



SYNOD MOTIONS

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Amendment Record

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MOTION 1: Granting of Speaking Rights and Acceptance of the Order Paper

That this Synod:

- a. grants speaking rights to the following people:
 - Representatives of the Christ Church Cathedral Reinstatement Limited
 - Church Property Trustees not otherwise members of the Synod
 - Members of Chapter not otherwise members of the Synod.
 - Mr Chris Oldham [Cathedral Manager]
 - Mrs Veronica Cross [Bishop's EA and Minute Taker]
 - Mr Scott Walters [Diocesan Administration] and
- b. Accepts the Order Paper as distributed on 22 June 2024

Mover: Ms Fran Boyd

Seconder: Ms Kirsty May

MOTION 2: Importance of the Cathedral

That the Synod of the Diocese of Christchurch meeting on 22 June 2024 in the Transitional Cathedral affirms

1. its commitment, previously expressed in resolutions at its sessions in 2017 and 2021, to see Christ Church Cathedral reinstated in Cathedral Square, Christchurch;
2. Bishop Peter's vision for the Cathedral Reinstatement Project, in relation to the life of our Diocese, that we wish to renew the visible witness of this building to the risen and present Jesus Christ in the communities of our Diocesan region; and resume our praise, prayer and proclamation of God and the gospel of Jesus Christ in the centre of the main city of our Diocese;
3. the role of Christ Church Cathedral in the service of people of all faiths and of none, through welcome and hospitality to the people of Christchurch, of our nation and of our world, and through availability for civic and community services and events which draw people together for the common good of society.
4. That the heritage character of Christ Church Cathedral is a matter of wide public interest and a burden of responsibility on the Diocese of Christchurch which it is unable to shoulder alone.

Mover: The Venerable Nick Mountfort

Seconder: Mr Corin Murfitt

Notes to the motion:

[Synod 2017: Cathedral Building at 100 Cathedral Square](#)

Following, pursuant to clause 6(1) of Schedule 2 of the Anglican (Diocese of Christchurch) Church Property Trust Act 2003, the reservation to the Synod of the question of the future of the cathedral building at 100 Cathedral Square, Christchurch, Synod resolves:

to direct Church Property Trustees to enter into such contracts and arrangements and take whatever steps it deems necessary to bring about the reinstatement of the cathedral building at 100 Cathedral Square on the following terms:

- a. CPT will accept the 4th July 2017 offer of assistance from the Government inclusive of the Christchurch City Council and GCBT money;
- b. the financial contribution of CPT and the Diocese will be limited to the Cathedral material damage insurance proceeds plus investment returns on hand;
- c. the project budget to be set by CPT and the UJV including construction costs (estimated \$104,000,000), fundraising costs (estimated \$4,000,000) plus sufficient further funds for any other costs associated with reinstatement including an endowment to fund the future on-going costs of insurance and maintenance (estimated \$10,000,000);
- d. the project to be completed in three parts
 - reinstatement of the main building, which must proceed first;
 - reinstatement of the tower; and
 - reinstatement of the ancillary buildings;
- e. no significant work to commence on each part until funding sufficient to cover the total cost of each part has been guaranteed inclusive of endowments needed to cover future on-going costs of insurance and maintenance for that part; and
- f. any other terms Church Property Trustees considers reasonable that are not inconsistent with this resolution of the Synod including the particulars in the CWG report of November 2016.

Synod 2021: CATHEDRAL PROJECT MOTION FOR SYNOD 2021

WHEREAS this Synod resolved in 2017 to endorse funding of the reinstatement of the Cathedral in the Square (the Project) in parts, whereby the funds for each part (Main Building, Tower, Ancillary Buildings) were required to be in hand prior to commencement of work on that part, in order to manage risk,

AND whereas Church Property Trustees, Christ Church Cathedral Reinstatement Limited and Christ Church Cathedral Reinstatement Trust wish to progress the Project through smaller separable portions, such as design contracts, isolated reconstruction of each part of the Cathedral, and the like,

AND whereas such altered approach in management of the Project is expected to reduce time delays and overall costs, to encourage fundraising for the overall Project, and to uphold the risk management objectives of the Synod passed in 2017,

THIS Synod resolves:

1) THAT the 2017 resolution of Synod on Cathedral reinstatement be altered so that the Project can progress on the basis that it be completed, where desired by Christ Church Cathedral Reinstatement Limited, in separable portions (such as design contracts, foundation works, isolated reconstruction of each part of the Cathedral, portions of landscaping, and the like),

PROVIDED ALWAYS that funds for each separable portion must be in hand before contracts for each separable portion are awarded;

AND PROVIDED ALWAYS that where a separable portion of work relates to the construction of the main building, the tower, or the ancillary buildings, the cathedral maintenance and insurance fund must have sufficient funds to cover the future ongoing costs of insurance and maintenance for the main building, the tower, or the ancillary buildings, respectively.

2) TO support the proposal agreed between Christ Church Cathedral Reinstatement Trust, the Christ Church Reinstatement Limited, the Church Property Trustees that a portion of the Cathedral insurance funds are deposited into the Cathedral Maintenance and Insurance Proceeds Fund sufficient that between the date of deposit and the expected conclusion of the Project, the fund will likely grow through investment to reach an agreed estimated cap of \$12.9 million and therefore not require contributions from donations to the reinstatement.

Moved: Mr Steve Wakefield Seconded: Very Revd Lawrence Kimberley

MOTION 3: Funding the Cathedral Reinstatement Project

That the Synod of the Diocese of Christchurch meeting on 22 June 2024 in the Transitional Cathedral

1. acknowledges that the Cathedral Reinstatement Project [the Project] is in need of significant funding so a pathway to completion of the project can be secured;
2. recognises that the Diocese as both beneficial owner and major user of the Cathedral building and site in the Square should take a lead in a new effort to secure funds which will ensure a pathway to completion of the Project;
3. acknowledges with gratitude all donors to the Project to date, including the New Zealand Government, the Christchurch City Council, Internal Affairs (lottery grant), key donors, individual citizens, companies, charities, and Anglican parishioners;
4. welcomes further support from donors, including from central and local governments;
5. commits itself to a further contribution of \$20m to the Project beyond insurance proceeds already committed to the Project as follows:
 - a. \$3.8m already contributed from the sale of Christchurch-St. Luke's land, with acknowledgement that the original preference of Synod (2021) that these funds contribute to the construction of the Cathedral Centre was not able to be fulfilled, and these funds thus will contribute to the reinstatement of the Cathedral itself.
 - b. \$16.2m to be realised from the sale of the site of the Transitional Cathedral and the permanent buildings on it; the sale of the house in Hereford St, formerly used as the Deanery; a further contribution of up to \$2m of funds held by the Diocese following the dissolution of the Parish of Christchurch-St. Luke's; and any other funds which may be required at the discretion of Standing Committee in consultation with Church Property Trustees and/or via gifts from parishes of the Diocese of Christchurch; providing that
 - c. Any sale of the site of the Transitional Cathedral and the permanent buildings on it is on such conditions that are beneficial to the current operation of the Cathedral until such time as that operation can return to the Cathedral in the Square; and further providing that
 - d. The \$16.2m of funds being made available to the Project is conditional on the satisfaction of Church Property Trustees and the Standing Committee that a funding pathway to completion of the Project is established in the view of both bodies.

Mover: The Very Reverend Ben Truman

Seconder: Mr Chas Muir

MOTION 4: Reduction in Scope

That the Synod of the Diocese of Christchurch meeting on 22 June 2024 in the Transitional Cathedral

1. Acknowledges that a funding gap of \$114m for the completion of the Cathedral Reinstatement Project (CCRL media release, article published in The Press, 6 April 2024) could be significantly reduced if the Project is reduced in scope.
2. Acknowledges that the most significant such de-scoping would be a reduction in strength of the reinstated building from the current aspiration of a seismic rating of 100% New Building Standard to 67% New Building Standard for a public building of this kind.
3. Acknowledges that further de-scoping can be achieved by placing the two ancillary buildings currently planned, namely the Visitor Centre and the Cathedral Centre, outside the Project, to be funded and constructed at a future date.
4. Acknowledges that other aspects of de-scoping are likely to be recommended to Church Property Trustees at the present time and as the Project continues; and thus
5. Supports Church Property Trustees in accepting recommendations from Christ Church Cathedral Reinstatement Limited for de-scoping the Project in order to reduce costs of reinstatement; providing that
 - a. The seismic rating of the building is 67% New Building Standard;
 - b. Chapter is consulted on any de-scoping proposal which relates to the operation of mission and ministry in the Cathedral, to obligations regarding foreseeable future maintenance of the building, and to considerations with heritage implications.

Mover: The Very Reverend Ben Truman

Secunder: Mr Chris Wilson

MOTION 5: Changes of CPT Act

That the Synod of the Diocese of Christchurch meeting on 22 June 2024 in the Transitional Cathedral

1. Recognises that the Diocese of Christchurch wishes to:
 - a. support the Cathedral Reinstatement Project;
 - b. strategically respond to demographic changes and churchgoing patterns across the districts and regions of the Diocese; and
 - c. engage with changes over time in financial matters ranging from investment considerations through to distribution of incomes earned from investments; it may be appropriate, in the judgment of the Church Property Trustees, to seek change the Anglican (Diocese of Christchurch) Church Property Trust Act 2003;2.
2. Notes the potential benefit to the mission and ministry of the Diocese of Christchurch of a change to the definition of “local endowment” within the Act, so that the capital of a local endowment may be used as well as its income beyond the locality of that endowment.
3. Supports Church Property Trustees, in consultation with Standing Committee and the ADMSC board, in promoting changes through parliament to the Act.

Mover: Mr Steve Wakefield

Secunder: Mr Chris Wilson

Note to the motion:

At present, only the income from a local endowment may be used beyond the locality of the endowment. This restriction prevents a ministry unit on, say, one side of Christchurch city, gifting capital funds from a property sale to assist a new building construction in a ministry unit on the other side of the city.

Notice of Motion (if required for the September session of Synod)

1. If the Cathedral Reinstatement Project is mothballed; then Synod
2. Recognises that this means that after due tidying up of the Cathedral site and making the site and the unfinished Cathedral building as secure as practicable, all responsibility for the site and the building will return to Church Property Trustees, and that this responsibility will include costs on the Church Property Trust such as maintenance and security of the site, rental of storage for furnishings, fabric, stone and woodwork associated with the Cathedral which will have to be funded by the Diocese; and
3. Recognises that the costs of the mothballed site are estimated to be around \$1m per annum; and
4. Requests that the Bishop on behalf of Church Property Trustees, Chapter, and Standing Committee, brings to Synod, no later than the September session of Synod, 2025, a consideration or considerations in respect of the future of the site and the building on it;

Mover: The Very Reverend Ben Truman

Seconder: Mr Steve Wakefield

Note to Notice of Motion:

Mothballing means that the site is made secure as far as possible from elements of nature such as rain, from pigeons, rats, cats entering the building, and from unauthorized human intrusion into the building. The site would be tidied, fences rearranged to encompass only the land owned by the Church Property Trustees, and site buildings removed. No construction work would take place while the building is mothballed. Maintenance of security of the site would require security patrols at night and appropriate security lighting. Mothballing includes continuation of leasing of storage sites for materials belonging to the cathedral such as stone, wood, fabric and furniture.

