

**DIOCESE OF WAIKATO AND TARANAKI**

**MINUTES OF THE FIRST SESSION OF THE FORTY FIRST SYNOD**

**HELD ON SATURDAY 30 OCTOBER 2021**

**9.30am**            **President's Welcome**  
To Synod Members

**Morning devotions** led by The Most Reverend P Richardson.

**CONSTITUTION OF SYNOD**

During the Opening, Synod 2021 was constituted by the Synod Secretary.

The Synod Secretary reported there were **7** apologies and that the Bishop, **43** Clergy and **51** Lay members were present. This was a quorum under Statute No. 2, Clause 15.  
Constitution of Synod

**Announcement**

The Diocesan Manager reported that Mrs Anne Edwards was no longer available to speak as listed in the Financial Presentations due to her moving to a new position as Chief Financial Officer of the Catholic Diocese of Auckland.

**Motion No. 1            Procedural Motion and Officers of Synod**

*Moved:*            **The Venerable T Harrison**

*Seconded:*        **Canon R Brockie**

a)    **That the Officers, Sessional Committees and Hours of Synod be as follows:**

**OFFICERS & SESSIONAL COMMITTEES OF SYNOD 2021**

**SECRETARIES:**

Clerical Secretary  
Lay Secretary

The Venerable T Harrison  
Mr G Sykes

**CHAIRPERSONS OF COMMITTEE:**

Judge C Harding

TIME KEEPER:  
The Venerable S Black

ORDER PAPER COMMITTEE as required:  
The Most Reverend P Richardson     The Venerable T Harrison  
The Chancellor, Judge C Harding  
Canon Dr B Bang

MINUTES COMMITTEE:  
Canon Dr B Bang                                     The Venerable T Harrison

VOTE OF THANKS:  
The Venerable T Harrison

**b) Hours of Synod**

That the hours of Synod be as follows:

Saturday 30 October 2021 by Zoom

**9.30am** Morning Worship followed by business sessions until 4.30pm.

**4.30pm** Final Prayers and closing of Synod.

**c) Leave of Absence & Apologies**

That Leave of Absence is granted to those who have made submission in writing.

**d) Right to Speak**

That those listed have the right to Speak, but not to Vote:

Ms A Boyle – Trust Management Ltd  
Ms G Sun – Trust Management Ltd

Anybody else with the leave of the President.

**e) Suspension of Standing Orders**

Due to the Zoom based Synod this year, the Standing Orders are suspended.

Standing Orders will be suspended for the duration of Synod, but that the business of Synod be conducted in a manner consistent with Standing Orders as circumstances permit.

**f) Procedural**

That the General Purpose Financial Statements of the Standing Committee, Taranaki Anglican Trust Board and Waikato Diocesan Trust Board be taken as read.

**CARRIED**

**First Reading of Bills**

**9.55am Bill No. 1 The Cathedrals Amendment Bill 2021**

Moved: The Most Reverend P Richardson

“That the principles of the Bill be approved and that the Bill be referred to Synod in Committee for consideration in detail for later in the day.”

**CARRIED**

**Bill No. 2 The Archdeaconry Amendment Bill 2021**

Moved: Canon G Bailey

Seconded: Canon Dr B Bang

“That the principles of the Bill be approved and that the Bill be referred to Synod in Committee for consideration in detail for later in the day.”

**CARRIED**

**Bill No. 3 The General Synod Representation Amendment Bill 2021**

Moved: Canon G Bailey

Seconded: Canon Dr B Bang

“That the principles of the Bill be approved and that the Bill be referred to Synod in Committee for consideration in detail for later in the day.”

**CARRIED**

**Bill No. 4 The Boundaries Amendment Bill 2021**

Moved: Canon Dr B Bang

Seconded: Canon G Bailey

“That the principles of the Bill be approved and that the Bill be referred to Synod in Committee for consideration in detail for later in the day.”

**CARRIED**

**Bill No. 5 The Lay Ministry Licences Amendment Bill 2021**

Moved: Canon G Bailey

Seconded: Canon Dr B Bang

“That the principles of the Bill be approved and that the Bill be referred to Synod in Committee for consideration in detail for later in the day.”

**CARRIED**

**Bill No .6 The Faculties Amendment Bill 2021**

Moved: Canon Dr B Bang  
Seconded: Canon G Bailey

“That the principles of the Bill be approved and that the Bill be referred to Synod in Committee for consideration in detail for later in the day.”

**CARRIED**

**10.17am Morning Tea**

**10.40am Session 2**

**Greetings were received from:** Bishop of Auckland  
Bishops of Wellington  
Te Pihopa o Aotearoa

**The minutes of the Second Session of the Fortieth Synod were tabled.**

**Bishop’s Charge**

*which included contributions from:*

- + The Reverend Julie Guest – on Te Awamutu Parish Reconciliation Pilgrimage;
- + Ms Krystal van Haute – Co-Director A Rocha NZ – on Eco Church New Zealand
- + Mr David Tabrum – on “the Abby”
- + Ka Hao – Choir from Tairawhiti.

**11.22am Elections:**

processes were outlined by the Chancellor for Standing Committee and General Synod.

The Diocesan Manager spoke about the process followed for this year and outlined that for future Synods regular reminders calling for nominations will be sent out.

**11.28am Second and third readings of Bill No. 3**

**11.28am** “That Synod move into Committee to consider Bill No. 3”  
*Moved: The President*

**CARRIED**

**SYNOD IN COMMITTEE**

**Bill No. 3 The General Synod Representation Amendment Bill 2021**

Moved: **Canon G Bailey**

Seconded: **Canon B Bang**

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**BILL NO. 3**

**THE GENERAL SYNOD REPRESENTATION AMENDMENT BILL 2021**

The Synod of the Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki enacts as follows –

**1. TITLE**

This Statute is The General Synod Representation Amendment Statute 2021.

**2. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Statute is to reform the provisions relating to election of Diocesan representatives to the General Synod / T e Hīnota Whānui.

**3. COMMENCEMENT**

This Statute shall come into force immediately upon its passing.

**4. GENERAL SYNOD REPRESENTATION**

(1) Clause 4 of The General Synod Representation Statute 2014 is amended by the deletion of sub-clause (b) and its replacement by the words: “Nominations shall be lodged in writing with the Registrar-Manager 14 days prior to the commencement of Synod”.

(2) Synod in 2021 may resolve to accept for election only nominations that have been lodged not less than 14 days prior to the commencement of Synod provided that notice of the requirement to lodge nominations by that date shall have been given to all members of Synod not less than 28 days preceding the commencement of Synod.

(3) Clause 4 (d) of The General Synod Representation Statute 2014 is further amended by the addition after the words: “by secret ballot” of the words: “Of the nominated candidates in any ballot, those elected shall be the candidates who have received the greatest number of votes from their own Order”.

(4) Clause 4 of The General Synod Representation Statute 2014 is further amended by the addition of a new sub-clause (j), stating “The President shall have a casting vote in the event of an equality of votes”.

**11.36am SYNOD OUT OF COMMITTEE**

**Motion:** That the decision of Synod in Committee, to pass Bill No. 3 without amendment, be the decision of Synod and the Third Reading be an order of the day later today.

*Moved: The President*

**CARRIED**

**11.38am Elected to Standing Committee**

The Reverend J Perkins

**Elected for General Synod**

The Reverend P Bargh

Judge C Harding

**11.42am Second Reading of Bills**

**11.42am** “That Synod move into Committee to consider Bill No. 1.”

*Moved: The President*

**CARRIED**

**11.42am SYNOD IN COMMITTEE**

**Bill No. 1**

**The Cathedrals Amendment Bill 2021**

Moved: **Canon Dr B Bang**

Seconded: **Canon G Bailey**

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### **BILL NO. 1**

#### **THE CATHEDRALS (SUSPENSION OF PROVISIONS) BILL 2021**

The Synod of the Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki enacts as follows –

**1. TITLE**

This Statute is The Cathedrals (Suspension of Provisions) Statute 2021.

**2. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Statute is to suspend provisions contained in The Waikato Diocesan Cathedrals Statute 2006 in order that a new governance model may be trialed, with a view to presenting proposals for adoption by the Synod after the expiry of the trial period.

**3. COMMENCEMENT**

This Statute comes into force at the close of the Synod at which it is enacted.

**4. SUSPENSION OF PROVISIONS**

(1) Clauses 11 to 18 inclusive of The Waikato Diocesan Cathedrals Statute 2006 are suspended until the commencement of the Synod in 2023.

(2) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Standing Committee shall have the power to appoint a Commission or a Commissioner tasked with facilitating the transition to a new governance structure for the Taranaki Cathedral Church of St Mary and other entities associated with it.

**11.49am      SYNOD OUT OF COMMITTEE**

**Motion:**      “That the decision of Synod in Committee, to pass Bill No. 1 without amendment, be the decision of Synod and the Third Reading be an order of the day later today.”

*Moved: The President*

**CARRIED**

**11.51am**      “That Synod move into Committee to consider Bill No. 2.”

*Moved: The President*

**CARRIED**

**SYNOD IN COMMITTEE**

<b>Bill No. 2      The Archdeaconry Amendment Bill 2021</b>
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Moved:          **Canon G Bailey**

Seconded:      **Canon Dr B Bang**

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**BILL NO. 2**

**THE ARCHDEACONRY AMENDMENT BILL 2021**

The Synod of the Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki enacts as follows –

**1. TITLE**

This Statute is The Archdeaconry Amendment Statute 2021.

## **2. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Statute is to obviate the need to define which parishes are included in each Archdeaconry, leaving the Bishop free to amend the allocation of parishes as between Archdeaonries from time to time.

## **3. COMMENCEMENT**

This Statute shall come into force at the close of the Synod at which it is enacted.

## **4. ARCHDEACONRIES**

Clause 5 of The Archdeaconry Statute 2006 is amended by the deletion of all the words following the words “from time to time”.

### **11.57am      SYNOD OUT OF COMMITTEE**

**Motion:**      “That the decision of Synod in Committee, to pass Bill No. 2 without amendment, be the decision of Synod and the Third Reading be an order of the day later today.

*Moved: The President*

**CARRIED**

### **11.58am      Lunch**

### **12.30pm      Session 3**

#### **Vote of thanks**

The President acknowledged his thanks, and that of the Diocese, to Mrs Anne Edwards for her work, over a number of years, in resolving the financial situation of the Diocese, with her eye for the finer detail, but also keeping in mind the bigger picture, and for her availability to Standing Committee and Synod.

PRESENTATION      Overview of Investments  
Ms A Boyle, Investment Manager, Trust Management

PRESENTATION      Diocesan Financial Review  
Ms G Sun, Manager, Financial Services  
Trust Management

### **1.38pm      Motion No. 2: Adoption of WDTB General Purpose Financial Statements 2020**

*Moved: Mrs E Bang*

*Seconded: The Venerable J Marcon*

“That this Synod approves the audited General Purpose Financial Statements of the Waikato Diocesan Trust Board, for the year ended 31 December 2020.”

**CARRIED**



**1.40pm      Motion No. 3: Adoption of TATB General Purpose Financial Statements 2020**

*Moved: Mrs E Bang*

*Seconded: The Venerable J Marcon*

“That this Synod approves the audited General Purpose Financial Statements of the Taranaki Anglican Trust Board, for the year ended 31 December 2020.”

**CARRIED**

**1.41pm      Motion No. 4: Adoption of Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki General Purpose Financial Statements for 2020**

*Moved: The Most Reverend P Richardson*

“That this Synod approves the audited General Purpose Financial Statements of the Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki, for the year ended 31 December 2020.”

**CARRIED**

**1.42pm      Motion No. 5: Funding Standing Committee Operations – Approval of 2022 Budget**

*Moved: The Most Reverend P Richardson*

“That for the year 2022 this Synod agrees to a Diocesan Budget for Standing Committee operations of \$705,061.00 allocated in accordance with details contained in the budget, with \$610,661.00 of this sum to be provided by assessments.”

**CARRIED**

**1.43pm      Motion No. 6: Assessments 2022 – Approval of Schedule**

*Moved: Canon R Brockie*

*Seconded: The Most Reverend P Richardson*

“That Parish Diocesan Assessments for the year 2022 be set according to the schedule of percentages for 2021, as detailed in the Synod papers.”

**CARRIED**

**1.55pm      Motion No. 7: Funding the 2022 Ministry Support Fund**

*Moved: Canon R Brockie*

*Seconded: The Venerable J Rowse*

“That this Synod requests Standing Committee to fund the Ministry Support Fund, to be calculated at the equivalent of the basic Vicar’s stipend and contributed to by all parishes, Parish Districts and Mission Districts per annum using the same formula as used for Assessments.”

**CARRIED**

**1.56pm Motion No. 8: Mission Target 2022**  
*Moved: The Reverend P Bargh*  
*Seconded: The Reverend P Weeding*

“That for the year 2022 the target for Overseas Missions remain at \$210,000.00.”

**CARRIED**

**1.57pm Break**

**2.20pm Synod back in session**

**Motion without notice:** “That Motions:

No 10. The Prohibition of Conversion Practices;  
No 11. The Raising of the Voting Age;  
No 12. The Living Age; and  
No 15. The NZ Housing Crisis

do lie on the table.”

*Moved: The President*

**CARRIED**

**2.25pm PRESENTATION Rural Development Review -**  
Archdeacon S Burns

**2.40pm Second Reading of Bills**

**2.41pm** “That Synod move into Committee to consider Bill No. 4.”

*Moved: The President*

**CARRIED**

**SYNOD IN COMMITTEE**

<b>Bill No. 4</b>	<b>The Boundaries Amendment Bill 2021</b>
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Moved: **Canon Dr B Bang**

Seconded: **Canon G Bailey**

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**BILL NO. 4**

## **THE BOUNDARIES AMENDMENT BILL 2021**

The Synod of the Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki enacts as follows –

### **1. TITLE**

This Statute is The Boundaries Amendment Statute 2021.

### **2. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Statute is to redefine the boundaries of certain ministry and mission units in the Diocese consequent upon the amalgamation of those units.

### **3. COMMENCEMENT**

This Statute shall come into force at the close of the Synod at which it is enacted.

### **4. AMENDMENTS TO PART ONE OF SCHEDULE**

Part One of the Schedule to The Boundaries of the Local Ministry and Mission Units in the Diocese of Waikato Statute 1996 is amended by the deletion of the provisions relating to The Parish of St Barnabas, Opunake, The Parish of St Cuthbert, Manaia, The Parish of St Mary, Hawera, and The Parish of St George, Patea and their replacement by the following provisions –

#### **The Parish of St Barnabas and St Cuthbert, Coastal Taranaki**

The Land and buildings enclosed by;  
Starting at the mouth of the Moutoti Stream, NE up that stream to its source; then by a right line to the summit of Mt Taranaki; E to the source of the Otakeho Stream then S down that stream to the intersection of the Te Roti Kapuni railway line; along the line of that railway to the Waingongoro Stream and down that river to the sea coast; W along the coast to the starting point.

#### **The Parish of St Mary and St George, South Taranaki**

The land and buildings enclosed by;  
Starting at the mouth of the Waingongoro Stream; NE along the stream to its junction with Austin Road; N along Waingongoro Stream for 1.5 kilometres; E by right line to the junction of the Patea River (Lake Rotorangi) and Tangahoe Valley Road; E to the junction of Pine Stream and Whenuakura River to the sea coast; W along the coast to the starting point.

**2.47pm      SYNOD OUT OF COMMITTEE**

**2.47pm      Motion:** “That the decision of Synod in Committee, to pass Bill No. 4 without amendment, be the decision of Synod and the Third Reading be an order of the day later today.

*Moved: The President*

**CARRIED**

2.48pm “That Synod move into Committee to consider Bill No. 5.”  
*Moved: The President*

**CARRIED**

**SYNOD IN COMMITTEE**

<b>Bill No. 5</b>	<b>The Lay Ministry Licences Amendment Bill 2021</b>
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Moved: **Canon G Bailey**

Seconded: **Canon Dr B Bang**

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**BILL NO. 5**

**THE LAY MINISTRY LICENCES AMENDMENT BILL 2021**

The Synod of the Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki enacts as follows –

**1. TITLE**

This Statute is The Lay Ministry Licences Amendment Statute 2021.

**2. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Statute is to repeal certain provisions in The Lay Ministry Licences Statute which have become redundant.

**2. COMMENCEMENT**

This Statute shall come into force at the close of the Synod at which it is enacted.

**3. DELETION OF REDUNDANT PROVISIONS**

(1) Clause 5 (2) of The Lay Ministry Licenses Statute is amended by the deletion of the expression “mutatis mutandis” and its replacement by the words “with the necessary changes”.

(2) Clause 7 (1) of that Statute is deleted.

(3) Clause 7 (3) of that Statute is amended by the deletion of the words “for Licensed Lay Ministries”.

(4) Clauses 8 (5) and 8 (6) of that Statute are deleted.

(5) Sub-clause 2 of Schedule 2B to that Statute is amended by the deletion of the words: “Part A”

(6) Schedule Three of that Statute is amended by the deletion of the words: “and your adherence to the Code of Ethics and Harassment Regulation”.

**2.55pm SYNOD OUT OF COMMITTEE**

**2.55pm Motion:** “That the decision of Synod in Committee, to pass Bill No. 5 without amendment, be the decision of Synod and the Third Reading be an order of the day later today.”  
Moved: The President

**CARRIED**

**2.56pm** “That Synod move into Committee to consider Bill No. 6.”  
*Moved: The President*

**CARRIED**

**SYNOD IN COMMITTEE**

**Bill No .6**

**The Faculties Amendment Bill 2021**

Moved: **Canon Dr B Bang**

Seconded: **Canon G Bailey**

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**BILL NO. 6**

**THE FACULTIES AMENDMENT BILL 2021**

The Synod of the Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki enacts as follows –

**1. TITLE**

This Statute is The Faculties Amendment Statute 2021.

**2. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Statute is to redress an omission from The Faculties Statute 2014.

**3. COMMENCEMENT**

This Statute shall come into force at the close of the Synod at which it is enacted.

**4. ADDITION TO CHECK LIST**

Sub-clause 1 of the fourth schedule to The Faculties Statute 2014 is amended by the addition of the following words: “noting that where any project involves the unbudgeted expenditure of more than \$10,000, the approval of a Special General Meeting of the Parish shall be required”.

**2.59pm SYNOD OUT OF COMMITTEE**

**2.59pm Motion:** “That the decision of Synod in Committee, to pass Bill No. 6 without amendment, be the decision of Synod and the Third Reading be an order of the day later today.”

*Moved: The President*

**CARRIED**

**3.01pm Motion No. 9: Receive the Reports to Synod**

*Moved: The President*

“That this Synod receives the following reports:

1. Anglican Missions Board;
2. BAF;
3. University of Waikato Chair’s Report;
4. University of Waikato Ecumenical Chaplain’s Report;
5. WINTEC Chair’s Annual Report; and
6. WINTEC Chaplain’s Annual Report.”

**CARRIED**

**3.03pm Motion No. 13: Use of Reserved Sacrament**

*Moved: Ms C Bryant, LLM, St John’s, Te Awamutu*

*Seconded: The Reverend S Owen, St John’s, Te Awamutu*

“That this Synod approves the use of reserved sacrament by Licensed Lay Ministers at Sunday services in church.”

Rationale:

The use of reserved sacrament used to be available to be used by LLMs for Sunday church services a number of years ago. It is certain that rural parishes will not always have a priest presiding at Sunday services, so it would seem appropriate to re-instate this practice. Every week LLMs are permitted to use reserved sacrament in Rest Homes or for a Home Communion, so there is an analogous situation existing already.

**Motion:** “That this Motion be allowed to lie on the table so that the Archbishop can take the concern raised to the Bishop’s Staff meeting and the House of Bishops”.

*Moved: The President*

**CARRIED**

**3.34pm Afternoon tea**

**3.45pm Synod back in Session**

**Third Reading of Bills**

**Motion:** “That these Bills:

- No. 1. The Cathedrals Amendment Bill 2021;
- No. 2. The Archdeaconry Amendment Bill 2021;
- No. 3. The General Synod Representation Amendment Bill 2021;
- No. 4. The Boundaries Amendment Bill 2021;
- No. 5. The Lay Ministry Licences Amendment Bill 2021; and
- No. 6. The Faculties Amendment Bill 2021;

be read a third time.”

*Moved: The President*

**CARRIED**

**3.48pm Motion No.14: Licensing of Licenced Lay Ministers**

*Moved: Ms C Bryant, LLM, St John’s, Te Awamutu*

*Seconded: The Reverend J Guest, St John’s, Te Awamutu*

“That this Synod approves the licensing of Licensed Lay Ministers to an Archdeaconry or Diocese to enable LLMs to be more flexible in the way they serve the Diocese.”

Rationale:

A model already exists for this. A priest can be granted a P.T.O. (Permission to Officiate). This means s/he is licensed to the Bishop and can preside at Eucharist in any parish which requests them, and in any part of the diocese. In effect, a priest with this licence can “free-lance” and be a flexible resource to any parish. If LLMs were able to serve following this model, this would be useful to rural parishes where a priest cannot always be present.

*On the legal advice of the Chancellor who had concerns with the wording of this motion, and noting the President’s concurrence with the same, the Diocesan Manager proposed a rewording of the motion so that it read:*

“That this Synod invites the Bishop to consider the licensing of Licensed Lay Ministers to an Archdeacon or to the Bishop to enable LLMs to be more flexible in the way they serve the Diocese.”

*This was agreed to by the Mover and Seconder.*

**CARRIED**

**4.00pm Cessation of Ministry in the Diocese**

The following were acknowledged by Archbishop Philip for their Ordained Ministry in the Diocese:

The Very Reverend Wendy Scott  
The Reverend Christine Hunn  
The Reverends Sandy and Colin Neal  
The Reverend Jan Tarrant  
The Venerable Malcolm French

**4.10pm Motion: No. 16 Vote of Thanks**

*Moved: The Venerable T Harrison*

*Seconded: Mrs P Harrison*

“That this Synod acknowledges these people who have assisted in the smooth sailing of Synod:

- (1) The President and the Chancellor for their superb chairing of Synod and the Committee of Synod;
- (2) The I.T. people who worked so hard to make this Synod by Zoom work well, namely Archbishop Philip, Christen Reed and Simon Cayley;
- (3) Those who worked so diligently organizing everything beforehand for Synod, namely Jill Schumacher and the Statutes Revision Committee;
- (4) The Staff of Trust Management Ltd., namely Anna Boyle and Grace Sun for their presentations and also for their sterling work and assistance to the Diocese throughout the year;
- (5) Those who produced their Reports to Synod detailing their work on our Church’s behalf into and for our communities; and
- (6) All members for their participation especially under the unusual and sometimes trying conditions of meeting via Zoom.”

**CARRIED**

**4.14pm Closing Blessing**

*The Most Reverend P Richardson*

**4.15 pm Closing of Synod**