

Statute 777

The Pastoral Liturgies – Thanksgiving for the Gift of a Child Amendment Statute, 2024

Whereas:

- (a) The General Synod / Te Hīnota Whānui by Statute 690 in 2010 confirmed the repeal and replacement of a prayer for ‘the handicapped’ on page 463; and
- (b) There is a similar rubric in the Pastoral Liturgy ‘Thanksgiving for the Gift of a Child’; and
- (c) The Common Life Liturgical Commission, in partnership with the Disability Ministries Portfolio Group, wishes to repeal this rubric as unnecessary.

The General Synod / Te Hīnota Whānui enacts as follows:

1. **Title.** The Title of this Statute shall be *The Pastoral Liturgies – Thanksgiving for the Gift of a Child Amendment Statute, 2024*.
2. **Purpose.** To repeal the rubric referring to a child born handicapped on page 756 of A New Zealand Prayer Book – He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa.
3. **The Pastoral Liturgies** are amended as follows:

at the appropriate place on page 756, the rubric is amended by the deletion of the words “*for a child born handicapped*”.
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 Rūnanganui o Te Pihopatanga o Aotearoa, the Synod of the Diocese of Polynesia, and the several Diocesan Synods in New Zealand.

*I certify that this Statute was passed by the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui on 21 May 2024.
As witnessed by my hand 5 July 2024.*



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Primate and Archbishop