

# 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  
Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2019 commencing at 10.30am

CHAIRPERSON: The Right Reverend Andrew Hedge

	<p><b>Membership:</b></p> <table><tr><td><b>Napier</b></td><td><b>Papamoa</b></td></tr><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>The Very Rev'd Ian Render</td><td>Mr John Binns</td></tr><tr><td>Rev'd Jenny Chalmers</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Miss Alison Thomson</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Mrs Lauren Hibberd</td><td></td></tr></table> <p><b>In Attendance:</b> Mrs Bianca Snee (Minutes Secretary) Mrs Sandra Gifkins</p> <p><b>Apologies</b> Dr Diane Mara Rev'd Isabel Mordecai Rev'd Jo Crosse Ms Colleen Kaye (Registrar)</p> <p><b>Opening Prayer:</b> Led by Bishop Andrew Hedge. Bishop Andrew then welcomed Lauren Hibberd to the Standing Committee, being appointed following Allana Hiha's resignation.</p>	<b>Napier</b>	<b>Papamoa</b>	Bishop Andrew Hedge	Rev'd Paul Williamson	Rev'd Tim Barker	Mrs Elaine Wood	The Very Rev'd Ian Render	Mr John Binns	Rev'd Jenny Chalmers		Miss Alison Thomson		Mrs Lauren Hibberd	
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	<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 19.10.1</b>	<p><b>Confirmation of the Minutes – 8<sup>th</sup> August 2019</b></p> <p>It was noted that a resolution was missing within the Finance section - SC 19.08.5, which has now been added and states: 'The Standing Committee receive the 2020 budget and agree that it would be presented at Synod for approval'.</p> <p><b><i>Resolved:</i></b> <i>That notwithstanding the above, the minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2019 be confirmed as a correct record.</i></p> <p><b><i>Action:</i></b> <i>Minutes Secretary to update the minutes to reflect the resolution.</i></p>														

	<p><b>Matters Arising and Action List:</b></p> <p>A discussion was held on the Action List, no matters arose.</p>
<p><b>SC 19.10.2</b></p>	<p><u>Motions Passed at Synod 2019</u></p> <p>A discussion was held regarding the following motions passed at Synod 2019:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motion 1 – Increased Inter-faith Dialogue and Understanding</li> <li>• Motion 2 – Taking Climate Action into our Hands</li> <li>• Motion 3 – Guidelines for the Conduct of Parish Business Matters</li> <li>• Motion 4 – Improving Social Security in Aoteroa, New Zealand</li> </ul> <p>The actions, which came out of Motion 1 and Motion 4 were allocated to Bishop Andrew undertake, and the actions from Motion 2 and Motion 3 were further discussed.</p> <p>It was agreed that Motion 2 needed further investigation and that the Standing Committee would approach people from Synod to ask for ideas and experiences, which can be taken back to the parishes.</p> <p>It was suggested that an audit of the parishes be undertaken to get an idea of the current actions in place to help climate change.</p> <p><b>Action:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) <i>Motion 1 - Bishop Andrew to send a letter of support to both Mosques in Christchurch and all Mosques within the Diocese</i></li> <li>ii) <i>Motion 1 - Bishop Andrew to send out an invitation asking for expressions of interest to be involved in the local inter-faith activities.</i></li> <li>iii) <i>Motion 2 - Bishop Andrew and the Diocesan Registrar to invite climate change advocates to the next Standing Committee meeting to share their experience and ideas on how parishes can take climate action into their own hands.</i></li> <li>iv) <i>Motion 3 - The Very Rev'd Ian Render and Lauren Hibberd to draft up guidelines for the conduct of parish business matters.</i></li> <li>v) <i>Motion 4 - Bishop Andrew to write a letter to the Prime Minister and the Minister of Finance requesting that findings of the Welfare Expert Advisory Group be implemented.</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>SC 19.10.3</b></p>	<p><b>PROPERTY</b></p> <p><u>Napier South – Ongoing Property Matters</u></p> <p>Bishop Andrew informed the Committee that he, the Diocesan Registrar, Regional Dean, Vicar General Rev'd Jenny Chalmers and Alison Thompson had met with the Vestry of Napier South parish to inform them of the decision made about the property's future.</p> <p><b>Standing Committee moved in committee at 11:08am</b>  <b>Standing Committee moved out of committee at 11:32am</b></p> <p><b>Action:</b>  <i>Bishop Andrew to write a letter to the Vestry asking them for a formal response.</i></p>

<p><b>SC 19.10.4</b></p>	<p><u>St James Mahora</u></p> <p>Bishop Andrew informed the Committee of the two offers received for the sale of St James, Mahora and that WBDT had appointed the Diocesan Registrar to negotiate the sale of the property on their behalf.</p> <p><u>The Deanery</u></p> <p>The listing and potential sale of the Deanery is now online and advertised through Caroline Meo of Bayley’s Real Estate. Sale is by Tender, closing on the 14<sup>th</sup> November.</p> <p><u>Purchase of Vicarage for Otumoetai Parish</u></p> <p>Bishop Andrew informed the Committee that a property had been purchased and is due to settle on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November, ready for the new Vicar of Otumoetai Parish to take up residence.</p>
<p><b>SC 19.10.5</b></p>	<p><b>FINANCE</b></p> <p>Finance Team Manager, Tracey O’Shaughnessy, was invited to join the meeting at 11.43pm to present the financial reports.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financial Report – Sep 2019</li> <li>• Financial Narrative – Sep 2019</li> <li>• Parish Financial Health Sheet – Sep 2019</li> </ul> <p><b>Points of note for the 2019 Financials:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Finance Manager spoke to her written report</li> <li>• It was suggested that the Diocese invest in mobile eftpos machines, which parishes can hire for events.</li> <li>• The finance team are looking at processes and procedures in order to go paperless in the future.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Resolved: To receive the financial reports to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>The Finance Team Manager left the meeting at 12.02pm</i></b></p>
<p><b>SC 19.10.6</b></p>	<p><b>Diocesan Committees</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b><i>Diocesan Canon Review Committee</i></b> Nothing to report.</li> <li>• <b><i>Diocesan Ministry Committee</i></b> Nothing to report.</li> </ul>
<p><b>SC 19.10.7</b></p>	<p><b>OTHER REPORTS</b></p> <p><u>Bishop’s Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Papua New Guinea Mission:</b> Bishop Andrew tabled his report ‘2019 Mission</li> </ul>

	<p>Partnership visit to the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea by the Diocese of Waiapu'. He informed the Committee that he had met with Hugh McBain to provide a verbal update, as well as providing the report to the HWWMT Trustees. The Bishop spoke to his report and gave an overview of five Papua New Guinea projects he is putting forward for funding.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>House of Bishops:</b> The Three Tikanga Bishops meet twice per year, however, the Pakeha Bishops have committed to capitalising on a stronger sense of collegial relationships by touching base via Zoom once per month, and providing support to one another.</li> <li>• <b>Bishop Jim White:</b> Has announced his resignation as the Assistant Bishop of Auckland due to ill health. Bishop Ross has decided not to fill the vacancy straightway, and will review the role of Assistant Bishop over time.</li> <li>• <b>Synod 2019:</b> Bishop Andrew was pleased at how Synod went this year and was impressed with the level of engagement, and with Messy Church.</li> <li>• <b>The Bishop's Sabbatical:</b> The Bishop outlined his plan to take his sabbatical in various stages, and to use the time to rest, re-set and review the Canons.</li> </ul> <p><i>Action:</i>  <i>Minutes Secretary to send a copy of the '2019 Mission Partnership Visit to the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea by the Diocese of Waiapu' report to the Standing Committee.</i></p> <p><u>General Synod Representative Report</u></p> <p>Nothing to note</p> <p><u>TPCCG Representative Report</u></p> <p>Alison Thomson informed the Committee that the next meeting will be held in Wellington on the 18<sup>th</sup> November.</p>
<p><b>SC 19.10.8</b></p>	<p><b>OTHER BUSINESS</b></p> <p><u>Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care</u></p> <p>The Bishop provided an updated on the Royal commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A working group has been working alongside our Chancellors as a province, and with close association with the Roman Catholic Church, to prepare ourselves to respond to, and assist with the work of the Royal Commission.</li> <li>• The House of Bishops were presented with a proposal that has come from General Synod Standing Committee that a Registrar's office be established as a central point of contact, and to receive any complaints that may arise as the result of the work of the Royal Commission.</li> <li>• As a province, and alongside the work of the Registrar, Bruce Gray has offered his services pro-bono. Bruce is the Chancellor for the Diocese of Auckland and one of the legal advisors to the primates.</li> <li>• Jeremy Johnson and a team of Lawyers from Wynn Williams will form the legal engine of the church, offering legal advice and legal action, on behalf of the church for the entirety of the life of the Royal Commission. Wynn Williams will cap their fee as an annual cost, which will be distributed out amongst the Diocese, schools,</li> </ul>

and social service agencies.

- The message received from Bruce Gray is that the Church is taking the work from the Royal Commission seriously and that we should expect it to be difficult work and we should expect it to be work that takes several years.

#### WASSTB Board Nomination Process

The Bishop provided an update to the Committee regarding the WASSTB Board nomination process:

- An advertisement has been made public and has been circulated around the Diocese.
- Julia Stones is the Recruitment Consultant who is shortlisting the candidates on behalf of the WASSTB.
- Julia Stones, Bishop Andrew, Rev'd Paul Williamson, Rev'd Jenny Chalmers, John Palairet and Christine Scott will be involved in the selection process.
- Names of potential candidates will be presented to the Diocesan Trust Board in December for consideration.

#### December Standing Committee Meeting in Tauranga

The logistics of the December Standing Committee meeting in Tauranga were discussed, and the agenda is yet to be finalised.

#### ***Action:***

***Rev'd Paul Williamson to arrange vans from Holy Trinity Tauranga for the Standing Committee off-site.***

#### 2019 Meeting Dates:

4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> December 2019 – Tauranga

27<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Bishop Andrew called the meeting to a close at 1:37pm.

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

  
Chair

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

