

Statute 750

The Title A Canon I, Title A Canon II and Title B Canon XXI Amendment Statute, 2018

Whereas, General Synod/Te Hīnota Whānui in 2016 carried Motion 29 asking the Primates to establish a working group to consider possible structural arrangements within the Church to safeguard both theological convictions concerning the blessing of same gender relationships; and

Whereas, that working group in its final report made a number of recommendations including amendments to the declaration of adherence and submission required by the Constitution/Te Pouhere the alterations to which require amendment to Title A Canon I, Title A Canon II and Title B Canon XXI; and

Whereas, General Synod/Te Hīnota Whānui considers it desirable to implement the recommendations of that working group including amendments to the declaration of adherence and submission required by the Constitution/Te Pouhere which require amendment to Title A Canon I, Title A Canon II and Title B Canon XXI

The General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui enacts as follows:

- 1. Title.** The Title of this Statute is *'The Title A Canon I, Title A Canon II and Title B Canon XXI Amendment Statute, 2018'*
- 2. Purpose.** To amend Title A Canon I, Title A Canon II and Title B Canon XXI so that the forms of declaration of adherence and submission set out there are consistent with the forms of declaration of adherence and submission set out in the Constitution/Te Pouhere.
- 3. Commencement.** This Bill comes into effect at the close of the session of General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui at which Bill 24 (*Statute 751*) is passed failing which this Bill will lapse.
- 4. Amendment to Title A, Canon I**

That Clause 5.6.9 of Title A Canon I be amended by the deletion of the words "the authority of the General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui" which immediately follow "declared in writing adherence and submission to" and their replacement with the words "the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia."

That the schedule to Title A Canon I be deleted and replaced with:

DECLARATION (as required in terms of Clause 5.6.9)

I, A.B., being about to be ordained to the holy order of bishop

and/or instituted to the office of

DO SOLEMNLY MAKE THE FOLLOWING DECLARATION:

I believe in the faith, which is revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the Catholic Creeds, as this Church has received and explained it in its Formularies and its authorised worship.

I affirm my allegiance to the doctrine to which clause 1 of the Fundamental Provisions, and clauses 1 and 2 of Part B bear witness.

In public prayer and administration of the sacraments I will use only the forms of service which are authorised or allowed by lawful authority.

I will uphold the covenant and partnership expressed in the Constitution / Te Pouhere between Te Pīhopatanga o Aotearoa as a whole and through its constituent parts and the Dioceses in New Zealand together and severally and through their constituent parts and with the Diocese of Polynesia as a whole and through its constituent parts.

*The foregoing declaration was made and subscribed by the abovenamed on the day of
in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and*

Signed:

in the presence of:

5. Amendment to Title A Canon II

That clause 3 of Title A Canon II be amended by the deletion of the words "the authority of the General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui" which immediately follow "[i]n addition to the declaration of adherence and submission to" and their replacement with the words "the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia."

6. Amendment to Title B Canon XXI

That the schedule to Title B Canon XXI be deleted and replaced with:

The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

**DECLARATION OF ADHERENCE AND SUBMISSION TO THE ANGLICAN CHURCH IN AOTEAROA,
NEW ZEALAND AND POLYNESIA**

I, A.B., being about to be licensed to the office of [name of office] given permission to officiate in [name of diocese or area] authorised for [such a ministry]

DO SOLEMNLY MAKE THE FOLLOWING DECLARATION:

I, A.B. DO DECLARE that I will give all due obedience to the Constitution/Te Pouhere and the Code of Canons of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa New Zealand and Polynesia and to the decisions and judgments of those holding authority under the Constitution/Te Pouhere and the Code of Canons including all regulations which may be made pursuant to the Constitution/Te Pouhere and the Code of Canons.

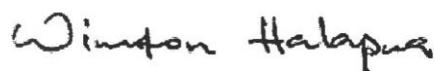
AND I hereby undertake in consideration of my holding any such office or membership immediately to resign that office or membership together with all the rights and emoluments appertaining thereto whenever I shall be called upon so to do by those acting under authority given to them by the Constitution/Te Pouhere or the Code of Canons or any regulations made pursuant to them.

Given under my hand this day of in the presence of:

Signed:

In the presence of:

We certify that this Statute was passed by the General Synod/ te Hīnota Whānui on 10 May 2018. As witnessed by our hands 29 May 2018.



*W Halapua
Primate and Archbishop*



*P Richardson
Primate and Archbishop*



*D Tamihere
Primate and Archbishop*