



**SYNOD BILLS AND
MOTIONS
SEPTEMBER 2019**
As passed

THE DIOCESAN LOCAL MINISTRY AND MISSION UNITS STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Title

That the title of this statute will be **The Diocesan Local Ministry and Mission Units Statute Amendment Statute 2019**

Commencement

This Statute comes into force at the close of the session of Synod at which it is passed.

Purpose

The purpose of this Statute is to amend the Diocesan Local Ministry and Mission Units Statute (**the Statute**) by:

- (a) making provision for the Standing Committee to appoint persons who are not members of a Parish to be Wardens and Vestry members in circumstances where the Parish has been unable to form a vestry; and
- (b) making provision for Co-operating parishes to operate in accordance with rules negotiated between another Christian denomination and either the Synod or the Standing Committee; and
- (c) clarifying who is to determine the membership and duties of the Council of any other mission and ministry unit and have the Bishop appoint one member to the Council; and
- (d) making the Diocese responsible for visitation and assessments of other mission and ministry units and allow the Bishop to delegate this responsibility to the relevant Archdeacon; and
- (e) allowing the Bishop to assign other mission and ministry units to an Archdeaconry.

Insertion of new clause 3.12

The following is to be inserted into the Statute immediately after clause 3.11 as a new clause 3.12:

3.12 Standing Committee appointments:

3.12.1 Where a Parish does not have a People's Warden, either through resignation, which is not cured by a special general meeting within two months of such resignation, or due to a failure to elect

one at a duly convened Annual General meeting, the Standing Committee may appoint any Church member over the age of **20** living within the Diocese as the People's Warden to serve until the next Annual General Meeting.

3.12.2 Where a Parish does not have a Vicar's Warden due to resignation and there is a consequent failure to appoint a new one within two months of such resignation the Bishop may appoint any Church member over the age of **20** living within the Diocese to serve as the Bishop's Warden until such time as a duly appointed Vicar appoints a Vicar's Warden.

3.12.3 Where a Parish does not have the minimum number of Vestry members required by clause 3.6.2, either through resignation, which is not cured by a special general meeting within two months of such resignation, or due to a failure to elect sufficient Vestry members at a duly convened Annual General Meeting, then the Standing Committee may either:

- a. appoint Church members **aged 16 years or older** living within the Diocese to make up the number required to meet the minimum number of Vestry members required by clause 3.6.2 to serve until the next Annual General Meeting; or
- b. resolve that the Parish concerned need not meet the minimum number of Vestry members required by clause 3.6.2 at which point the remaining members of the Vestry will be deemed to be a validly constituted Vestry and all decisions of that Vestry will be deemed to be valid.

3.12.4 When a Parish is unable to duly convene an Annual General Meeting, the Bishop, with the concurrence of the Chancellor, may appoint a Bishop's Warden and request Standing Committee to appoint a People's Warden **aged 20 years or older** and a Vestry from Church members **aged 16 years or older** living within the Diocese who will serve until the next Annual General Meeting.

3.12.5 The Standing Committee may only exercise the powers given under clauses 3.12.1, 3.12.2, 3.12.3 and 3.12.4 in two successive years in relation to a Parish after which the Bishop must present a proposal to Synod for the future of Ministry within that Parish.

Replacement of clause 5.3

The following is to replace clause 5.3 of the Statute:

5.3 Co-operating parishes and ventures shall follow either:

5.3.1 the "Guide to Procedures in Co-operative Ventures" as agreed from time to time by the Uniting Congregations of Aotearoa New Zealand or any body that may replace it; or

5.3.2 a local agreement entered into between the Synod or the Standing Committee and another Christian denomination.

Replacement of clause 6.2

The following is to replace clause 6.2 of the Statute:

6.2 Such units should be supported by a Council the membership and duties of which will be determined by the Synod or Standing Committee (as appropriate) for the particular unit, providing that at least one member of the Council is to be appointed by the Bishop, and it is desirable that at least one of the persons appointed to the Council be under thirty years of age.

Amendment of clause 6.5

That clause 6.5 of the Statute be amended by:

- (a) deleting the words "each Archdeacon" and replacing them with "the Bishop"; and
- (b) deleting the words "the Archdeaconry" and replacing them with "the Diocese"; and
- (c) adding as a new clause 6.5.2 "the Bishop may assign each other mission and ministry unit to an Archdeaconry and may appoint the relevant Archdeacon to undertake the visitation and assessments required under this clause".

Moved: Rev'd Canon Mark Chamberlain
Seconded: Dr Bruce Deam

THE FINANCIAL REGULATIONS OF THE DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Title

That the title of this statute will be **The Financial Regulations of the Diocese of Christchurch Amendment Bill 2019**.

Commencement

This Statute comes into force at the close of the session of Synod at which it is passed.

Purpose

The purpose of this Statute is to amend the Financial Regulations of the Diocese of Christchurch (**the Statute**) to alter the approach to lending to parishes to reflect the current practice of the Church Property Trustees.

Amendment of clause 6

That clause 6 of the Statute be amended by adding the word "Financial" between "Parish" and "Assistance" in the heading of the clause so that it reads "Parish Financial Assistance".

Replacement of clause 6.4

That clause 6.4 be replaced in its entirety by the following:

6.4 Mortgage finance to Parishes/Local Ministry and Mission Units may be provided by Church Property Trustees with the approval of Standing Committee and subject to the following provisions:

- 6.4.1 Mortgages may be made to assist in the purchase, extension, improvement, erection, or repair of Anglican church property.
- 6.4.2 Mortgages may be made, to assist in the purchase, extension, improvement, erection, or repair of buildings to be used jointly by other Christian denominations ('joint-use' property).
- 6.4.3 Both the Vestry and a general meeting of parishioners must have given approval to raise the loan before applying for a mortgage.

- 6.4.4 The parish/local ministry and mission unit must demonstrate its ability to service and repay the loan to the satisfaction of Church Property Trustees.
- 6.4.5 Mortgage lending must meet the requirements and limitations within the Church Property Trustees' Statement of Investment Policies & Objectives.

Moved: Very Rev'd Lawrence Kimberley
Seconded: Dr Bruce Deam

THE ANGLICAN DIOCESAN MINISTRY SUPPORT **CENTRE** STATUTE AMENDMENT BILL 2019

Title

That the title of this statute will be **The Anglican Diocesan Ministry Support Centre Statute Amendment Statute 2019**

Commencement

This Statute comes into force at the close of the session of Synod at which it is passed.

Purpose

The purpose of this Statute is to amend the Anglican Diocesan Ministry Support **Centre** Statute (**the Statute**) by:

- (a) accounting for recent changes by Uniting Congregations of Aotearoa New Zealand to its quota assessment model for Co-operating ventures; and
- (b) allowing for flexibility in determining quota when parishes face exceptional circumstances.

Amendment of clause 14(1)(a)

Clause 14(1)(a) of the Statute is to be amended by adding after "excluding the Chatham Islands" the words "and those parishes that are Co-operating Ventures contributing quota set by Uniting Congregations of Aotearoa New Zealand.

Insertion of new clause 14(5)

A new clause 14(5) to be inserted as follows (with consequential renumbering):

Under exceptional circumstances the Anglican Diocesan Ministry Support Centre Governance Board, with the agreement of Standing Committee, may consider alternate methods of setting the quota for specific parishes.

Insertion of new clause 14(6)

A new clause 14(6) to be inserted as follows (with consequential renumbering):

The quota to be applied to Co-operating Venture parishes is that determined annually by Uniting Congregations of Aotearoa New Zealand (UCANZ).

Moved: Very Rev'd Lawrence Kimberley
Seconded: Dr. Bruce Deam

Affirmation of the GSTHW Statute 751 The Constitution/ Te Pouhere Amendment Statute, 2018

The Constitution/ Te Pouhere 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; 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

The General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui enacts as follows:

1. Title. The Title of this Statute is '*The Constitution/Te Pouhere Amendment Statute, 2018*'

2. Purpose. To amend clause 15 of Part C of the Constitution/Te Pouhere to repeal and replace the existing form of declaration of adherence and submission

3. Constitutional Amendment:

Part C, Clause 15 of the Constitution/Te Pouhere is amended by the deletion of everything after the words "DECLARATION OF ADHERENCE AND SUBMISSION TO THE ANGLICAN CHURCH IN AOTEAROA, NEW ZEALAND AND POLYNESIA" and their replacement with:

***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:

4. Process

The passing of Clause 3 is an adoption of a specific proposal in terms of Part G Clause 4 of the Constitution/Te Pouhere, and shall be made known

to Te Runanganui o Te Pihopatanga o Aotearoa, the Synod of the Diocese of Polynesia, and the several Diocesan Synods in New Zealand in accordance with the provisions of Title C Canon I.

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

Moved from the Chair

Motions to the Anglican Diocese of Christchurch Synod 5-7 September 2019

MOTION 1: Speaking Rights

That this Synod grants speaking rights to the following people:

Mr Justin Murray [CCRL Chair],
Mr Keith Paterson [CCRL Project Director]
Mr Peter Guthrey [CCRTChair],
Ms Victoria Henstock [CCRT Executive]
Mr Matthew Mark [City Missioner]
Ms Rebecca Finch [Speaking to Motion 11]
Ms Linda Dear [Anglican Missions Board]
Ms Rosie Fyfe [CMS Director]
Mrs Veronica Cross [Bishop's EA and Minute Taker]
Ms Jo Bean [Diocesan Communication and Media Advisor]
Mr Ross Seagar [CPT Office Manager]
Mr Scott Walter [Diocesan Administration Assistant]
Mr Philip Baldwin [Data Co-ordinator]

Moved: Rev'd Meg Harvey
Seconded: Dr Judith MacKenzie

MOTION 2: Acceptance of the Order Paper as Distributed on 6th September 2019

That this Synod accepts the Order Paper as distributed on 7th September 2019

Moved: Mrs Lyndsey Sturge
Seconded: Mr Byron Behm

MOTION 3: Annual Church Wardens' and Treasurers' Conference

That this Synod approves the implementation of two Annual 1 day funded Wardens' and Treasurers' Conferences, at venues that take into account the geographic spread of the Diocese, and commencing no later than September 2020, for the purpose of instruction, education, fellowship and inter-parish networking.

Moved: Mr Neville Queen
Seconded: Ms Stephanie Johnston

~~MOTION 4: Funding For Ministry – LEFT TO LIE ON THE TABLE~~

~~Preamble:~~

~~1. In that there are a number of parishes that are no longer able to properly resource local ministry, and~~

~~2. That without successful local ministry, the ministry and mission of a parish, and hence the wider church community will be in jeopardy,~~

~~Therefore:~~

~~3. This Synod, acknowledging the need for strong and healthy local parishes in order that the ministry and mission of the church can be advanced, directs the Diocese to begin divesting itself of investments currently invested for a financial return, and that the funds raised from this divestment are used to support local parish ministry in strategic parishes within the Diocese so that the mission of the church can be advanced.~~

Moved: Simon Walmisley
Seconded: Pam Brathwaite

MOTION 5: Updating Diocesan Statutes

Preamble:

Every Diocesan statute is in need of revision in order to take account of changes to Diocesan life over recent decades and thus to better align our own rules with how we do things or wish to do things. Understandably the years 2011-2019 have been focused to a significant degree on post-quake matters. Now is the season to do the required revisions. However, we could either take more than ten years to work through our statutes (e.g. one major statute per year) or we could proceed as the motion below indicates.

That this Synod:

- (1) accepts the principle that Diocesan statutes are in need of major updating;
- (2) commits to the updating occurring in a timely manner;
- (3) targets completion by the end of 2021;
- (4) acknowledges likelihood of an extra session of synod in 2021, with such session being wholly devoted to passing bills that revise all statutes, rules and regulations;
- (5) recognises the importance of a thorough and robust pre-synod process of review of proposed bills in (4);
- (6) forms a Statutes Working Group of clergy, lay, and staff members of the Diocese with the knowledge, skill and experience, to work on revisions of specific statutes, rules and regulations, with the Bishop, Chancellor and Diocesan Manager as co-ordinators of the Group; and
- (7) requests the Statutes Working Group to report progress to Synod 2020 and to work with the Bishop and Standing Committee to set a date for an extra session of Synod in 2021.

Moved: Dr Bruce Deam

Seconded: Canon Mark Chamberlain

MOTION 6: Decision Making Process for Use of Parish Funds Held in Trust

That this Synod requests the Diocesan Manager, the Chancellor or Vice Chancellor, and the Chair of the Anglican Diocesan Ministry Support Centre Board (ADMSC), in consultation with the Bishop and the General Manager of CPT, to review decision-making in respect of parish requests to Standing Committee or the ADMSC Board for utilisation of funds held in trust, with particular reference to the possibility of granting the Diocesan Manager executive power to make such decisions, and to bring proposals for any necessary legislative change to the 2020 session of Synod.

Moved: Canon Mark Chamberlain

Seconded: Dr Bruce Deam

MOTION 7: ~~Use of the Proceeds from the Sale of Parish Land and Buildings~~ LEFT TO LIE ON THE TABLE

~~This Synod resolves that~~

- ~~a. the proceeds received from the sale of any Parish land or buildings owned by Church Property Trustees after January 1, 2020 shall, subject to the terms of any relevant trust or trusts and after the deduction of any loans and discharge of any mortgages (**the funds**) be split between use for replacement land and buildings, regeneration of the Diocese, and operation of the ministry unit with the portions for each in accordance with one of the three scenarios within the following table:~~

Scenario	Land and buildings	Diocesan Regeneration Fund	Ministry Unit Operations
1. The funds are used immediately to purchase any replacement land or buildings or begin constructing one or more new buildings or to repair and refurbish existing buildings.	100%	-	-
2. The funds are held in trust for a maximum of 5 years while plans are developed to purchase any replacement land or buildings or begin constructing one or more new buildings or to repair and refurbish existing buildings. A portion of the funds is committed to regeneration of the Diocese. OR 2. The funds are used to establish vibrant and viable ministries to children, families and others, with a particular focus on those who do not identify as Christians, with the intention of developing new gathered faith communities within the parish	85%	15%	-
3. The funds are split between the operation of the ministry unit and regeneration of the Diocese.	-	80%	20%

- ~~b. any portion of the funds for regeneration of the diocese shall be transferred to the General Trust Estate and held for that purpose.~~
- ~~c. occasionally, Standing Committee may choose to extend Scenario 2 above to a maximum of 10 years. Otherwise, after 5 years, Scenario 3 applies.~~
- ~~d. ministry units that have sold property before January 1, 2020 or hold substantial funds with no committed purpose be encouraged to contribute to regeneration of the Diocese~~

~~e. Standing Committee develop a strategy for use of the Diocesan regeneration fund and publicise plans for their use.~~

Moved: Ven. Indrea Alexander

Seconded: Dr Bruce Deam

MOTION 8: Vicarage Design Review

Whereas the current Diocesan regulations for clergy housing including Vicarages, are becoming difficult to find in houses that parishes can afford, and

Whereas housing requirements differ between parishes, including within and between urban and rural areas, and

Whereas clergy family requirements differ

That this Synod requests Standing Committee to **review the current Diocesan Vicarage design considerations and schedule of minimum requirements, including how they should be applied in various circumstances, and report back to Synod 2020, including bringing any legislative changes that may be required.**

Moved: The Rev'd Tony Kippax

Seconded: Mr Ivan Hurst

MOTION 9: Anglican Missions Target

That this synod reaffirms its commitment to global mission by:

a) Setting a target of \$200,000 as our Diocesan contribution to Anglican Missions for 2020.

b) Encouraging people in our ministry units to take an active interest in global mission through support for particular mission partners and/or projects.

Moved: Rev'd Dawn Daunauda

Seconded: Dr Bruce Deam

MOTION 10: Presidential Address

That this Synod receives the Presidential Address of Bishop Peter and requests Standing Committee to engage with feedback from Synod's discussion of the Address and to resolve consequential action as appropriate.

Moved: Rev'd Thomas Brauer

Seconded: Dr Judith MacKenzie

MOTION 11: Climate Change & Ecological Emergency

That this synod, seeking to care for God's creation and preserve a liveable earth:

- a. recognises a Climate & Ecological Emergency and seeks to act upon this truth,
- b. encourages other Dioceses of New Zealand / Aotearoa and Polynesia to do the same,
- c. asks Standing Committee/SLT to report back to synod 2020 via the Diocesan Manager, what actions have been taken in respect of the climate and ecological emergency,
- d. resolves to lobby local and central government to declare a climate and ecological emergency and act upon that truth, and
- e. requires ministry units to seriously consider what actions they can take to:
 - I. mitigate the effects of climate heating & bio-diversity losses,
 - II. reduce our carbon footprint., and
 - III. to report back those actions to the Diocesan Manager who will provide a report of those actions at the 2020 Synod.
- f. to assemble some resources/information to enable and empower ministry units to undertake appropriate action to reduce their carbon footprint

Moved: Mr Arion Pons

Seconded: Mr Neville Queen

~~Motion 12: Rainbow Communities: Listening and Understanding~~ ~~LEFT TO LIE ON THE TABLE~~

~~(1) That, as Motion 7 ('Motion 29') of General Synod / Te Hīnota Whānui 2018 extends a welcome and invitation for Rainbow communities(FN1) to have a place in the constellation of this Church's liturgy; so, on earth, this Synod extends a hand of welcome and invitation for these communities, in and around the Church, to have a place in the Church's community and to be listened to. In doing so, this Synod:~~

- ~~(1a) affirms that Rainbow members are called and welcomed into the Church of God by Christ; that as children of God they are loved by Christ who loves us all;~~
- ~~(1b) gives thanks for the places and spaces in which Rainbow members can feel welcomed, and can explore the Christian faith without disownment on the basis of gender or sexuality; and commits to the support of these;~~
- ~~(1c) and acknowledges the great hurt that has been caused to Rainbow communities; historically, and in conflict associated with Motion 29; and commits to building and regenerating a relationship of understanding, trust and reconciliation with the Rainbow community;~~
- ~~(2) And, this Synod requests that Standing Committee appoint a voluntary Working Group to begin to explore this process of reconciliation, and the building and regeneration of a relationship of understanding and trust, with Rainbow communities and others hurt in conflict associated with Motion 29. In doing so, this Synod acknowledges and commends the existing work done by the Bishop and other parties to engage with Rainbow communities and others involved. The terms of reference of this Working Group shall be to:~~
- ~~(2a) begin the development of a listening and recording process through which members of the Rainbow community, and others involved in the conflict around these communities, can share their experiences of hurt, involving but not restricted to:~~
- ~~(2a.i) programmes of voluntary ambassadorship to Rainbow communities, and other communities affected by this conflict;~~
- ~~(2a.ii) provision for pastoral support to participants, where desired;~~
- ~~(2a.iii) provision for the anonymity of participants, where desired;~~
- ~~(2b) operate in a voluntary capacity, with an initial duration of three years, with any requests for funding to be decided by Standing Committee on a case-by-case basis;~~
- ~~(2c) report to Diocesan Synod 2020, and subsequent relevant Diocesan Synods, regarding the progress made in these areas; the outcomes of any processes of consideration; and options for future courses of action.~~

Moved: Arion Pons

Seconded: The Very Rev'd Lawrence Kimberley

(FN1): Rainbow: a collective term referring to minorities of sexuality and gender; including LGBT, and others. Here the term is used without reference to minorities or majorities of relationship paradigm (e.g. casual/committed).