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|  | CANON XXXVOF THE COUNCIL FOR ANGLICAN WOMEN’S STUDIES | *2006* |
|  | 1. Purpose. This Canon establishes The Council for Anglican Women’s Studies of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia. | *Purpose* |
|  | **2. Objects of Council**. The objects of the Council are: | *Objects* |
|  | * 1. To establish a Women’s Studies Centre to support or provide theological education for women and to encourage research into issues of importance to and for women as these arise for the Church / Te Hāhi Mihinare |  |
|  | * 1. To act as the governing body of the Women’s Studies Centre until more permanent arrangements are made |  |
|  | * 1. To enable women within each Tikanga to find appropriate support and mentoring in relation to theological education |  |
|  | * 1. To work towards ensuring that theological education is available to all women |  |
|  | * 1. To promote the establishment of new and targeted scholarships for women undertaking theological study particularly at post-graduate levels and actively to encourage women to apply for such scholarships as may be available through the church |  |
|  | * 1. To encourage research that monitors, informs and critiques attitudes and behaviour towards (i) the roles and status of women within the church (ii) equitable access for women to theological education and resources for ministry |  |
|  | * 1. To identify and develop networks and support structures to empower women as they seek to find a place within the Church / Te Hāhi Mihinare |  |
|  | * 1. To recognise the diverse needs of women as they seek to grow and heal, and promote structures / programmes that respond to these needs |  |
|  | * 1. To provide in its own organisation a model for networking and for non-hierarchical and ecumenical ways of working |  |
|  | * 1. To offer leadership development opportunities for women in all spheres of church life |  |
|  | * 1. To carry out such other activities as will further these objectives. |  |
|  | **3. Accountability**. The Council reports annually to General Synod/ te Hīnota Whānui, through its Standing Committee. |  |
|  | **4. Costs of administration**.The meeting of the reasonable costs of the Council shall be arranged by the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui in such manner and from such sources as it thinks fit. | *Costs* |

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|  | **5. Members**.The Council will have six members appointed for terms of four years with three members appointed at each ordinary session of the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui: | *Membership amended 2018* |
|  | 1. One member nominated by Te Runanga Whāiti o Te Pīhopatanga o Aotearoa. | *2018* |
|  | ii. One member nominated by the Inter-Diocesan Conference Co-ordinating group. | *2018* |
|  | iii. One member nominated by the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Polynesia  after appropriate consultation with women’s organisations within the Church / Te Hāhi Mihinare. | *2018* |
|  | For the 2020 election the Council will decide which of the current members’ terms come to an end in 2020 with the terms of the remaining members coming to an end in 2022. | *2018* |
|  | **6. Meetings.** The Council shall meet at least once in each year. It may meet by teleconference or in other similar ways not requiring physical presence in the same place, as it determines. | *Meetings* |
|  | **7. Procedure.** The members of the Council appoint one of their number as a Chairperson. There is a quorum if at least four members including a member nominated by each Tikanga participates. |  |
|  | **8. Alternate members.**   1. If a member of the Council is unable to be present for a particular meeting an alternate may be appointed for that meeting by the member concerned in consultation with the Senior Bishop / te Pīhopa Aporei of the Tikanga by which that member was nominated. | *Alternates* |
|  | 1. The member and Senior Bishop / Te Pīhopa Aporei must bear in mind (along with other considerations) the need to maintain a balance of representation from Tikanga and to provide appropriate expertise. |  |
|  | **9. Qualifications of members.** All the provisions of Title F Canon VIII concerning the qualifications of members of certain Committees and Trust Boards and their alternates apply to members of the Council. | *Qualifications* |
|  | **10. Resignation.** A member of the Council may resign by notice in writing to the Senior Bishop / Te Pīhopa Aporei of that Tikanga with a copy delivered to the General Secretary. |  |
|  | **11. Casual Vacancies.**   1. Members will normally remain members until their successor is appointed. | *Vacancies* |
|  | 1. When the seat of a member of the Council is or becomes vacant by resignation or otherwise, the body which nominated such member shall nominate a person to fill that member’s place for the remainder of the term. The nomination is to be confirmed by Standing Committee. |  |