Monday 10 May 2010

Eucharist

Rt Rev R Katene presided at the morning Eucharist

Worship & Bible Study

Worship was led by Rev M Rangi and Rev T La'ulu. Bible Study was led by J Reid.

Tribute

Members of the General Synod / te Hinota Whanui took a moments silence, in memory of James Webster, a Year 12 Student of Kings College, who had passed away overnight.

Synod / Hinota resumed at 9:00am

Apologies

Dr A Fitchett (leave early), Rt Rev J Gray (leave early), Rt Rev W Halapua (Tuesday), Ven R Kingston.

Announcements

The General Secretary gave notices for the day.

Call for nominations

The General Secretary reminded the Synod that nomination forms were available and nominations would close before 5:30pm on Tuesday 11 May.

Petitions

There were no petitions.

Motions for leave to introduce Bills

There were no Motions for leave to introduce Bills.

Notices of Motion

There were no Notices of Motion.

Motion 6

Anglican Covenant

Motion 1. Dr A Fitchett

2. Ven Turi Hollis

Whereas this Church has been invited by the Standing Committee of the Anglican Communion to consider and accept or adopt the November 2009 text of the Ridley Cambridge Draft of the proposed Anglican Communion Covenant, as The Anglican Communion Covenant, and

Whereas a variety of opinions exists in this Church and in the Communion regarding some of the provisions of Section 4 of the proposed Covenant,

Now therefore be it resolved that this General Synod / te Hinota Whānui

1. Receives the November 2009 text of the proposed Anglican Communion Covenant:

- 2. Approves in principle the provisions of Sections 1, 2 and 3 of the proposed Covenant
- 3. Refers the proposed Covenant to the Episcopal units of this Church for consideration and reporting back to the 2012 Session of the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui, with a view to the Synod/te Hinota then making a final decision regarding its adoption.
- 4. Requests the Standing Committee of the Anglican Communion to obtain an opinion from the Legal Advisor to the Anglican Consultative Council and from the Chancellors and Legal Advisors Committee of this Church regarding the appropriateness of the provisions of Clause 4.2.8 of the proposed Covenant in relation to decisions regarding membership of the Anglican Consultative Council.
- 5. Reports these decisions to the Secretary-General of the Anglican Communion.

Synod moved into "Hui Mode" to consider the Motion.

Synod / Hinota resumed and the Committee Chair advised that it had done its best.

Motion 1. Dr A Fitchett 2. Rt Rev T Pikaahu

THAT Motion 6 be placed in the Order of the Day for 1:30pm preceeding the Bills. Carried

Synod adjourned for lunch and resumed at 1:30pm

Amendment 1.Rev H Wilderspin2.Rev B DawsonTHAT Clause 2 of Motion 6 be deleted.

The motion was then put.

Bill No. 1

A Bill intituled "Title E Canon II Amendment"

A tribute was made to Professor R Sutton who had assisted with the legislation.

On the Motion of The Rt Rev Te Kitohi Pikaahu, seconded by the Ven Dr J Tamahori, the principle of the Bill was agreed to by the Synod / Hinota.

On the Motion of The Rt Rev Te Kitohi Pikaahu, seconded by the Ven Dr J Tamahori, Synod / Hinota moved into Committee to consider the Bill.

Synod / Hinota resumed.

The Committee reported to the Synod / Hinota that Bill No 1 had been passed with amendments.

Carried

Lost

On the Motion of The Rt Rev Te Kitohi Pikaahu, seconded by the Ven Dr J Tamahori, the decision of Committee was taken as the decision of Synod with the third reading of the Bill to be an Order of the Day for Tuesday 11 May.

Synod adjourned for Tikanga Caucusing.

Bill No. 5

A Bill intituled "To Change the Name of the Diocese of Waikato"

On the Motion of The Rt Rev Philip Richardson, seconded by Judge Chris Harding, the principle of the Bill was agreed to by the Synod / Hinota.

On the Motion of The Rt Rev Philip Richardson, seconded by Judge Chris Harding, Synod / Hinota moved into Committee to consider the Bill.

Synod / Hinota resumed.

The Committee reported to the Synod / Hinota that a typographical error in Bill No 5 has been corrected and the Bill has been approved as corrected.

On the Motion of The Rt Rev Philip Richardson, seconded by Judge Chris Harding, the decision of Committee was taken as the decision of Synod with the third reading of the Bill to be an Order of the Day for Tuesday 11 May.

Bill No. 6

A Bill intituled "The Intercession and Thanksgiving Amendment Confirmation Statute 2010."

On the Motion of The Rt Rev Te Kitohi Pikaahu, seconded by The Rt Rev Ross Bay, the principle of the Bill was agreed to by the Synod / Hinota.

On the Motion of The Rt Rev Te Kitohi Pikaahu, seconded by The Rt Rev Ross Bay, Synod / Hinota moved into Committee to consider the Bill.

Synod / Hinota resumed.

The Committee reported to the Synod / Hinota that Bill No 6 had been passed without amendment.

On the Motion of The Rt Rev Te Kitohi Pikaahu, seconded by The Rt Rev Ross Bay, the decision of Committee was taken as the decision of Synod with the third reading of the Bill to be an Order of the Day for Tuesday 11 May.

Bill No. 7

A Bill intituled "The Calendar - Te Maramataka Miscellaneous Amendment"

On the Motion of The Rt Rev Te Kitohi Pikaahu, seconded by The The Ven Dr John Tamahori, the principle of the Bill was agreed to by the Synod / Hinota.

On the Motion of The Rt Rev Te Kitohi Pikaahu, seconded by The Ven Dr John Tamahori, Synod / Hinota moved into Committee to consider the Bill.

Synod / Hinota resumed.

The Committee reported to the Synod / Hinota that Bill No 7 had been passed without amendment.

On the Motion of The Rt Rev Te Kitohi Pikaahu, seconded by The Ven Dr John Tamahori, the decision of Committee was taken as the decision of Synod with the third reading of the Bill to be an Order of the Day for Tuesday 11 May.

Bill No. 8

A Bill intituled "The Translations of Holy Scripture Amendment Confirmation Statute 2010"

On the Motion of The Rt Rev Te Kitohi Pikaahu, seconded by The Ven Dr John Tamahori, the principle of the Bill was agreed to by the Synod / Hinota.

On the Motion of The Rt Rev Te Kitohi Pikaahu, seconded by The Ven Dr John Tamahori, Synod / Hinota moved into Committee to consider the Bill.

Synod / Hinota resumed.

The Committee reported to the Synod / Hinota that Bill No 8 had been passed without amendment.

On the Motion of The Rt Rev Te Kitohi Pikaahu, seconded by The Ven Dr John Tamahori, the decision of Committee was taken as the decision of Synod with the third reading of the Bill to be an Order of the Day for Tuesday 11 May.

Bill No. 9

A Bill intituled "The Alternative Orders of Service Amendment Confirmation"

On the Motion of The Rt Rev Te Kitohi Pikaahu, seconded by The Rt Rev Ross Bay, the principle of the Bill was agreed to by the Synod / Hinota.

On the Motion of The Rt Rev Te Kitohi Pikaahu, seconded by The Rt Rev Ross Bay, Synod / Hinota moved into Committee to consider the Bill.

Synod / Hinota resumed.

The Committee reported to the Synod / Hinota that Bill No 9 had been passed without amendment.

On the Motion of The Rt Rev Te Kitohi Pikaahu, seconded by The Rt Rev Ross Bay, the decision of Committee was taken as the decision of Synod with the third reading of the Bill to be an Order of the Day for Tuesday 11 May.

Bill No. 10

A Bill intituled "The Alternative Services Statute 2010"

On the Motion of The Rt Rev Te Kitohi Pikaahu, seconded by The Ven Dr John Tamahori, the principle of the Bill was agreed to by the Synod / Hinota.

On the Motion of The Rt Rev Te Kitohi Pikaahu, seconded by The Ven Dr John Tamahori, Synod / Hinota moved into Committee to consider the Bill.

Synod / Hinota resumed.

The Committee reported to the Synod / Hinota that Bill No 10 had been passed with amendment.

On the Motion of The Rt Rev Te Kitohi Pikaahu, seconded by The Ven Dr John Tamahori, the decision of Committee was taken as the decision of Synod with the third reading of the Bill to be an Order of the Day for Tuesday 11 May.

Thanks and appreciation to The Rt Rev George Connor

A tribute was paid to Bishop George Connor for the work he contributed during his time as a member of the Common Life Liturgical Commission.

Bill No. 3

A Bill intituled "To Repeal Title B, Canon XXIX and to Substitute a New Canon XXXVI"

On the Motion of Ms Sepiuta Hala'api'api, seconded by The Rt Rev David Rice, the principle of the Bill was agreed to by the Synod / Hinota.

On the Motion of Ms Sepiuta Hala'api'api, seconded by The Rt Rev David Rice, Synod / Hinota moved into Committee to consider the Bill.

Synod / Hinota resumed.

The Chair of Committee reported that progress had been made and sought leave to sit again.

Synod adjourned at 5:15pm for dinner and resumed at 7:00pm.

The Rt Rev P Richardson sought leave of the Synod / Hinota to withdraw Bill 4.

Agreed

Synod / Hinota moved back into Committee to further consider Bill No. 3.

The Committee reported to the Synod / Hinota that Bill No 3 had been passed with amendment.

On the Motion of Ms Sepiuta Hala'api'api, seconded by The Rt Rev David Rice, the decision of Committee was taken as the decision of Synod with the third reading of the Bill to be an Order of the Day for Tuesday 11 May.

The President moved from the Chair that The Report from the Three Tikanga Youth Ministry Review Working Group 2009 - 2010 be adopted.

Carried

The President commended the Three Tikanga Youth Review Working Group, the Tikanga Youth Synod and all those who had been involved with this Bill, for their achievement and hard work.

Motion 5

Motion 1. Rt Rev T Pikaahu

2. Ven Dr J Tamahori

Sentences, Prayers and Readings For The Church's Year

THAT this General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui acknowledges the various changes authorised by several recent sessions of the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui to the section of A New Zealand Prayer Book / He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa between pages 549 and 723 entitled `Sentences, Prayers and Readings for the Church's Year', namely:

- the names of Sundays in the Lectionary;
- the selected Scripture Sentences for each Sunday; (references in Schedule 1);
- the Collects for each Sunday;
- the Revised Common Lectionary readings;
- and notes the addition of approved Collect endings from page 549 of A New Zealand Prayer Book / He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa;

and authorises the following form of these changes, as shown in the example in Schedule 2 to this motion:

Schedule 1

Attached is a full list of Sundays and Other Days with Scripture Sentences by reference for each of years a/b/c

Schedule 2

One sample Sunday with all 3 years laid out is attached.

A copy of the full latest version of this section, including Sunday names, RCL Collects, Sentences and Readings will be available at General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui

The President put the Motion.

Carried

The Synod / Hinota was advised that translation is currently being undertaken by Tikanga Maori and Tikanga Pasefika.

Motion 7

1. The Rt Rev'd David Rice

2. The Rt Rev'd A Qiliho

Anglican Lutheran Guidelines For Eucharistic Hospitality

THAT this General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui approve the Guidelines for Eucharistic Hospitality for Anglican and Lutheran congregations in Aotearoa New Zealand and Polynesia as produced by the New Zealand Anglican-Lutheran Consultation on 31 October 2008, and as included in the following schedule, and commend them to Episcopal Units for study and comment back to the Council for Ecumenism and the next ordinary session of General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui .

SCHEDULE

GUIDELINES:

For Anglican and Lutheran congregations in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia who desire to practise eucharistic hospitality and share pastoral care.

PREAMBLE:

COMMON GROUND – Covenanting for Mutual Recognition and Reconciliation between The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia, Te Hãhi Mihinare ki Aotearoa ki Niu Tireni, ki Ngã Moutere o te Moana Nui a Kiwa and The Lutheran Church of New Zealand was originally drawn up by the Anglican-Lutheran Dialogue in Australia and adopted by the General Synod of the Lutheran Church of Australia in July 2003 and the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia in October 2004.

The Lutheran Church of New Zealand is a district (or diocese) of the Lutheran Church of Australia and as such is a party to the agreement with the Anglican Church of Australia.

The Australian Covenant between the Anglican and Lutheran Churches has been adapted and this adapted Covenant was adopted by the General Synod of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia on 10 May 2006, and by the Lutheran Church of New Zealand on 3 June 2007.

Common Ground, the short title for the New Zealand Covenant, enables Anglicans and Lutherans to serve one another. Shared pastoral care and Eucharistic hospitality may be practised between local Anglican and Lutheran communities living in areas where one or both denominations does not have a significant presence. This would require the joint agreement of the Anglican Diocesan Bishop and the President of the Lutheran Church of New Zealand.

Any such local agreement is secured on the joint authority of the Diocesan Bishop and the Lutheran Church of New Zealand President, but does not have Diocesan-wide or District-wide application.

SOME SUGGESTED GUIDELINES

Where Lutherans and Anglicans wish to have joint worship and/or pastoral care, or where they wish to practise Eucharistic hospitality, approval is obtained from the respective Anglican Diocesan Bishop and the President of the Lutheran Church of New Zealand.

Local Agreements are to be made on the following basis:

joint public profession, by participating congregations, of the catholic faith as contained in the Nicene Creed.

an undertaking to respect the distinctive traditions in the Augsburg Confession and the Book of Common Prayer with the Thirty-nine Articles of Religion.

joint commissioning of clergy by the local Anglican Bishop and Lutheran President.

A statement of Local Agreement is drawn up and signed by the Bishop and the President, by the local clergy, and by representatives of the laity of both groups. This may include property and resources.

Such a Local Agreement implies joint worship, Eucharistic hospitality and shared pastoral care in a local area for an agreed period, and is not to be understood as occasional Eucharistic hospitality.

When services are conducted by an Anglican minister, an approved Anglican liturgy is used. When services are conducted by a Lutheran pastor, an approved Lutheran liturgy is used.

Anglican and Lutheran congregations, and in particular the clergy of both churches, are encouraged to study together "Common Ground", which forms the basis for this agreement. Members of each denomination are encouraged to seek to understand and respect the ethos and current practises of both Churches.

Where joint worship, Eucharistic hospitality and shared pastoral care between Anglicans and Lutherans take place, both groups are encouraged to maintain links with both churches on a local/regional/national level, and to share news and media resources.

The Anglican-Lutheran Consultation will monitor local cooperation between Anglicans and Lutherans where joint worship, Eucharistic hospitality and shared pastoral care takes place, and submit reports to the Anglican Council for Ecumenism and the Lutheran Council of Synod.

The President put the Motion.

Carried

The President moved from the Chair that the Council for Ecumenism report be adopted.

Carried

The President moved from the Chair that the Common Life Liturgical Commission report be adopted.

Carried

Motion 8

1. Rev'd Tim Harris2.The Rt Rev'd David Rice

How Should We Care For The Carers, Now And Into The Future?

- 1. THAT this General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui commends the "How Should We Care for the Carers, Now and Into the Future? Manaaki Tangata" Report of the National Health Committee, and encourages the churches of our Province to engage with the "We Care" initiative of the NZ Carers Alliance.
- 2. Furthermore this General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui calls upon the Government to revisit as a matter of urgency its policies with regard to providing better support for carers of those with disability.

Rev T Harris sought leave of Synod to amend the motion to insert:

3. The General Secretary is requested to communicate this resolution to the relevant Crown Ministers.

Carried

Amendments to Motion

That the following be added as Clause 3 and Clause 3 become Clause 4.

Requests the Commission on Social Justice and the Social Justice Commissioner, to devise a plan or programme, to assist Diocese and Hui Amorangi that may wish to encourage the Government to reconsider its policies on carers, now and into the future.

Carried

The Chair of the Social Justice Commission was invited to respond to the amendment and advised the Synod / Hinota that the Commission would include Motion 8 in its' presentation when delivering its' Policies.

Amended Motion

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- 4. The General Secretary is requested to communicate this resolution to the relevant Crown Ministers.

Carried

Motion 9

1. Rt Rev'd Philip Richardson 2. Rt Rev'd Te Kitohi Pikaahu

Communications Commission Recommendations

THAT this General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui receives the Report of the Chair of the Communications Commission and:

- 1. Asks the Finance Committee to ensure that present levels of funding for both the Media Officer and *Taonga* (print and web) be maintained. (Note the 2010 Finance Statute budgets for Media as 2010 \$99,155, 2011 \$102,800, 2012 \$102,500, and *Taonga* as 2010 \$75,970, 2011 \$78,630, 2010 \$80,000), and
- 2. Notes that the formal employment relationships with the Media Officer and the Editor of *Taonga*, and any other Communications staff, are now clearly established by way of contract to the General Synod Standing Committee and that the General Secretary is the "Line Manager" to these positions, and further agrees:
 - (i) That a small, expert Oversight Team for the Media Office be established to provide professional support and oversight to the Media Officer, and

- (ii) That a similar Oversight Team be established to provide professional and creative support and oversight for the development of *Taonga* both in print and digital form, and
- (iii) That a small working group of the Chair of the Commission, the Editor of *Taonga* and two others be established to investigate the potential synergies which might be attained by all those in this Church involved in the production of material for promotion or communication combining some aspects of their work, and
- (iv) That this working group also be asked to explore the benefits of this Church of video communications, and
- (v) That the Commission be asked to review its own role with a view to considering being a 'think tank' linked by email and other digital means.

Carried

The Editor of Taonga, Rev B Thomas, the Media Officer Mr L Ashton and Rev P Davis were thanked and acknowledged for their work.

Motion 11

1. Dr Bryan Bang 2. Rt Rev P Richardson

Definition Of "Membership"

Noting that in various places the Canons of this Church refer to "membership" of the Church, but that neither the Constitution nor the Canons provide a definition of "membership"

THAT this General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui establish a Working Group to explore a common definition of "membership" for this Church consistent with the Constitution, and to report back to General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui in 2012.

Lost

Announcement

The result of the sanctioning ballot for the Bishop of the Diocese of Polynesia will be announced on Wednesday morning.

Night Prayers

Night prayers were led by Rev T La'ulu, Chaplain to the General Synod / te Hinota Whanui.

Synod / Hinota adjourned at 9:00pm

Signed by the Presidents

W.B. Turei Archbishop D.J. Moxon Archbishop