# THE ANGLICAN CHURCH IN AOTEAROA, NEW ZEALAND AND POLYNESIA 61st Session of the General Synod/Te Hīnota Whānui 2014

# WEDNESDAY 14 May 2014

Synod convened at 8.30am with Bible Study led by the Rev'd Robert Urlich.

## **Apologies**

The Rt Rev'd Richard Ellena for the day, he will return this evening.

#### **Announcements**

The Most Rev'd Philip Richardson welcomed the Ven Sepiuta Hala'api 'api back to Synod/te Hīnota, and also thanked the Observers for their patience in being asked to withdraw so often.

#### **Petitions**

There were no petitions.

#### **Reports**

There were no reports.

## **Motions for Leave to introduce Bills**

There were no motions for leave to introduce Bills.

## **Notices of Motions**

There were no notices of motions.

# Minutes

The President moved that the minutes for Saturday and Sunday be approved. Agreed.

# Motion 19 Safety Charter and Policy Group

1. The Rev'd Jo Crosse

2. Miss Rosa Filoi

# That this General Synod/Te Hīnota Whānui 2014:

- adopts the ACC-15 recommended 'Charter for the Safety of People within the Churches of the Anglican Communion' (as appended), and
- 2. asks General Synod Standing Committee to establish a working group who will:
  - consult with T3Youth Commission, StraNdZ exec, Anglican Schools Office, AIB, and other relevant groups regarding the development of a policy which seeks to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults in the Anglican Church
  - take into account theological, ethical, and legal imperatives for any safety policy
  - consider any potential barriers to implementation of a safety policy
  - report progress to General Synod Standing Committee in 2015
  - prepare a proposal for General Synod/Te Hīnota Whānui 2016 which addresses the need for consistent safety policies throughout the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

# Agreed.

## Charter for the Safety of People within the Churches of the Anglican Communion

# Pastoral support where there is abuse

- **1.** We will provide pastoral support for the abused, their families, and affected parishes and church organisations by:
  - **a.** listening with patience and compassion to their experiences and concerns;
  - **b.** offering spiritual assistance and other forms of pastoral care.

## Effective responses to abuse

- **2.** We will have and implement policies and procedures to respond properly to allegations of abuse against clergy and other church personal that include:
  - **a.** making known within churches the procedure for making complaints;
  - **b.** arranging pastoral care for any person making a complaint of abuse;
  - c. the impartial determination of allegations of abuse against clergy and other church personnel, and assessment of their suitability for future ministry;
  - **d.** providing support for affected parishes and church organisations.

# Practice of pastoral ministry

**3.** We will adopt and promote, by education and training, standards for the practice of pastoral ministry by clergy and other personnel.

# **Suitability for Ministry**

4. We will have and implement policies and procedures to assess the suitability of persons for ordination as clergy or appointment to positions of responsibility in the church including checking their background.

## **Culture of Safety**

**5.** We will promote a culture of safety in parishes and church organisations by education and training to help clergy, other church personnel and participants prevent the occurrence of abuse.

The Most Rev'd Philip Richardson vacated the Chair and the Most Rev'd Brown Turei presided.

# Motion 25 Communications Commission

1. The Most Rev'd Philip Richardson

2. The Rev'd Jo Crosse

# That this General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui:

asks the Standing Committee of General Synod to oversee the development of a new model for Communications oversight in this Church, and to bring legislation to General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui 2016 to enact that model. **Agreed.** 

The Most Rev'd Philip Richardson resumed the Chair.

#### Motion 27

## St Stephens and Queen Victoria Schools Trust Board Trustees Appointment

1. The Rt Rev'd Te Kitohi Pikaahu

2. Mrs Ira Wilkinson

## That this General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui resolves that:

In accordance with Standing Resolution SRA5 (b) the Reverend John Fairbrother and Ms Keringawai Evans are reappointed to the Board. **Agreed.** 

Moved from the Chair that Synod/te Hīnota go into Conference at 9.35am. The Rt Rev'd John Paterson in the Chair. Observers were asked to withdraw. **Agreed.** 

Synod/te Hīnota resumed at 10.30am.

The President moved that the Standing Orders be suspended to amend the Order of the Day for Motions 23 and 24 to follow the conclusion of Conference. **Agreed.** 

Synod/te Hīnota adjourned for morning tea at 10.33am and resumed at 11.00am.

Moved from the Chair that Synod/te Hīnota go into Conference at 11.05am. Agreed.

Synod/te Hīnota resumed at 12.30pm and the Conference sought leave to meet again.

Synod/te Hīnota adjourned for lunch at 12.35pm and resumed at 1.30pm.

## **Elections**

The General Secretary advised the General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui of the nominations received and any consequent actions required by the Standing Committee of the General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui in order to fill the membership of various Committees and Commissions.

The following are the appointments:

## STANDING COMMITTEE OF GENERAL SYNOD/TE HĪNOTA WHĀNUI

Title B Canon 1 Clause 3.2

The Primates/Nga Pīhopa Mātāmua
The Most Rev'd Dr Winston Halapua
The Most Rev'd Philip Richardson
The Most Rev'd William Turei

Three members of the General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui nominated by the representatives of the Diocese of Polynesia, including at least one ordained minister and one lay person:

Ven Sepiuta Hala'api'api Mr Fe'iloakitau Tevi The Rev'd Larry Tupa'i-Lavea

Five members of the General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui nominated by the representatives of Te Pīhopatanga o Aotearoa, including at least one ordained minister and at least one lay person:

The Rev'd Jacynthia Murphy

Mr Selwyn Parata Mr Ron McGough Ms Raquel Gray

Ms Anthea Napier

Seven members of the General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui nominated by the representatives of the Dioceses of New Zealand, including at least two ordained ministers and at least two lay persons:

The Very Rev'd Jo Kelly-Moore
The Very Rev'd Lynda Patterson
Mr Neil Ballantyne
Mr Ian Pask
The Rev'd Jo Crosse
Mr Alan Tanner
Mr David Kendall

### **ARCHIVES & HISTORY COMMITTEE**

Title B Canon X Clause 3 (b)

Three members appointed at each ordinary session of the General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui.

One member of the representatives of Te Pīhopatanga o Aotearoa:

The Rev'd Dr Rangi Nicholson

One member of the representatives of the several dioceses in New Zealand:

Ms Jane Teal

One member of the representatives of the Diocese of Polynesia:

The Most Rev'd Dr W Halapua

### **NEW ZEALAND ANGLICAN CHURCH PENSION BOARD**

Title B Canon XIV Clause 5

One person, lay or ordained, appointed at each ordinary session of the General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui by the:

Representative of the Diocese of Polynesia: Mr R McDonald

Representative of Te Pīhopatanga o Aotearoa: Mr Charles Hemana

Representative of the Dioceses in New Zealand: The Ven Lawrence Kimberley

in accordance with such procedure as they shall decide

One person elected by the ordained ministers of the General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui present at each ordinary session.

The Most Rev'd P Richardson was the only nomination. The President moved that the Most Rev'd P Richardson be appointed, and asked the ordained members to vote. **Agreed.** 

## **ANGLICAN MISSIONS BOARD**

Title B Canon IX Clause 3

Election requirements are:

3.1.1 Nine members who shall be appointed by the General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui at each ordinary session, made up of three nominations from each Tikanga of persons who need not be members of General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui.

Three members from Tikanga Pasefika: The Rev'd Amy Chambers

> Mr Jo Sanegar Mr Sakiusa Tubuna

Three members from Tikanga Māori:

The Rev'd Jacynthia Murphy The Rt Rev'd John Gray Mr Charles Hemana

Three members from Tikanga Pākehā:

Mrs Mary Estcourt The Most Rev'd Philip Richardson The Rev'd Dawn Daunauda

3.1.3 Two further members who shall be appointed by the General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui at each ordinary session, and who shall represent the Mission Agencies, one being a nomination to the General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui by the New Zealand Church Missionary Society, the other being a nomination to the General Synod by the Board to provide a rotating representation of other associated bodies listed in Schedule 1.

New Zealand Church Missionary Society Nomination:

The Rev'd Steve Maina

Other Associated Bodies Nomination:

The Most Rev'd Clyde Igara (ACPNG)

(NB: One of the Primates and the General Secretary are also members. There must be at least 3 Bishops, 3 Clergy, and 3 Lay Persons on the Board.)

#### **COMMISSION ON TREATY AND PARTNERSHIP ISSUES**

Title B, Canon XXXI, Clause 2

Six members of the General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui, appointed by the General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui, two being nominated by representatives of Te Pīhopatanga o Aotearoa, two being nominated by representatives of the New Zealand Dioceses and two being nominated by representatives of the Diocese of Polynesia

Two members nominated by representatives of Te Pīhopatanga o Aotearoa:

The Rev'd Dr Rangi Nicholson Mrs Keringawai Evans-Larkin

Two members nominated by representatives of the New Zealand Dioceses:

(Vacancy)

The Ven Wendy Scott

Two members nominated by representatives of the Diocese of Polynesia:

The Most Rev'd Dr Winston Halapua The Rev'd Larry Tupa'i-Lavea

## **TE KOTAHITANGA**

Title E Canon II, Clause 3.1

Two members from each Tikanga elected biennially at each Ordinary Session of the General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui, of whom at least one member from each Tikanga shall be a member of the Synod.

Two members from Tikanga Pasefika: The Rt Rev'd Apimeleki Qiliho,

The Most Rev'd Dr W Halapua

(The Rev'd Sereima Lomaloma) to be the Ministry

Committee appointment.

Two members from Tikanga Māori: The Rt Rev'd Te Kitohi Pikaahu

The Rt Rev'd John Gray

Two members from Tikanga Pākehā: The Rt Rev'd Jim White

The Rev'd Adrienne Bruce

## **ANGLICAN INSURANCE BOARD**

Title B Canon XXXII, Clause 5

One person for each Tikanga either lay or ordained appointed by General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui on the nomination of the representatives of:

Diocese of Polynesia: Mr Don Baskerville (reappointed to 2018)

Te Pīhopatanga o Aotearoa: Mr Don Shaw (continuing to 2016)

Dioceses in New Zealand: Mrs Alison Jephson (continuing to 2016)

One person, lay or ordained, with relevant industry skills, appointed by General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui on the nomination of the House of Bishops.

## **COUNCIL FOR ANGLICAN WOMEN'S STUDIES**

Title B Canon XXXV Clause 5

Six members appointed at each ordinary session of the General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui.

Two members nominated by Te Runanga Whaiti o Te Pīhopatanga o Aotearoa:

The Rev'd Numia Tomoana
The Rev'd Canon Mere Wallace

Two members nominated by the Inter-Diocesan Conference Coordinating Group:

The Rev'd Erice Fairbrother The Ven Carole Hughes

Two members nominated by the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Polynesia:

The Rev'd Amy Chambers The Rev'd Evelini Langi

## TREATY/TIRITI, CHURCH & NATION COMMISSION

Title B, Canon XXXIII, Clause 6

Two persons each nominated by:

Te Runanga Whaiti o Te Pīhopatanga o Aotearoa: Mrs Ira Wilkinson

The Rev'd Dr Rangi Nicholson

Inter-Diocesan Conference Coordinating Group: The Rev'd Brian Dawson

The Rev'd Dr Jenny Dawson

Standing Committee of the Diocese of Polynesia: The Most Rev'd Dr Winston Halapua

Mr Walton Morgan

## **COUNCIL FOR ECUMENISM**

Title B Canon XVIII Clause 5

Two persons nominated by each of the following:

Te Runanga Whaiti o Te Pīhopatanga o Aotearoa: Mr Bardia Matiu

The Rt Rev'd Ngarahu Katene

Inter-Diocesan Conference Coordinating Group: The Ven Anne Mills

The Rev'd Michael Wallace

Standing Committee of the Diocese of Polynesia: The Ven Taifai To'omaata

Mr Rupeni Oli

#### SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

Title B, Canon XXXIV, Clause 4

Two members from each Tikanga, either lay or ordained, appointed by the General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui on the nomination of:

Te Runanga Whaiti o Te Pīhopatanga o Aotearoa: Ms Gaylene Stevens

(Vacancy)

Inter-Diocesan Conference Coordinating Group: Mrs Jenny Campbell

The Rev'd Jolyon White

The Synod of the Diocese of Polynesia: The Rev'd Sione Uluilakepa

Mr Fe'iloakitau Tevi

(NB: One of the Primates, a Bishop nominated by the House of Bishops, and the General

Secretary, are also members.)

#### JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

Title C Canon IV Clause 2.2

Nine members, in which number there shall be at least two members from each Tikanga; and among the nine members there shall be at least one bishop, at least one ordained minister, and at least three lay persons."

Please note the lay qualification requirements of Clause 2.1.

any lay member of the church who is enrolled as a barrister or solicitor of the High Court of New Zealand of not less than seven year's standing, or who holds similar qualifications and experience in any of the legal jurisdictions in the Diocese of Polynesia.

At least two members from the Tikanga of the Diocese of Polynesia: Mr Walton Morgan

Ms Mele Taliai

At least two members from Tikanga Māori: Judge Stephanie Milroy

Mr David Stone

At least two members from Tikanga Pākehā: Judge Chris Harding

Judge Anne McAloon Mr Matthew Ockleston The Rev'd Joel Rowse

At least one from the House of Bishops: The Rt Rev'd Victoria Matthews

(**NB**: Total of nine (9) members required.)

#### TRIBUNAL UNDER THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND EMPOWERING ACT 1928

Act, Clause 5, PA19

(Seven Clergy and Seven Lay members)

In accordance with the Act two priests and two lay persons shall retire at each session of the General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui (the retiring members being eligible for re-election)

# Two Clergy required:

The Very Rev'd Jo Kelly-Moore (re-elected) (Vacancy)

# Three Lay Persons required:

Mr Gerald Bailey (re-elected) Mr Ian Pask (re-elected) Ms Mele Taliai

## **Current Members Remaining:**

Clergy The Ven Don Rangi QSM

(The Rev'd Phyllis McGough) resigned and replaced by the Rev'd Pane

Kawhia

The Rev'd Bettina Maxwell The Rev'd Diana Rattray The Ven Taifai To'omaata

Lay Persons Dr Tony Fitchett

Ms Victoria Mann Mrs Win Ehau

Mr Andrew Tamihere

## TRIBUNAL ON DOCTRINE

Title C Canon V Clauses 2, 3.1 & 3.2

(Five Clergy and Five Lay members)

Two Priests or Deacons, and two Lay persons are required to retire their places at each ordinary session of the General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui (are eligible for re-election should they so agree) the requirement to retire based on the length of tenure of office.

The persons to fill these places will be elected by Houses respectively, priests and deacons being elected by the clergy at the Synod/te Hīnota and the lay persons by the lay members of the Synod/te Hīnota. Lay members must be at least 20 years old and duly qualified to be members of GSTHW.

# Three Clergy required:

The Ven Peter Naera (re-elected) The Rev'd Sione Uluilakepa The Very Rev'd Claude Fong-Toy

## Three Lay Persons required:

Mr Tony Hill (re-elected) Mr Don Mathieson Miss Rosa Filoi **Current Members Remaining:** 

Clergy The Rev'd Dr Andrew Burgess

The Rev'd Brian Dawson

Lay Persons Dr Moeawa Callaghan

(Vacancy)

## **COMMON LIFE LITURGICAL COMMISSION**

Title B Canon XXX Clause 2

Two persons appointed by each of the following:

Te Runanganui Whaiti o Te Pīhopatanga o Aotearoa: The Rt Rev'd Te Kitohi Pikaahu

The Rev'd Dr Peter Wensor

Inter-Diocesan Conference Coordinating Group: The Ven Tricia Carter

The Very Rev'd Dr Trevor James

Standing Committee of the Diocese of Polynesia: The Very Rev'd Claude Fong-Toy

The Rev'd Sione Uluilakepa

## **COMMISSION ON COMMUNICATIONS**

Title B Canon XIX Clause 2 (Suspended by GSTHW 2014 Bill #8 until GSTHW 2016)

## THREE TIKANGA YOUTH COMMISSION

Title B Canon XXXVI Clause 3

Six members elected by the Tikanga Youth Synod, comprising two members from each Tikanga.

Two approved by Te Runanga Whaiti o Te Pīhopatanga o Aotearoa:

Ms Merekaraka Te Whitu The Ven Canon Lloyd Popata

Two approved by the Inter-Diocesan Conference Coordinating Group:

Mrs Jaz Burke

Mrs Samantha Mould

Two approved by the Diocesan Youth Advisory Committee of Polynesia:

Mr Takape Kamunaga Miss Anarstarshia Havili

Moved from the Chair that all the above nominations be adopted. **Agreed.** 

Moved from the Chair that Synod/te Hīnota go into Conference at 1.53pm. Agreed.

Synod/te Hīnota resumed at 2.22pm and the Conference reported that its work was completed.

The President thanked the Rt Rev'd John Paterson for his careful work as Chair of Conference. Acclamation followed.

## Motions 23 and 24

1. Mr Selwyn Parata

2. The Ven Te Hope Hakaraia

That Motions 23 and 24 be withdrawn. Agreed.

# Motion 29 General Conference Between Tikanga Māori and Tikanga Pākehā

1. The Most Rev'd Brown Turei

2. The Rt Rev'd John Gray

**WHEREAS** the Constitution does not provide for a General Conference of the Inter-Diocesan Conference of Tikanga Pākehā and Te Runanganui o Te Pīhopatanga o Aotearoa prior to each meeting of the General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui;

**AND WHEREAS** in preambles 6, 7 and 13 of the Constitution/Te Pouhere it is incumbent on us to give effect to partnership and bicultural development to ensure matters of resource sharing are addressed;

**AND WHEREAS** it is essential for such a General Conference of the Inter-Diocesan Conference of Tikanga Pākehā and Te Runanganui o Te Pīhopatanga o Aotearoa to meet prior to each meeting of the General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui;

**AND NOTING** the intention of Te Pīhopatanga o Aotearoa to seek an amendment to the Constitution/Te Pouhere to provide for this constitutionally at the 62<sup>nd</sup> session of the General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui;

# That this General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui 2014 resolves:

- (a) That a General Conference of the Inter-Diocesan Conference of Tikanga Pākehā and Te Runanganui o Te Pīhopatanga o Aotearoa shall be held; and
- (b) That this General Conference be held prior to each meeting of the General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui to deal with matters of partnership and bicultural development and related mutual sharing of resources, and
- (c) That the General Secretary shall liaise with the Senior Bishop of each Tikanga to convene the General Conference at such a time and place as has been agreed between them.

Debate on Motion 29 was suspended for afternoon tea and other business.

Synod/te Hīnota adjourned for afternoon tea at 3.15pm and resumed at 3.40pm.

The President acknowledged the Synod/te Hīnota Staff and Observers who have gracefully withdrawn from Conference discussions awaiting decisions.

#### **Motion without Notice**

# Motion 30 A way forward – He Anga Whakamua – Na sala ki liu

## 1. The Rt Rev'd Dr Helen-Ann Hartley

2. The Rev'd Don Tamihere

Ka kawea mai e ahau i te karere pai me te hari nui mō koutou" 'Behold I bring you glad tidings of great joy' "Oku ou ha'u mo au a'e Talafungani 'oe Fiefia" Luke 2:10.

On Christmas Day, 1814, the Rev'd Samuel Marsden and Ruatara proclaimed the Gospel of Jesus Christ for the first time on the shores of Aotearoa New Zealand. Thus for two hundred years, the good news of Jesus Christ has been proclaimed throughout Aotearoa New Zealand and Polynesia. But the good news of God reaches back into the story of our created world. We speak and experience the Gospel in this time and in this place, but hold the witness of Scripture in its articulation of God's work in history through Jesus Christ, Son of God and servant of all, and in the movement of the Holy Spirit. We are held in the now and the not yet, trusting in the promises of God. We are filled with grace and hope, and Scripture commands us to live in prayerful anticipation of the promises of resurrection into eternal life, when we shall all be changed.

Scripture teaches the creation of male and female in the image and likeness of God and the love of God for all people regardless of individual faith or calling. In Christ all are invited into faith in the new covenant in which the forgiveness of sin and new life in Christ is received. Called to be members of the Body of Christ, the power of the Spirit empowers the church to be the hands and feet; the voice and heart of Christ. Jesus Christ is the centre of all that we are and all that we do.

"There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus."

"Kāhore he Hūrai, kāhore he Kāriki, kāhore he pononga, kāhore he rangatira, kāhore he tāne, wāhine rānei, he tāngata kotahi tonu hoki koutou katoa i roto i a Karaiti Īhu."

"E le o i ai se Iutaia po o se Eleni, e le o i ai se pologa po o se saoloto, e le o i ai se tane po o se fafine; auā ua tasi lava outou uma ia Keriso Iesu." Galatians 3:28

In this letter, the Apostle Paul writes to a community who were themselves experiencing critical issues of division in their doctrine and common life, that their distinct identities were not collapsed, but rather surpassed and transformed by Jesus Christ.

"All have sinned and all have fallen short of the glory of God" Romans 3:23. Nevertheless Christ is the Good Shepherd (John 10) and seeks to bring home to the fold every person. God never gives up on us (Luke 15).

It is the call of the church in every place to proclaim God's love and invite people to become disciples of Christ. Christian teaching calls every disciple to a life of repentance as well as seeking to do God's will to love and serve others in the world Christ died to save.

At the General Synod/Te Hīnota Whānui held at Waitangi in May 2014, the Three Tikanga of our Church met and engaged in a number of important issues. One major focus of energy and debate was the doctrine of marriage. In the midst of the articulation of many theologies and cultural influences, our unity in Christ was never-the-less evident even when we disagreed. The Church has

received and articulated an understanding of intimate human relationships which it expresses through her doctrine of marriage between a man and a woman, and is life-long and monogamous.

We uphold this traditional doctrine of marriage.

Over many years our Church has become increasingly aware of the pain of the LGBT community. All too often our Church has been complicit in homophobic thinking and actions of society, and has failed to speak out against hatred and violence against those with same-gender attraction.

We apologise unreservedly and commit ourselves to reconciliation and prophetic witness.

We recognise a diversity of voices about what constitutes a right ordered intimate relationship between two persons regardless of gender. At this time it is the will of the General Synod/Te Hīnota Whānui to respond to what the Spirit is saying to the Church. Although we are far from unanimous in seeing the way forward, there is a broad recognition of the dynamic nature of doctrine, and the call of the prophetic word to be attentive to the movement of the Spirit. There is no questioning the depth of love and commitment in some gay and lesbian relationships and their commitment to serve the wider community and to be disciples of Jesus Christ.

Therefore we present the following resolutions of General Synod/Te Hīnota Whānui and share a possible timeline for the development of new liturgies, change of formularies and possible parliamentary action, keeping in mind the present legal restrictions in some jurisdictions.

- **1. This General Synod/Te Hīnota Whānui resolves** to appoint a working group to bring and recommend to the 62nd General Synod/Te Hīnota Whānui:
  - (a) A process and structure by which those who believe the blessing of same-gender relationships is contrary to scripture, doctrine, tikanga or civil law, will not be required to perform any liturgy for the blessing of same-gender relationships, will continue to have integrity within the Church, and will remain compliant with the parliamentary legislation within any relevant jurisdiction;
  - (b) A process and structure by which those who believe the blessing of same-gender relationships is consonant with scripture, doctrine, tikanga and civil law may perform a yet to be developed liturgy for blessing same-gender relationships in a manner which maintains their integrity within the Church, is compliant with the parliamentary legislation within any relevant jurisdiction, and can remain in communion under scripture, doctrine and law; including
    - (i) A proposal for a new liturgy to bless right ordered same-gender relationships;
    - (ii) A process and legislation (whether church or parliamentary) by which a new liturgy to bless right ordered same-gender relationships may be adopted;

and

- **2. Recognising** that this work has the potential to impact on the Church's theology of ordination and marriage, asks the group to report for our future on:
  - (a) The theology of ordination to Anglican orders and requirements for that; and
  - (b) The theology of marriage.
- **3.** This General Synod/Te Hīnota Whānui commits itself to continued dialogue/talanoa/ wānanga which respects and protects diversity with the option of change.

#### 4. And further:

"By one Spirit we were baptised into one body" He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa/A New Zealand Prayer Book

We are disciples of Jesus Christ who took a towel and basin and bid his disciples to serve and care for

We are acutely aware of the desire of some clergy to make further response pastorally and prayerfully to LGBT people in their faith communities.

# Therefore General Synod/Te Hīnota Whānui resolves that:

Clergy who so wish are permitted to recognise in public worship a same-gender civil union or state marriage of members of their faith community:

- (a) with the permission of their licensing Bishop; and
- (b) with the permission of their Vestry or equivalent leadership body.

Such recognition cannot be marriage or a rite of blessing of a same-gender relationship.

We recognise that this may cause even further distress. Noting the commitment of the Church demonstrated in clauses 1 to 4 above, we ask the LGBT community to recognise that any process of change within our Church takes time.

Ka mea a Ihu: "He ture hōu tāku ka hoatu nei ki a koutou, kia aroha tētahi ki tētahi, kia rite ki tōku aroha ki a koutou."

Jesus said: "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."

Sa kaya ko Jisu: "Mo dou vei lomani me vaka kau sa lomani kemudou, mo dou vei lomani vaka kina" John 13:34

## Agreed.

A waiata was sung.

Debate on Motion 29 resumed.

#### Amendment to Motion 29

1. Mr Graham Miller

2. The Rt Rev'd John Gray

That the word "mission," be inserted into clause (b) ahead of the word partnership in line two. **Agreed.** 

## **Amended Motion**

# Motion 29 General Conference Between Tikanga Māori and Tikanga Pākehā

1. The Most Rev'd W B Turei

2. The Rt Rev'd John Gray

**WHEREAS** the Constitution does not provide for a General Conference of the Inter-Diocesan Conference of Tikanga Pākehā and Te Runanganui o Te Pīhopatanga o Aotearoa prior to each meeting of the General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui;

**AND WHEREAS** in preambles 6, 7 and 13 of the Constitution/ Te Pouhere it is incumbent on us to give effect to partnership and bicultural development to ensure matters of resource sharing are addressed;

**AND WHEREAS** it is essential for such a General Conference of the Inter-Diocesan Conference of Tikanga Pākehā and Te Runanganui o Te Pīhopatanga o Aotearoa to meet prior to each meeting of the General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui;

**AND NOTING** the intention of Te Pīhopatanga o Aotearoa to seek an amendment to the Constitution/Te Pouhere to provide for this constitutionally at the 62<sup>nd</sup> session of the General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui;

## That this General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui 2014 resolves:

- (a) That a General Conference of the Inter-Diocesan Conference of Tikanga Pākehā and Te Runanganui o Te Pīhopatanga o Aotearoa shall be held; and
- (b) That this General Conference be held prior to each meeting of the General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui to deal with matters of mission, partnership and bicultural development and related mutual sharing of resources, and
- (c) That the General Secretary shall liaise with the Senior Bishop of each Tikanga to convene the General Conference at such a time and place as has been agreed between them. Agreed.

Tikanga Pasefika wished noted their specific support of this Motion.

#### **Confirmation of Bills**

The President moved from the Chair that

Bill 11 the Bill intituled "The Title E Canon II Amendment Statute 2014"

Be confirmed. Agreed.

# Bill No 12

A Bill intituled "The Finance Statute 2014"

On the motion of Mr Ian Pask, seconded by the Rev'd Michael Wallace, the principle of the Bill was agreed to by the Synod/te Hīnota. **Agreed.** 

On the motion of Mr Ian Pask, seconded by the Rev'd Michael Wallace, the Synod/te Hīnota moved into Committee to consider the Bill. **Agreed.** 

Synod/te Hīnota resumed.

The Committee reported to the Synod/te Hīnota that Bill No 12 had been passed with amendment.

On the motion of Mr Ian Pask, seconded by the Rev'd Michael Wallace, the decision of Committee was taken as the decision of Synod/te Hīnota. **Agreed.** 

On the motion of Mr Ian Pask, seconded by the Rev'd Michael Wallace, with the third reading of the Bill to be an Order of the Day for Thursday 15 May 2014. **Agreed.** 

## Karakia

The evening prayer was led by the Ms Moana Knight.

Synod/te Hīnota adjourned at 5.30pm until Thursday morning at 8.30am.

Signed by the Presidents

W Halapua

**Primate and Archbishop** 

P Richardson

**Primate and Archbishop** 

WB Turei

**Primate and Archbishop**