

**THE ANGLICAN CHURCH IN AOTEAROA, NEW ZEALAND & POLYNESIA**  
**The 63<sup>rd</sup> Session of the General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui 2018**

The Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki was the host for this meeting of the General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui and the meetings were held in New Plymouth.

**Friday 4 May 2018**

**Welcome/Powhiri and Opening Dinner**

Members and guests of the 63<sup>rd</sup> Session of the General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui gathered at Owae Marae, Waitara for a Powhiri at 5.00pm, followed by the Opening Dinner and were welcomed by the Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki, Tikanga Pakeha.

**Convening of Synod/te Hīnota**

The General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui 2018 was convened.

**Roll Call**

The General Secretary certified to the Primate that a quorum was present.

**Apologies**

The General Secretary noted the apologies for the whole of Synod/Hīnota, of The Right Reverend Richard Ellena, The Venerable Arni Wainui, Ms Moka Ritchie, Mr Charles Hemana and for Friday and Saturday morning, Ms Philippa Harrison, Mr Tony Hill and Mr John Whitehead.

**Mihi**

The Most Rev'd Philip Richardson welcomed delegates, guests and visitors.

**Nga mate**

The Most Rev'd Brown Turei, The Rev'd Canon John Hoar, The Rev'd Harry Hicks, The Ven Te Hopehuia Hakaraia, Mr Alec Hughes, Sir Graham Latimer, Mr Richard Colegrove, Mrs Maryann Ferrier, The Ven Peter Axcell, The Rev'd Andrew Starky, The Ven Neville Selwood.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Most Rev'd Donald Tamihere offered a prayer of Thanksgiving.

**Opening Eucharist**

The opening Eucharist was held in the Wharenuī, Te Ika-roa-a-Maui, at Owae Marae at 7.00pm. The Ven Leonie Joseph led the liturgy. The Rt Rev'd Eleanor Sanderson, The Rev'd Ngira Simmonds and The Rev'd Mele Prescott co-presided. Intercession and Thanksgiving prayers were led by The Rev'd Mele Prescott. Music was led by The Rev'ds Paul and Wynne Bowers-Mason, The Rev'd Rua Joseph and guitarist Mr Jared Anglesea.

**Kauwhau/Te Whaikorero/Archbishops Charge 1**

The Most Rev'd Philip Richardson presented "Tough Talk", Native Affairs Documentary, 2011.

Synod/Hīnota adjourned at 8.30pm for Tikanga Caucusing on Saturday 5 May 2018.

Signed by the Presidents

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W Halapua  
Primate and Archbishop

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P Richardson  
Primate and Archbishop

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D Tamihere  
Primate and Archbishop