

DIOCESE OF WAIKATO AND TARANAKI

STATUTE NO. 2

THE WAIKATO AND TARANAKI DIOCESAN STATUTE OF SYNOD 2014

(Updated to 2017)

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

1. TITLE

This Statute is the Waikato and Taranaki Diocesan Statute of Synod 2014

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Statute is to regulate and determine various matters for the Diocesan Synod.

3. COMMENCEMENT

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

4. INTERPRETATION

In this Statute the following interpretations shall apply:

AAW means the Association of Anglican Women in the Diocese.

District means every Parish, Co-operating Parish or any Ministry and Mission Unit duly constituted in the Diocese.

Elector means a person qualified to vote under the Parishes Statute 2009.

Synod Representative means a duly elected representative of the laity for the Synod of the Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki.

5. REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNING BODY

The Diocesan Synod is the governing body of the Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki pursuant to the Constitution/Te Pouhere of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

6. MEMBERS OF DIOCESAN SYNOD

(1) The Diocesan Synod shall consist of:

- (a) The Diocesan Bishops;
- (b) Any other Bishops licensed as Bishop and working in the Diocese;
- (c) Subject to Clause 6 (3) all Clergy in the Diocese licensed under the Waikato Diocesan Statute of Pastors 1993;
- (d) Two Synod Representatives elected by each District in this Diocese. Any District may, in addition, elect one further representative who is under the age of 30 at the date of his or her election.
- (e) The Chancellor;
- (f) Two Synod Representatives appointed by AAW;

- (g) Such Synod Representatives for each Mission District as may be prescribed by the Synod from time to time;
 - (h) Every clerical and lay Canon holding office under the Cathedrals Statute 2006;
 - (i) The Anglican Missioner / Kai Whakahaere Mihinare;
 - (j) The Chief Executive Officer of the Bishop's Action Foundation;
 - (k) A Trustee of the Anglican Action Mission Trust;
 - (l) A Trustee of the Bishop's Action Foundation;
 - (m) A Trustee of the Waikato Diocesan Trust Board;
 - (n) A Trustee of the Taranaki Anglican Trust Board.
 - (o) Licensed Lay ministers, who, pursuant to a contract of employment with the Bishops, are appointed by them as lay leaders of a district or districts.
- (2) No person while holding office as a member of Synod as an elected representative of any District or Mission District shall be eligible to be a Synod Representative as a Trustee pursuant to sub-clauses (k) to (n) of Clause 6 (1).
- (3) Clergy Representation
- (a) All clergy holding an office defined in clause 10 (2) of the Waikato Diocesan Statute of Pastors 1993 shall be full members of the Synod with the right to speak and vote, and
 - (b) Clergy holding a permission to officiate shall be entitled to speak but not to vote.
- (4) Representation by members of Other Christian Churches
- (a) The Synod may make such further provision by resolution as it thinks fit for any ordained Minister or Lay member of another Christian Church recognised by resolution of General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui and duly appointed to serve in or elected to represent a co-operating parish or venture to be admitted to and have a seat in the House of Clergy or House of Laity, as is appropriate, in the Diocesan Synod with a right to speak and to vote pursuant to Part E Clause 5 of the Constitution/Te Pouhere;
 - (b) Such representatives shall have no right to speak or vote when the Synod is acting under the following Constitutional/Te Pouhere provisions: namely,
 - (i) Part B Clause 6(b), Alternative Formularies;
 - (ii) Part E Clauses 10 and 11, Nominating a Bishop;
 - (iii) Part G Clause 3, Amending the Constitution; or
 - (iv) Any proposal or matter under the Church of England Empowering Act 1928.
- (5) The Registrar-Manager (whether or not licensed under the Waikato Diocesan Statute of Pastors 1993) shall have a seat in Synod with the right to speak but not to vote.
- (6) Such other persons as the Synod may from time to time determine by resolution shall have a seat in Synod with the right to speak but not to vote.

7. DISTRICT SYNOD REPRESENTATIVES

All Synod Representatives shall be elected for a period of two years unless they resign earlier.

8. ELECTIONS

The Registrar-Manager shall advise the District in the year of an election of the need for an election of Synod Representatives at the Annual General Meeting of the District or at such other date as the Standing Committee shall approve.

9. QUALIFICATIONS OF SYNOD REPRESENTATIVES

- (1) Every validly baptised member of the laity whose name is on the parish roll shall be qualified to vote at the election of Synod Representatives for that District.
- (2) Every member of the Laity qualified under Title B Canon XXI shall be entitled to be nominated and elected as a Synod Representative for any District in which he or she is listed on the parish roll

10. ELECTION OF MEMBERS

- (1) Notice shall be given of the election of Synod Representatives in the notice of the Annual General Meeting of parishioners.
- (2) Nominations for the office of Synod Representative shall be in the form in the First Schedule hereto and shall be delivered to the chairperson of the vestry or parish council prior to the commencement of the election.
- (3) Prior to the first session of the Diocesan Synod each parish shall elects its Synod Representatives in accordance with Clause 20 (3)(a) of the Parishes Statute 2009. In extenuating or unusual circumstances, which shall be detailed to the Standing Committee and with the Standing Committee's consent an election for Synod Representatives may be conducted at a Special General Meeting to be held for that purpose.
- (4) The District shall without delay send to the Registrar-Manager the names and addresses of those persons duly elected as Synod Representatives.
- (5) The failure of any one or more Districts or other bodies to elect a Synod Representative shall not prevent the Synod from proceeding with the dispatch of business.

11. APPOINTMENT OF AAW REPRESENTATIVES

No person while holding office as a member of Synod as an elected representative of any District or Mission District shall be eligible to be appointed by AAW as a Synod Representative.

12. DECLARATION

- (1) Every person elected as a Synod Representative shall complete the Declaration in the Second Schedule as required by Part C Clause 15 of the Constitution/Te Pouhere.
- (2) In the case of a co-operating parish where a person not being an Anglican is elected as a Synod Representative, he or she is required, prior to taking office, to complete the Declaration in the Third Schedule pursuant to Title B Canon XXI Clause 3.

13. RESIGNATION AND VACANCY

- (1) Any Synod Representative may, by writing addressed to one of the Bishops, resign and on receipt of such resignation that office shall become vacant.
- (2) The office of Synod Representative shall also become vacant in the event of any of the following:
 - (a) Absence without leave from the whole of a session of Synod;
 - (b) A decision of any tribunal acting on behalf of or under the authority of General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui that a Synod Representative is unfit to hold such office;
 - (c) The conviction of the Synod Representative of an offence carrying with it a maximum penalty of twelve months' or more imprisonment.
 - (d) The death of the Synod Representative.
- (3) In the event of a vacancy before the end of the term, the chairperson of the vestry or parish council shall notify the Bishop.
- (4) In the event of a vacancy the Registrar-Manager shall advise the District to hold a fresh election at a Special General Meeting.
- (5) Any Synod Representative elected at a fresh election shall hold office only for the balance of the term of the person replaced.

14. MEETING OF DIOCESAN SYNOD

- (1) The Synod shall meet at such times and places as the Diocesan Bishops shall prescribe; provided always that there shall be a meeting once in every year.
- (2) Except as may otherwise be provided, the presence of one of the Diocesan Bishops, one quarter of the qualified voting clergy of the Diocese and one quarter of the lay Synod Representatives shall be necessary to constitute a quorum of the Diocesan Synod.
- (3) Except as may otherwise be provided, every act of the Synod shall be assented to by a majority of the Bishops, and a majority of the clergy, and a majority of the lay members, present;
- (4) The President may declare a motion carried at the conclusion of a verbal vote or, at the President's discretion, call for a show of hands to indicate whether the motion be duly carried or not, unless a division shall be called for under Standing Orders.
- (5) Every member of Synod in the House of Clergy and every member of Synod in the House of Laity is required to sign the roll of his or her House each day prior to the commencement of the day's session. Members who have not so signed shall not be eligible to vote if a division is called during that day.

15. REGULATIONS

- (1) The Standing Committee of the Diocese may make regulations under this Statute for any administrative purpose at any ordinary or special meeting,
- (2) Any resolution made by the Synod under this Statute shall be formulated as a Regulation under this Statute.

16. REPEAL

The Waikato Diocesan Statute of Synod 1994 is hereby repealed.

FIRST SCHEDULE

DIOCESE OF WAIKATO AND TARANAKI

Nomination for the Office of Diocesan Synod Representative.

I, being an elector of the Parish/Co-operating Parish of

HEREBY NOMINATE

who is validly baptised and duly qualified, and whose consent is endorsed hereon,
to act as a Diocesan Synod Representative.

Dated this day of 20....

[signed] Nominator

CONSENT

I being validly baptised and duly qualified

HEREBY CONSENT to the above nomination.

In offering myself for this position I solemnly commit myself to attend all Diocesan Synods held during my term of office as required by the Statute of Synod.

[signed] Candidate

To the Chairperson of Vestry/Parish Council/Co-operating Parish of

SECOND SCHEDULE

**THE ANGLICAN CHURCH IN AOTEAROA, NEW ZEALAND
AND POLYNESIA**

*Te Haahi Mihinare ki Aotearoa, ki Niu Tirenī
Ki Nga Moutere o to Moana Nui a Kiwa*

**DECLARATION OF ADHERENCE AND SUBMISSION TO THE ANGLICAN
CHURCH IN AOTEAROA, NEW ZEALAND AND POLYNESIA**

I DO DECLARE my submission to the authority of the General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui of this Church established by a Constitution agreed to on the 13th day of June 1857 and as subsequently revised and amended from time to time and to all the provisions of the Constitution from time to time in force to the extent that that authority and those provisions relate to the office of a Synod Representative.

AND I further consent to be bound by all the regulations which may from time to time be issued by the authority of the General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui in relation to any such office/or membership so long as I hold it.

AND I hereby undertake in consideration of my holding any such office/or membership immediately to resign that office/or membership together with all the rights and emoluments appertaining thereto whenever I shall be called so to do by the General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui or by any person or persons lawfully acting under its authority in that behalf.

Given under my hand this day of in the presence of:

