

# Motions for Synod 2023

All motions carried.

**Motion 1** Procedural Omnibus – Moved by the President, “I move that the Procedural Motions listed on page 10 of the Programme of Business book be carried.

- 1.1 Approve the membership of Revising Committee
- 1.2 Approve the membership of Synod Steering Committee
- 1.3 Adopt the Synod Hours of Sitting
- 1.4 Adopt the Synod Order of Business
- 1.5 Approve the notice of Leave to Speak During Synod 2023

**Motion 2** Diocesan Council Report – Moved by Ven. Sue Fordyce:

“I move that the Report of Diocesan Council be received.”

**Motion 3** Membership of Diocesan Council – Moved by Ven. Scottie Reeve: “I move that this Synod:

1. Appoint the following persons as members of Diocesan Council for a period of two years:  
Venerable Canon Sue Fordyce, John Whitehead, Reverend Dan Ross, Mark Bromley, Reverend Chris Dodds, Lyn O’Fee, Reverend Kath Bier, Keith Miller, Davene Vroon.

Seconded by Rev. Amilie Paynter.

**Motion 4** Amendment to Standing Resolution D9: Masterton Church Acre – Moved by Ven. Pete Watson: “I move that this Synod:

1. Note that in August 2023, Diocesan Council resolved to abolish Tinui Mission Unit and incorporate it into St Matthew’s Masterton Mission Unit in accordance with the Diocesan Mission Unit Canon
2. Note that the vestry of Tinui Mission Unit is currently entitled to 9% of the monies derived from the Masterton Church Acre per annum, as per Standing Resolution D9: Masterton Church Acre
3. Note that, in accordance with a resolution passed by General Synod in 1904, this Synod carries the authority to allocate monies derived from the Masterton Church Acre “...in such proportions as the Diocesan Synod of Wellington may from time to time direct.”
4. Amend Standing Resolution D9: Masterton Church Acre by deleting section D9(b) “9% to the vestry of the Mission Unit of Tinui:” and amending section D9(d) as follows: “61% to the vestry of the Mission Unit of St Matthew’s, Masterton.”
5. Note that as a consequence of this funding relocation, the vestry of St Matthew’s Masterton will make funds available to support the Eastern Rural Chaplaincy initiative.

Seconded by Rev. Steve Thomson.

**Motion 5** General Synod Motions – Moved by Rev. Kath Bier: “I move that this Synod:

1. Note that General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui (GSTHW) 2022 passed three Statutes that require Assent from this Synod, as follows:
  - a. Statute 763 The Calendar Te Maramataka Amendment Statute 2022
  - b. Statute 766 The Liturgies of the Eucharist Amendment Statute 2022 (All Saints Day Prayer)
  - c. Statute 767 The Liturgies of the Word Amendment Statute 2022 (Gloria Alternatives).
2. Agree to provide its assent to the three Statutes listed above.

Seconded by Rev. Tim McKenzie.

**Motion 6** General Diocesan Fund Budget 2024 and Finance Committee Report – Moved by Rev. Jimmy Luey: “That this Synod:

1. Receive the Report of the Finance Committee
2. Receive the audited accounts of the General Diocesan Fund and Anglican Diocese of Wellington Group, and the accounts of the Bishopric Endowment and General Trusts which have been reviewed by the Diocesan auditors, for the year ending 31 December 2022
3. Approve the Budget for the General Diocesan Fund for the year beginning 1 January 2024.

Seconded by David McLay.

**Motion 7** Seismic Strengthening Policy – Moved by Rev. Stuart Goodin: “I move that this Synod

1. Recall that in 2012 it passed several resolutions concerning earthquake standards as follows:
  - a. “...the Earthquake Standard for Church Buildings in the Diocese...be a minimum of 67% of the new building standard...”; and
  - b. “If the building continues to be used, Parishes and Mission Units undertake remedial work to bring affected buildings up to a minimum standard of 67% of the New Building Standard (NBS) by no later than March 2024, or as per local Council requirements.”
2. Note that it is not possible for all liturgical buildings in the Diocese to meet this minimum standard within the existing timeframe. Further, having partnered with New Zealand Consulting Engineers Ltd on reviewing current earthquake standards, the Diocese is satisfied that reducing the minimum Seismic Rating from 67% of the NBS to the government-mandated 34% of the NBS is appropriate.
3. Rescind the resolutions made by Synod in 2012 referred to in (1) above, noting that all Diocesan buildings remain subject to central and local government legislative requirements.
4. Note that regard for the safety of people using liturgical buildings necessitates assessments being conducted relative to building occupancy, and that the Diocese has provided spreadsheet tools to facilitate Mission Units to undertake that assessment.
5. Note that this updated policy will be contained within the Diocesan Health and Safety Management Plan and referenced in the Diocesan Property Principles.

Seconded by John Whitehead.

**Motion 8** Assistant Bishop in the Anglican Diocese of Wellington – Moved by Ven. Canon Sue Fordyce: “I move that this Synod:

1. Notes that in 2016 Synod approved the creation of a role of Assistant Bishop of Wellington
2. Notes that the role has been vacant since the appointment of Bishop Eleanor Sanderson to the role of Bishop of Hull in September 2022
3. Agrees that an appointment should be made to the role of Assistant Bishop of Wellington
4. Resolves that budgetary provision is to be made for such an Assistant Bishop for the duration of the tenure of office of the Bishop so appointed
5. Respectfully requests Bishop Justin Duckworth, Bishop of Wellington to invite the Primate to appoint him as Commissary to convene an Electoral College for the purpose of electing an Assistant Bishop as soon as is convenient.

Seconded by David McLay.

**Motion 9** Diocesan Priorities for 2024 – Moved by the President: “I move that this Synod adopts –

1. Housing – seeking to respond prophetically to New Zealand’s worsening housing crisis
2. Climate change – safeguarding all creation by actively reducing carbon emissions; and
3. Refugees – responding in compassionate and generous ways to the growing global humanitarian crisis, requesting that these be a prime consideration in decisions relating to the resourcing and activity of the Diocese for the following 12 months.”

**Motion 10** Synod 2024 – Moved by Rev. Ian Cook: “I move that Synod 2024 be held at St Mary’s Karori on Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 October 2024.”

Seconded by Rebecca Packer.

**Motion 11** Vote of Thanks – Moved by Ven. Pete Watson. Seconded by Sue Chalmers.