

MINUTES OF SYNOD

DIOCESE OF WAIKATO AND TARANAKI

FIRST SESSION OF THE FORTY SECOND SYNOD

ALL SAINTS' CHAPEL,
WAIKATO DIOCESAN SCHOOL FOR GIRLS.

MINUTES OF FRIDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2023

6.30pm **Synod Eucharist**

President's Welcome to Synod Members and all present

President's charge was part of the Synod Eucharist.

CONSTITUTION OF SYNOD

During the Opening, Synod 2023 was constituted by the Synod Secretary.

The Synod Secretary reported that 25 apologies had been received and 'with the Bishop present, along with 55 Clergy members and 53 Lay members, we have a quorum under Statute No. 2 The Waikato and Taranaki Diocesan Statute, Clause 14, sub-clause 2.'

7.20pm **Motion No. 1 Procedural Motion and Officers of Synod**

Mover: **The Venerable T Harrison**

Seconder: **The Reverend Stephen Black**

a) **That the Officers, Sessional Committees and Hours of Synod be as follows:**

OFFICERS & SESSIONAL COMMITTEES OF SYNOD 2023

SECRETARIES:

Clerical Secretary

The Venerable Trevor Harrison

Lay Secretary

Mrs Pip Harrison

CHAIRPERSONS OF COMMITTEE:

The Venerable Joel Rowse (*Clergy Chair of Committee*)

Mrs Christine Bryant (*Lay Chair of Committee*)
assisted by the Chancellor, Judge Chris Harding

ORDER PAPER COMMITTEE as required:

The Most Reverend Philip Richardson The Venerable Trevor Harrison
The Chancellor, Judge Chris Harding Canon Dr Bryan Bang (*apology*)
Lay Vacancy

MINUTES COMMITTEE:

Canon Dr Bryan Bang (*apology*) The Venerable Trevor Harrison
The Reverend Peter Bargh

VOTE OF THANKS:

The Reverend Paul Bowers-Mason

b) Hours of Synod

That the hours of Synod be as follows:

Friday 22 September 2023

6.30pm Synod Eucharist, Bishop's Charge & Constitution of Synod

Saturday 23 September 2023

8.30am Business sessions.

5.00pm Final Prayers and closing of Synod.

c) Leave of Absence & Apologies

That Leave of Absence is granted to those who have made submission in writing; and in addition to those recorded (during Synod) on the attendance list.

d) Right to Speak

That those listed have the right to Speak, but not to Vote:

Ms Sarah Hipkiss – Trust Management Ltd
Ms Marie Nickalls – Trust Management Ltd
Ms Grace Sun – Trust Management Ltd
Mr Kris Singh – Anglican Missions Board
Mr Dave Peters – Anglican Insurance Board

Anybody else with leave of the Presidents:

e) Procedural

That the General Purpose Financial Statements of the Standing Committee, Taranaki Anglican Trust Board and the Waikato Diocesan Trust Board be taken as read.

f) Notice of Motion

That in view of the lack of nominations for the Standing Committee, the provisions of Clause 6 of the Standing Committee Statute requiring nominations to be lodged in writing with the Registrar-Manager 14 days prior to the commencement of Synod at which the elections are to be held, be suspended for 2023, so as to permit nominations to be received until 10am on Saturday 23rd September.

CARRIED

8.09pm **Announcements**

8.10pm **SYNOD CLOSURE**

DIOCESE OF WAIKATO AND TARANAKI

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WAIKATO DIOCESAN SCHOOL FOR GIRLS.**

MINUTES OF SATURDAY 23 SEPTEMBER 2023

8.40am President's Welcome
8.40am Morning Prayer
8.50am Announcements

First Reading of Bills

8.57am **Bill No. 1 The Interim Mission Units Amendment Bill 2023**

Moved: The Reverend Lance Pilbrow
Seconded: Mr Dave Tabrum

"That the principles of the Bill be approved and that the Bill be referred to Synod in Committee for consideration in detail for later in the day."

CARRIED

9.00am **Bill No. 2 The Waihi/Whangamata Mission Units' Amendment Bill 2023**

Moved: The Reverend Peter Bargh
Seconded: Mrs Wendy Page

"That the principles of the Bill be approved and that the Bill be referred to Synod in Committee for consideration in detail for later in the day."

CARRIED

9.02am **Statute 763 The Calendar Te Maramataka Amendment Statute**

Whereas:

(a) The General Synod / te Hinota Whanui by Statute 438 in 1988 confirmed the adoption of The Calendar Te Maramataka as a Formulary, and

(b) This formulary has been variously amended by the General Synod / te Hinota Whanui since that date, and

- (c) This formulary requires updating to incorporate consequential changes agreed by General Synod / te Hinota Whanui, and
- (d) The Common Life Liturgical Commission wishes to make provision for consistency between the formulary and the developed practice of the Lectionary.

The General Synod / te Hinota Whanui enacts as follows:

1. **Title:** The Title of this Statute shall be *The Calendar Te Maramataka Amendment Statute 2022*.
2. **Purpose:** To update and amend The Calendar Te Maramataka.
3. **The Calendar Te Maramataka** is amended as follows:
 - 3.1 On pp 4-6:
 - (a) Page 4 line 19, change “Second Sunday to the Sixth Sunday of Epiphany” to “Second Sunday to the Fourth Sunday”.
 - (b) Page 6 – replace current text with:
 - Line 1 Heading: Sundays in Ordinary Time
 - Line 2: Sundays after the Presentation till Lent
 - Line 3: Trinity Sunday: First Sunday after Pentecost
 - Line 4: Te Pouhere Sunday: Second Sunday after Pentecost
 - Line 5: Sundays after Te Pouhere Sunday till Advent
 - Line 6: Sunday before Advent – 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 - Line 7: * The number of Sundays after the Epiphany or Pentecost depends upon the date of Easter.
 - Line 8: See Table on pages 940 – 941.
 - 3.2 On page 8, change to
 - Line 8: St Matthias the Apostle, 14 MayAnd make the consequential amendments to pages 15 and 18, and to the Standing resolutions Appendix B ‘Notes on the Calendar’.
 - 3.3 On page 15, remove from 24 ‘**St Matthias the Apostle**’
On page 18, insert at 14 following Ngakuku, Missionary in Mataatua, ‘**St Matthias the Apostle**’
In Appendix B ‘Notes on the Calendar’ delete ‘24 February, or’ from ‘St Matthias the Apostle / Matiaha Tapu, te Apotoro (24 February or 14 May) and appropriately reorder St Matthias in the list of Festivals.
4. **Clause 3 of this Statute** is the adoption of a specific proposal in terms of Part B, Clause 6(a) of the Constitution / te Pouhere, and Section 4(a) of the Church of England Empowering Act 1928, and shall be made known to Te Runanganui o Te Pihopatanga o Aotearoa, the Synod of the Diocese of Polynesia, and the Diocesan Synods in New Zealand.

MOTION: “That this Synod, Assents to Statute 763 passed by General Synod / te Hinota Whanui 2022 entitled “The Calendar te Maramataka Amendment Statute, 2022.”

Mover: The Most Reverend Philip Richardson

CARRIED

9.04am Statute 766 The Liturgies of the Eucharist Amendment Statute 2022

Whereas:

- (a) The General Synod / te Hinota Whanui by Statute 457 in 1988 confirmed the adoption of The Liturgies of the Eucharist as Formulary, and
- (b) This included the Seasonal Sentences, Prayers, and Blessings on pages 525 to 545 of A New Zealand Prayer Book – He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa, and
- (c) With the adoption in 2010 of a Schema arranging for the 3-year lectionary the Sentences, Prayers and readings for the Church’s Year on pages 550 – 723, it is noted that certain prayers do not appear in the Schema, and so
- (d) The Common Life Liturgical Commission wishes to move the Prayers after Communion for All Saints’ Day, previously on pages 671 and 672 of A New Zealand Prayer Book – He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa to a new page following page 543, in the section entitled ‘Seasonal Sentences, Prayers, and Blessing for use after Communion, and
- (e) To regularise the seasons headings in this section with the removal of some words, and noting
- (f) A 2020 version of the Bill was introduced to the GSTHW 2020 and deferred.

The General Synod / te Hinota Whanui enacts as follows:

1. **Title:** The title of this Statute shall be *The Liturgies of the Eucharist Amendment Statute 2022*.
2. **Purpose:** To allow for the Prayers after Communion for All Saints’ day to be included in The Liturgies of the Eucharist, and to regularise season headings.
3. **The Liturgies of the Eucharist** are amended as follows:

At the appropriate place on anew page 543a, the words

All Saints’ Day

1 November

Prayer after Communion
God,
we give you praise and glory
for all your saints,
who have followed the way of Christ
in the power of the Holy Spirit.
May we learn from their example and rejoice in your call to us
to bring your kingdom to all.

We praise and thank you, Holy Spirit of God,
for the men and women you have called to be saints;
from your first fallible, frightened friends
who followed you to Jerusalem,
through the centuries of discovery and growth,
people of every class and temperament
down to the present day.

We praise you, Holy Spirit, for calling us
to serve you now,
for baptising us to represent you
in this broken world.
Help us to be Christ's united body to heal and reconcile;
help us to share Christ's life with everyone.

Lord of hosts,
we praise your glory reflected in your saints;
may we who share at this table
be filled with the joy of your eternal kingdom,
where Jesus is Lord
now and for ever.

are inserted, and to delete the word 'The' from the title 'The Season of Easter' on page 536, and from the title 'The Day of Pentecost' on page 541.

4. **Clause 3 of this Statute** is the adoption of a specific proposal in terms of Part B, Clause 6(a) of the Constitution / te Pouhere, and Section 4(a) of the Church of England Empowering Act 1928, and shall be made known to Te Runanganui o Te Pihopatanga o Aotearoa, the Synod of the Diocese of Polynesia, and the Diocesan Synods in New Zealand.

MOTION: "That this Synod assents to Statute 766 passed by General Synod / te Hinota Whanui 2022 entitled "The Liturgies of the Eucharist Amendment Statute, 2022."

Mover: The Most Reverend Philip Richardson

CARRIED

9.05am Statute 767 The Liturgies of the Word Amendment Statute 2022

Whereas:

- (a) The General Synod / te Hinota Whanui by Statute 4453 in 1988 confirmed the adoption of the Liturgies of the Word as Formulary, and
- (b) This included words for the Gloria to be said at the end of a Psalm, on page 55-56 of A New Zealand Prayer Book – He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa, and
- (c) The Common Life Liturgical Commission wishes to add these liturgies additional alternatives for the Gloria sourced from *Celebrating Common Prayer* and the *Order of Saint Helen Breviary*, and noting
- (d) A 2020 version of this Bill was introduced to the GSTHW 2020 deferred.

The General Synod / te Hinota Whanui enacts as follows:

1. **Title:** The title of this Statute shall be *The Liturgies of the Word Amendment Statute, 2022*.
2. **Purpose:** To allow for alternative words for the Gloria to be added to The Liturgies of the Word.
3. The Liturgies of the Word are amended as follows:

at the appropriate place on page 56, following the words “a, haere aka nei. Amine.”, the words

Or

Glory to God, Source of all being, Eternal Word, and Holy Spirit; * as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.

Or

Glory to God, Source of all being, Incarnate Word, and Holy Spirit; * as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.

Or

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.

Or

Glory to the Trinity, the only God, for ever and ever.
are inserted.

5. **Clause 3 of this Statute** is the adoption of a specific proposal in terms of Part B, Clause 6(a) of the Constitution / te Pouhere, and Section 4(a) of the Church of England Empowering Act 1928, and shall be made known to Te Runanganui o Te Pihopatanga o Aotearoa, the Synod of the Diocese of Polynesia, and the Diocesan Synods in New Zealand.

MOTION: “That this Synod, Assents to Statute 767 passed by General Synod / te Hinota Whanui 2022 entitled “The Liturgies of the Word Amendment Statute, 2022.”

Mover: The Most Reverend Philip Richardson

CARRIED

9.12am Motion 10: Exploration of Issues for Equality

Mover: The Very Reverend Julian Perkins
Secunder: Mr Elliot Tuck

“That this Synod asks General Synod to continue to explore issues of equality for all, regardless of sexuality. In particular, we ask General Synod to set out a process for considering whether churches within our tikanga could opt in to offering marriage for same sex couples and for those who do not identify as either man or a woman.”

Amendment: The motion be amended to read:

“That this Synod asks Tikanga Pakeha Conference to continue to explore issues of equality for all regardless of sexuality. In particular, we ask Tikanga Pakeha Conference to begin a process for considering whether our church could opt in to offer marriage to same sex couples and for those who identify as neither a man nor a woman.”

Mover: The Very Reverend Julian Perkins
Secunder: Mr Elliot Tuck

CARRIED

The amended motion became the substantive motion.

CARRIED

10.20am Morning Tea

11.05am PRESENTATION Ms S Hipkiss, General Manager, Finance
Ms G Sun, Manager, Financial Services

11.54am Motion No. 2: Adoption of WDTB General Purpose Financial Statements 2022

Mover: The Most Reverend Philip Richardson

“That this Synod approves the audited General Purpose Financial Statements of the Waikato Diocesan Trust Board, for the year ended 31 December 2022.”

CARRIED

11.55am Motion No. 3: Adoption of TATB General Purpose Financial Statements 2022

Mover: The Most Reverend Philip Richardson

“That this Synod approves the audited General Purpose Financial Statements of the Taranaki Anglican Trust Board, for the year ended 31 December 2022.”

CARRIED

11.56am Motion No. 4: Adoption of Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki General Purpose Financial Statements for 2022

Mover: The Most Reverend Philip Richardson

“That this Synod approves the audited General Purpose Financial Statements of the Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki, for the year ended 31 December 2022.”

CARRIED

11.57am Motion No. 5: Funding Standing Committee Operations – Approval of 2024 Budget

Mover: The Most Reverend Philip Richardson

“That for the year 2024 this Synod agrees to a Diocesan Budget for Standing Committee operations of \$753,372 allocated in accordance with details contained in the budget, with \$575,187 of this sum to be provided by assessments.”

CARRIED

12.31pm Motion No.6: Assessments 2024 – Approval of Schedule

Mover: The Most Reverend Philip Richardson

“That Parish Diocesan Assessments for the year 2024 be set according to the schedule of percentages for 2022, as detailed in the Synod papers.”

CARRIED

12.32pm Motion No.7: Funding the 2024 Ministry Support Fund

Mover: The Most Reverend Philip Richardson

“That this Synod requests Standing Committee to fund the Ministry Support Fund, to be calculated at the equivalent of the basic Vicar’s stipend and contributed to by all parishes, Parish Districts and Mission Districts per annum using the same formula as used for Assessments.”

CARRIED

12.32pm Motion No.8: Mission Target 2024

Mover: The Most Reverend Philip Richardson

“That for the year 2024 the target for Overseas Missions remain at \$210,000.00.”

CARRIED

12.33pm Presentation The Most Reverend Philip Richardson acknowledged the work of Karen Morrison-Hume CEO and Missioner of Anglican Action for 26 years, upon her resignation from that position.

12.45pm Lunch with grace prayed by The Most Reverend Philip Richardson

1.32pm Motion without notice

Moved: The Venerable Andrew Evans

Seconded: The Reverend Kat Maxwell

“That this Synod, noting that:

1. Both Anglican Action and the Bishop’s Action Foundation were birthed as missional expressions of ministry within this Diocese.
2. Within current financial commitments, the Diocese will need to withhold funding for Anglican Action and the Bishop’s Action Foundation for 2024 in order to hold to a balanced budget.
3. The 15% assessment ceiling, as set out in the Finance Statute, cannot be changed at this Synod and that;
4. The Diocese has been called to gather in March 2024 to re-imagine a new future (with both Anglican Action and the Bishop’s Action Foundation agreeing not to seek funding for the year),

requests that Standing Committee invite parishes to meet a ‘local mission target’ (much like the ‘overseas mission target’) to ensure that the Diocese is able to contribute some funding towards this critical, missional work during 2024.”

CARRIED

1.41pm Motion No. 14: Parish Accounting

Moved: The Very Reverend Julian Perkins

Seconded: Mr Paul Cooper

“That this Synod instruct the Diocesan Manager to investigate an improved accounting system and process including consultation with:

- The Finance Teams at neighbouring Dioceses on the advantages/disadvantages of their systems.
- Parish and Archdeaconry Board Treasurers, who have system process experience.
- An independent national accounting expert for advice or other similarly independent advice.

Briefly:

- Our server-based accounting system is elderly and clumsy and does not have the flexibility to move with the times.
- This necessitates double handling with a time and money cost for the paid-staff – but more importantly a time and goodwill cost for unpaid church officers.
- While Accredo is free – at which stage does the cost in wasted time and goodwill begin to outweigh the financial cost of the system that alternative more intuitive and simpler to manage systems might offer?
- Mission and service is where we need to spend our time (it is a currency of its own!).

Amendment: “That all the words inclusive of “Briefly” through to the end be deleted.

Moved: Mr Simon Cayley

Seconded: The Very Reverend Julian Perkins

CARRIED

Amended Motion No. 14: Parish Accounting

Moved: The Very Reverend Julian Perkins

Seconded: Mr Paul Cooper

“That this Synod instruct the Diocesan Manager to investigate an improved accounting system and process including consultation with:

- The Finance Teams at neighbouring Dioceses on the advantages/disadvantages of their systems.
- Parish and Archdeaconry Board Treasurers who have system process experience.
- An independent national accounting expert for advice or other similarly independent advice.”

CARRIED

2.01pm Presentation Mr Dave Peters, Anglican Insurance Board.

2.26pm General Synod representatives

In accord with Statute No. 1, Clause 4(c) the candidates nominated as General Synod Representatives are considered to be duly elected:

Clergy: The Reverend Heather Major and The Reverend Peter Bargh

Laity: Judge Chris Harding, Mrs Christine Bryant
And, that, in accord with Clause 4(i) that the lay vacancy shall be filled by the Standing Committee of the Diocese.

Elections for Standing Committee

2.32pm Presentation Mr Kris Singh, Anglican Missions Board

2.49pm Standing Committee Election results

Those elected are: Clergy: The Reverend Blythe Cody
The Reverend Jennie Savage
The Reverend Christina Syrratt
Lay: Canon Robin Brockie
Mrs Christine Bryant
Mrs Pip Harrison

MOTION: "That the voting papers be destroyed."

Moved: The Most Reverend Philip Richardson

CARRIED

2.50pm Second Reading of Bills

2.50pm "That Synod move into Committee to consider Bill No. 1".

Mover: The Most Reverend Philip Richardson

CARRIED

2.51pm SYNOD IN COMMITTEE

Bill No.1	The Interim Mission Units Amendment Bill 2023
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Moved: The Reverend Lance Pilbrow

Seconded: Mr Dave Tabrum

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BILL NO.1

THE INERIM MISSION UNITS' AMENDMENT BILL 2023

The Synod of the Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki enacts as follows –

1. TITLE

This statute is the Interim Mission Units Amendment Bill 2023.

2. **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Statute is to amend the Interim Mission Units' Statute.

3. **COMMENCEMENT**

This statute shall come into force at the close of the session of Synod at which it is enacted.

4. **TITLE**

(1) Delete the word "Interim" from the title of this Statute.

5. **INTERPRETATION**

(1) (a) In the definition of the term "Missioner" after the word "person" insert the words "appointed and licensed by the Bishop to lead the Leadership Team."

(1) (b) In the definition of the Leadership Team, delete the words "appointed by the Bishop on the recommendation of the Missioner or Missioners who has", and replace them with "elected at the AGM by members whose names appear on the Mission Partners Roll and who have responsibility together with the Missioner for the governance of a Mission Unit".

6. **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

(1) In clause 7(2) (d) delete the word "lay".

In clause 7(2)(d)(i) delete the words "Mission Unit Committee" and replace them with the words, "Leadership Team", and delete all the words after the words "six persons".

(2) In clause 7(2)(d) delete (ii) and (iii).

(3) Add a new Clause 8 as follows – "At its first meeting after the AGM the Leadership Team shall choose from among its members a Secretary and a Treasurer."

(4) In Clause 7(3), after the word "elect" add the words "at least one and not more than two."

(5) Delete Clause 7(4).

(6) Delete Clause 10(2).

2.51pm SYNOD OUT OF COMMITTEE

The Co-Chair of Committee reported to the President that Synod in Committee had passed Bill no. 1 without amendments.

MOTION: "That the decision of Synod in Committee become the decision of Synod."

Mover: The Most Reverend Philip Richardson

CARRIED

MOTION: “That the Third reading of the Bill be an order of the day later today.”

Mover: The Reverend Lance Pilbrow
Seconded: Mr Dave Tabrum

CARRIED

2.52pm “That Synod move into Committee to consider Bill No. 2”.

CARRIED

SYNOD IN COMMITTEE

Bill No. 2 The Waihi/Whangamata Ministry Units’ Amendment Bill 2023
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Moved: The Reverend Peter Bargh
Seconded: Mrs Wendy Page

THE DIOCESE OF WAIKATO AND TARANAKI

BILL NO 2

THE WAIHI/WHANGAMATA MINISTRY UNITS’ AMENDMENT BILL 2023

The Synod of the Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki enacts as follows –

- 1. TITLE**
This Statute is the Waihi/Whangamata Ministry Units Amendment Statute 2023.
- 2. PURPOSE**
The purpose of this Statute is to provide for the change in the status of the Ministry Unit of Whangamata to declare it a Parish.
- 3. COMMENCEMENT**
This statute shall come into force at the close of the session of Synod at which it is enacted.
- 4. STATUS OF WHANGAMATA**
All references to the Mission District of Whangamata in the Waihi/Whangamata Ministry Units Statute 1998 are hereby removed.
- 5. INCLUSION IN THE PARISH BOUNDARIES STATUTE**
(a) The entry relating to Whangamata located in Part two of the “Boundaries of the Local Ministry and Mission Units in the Diocese of Waikato Statute 1996 shall be renamed, “The Parish of Whangamata” and shall be relocated in Part One of that Statute.

(b) In the title of the “Boundaries of the Local Ministry and Mission Units in the Diocese of Waikato Statute 1996”, the words, “and Taranaki” shall be inserted after the word “Waikato”.

2.53pm SYNOD OUT OF COMMITTEE

The Co-Chair of Committee reported to the President that Synod in Committee had passed Bill no. 2 without amendments.

MOTION: “That the decision of Synod in Committee become the decision of Synod.”

Mover: The Most Reverend Philip Richardson

CARRIED

MOTION: “That the Third reading of the Bill be an order of the day later today.”

Mover: Reverend Peter Bargh

Seconded: Mrs Wendy Page

CARRIED

3.05pm Afternoon tea

3.33pm Tabling of the minutes of the Second Session of the Forty First Synod.

3.34pm Third Readings of the Bills

“That Bill No. 1 be read a third time.”

Mover: The Most Reverend Philip Richardson

CARRIED

“That Bill No. 2 be read a third time.”

Mover: The Most Reverend Philip Richardson

CARRIED

3.35pm Motion No.9: Receive the Reports to Synod

Mover: The Most Reverend Philip Richardson

“That this Synod receives the following reports:

- 1 Anglican Action
- 2 Bishop’s Action Foundation
- 3 Standing Committee report
- 4 Waikato Diocesan Trust Board
- 5 University of Waikato Chair’s Report

- 6 University of Waikato Ecumenical Chaplain's Report
- 7 WINTEC Chair's Annual Report
- 8 WINTEC Chaplain's Annual Report"

CARRIED

3.35pm Motion No.13: Role of the Archbishop

Moved: Mr Bob Clark
Seconded: Mrs Mary Bourke

"That this Synod request Tikanga Pakeha Conference to consider the way in which the expectations of the Senior Bishop Tikanga Pakeha have evolved; and in the event that this apparent exponential extension of the role is considered acceptable; to reconsider the reasonableness of this impost of time and responsibility on any Bishop with existing responsibilities to a diocese which in most cases would appear to be already more than a full-time commitment."

CARRIED

4.00pm Motion: No. 16 Vote of Thanks

Mover: The Reverend Paul Bowers-Mason
Seconder: Acclamation

Thanks were accorded to:

The Most Reverend Philip Richardson and assistants for the Synod Eucharist;
The Waikato Diocesan School for Girls & its people for hosting Synod;
The Diocesan Manager and Secretaries, Mr Ben Ferreira, The Venerable Trevor Harrison and Mrs Pip Harrison;
The Chairs of Committee, the Venerable Joel Rowse & Mrs Christine Bryant;
The Presidents & Chancellor;
The IT gurus, Mrs Georgina Hewitt-McGrail & Mrs Trudy Smith; plus the Reverend Kat Maxwell;
The Diocesan Staff, Jill Schumacher & Kay Jackson;
The Members of Synod for participating through their attending, speaking and listening.

CARRIED BY ACCLAMATION

4.06 pm Closing of Synod