

# Anglican Diocese of Waiapu

## STANDING COMMITTEE

**MINUTES of the conference meeting held in the Boardroom,  
Waiapu Anglican Centre, 2 Bower Street, Napier and Papamoa Gardens on  
Thursday 8 August 2019 commencing at 10.30am**

**CHAIRPERSON: The Right Reverend Andrew Hedge**

|                           | <p><b>Membership:</b></p> <table><thead><tr><th><b>Napier</b></th><th><b>Papamoa</b></th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Bishop Andrew Hedge</td><td>Rev'd Paul Williamson</td></tr><tr><td>Rev'd Tim Barker</td><td>Mrs Elaine Wood</td></tr><tr><td>Rev'd Jo Crosse</td><td>Rev'd Isabel Mordecai</td></tr><tr><td>The Very Rev'd Ian Render</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Dr Diane Mara</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Rev'd Jenny Chalmers</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Miss Alison Thomson</td><td></td></tr></tbody></table> <p><b>In Attendance:</b><br/>Ms Colleen Kaye (Registrar)<br/>Mrs Bianca Snee (Minutes Secretary)<br/>Mrs Sandra Gifkins</p> <p><b>Apologies</b><br/>Mr John Binns</p> <p><b>Opening Prayer:</b><br/>Led by Bishop Andrew Hedge. Bishop Andrew then welcomed The Very Rev'd Ian Render to the Standing Committee, being appointed following Rev'd Deborah Wilson's resignation.</p> | <b>Napier</b> | <b>Papamoa</b> | Bishop Andrew Hedge | Rev'd Paul Williamson | Rev'd Tim Barker | Mrs Elaine Wood | Rev'd Jo Crosse | Rev'd Isabel Mordecai | The Very Rev'd Ian Render |  | Dr Diane Mara |  | Rev'd Jenny Chalmers |  | Miss Alison Thomson |  |
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| <b>Napier</b>             | <b>Papamoa</b>  |               |                |                     |                       |                  |                 |                 |                       |                           |  |               |  |                      |  |                     |  |
| Bishop Andrew Hedge       | Rev'd Paul Williamson   |               |                |                     |                       |                  |                 |                 |                       |                           |  |               |  |                      |  |                     |  |
| Rev'd Tim Barker          | Mrs Elaine Wood   |               |                |                     |                       |                  |                 |                 |                       |                           |  |               |  |                      |  |                     |  |
| Rev'd Jo Crosse           | Rev'd Isabel Mordecai   |               |                |                     |                       |                  |                 |                 |                       |                           |  |               |  |                      |  |                     |  |
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| Dr Diane Mara             |   |               |                |                     |                       |                  |                 |                 |                       |                           |  |               |  |                      |  |                     |  |
| Rev'd Jenny Chalmers      |   |               |                |                     |                       |                  |                 |                 |                       |                           |  |               |  |                      |  |                     |  |
| Miss Alison Thomson       |   |               |                |                     |                       |                  |                 |                 |                       |                           |  |               |  |                      |  |                     |  |
|                           | <p><b>Please note:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The meeting did not follow the order of the agenda, however the minutes are recorded as per the agenda.</li></ul>  |               |                |                     |                       |                  |                 |                 |                       |                           |  |               |  |                      |  |                     |  |
| <b>SC 19.08.1</b>         | <p><b>Confirmation of the Minutes – 20 June 2019</b></p> <p>It was noted that there was a typographical error with the misspelt word 'Hiha' first line of SC 19.06.2 and 14<sup>th</sup> line of SC 19.06.03.</p> <p><b><i>Resolved:</i></b><br/>That not withstanding the above, the minutes of the meeting held on 20 June 2019 be confirmed as a correct record.</p> <p><b><i>Action:</i></b><br/><i>Minutes Secretary to update the typographical error in the minutes.</i></p> <p><b>Matters Arising and Action List:</b></p>  |               |                |                     |                       |                  |                 |                 |                       |                           |  |               |  |                      |  |                     |  |

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|                   | A discussion was held on the Action List, no matters arose.  |
| <b>SC 19.08.2</b> | <p><u>GSSC – Otamataha Trust, The Most Reverend Sir David Moxon’s Report</u></p> <p>A draft of the General Synod Standing Committee (GSSC) report dated June 2019 was presented. The report summarised the passing of the Tauranga Te Papa missions land motion and outlined the amendment to Motion 14 – The Formal apology to Ngati Tapu and Ngaitamaramarawaho of Tauranga Moana.</p> <p><b>The Report was noted</b></p>  |
| <b>SC 19.08.3</b> | <p><u>Papamoa East and Tauriko West Land Ownership</u></p> <p>Rev’d Paul Williamson clarified that the topic was not about land ownership, rather it was about outlining the increase in population and new housing developments within the Tauranga region.</p> <p>Four maps of the Tauranga Region were tabled, of which Rev’d Paul Williamson spoke to and was able to explain to the Committee exactly where the new housing developments were going to be situated.</p> <p>The Committee discussed the possibility of having a presence in East Papamoa and Tauriko, and if there was a need to buy land, and put up a hall or a vicarage with the right person to lead.</p> <p>It was agreed that ‘purpose, people and property’ will need to be discussed further, and that ideas will be canvassed and discussed in the next couple of months before making any decisions.</p> <p><b>Action:</b><br/><i>Look into the possibility of holding the December Standing Committee meeting over two days in Tauranga to visit the various sites.</i></p> |
| <b>SC 19.08.4</b> | <p><u>Gisborne Parish – Sustentation Fund</u></p> <p>Bishop Andrew updated the Committee on the current status of Gisborne Parish, and provided some background information on the current and intended use of the Sustentation Fund.</p> <p>Main points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rev’d Stephen Donald resigned due to ill health.</li> <li>• The Bishops appointment of ‘Priest in Charge’ at Holy Trinity Gisborne will be made in the near future, and as a full time role.</li> <li>• Rev’d David van Oeveren has agreed to continue his Regional Dean work throughout the Hawke’s Bay and Eastland areas.</li> <li>• Rev’d Sheryl McGrory has been appointed in a 0.5 stipend role at Waipaoa Parish for a period of 12 to 18 months.</li> <li>• Proposing to fund 0.5 of the stipend for the Priest in Charge role from the Sustentation fund, with the other 0.5 coming from the Ministry Support fund.</li> </ul>   |

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|            | <p><b>Resolved:</b><br/> <i>The Standing Committee support the continued financial assistance from the Sustentation Fund to the Gisborne Parish for at least the next two years.</i></p>  |
| SC 19.08.5 | <p><u>Finance</u></p> <p>Finance Team Manager, Tracey O’Shaughnessy, was invited to join the meeting at 1.55pm to present the financial reports.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2020 Budget</li> <li>• 2019 Financial Summary to 30.06.2019</li> <li>• Parish Health Sheet</li> </ul> <p><b>Points of note for the 2019 Financials:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finance Manager spoke to her written report</li> </ul> <p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <i>To receive the financial reports to 30 June 2019.</i></li> <li>ii. <i>That the Standing Committee receive the 2020 budget and agree that it would be presented at Synod for approval.</i></li> </ol> <p><b>The Finance Team Manager left the meeting at 1.51pm</b></p>   |
| SC 19.08.5 | <p><b>Diocesan Committees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Diocesan Canon Review Committee</b><br/>Nothing to report.</li> <li>• <b>Diocesan Ministry Committee</b><br/>Nothing to report.</li> </ul>  |
| SC 19.08.6 | <p><b>Other Reports</b></p> <p><u>Bishop’s Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>St Matthews School Principal Vacancy:</b> There has been a lot of interest in this role, and some great candidates have been shortlisted. St Matthews Board of Proprietors have been consulted throughout the process, and current Principal Tim Anderson has been invaluable.</li> <li>• <b>Priest in Charge of Holy Trinity Gisborne:</b> An appointment will be announced in the next couple of weeks.</li> <li>• <b>Havelock North Vicar Vacancy:</b> A formal announcement to be made in the near future.</li> <li>• <b>Otomutai Parish Vicar Vacancy:</b> A formal announcement to be made in the near future.</li> <li>• <b>Papua New Guinea Trip:</b> Bishop Andrew, Colleen Kaye, Rev’d Deborah Broome, and David van Oeveren will be visiting Papua New Guniea at the end of August. The purpose of the visit is to expand the relationship with Papua New Guinea alongside H &amp; W Williams Memorial Trust trustee Caroline Seligman.</li> <li>• <b>St John Ambulance:</b> Bishop Andrew continues his work with the St John Ambulance as chaplain and ambulance officer.</li> <li>• Bishop Andrew’s work with the Waikato Taranaki Episcopal Leadership Commission</li> </ul> |

is drawing to an end as they prepare to submit their final draft.

**Bishop Andrew left the meeting at 12:38pm.**

#### General Synod Representative Report

Rev'd Jo Crosse tabled the 'Report from GSSC to Waiapu Standing Committee', and spoke about the following topics:

- Tauranga Moana
- Sanctioning Process for the Election of Bishops
- Title D Revision, Royal Commission and Professional/Ministry Standards Office
- Climate Change Commissioner and Climate Resilience
- Social Justice Unit
- Legal Entity Proposal

#### TPCCG Representative Report

Alison Thomson informed the Committee that there will be a face to face meeting held in November 2019, otherwise there was nothing to note.

**SC 19.08.7**

#### **Other Business**

##### 2019 Synod – Woodford House 21-22 September

The motions for Regional Conference/Synod were presented for approval of Standing Committee. The Diocesan Registrar highlighted the following amendment:

- Bay of Plenty Regional conference – The Bishops Leadership team does not devise the strategy. If Standing Committee are going to devise the strategy, they need to be quite specific around the associated resourcing as well.

A Discussion was held regarding Motion 2 – Addition to Canon 1 of Parishes – Meeting procedures. Synod currently have a meeting process set up in Canon 1 of Parishes, however there are no meeting processes set out in the Dioceses Statutes of Canons.

It was suggested to raise the concern about meeting procedures with Synod (directed at the Standing Committee) and to develop policy and guidelines to be used within the parishes, which can be attached to the Canons and changed whenever necessary. This would apply to Trust Boards, Standing Committee, parishes and sub-committees.

#### ***Resolved:***

***To approve that the motions to be adopted as part of the Synod papers with amendments as discussed.***

#### Parish Projects

The 'Parish Environmental Project' document was tabled and discussed.

The Committee raised their concerns that there was no mention of mission, ministry, God or spiritual gifts, and that this document may have already been circulated to the diocese.

It was agreed that feedback would be passed on to the Parish Project Facilitator.

**Action:**

*Rev'd Jo Crosse to provide feedback to the Parish Projects Facilitator.*

Allana Hiha Resignation Letter

Bishop Andrew received Allana Hiha's letter of resignation dated 24<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

**Resolved:**

***To receive and note with deep regret the resignation letter and to thank Allana for her service.***

**Action:**

*Bishop Andrew to write a letter to Allana acknowledging her resignation and thank her for her service.*

2019 Meeting Dates:

29th October 2019    5th December 2019

Rev'd Jenny Chalmers concluded the meeting with a prayer 2.53pm.

Confirmed: \_\_\_\_\_

Chair

Date: \_\_\_\_\_