confirmed.

Carried

Confirmation of Bill No 4

That Bill 4, intituled "The Alternative Services Confirmation Statute 2012" be confirmed.

Carried

Confirmation of Bill No 8

That Bill 8, intituled "The Finance Statute 2012" be confirmed.

Carried

The President moved from the chair that the adoption of the Minutes be referred to the General Synod Standing Committee.

Carried

Motion 27 St John's College Trust Board from Te Runanganui

1. Prof Whatarangi Winiata 2. Ven Turi Hollis

THAT WHEREAS:

- (a) the financial resources of the St John's College Trust Board have accumulated to a figure in excess of \$300million and continue to grow;
- (b) in recent years St Stephens, Queen Victoria, Te Waipounamu and Hukarere have closed as a consequence of inadequate funding;
- (c) Hukarere has reopened and Te Aute continues to operate, both are facing financial distress;
- (d) Te Whare Wananga o Te Pihopatanga o Aotearoa Charitable Trust is attracting criticism for building its financial reserves to ensure its stability;
- (e) many areas of educational activity based on Kaupapa Māori that are consistent with Mihingaretanga lend themselves to advancement by Te Pīhopatanga o Aotearoa.

this General Synod/ te Hīnota Whānui takes action to ensure that 50% of the net assets of the SJCTB are put under the control of Te Pīhopatanga o Aotearoa.

Motion without Notice

1. Professor W Winiata 2. The Ven T Hollis

THAT leave be given to withdraw the original Motion 27 and replace it with a new motion.

Agreed

New Motion 27
St John's College Trust Board from Te Runanganui

1. Professor W Winiata

2. The Ven T Hollis

Whereas:

1. The assets of the St John's College Trust Board, the Church's principal educational trust, have accumulated to \$315million (as at 31 December 2011) of which \$57.8million is committed to the land and facilities to support the College of St John the Evangelist and John Kinder Theological Library;
2. Tikanga Māori seeks to engage with its partners, Tikanga Pākehā and Tikanga Pasifika in a discussion as to how Tikanga Māori can be free to express its tino rangatiratanga;
3. Tikanga Māori has been unable to express tino rangatiratanga over the deployment of St John's College Trust Board funds;
4. Tikanga Māori seeks to exercise tino rangatiratanga over 50% of those funds;
5. Whereas clause 12(a) of the Constitution provides for the Church to organise its affairs within each of the Tikanga (social organisations, language, laws, principles and procedures) of each partner.

Now therefore this General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui resolves **THAT:**

1. General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui establishes a working group to
 - (i) consult, as they see fit, on how tino rangatiratanga is best accommodated in giving expression to the Constitution of the Church particularly in the sharing of educational resources and in the formulation of the investment policy adopted by the SJCTB, and
 - (ii) report to the next session of General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui as to how the aspirations of Tikanga Māori may be achieved.
2. That the Working Group comprise:
 1. The Most Rev'd W Turei
 2. The Most Rev'd D Moxon
 3. The Most Rev'd W Halapua
 - 4.
 - 5.
 - 6.
3. That Standing Committee provides funding of \$2,500 for this Group.

Amendment

1. Dr AEJ Fitchett

2. Professor W Winiata

That the 5th preamble be deleted and replaced by the following words:

"5. Clause 12(a) of the Preamble to the Constitution/Te Pouhere provides for the Church to organise its affairs within each of the Tikanga (social organisations, language, laws, principles and procedures) of each partner and Part D provides that Te Pihopatanga has power to structure and organise itself in such manner as it shall from time to time determine."

Carried

Amended Motion

1. Dr AEJ Fitchett

2. Professor W Winiata

Whereas:

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 - (ii) report to the next session of General Synod as to how the aspirations of Tikanga Māori may be achieved.

2. That the Working Group comprise:
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
 - 4.
 - 5.
 - 6.

3. That Standing Committee provide funding of \$2500 for this Group.

Mr H Parata requested a caucus by Tikanga.

Synod/te Hīnota resumed at 5.25pm.

Tikanga Caucus Responses

Tikanga Māori

- agreed that the three Archbishops be on the working group
- recommended there be six other members comprising two from each Tikanga
- supported the addition to Item 3 of “and has been unable adequately to fund educational needs”

Tikanga Pākehā

- was in full support of the motion

Tikanga Pasifika

- nominated the Rt Rev'd A Qiliho to be part of the working group
- asked for the meaning of “Te Aute”
- recommended the addition to preamble 3 of the words “and has been unable adequately to fund educational needs”

Tikanga Māori

- thanked Tikanga Pasifika for its offer of redirecting its funding toward Te Aute but said it is entitled to its funding

Amended Motion

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| 1. Dr AEJ Fitchett | 2. Professor W Winiata |
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THAT Motion 27 be further amended to read as follows:

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3. Tikanga Māori has been unable to express tino rangatiratanga over the deployment of St John’s College Trust Board funds and has been unable to adequately fund educational needs;

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 - (ii) report to the next session of General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui as to how the aspirations of Tikanga Māori may be achieved.
2. That the Working Group be comprised of:

The three Archbishops be Patrons

1. The Rt Rev'd J Gray
2. Professor W Winiata
3. The Rt Rev'd A Qiliho
4. *Vacancy – Tikanga Pasefika*
5. *Vacancy – IDCCG*
6. *Vacancy – IDCCG*

3. That Standing Committee provides funding of \$2,500 per annum for this Group.

Carried

Motion without Notice

1. Dr AEJ Fitchett

THAT the question put to the Presidents by the Rev'd G Cardy and the Presidents' response be recorded in the minutes.

Carried

A Question from the Rev'd G Cardy

Mr President – I would like you to assure the house that the lack of public statements from this Hīnota Whānui addressing the political arena, and here I'm thinking especially of the actions of the New Zealand Government in caring more about the income and benefits of the rich than the diminishing support and resources of the poor, that the lack of debate is not reflective of the will and commitment of the Synod and will endeavour, through the General Synod Standing Committee, to prepare adequately to express our Gospel imperatives in the political arena at future General Synods/nga Hīnota Whānui.

The President advised that a written response would be made by the end of business of Synod/te Hīnota.

Motion No 7 (continued)

The Ven T Hollis called for a Tikanga vote.

**Motion 7
Te Aute Trust Board**

1. Professor W Winiata

That this General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui

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The President put the vote:

Tikanga Māori - For

Tikanga Pasefika – For

Tikanga Pākehā - Against

The motion was lost.

Judicial Committee Election

The General Secretary announced that the Rev'd J Rowse had been duly elected.

Announcements

The newly appointed General Synod Standing Committee members are to meet immediately following the adjournment of Synod/te Hīnota.

The General Secretary gave notices.

Presidents' Response to the Rev'd G Cardy's Question

We pledge ourselves as Chairs of the Standing Committee of General Synod, to express our commitment to our Gospel imperatives in the political arena at future General Synods, to challenge the government of Aotearoa, New Zealand, in caring more about the income and benefits of the rich and the diminishing support and resources of the poor.

We also note the significant and ongoing work in this area, resourced by our Social Justice Commission, of Church Leaders, including our own Church in partnership with the New Zealand Council of Christian Social Services.

Motions unable to be considered

Those motions which were unable to be considered as part of the business of this Synod/te Hīnota, due to time constraints, were referred to the General Synod Standing Committee.

These include:

- 2 Reports & Accounts (balance – Anglican Tax Unit, Bicentenary Planning 2014, Communications Commission, IAFN)
- 4 Electoral College Guidelines
- 6 Tax Unit Report
- 8 2014 Bicentenary & Report
- 12 HR Package
- 13 Ordained Ministry Practices
- 14 Church as Legal Entity
- 15 Communications & Report
- 18 Liturgical Rules Review
- 19 Te Pouhere/the Constitution
- 24 Environment
- 25 Fracking/Mining/Asset Sales
- 26 Power & Violence, and IAFN Report
- 28 Three Tikanga Licensing
- 31 Experimental Services
- 32 Electronic Communications
- 33 Decade of Mission

Closing Lotu

Evening Lotu was led by the Most Rev'd Dr W Halapua. Intercession and thanksgiving was led by Fr RC Fong Toy. The Most Rev'd Dr W Halapua presided.

Closing Ceremony

The Rt Rev'd A Qiliho was the Master of Ceremonies.

A ceremonial tribute was made to the Most Rev'd B Turei and the Most Rev'd D Moxon. Tikanga Pasefika thanked members of the Synod/te Hīnota for travelling to Fiji to hold the 60th Session of the General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui 2012.

Acknowledgements and Thanks to Tikanga Pasefika

The Most Rev'd D Moxon expressed heartfelt thanks to Tikanga Pasefika for hosting the Synod/te Hīnota, accentuating the beauty of the islands, the extremes of the amazing ministry that had been accomplished during the Synod/te Hīnota's time in Fiji and how it was all wrapped in Lotu. He was moved to the core by these beautiful islands and the care extended by the Diocese of Polynesia. He ended his speech with a presentation of a Provincial Flax Cross to the Most Rev'd Dr W Halapua.

The Most Rev'd B Turei made a presentation to the Most Rev'd Dr W Halapua, surrounded by the members of Tikanga Māori, who concluded with a waiata and haka.

The Staff of the Tanoa International Hotel, and the local Whenua Cultural Group performed traditional meke in farewell to the Synod/te Hīnota.

Presentation

Motion without Notice

1. The Most Rev'd D Moxon
2. The Rt Rev'd K Wright

THAT this Synod/te Hīnota expresses its prayerful gratitude for thirty years of prayerful, careful and faithful self-giving ministry at a local, provincial and international level and wishes Dr AEJ Fitchett prayerful good wishes as he resigns from this house.

Carried

The Rt Rev'd K Wright spoke of the almost continuous service of the Fitchett Family at General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui since 1883. This Synod/te Hīnota marked the end of an era as Dr AEJ Fitchett announced his retirement.

In response, Dr AEJ Fitchett advised that his thirty years as a member of the Synod/te Hīnota had been good, but he couldn't have served for that length of time without the considerable support provided at a Diocesan and National level. He paid the ultimate tribute to his wife Bron, for her unfailing commitment and support, and asked her to join him on stage. The Synod/te Hīnota responded with two standing ovations.

Thanks and Appreciation

The Most Rev'd D Moxon acknowledged the significant contribution made by the Rt Rev'd TK Pikaahu, Mrs Ruth Wildbore, the Ven T Hollis, Mr C Clarke and the Rev'd B Dawson to the General Synod Standing Committee. All had had a significant influence on Synod/te Hīnota business.

The people of Viti Levu West, led by the Rt Rev'd G Sharma spoke of the many arrangements that took place to ensure that when Synod/te Hīnota representatives arrived, all was organised and in place to make Synod/te Hīnota happen. Budgets may have been stretched but not hearts. The Rt Rev'd G Sharma made presentations to the three Archbishops, and their spouses, to thank them for the privilege of looking after Synod/te Hīnota and the Church. The Rt Rev'd G Sharma handed the Church back to the three Archbishops, concluding with the chorus that the Viti Levu Community welcomed Synod/te Hīnota the previous Saturday; "I Love You In The Love Of The Lord."

The Most Rev'd D Moxon paid tribute to the Rt Rev'd G Sharma, the Rt Rev'd A Qiliho, Fr RC Fong Toy and Miss S Hala'api'api – speaking of how the whole Synod/te Hīnota had been embraced by the local hospitality. Each was presented with gifts, and Miss S Hala'api'api was given gifts to distribute to the youth delegates. The Most Rev'd D Moxon concluded by inviting Tikanga Māori and Tikanga Pākehā to offer a waiata in English and Māori.

Entertainment

The Rev'd A Burgess said Grace. The evening meal was served as the Whenua dance group continued with the entertainment.

Synod/te Hinota adjourned at 10.00pm.

Signed by the Presidents

+ Winston Halapua

W Halapua

Primate and Archbishop

+ Primate Turei

WB Turei

Primate and Archbishop

+ David Wainato

DJ Moxon

Primate and Archbishop