



DIOCESE OF WAIKATO AND TARANAKI
FIRST SESSION OF THE THIRTY-SIXTH SYNOD
MINUTES OF THE SECOND DAY
SUNDAY 16 OCTOBER 2011

8.00am Service of Pilgrimage and Encounter
Te Ara Hou Village

10.10am Morning Tea

10.43am **Notices**

10.50am **Elections**

Scrutineers:

Russ Young and Reverend Carol Hancock - Lay

Denise Hird and Reverend Canon Peter Barleyman - Clergy

Anne Smith and Reverend Bob Barnes - General Synod Election

11.08am

Motion No. 14 Length of Service

Moved: **The Reverend Hélène Young**

Seconded: **Canon Dr Bryan Bang**

That this Synod notes that there is no limit on the time that parish lay officials may remain in office and resolves that where an office is filled by appointment or election, a parishioner may serve no more than three consecutive terms in that office. A parishioner having served three terms is not eligible for re-appointment until a period of 12 months has elapsed unless there is good reason for an exemption to be considered.

“Moved that the Motion be left to lie on the table for further revision by the Statute Revision Committee and be considered by Synod 2012.”

CARRIED

11.33am

Motion No. 16 Acknowledgement of Pain and Hurt

Moved: **Dorothy Busfield**

Seconded: **Katherine O'Regan**

That this Synod acknowledges the pain and hurt experienced by homosexual people as the question of their full acceptance in the Anglican Church is debated and explored.

CARRIED

12.09pm

Motion No. 17 Doctrine For Life

Moved: **The Reverend Joel Rowse**

Seconded: **The Reverend Amanda Bradley**

- a) That the report on the Doctrine for Life be received by this Synod.
- b) That this Synod adopts the following as a Statement of Belief in respect to humanities Right to Life.

Statement of Belief

We of the Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki in Aotearoa/New Zealand wish to record in Synod 2011 a Statement of Belief in the Right to Life.

The Anglican church teaches that life begins at conception which leads to the unfolding and emergence of a human being, made in God's image, a person precious in God's sight.

We believe that a termination of pregnancy is a personal tragedy for all involved because it results in the taking of a human life.

We also believe that if a person who has had a termination turns to God in regret, God in mercy and love will be forgiving as God alone can overcome the power of sin and death.

We recognise that it is our role as Christians to help any person involved in the process of termination of pregnancies to seek God's help.

We do not believe that it is our role to judge anyone or lay blame for any action. That is left to God's mercy and love and not for us to debate or decide.

Prayer for anyone involved in the termination of pregnancy process is our best action.

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This resulted in the formation of a working group known as The Right to Life Working Group.

The members were Chairman: The Most Reverend David Moxon, acting in his role as Bishop Of Waikato, Secretary: Mrs. Valarie Langley, Members: Mrs. Elizabeth Bang, The Reverend Amanda Bradley, The Reverend Audrey Butler and The Reverend Joel Rowse.

Their task was to formulate a Statement of Belief regarding the Anglican Church in the Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki's position relating to the act of abortion. Meetings were held over the following 2 years which were regular, robust but always respectful.

The Group wish to acknowledge here the excellent work of the Reverend Joel Rowse in bringing to the Group a concise but full report on the historical background of this issue.

After much deliberation a Statement of Belief has been formulated and forms Part (b) of this Motion.

We accept that this topic is inevitably fraught with many subjective opinions but we have attempted to remain objective in our presentation.

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Motion No. 19 Greetings to Archbishop Roger Herft

Moved: **The Venerable Anne Mills**

Seconded: **The Reverend Bruce Dale**

"That this Synod and the Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki convey aroha and warm greetings to Archbishop Roger on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of his consecration as a Bishop in the Church of God."

CARRIED

12.28pm

Elections: 2nd Vote Ballet
Statute No. 5, Clause 3 Process for elections Chris Harding

12.40pm **Presentation by The Reverend Mike Hawke**
Anglican Missions Board

13.03pm

Motion No. 13 Mission Target 2012

Moved: Mrs Ruth Riddell

Seconded: The Reverend Carol Hancock

"That as a sign of goodwill the Diocesan Mission Target for the year ended 31 December 2012 be kept at the same rate as this current financial year, being \$210,000."

CARRIED

13.09pm

Election Results

GENERAL SYNOD & INTER DIOCESAN CONFERENCE

LAY

Canon Gerald Bailey
Canon Dr Bryan Bang
Judge Chris Harding

CLERGY

The Reverend Joel Rowse
The Venerable Anne Mills

STANDING COMMITTEE

LAY

Canon Gerald Bailey
Canon Dr Bryan Bang
Denise Bosson
Mr Ian Bridge
Mrs Joan Honeyfield
Megan Symes
Mr Alan Tanner

CLERGY

The Reverend Bryan Carey
The Reverend John Carter
The Reverend Canon Andrew Hedge
The Reverend Michael Hewat
The Reverend Gabriel Jens
The Venerable Rhys Lewis
The Reverend Peter Osborne
The Reverend Christine Scott

Motion No. 18 **Vote of Thanks** To be read over lunch

13.14pm **Notices**
Lost Watch
Clear Auditorium before lunch
Travel safely

13.11pm **Closing Prayer** The Venerable Tricia Carter
Archdeacon of Parininihi

13.13pm **Blessing and Grace** Bishop Philip

Motion No. 18 **Vote of Thanks**

Moved: **The Venerable Tricia Carter**

Seconded: **The Reverend Bryan Carey**

"Mr President and Members of Synod, I stand to move a Motion of Appreciation:

That the Synod records its thanks to the following for contributions to this successful and efficient Synod.

- **To Archbishop David and Bishop Philip for their wise leadership and the sharing of their visions.**
- **To the Chancellor, Judge Chris Harding particularly for the support he gives our Bishops and the Diocese.**
- **To the Chairpersons of Committees: Canon Gerald Bailey and The Reverend Bruce Dale for their patient wisdom in guiding Synod through the Bills.**
- **To the Statute Revision Committee: Canon Gerald Bailey; Canon Dr Bryan Bang, Mr Giles Brant and Mrs Anne McAloon.**
- **To the Synod Secretaries: The Reverend Jason Grainger and Megan Symes for their willingness to spend Synod recording the Minutes. To the Minutes Committee: Canon Dr Ray Harlow and The Reverend Debbie Garrett for their anticipated work to ensure the Synod Minutes are a true and accurate record.**
- **To the Order Paper Committee: Archbishop David, Bishop Philip, The Chancellor, Canon Dr Bryan Bang, The Reverend Canon Denise Ferguson, and Mrs Jackie Tappin.**
- **To the Bishops' Chaplain: The Reverends Charmaine Sarten and Pam Bird.**
- **To the Timekeepers: Tamahere and Te Kuiti Parishes and The Reverend Amanda Bradley.**
- **To those who have said prayers and graces.**
- **To Archbishop David, Bishop Philip and all others who assisted at this morning's Eucharist.**
- **To Southwell School for hosting Synod. The Headmaster, Royce Helm for providing the wonderful facilities; to the Reverend Neale Troon for the opening prayer; to Southwell School Chorister, Heath Johnson for singing**

"There is a Balm in Gilead"; to Southwell Director of Music, Miss Anya Nazaruk for accompanying Heath; to Mrs Karen Johnson for the Bible reading; to Karina Gosnell, Facility Manager for assistance with the planning; to Ralph Jellett, chef for the wonderful food; Mrs Sue Sale for the flowers on the dinner tables.

- To the scrutineers who counted the voting papers [twice!].
- To The Reverends Craig Luccock and Tony Wescott for their IT support in the Synod Hall.

PRESENTATIONS

- To all those who gave presentations including The Reverend Mike Hawke for his presentation on the Anglican Missions Board and Anglican Action.
- To Rodney Franzoi for his presentation on Te Rau Aroha Camp.

OTHER THANKS

- To ICT Gateway, Kiki Ruakere, for providing the technical support in the Synod hall, and for assisting the Diocesan Administration Staff in the nerve centre.
- To Ricoh Taranaki for providing the photocopier to enable the Diocesan Staff to fulfil their duties efficiently.
- To those people who provided the meal on Friday night for those who required it.
- To the Diocesan Registrar/Manager, The Reverend Canon Denise Ferguson, Jill Schumacher, Jackie Tappin, Valarie Langley, Pam Earby and Joan Joyce who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes both this weekend and in the lead up to Synod.

FINAL THANKS

We could not finish without giving an enormous vote of thanks to you all for coming to Synod.

Next year we will see you in Taranaki.

THANK YOU LORD

(Tune: Sine Nomine)

We give you thanks Lord, that we are all here
Come now to Southwell all from far or near
At Bishops' call with smiles and not a tear
Alleluia! Alleluia!

We give you thanks, Lord, for school's lovely staff
Who serve and help us all with merry laugh
As we tuck in and tea or coffee quaff
Alleluia! Alleluia!

We give you thanks, Lord, for the Bishops' rule
And for the Chancellor just like at school
But sometimes, I, feel I am just a fool
Alleluia! Alleluia!

We give you thanks Lord, for the Synod team
The secretaries, the time-keepers keen
And all the electronics wizard scene

Alleluia! Alleluia!

We give you thanks Lord, for the Dio crew
Who worked so hard to get us from the brew
of past mistakes that got us in a stew

Alleluia! Alleluia!

We give you thanks, Lord, for all Synod reps
Those who had birthdays or who took first steps
And spoke out boldly, though they first had wept

Alleluia! Alleluia!

We give you thanks, Lord, for our Eucharist
Anglican Action gave a bright new twist
Showing the ways that eye-sight can be missed

Alleluia! Alleluia!

We give you thanks, Lord, we're soon homeward
bound

Soon to be greeted by familiar sound
And all the things which we forgot, are found

Alleluia! Alleluia!

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