

# anglican Diocese of Waiapu

## MINUTES OF THE VIDEO CONFERENCE MEETING OF STANDING COMMITTEE held on Thursday the 26<sup>th</sup> November, 2015 at 10.30am

<b>Present</b>	Bishop Andrew Hedge	Miss Alison Thomson
	Rev'd Brian Hamilton	Mr Brian Watkins
	Rev'd Alex Czerwonka	Mr John Binns
	Rev'd Dr Howard Pilgrim	Dr Peter Minchin
	Rev'd Arthur Bruce	Mrs Frances White
	Rev'd Ron Elder	Ms Colleen Kaye (Registrar)
	Rev'd Paul Williamson	Mrs Belinda Barnhill (Minutes Secretary)
	Rev'd Jo Crosse (General Synod SC)	

Opening Prayer: Bishop Andrew.

### SC 15.11.1 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 30<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2015

**Resolved:**

*"These minutes are confirmed as a true and correct record."*

**Matters Arising from the Minutes:**

**Waipukurau Parish**

The Registrar reported a meeting between members of the parish vestry, representatives of Standing Committee, the Waiapu Board of Trustees, the Bishop and the Diocesan Registrar has not yet taken place. Plans are underway to meet in the near future.

### SC 15.11.2 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE 61<sup>ST</sup> SYNOD HELD ON 12<sup>TH</sup> AND 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015

**Resolved:**

*"The minutes of the 61<sup>st</sup> Synod 2015 were received without amendment."*

**Matters Arising from the Minutes:**

**Previous Motions and Standing Resolutions**

Referring to *Canon 4.1 of the Force of Resolutions of the Diocesan Synod:*

*"At the close of the final session of each Diocesan Synod the resolutions passed thereat shall stand referred to Standing Committee and the Standing Committee shall prepare and present to the next session of the Diocesan Synod a schedule of all the resolutions which, in its opinion, should be maintained in force."*

A discrepancy in process was brought to the attention of the committee regarding previous motions passed in a Diocesan Synod not followed through in accordance with Canon 4.1. Standing Committee's responsibility of presenting passed resolutions to the next Synod in the form of a schedule of resolutions has not occurred for some years.

***It was agreed*** work be undertaken to research previous motions passed in the last five years (possibly later if necessary), and prepare a resolution schedule to be completed before Synod 2016.

Standing Committee will inform the diocese of the error but not before a new systematic process is established to avoid a repeat of this occurring again. For the purpose of clarity, it was agreed the Registrar invite the Chancellor to be included in this piece of work.

### **Living Wage Motion**

The Registrar reported three parishes have increased their staff wages above the Living Wage, since Synod. Several other parishes are considering following suit.

### **Refugee Crisis**

The Reverend David Day has been appointed as the Refugee Crisis Co-ordinator for the diocese. Napier is being considered as a Refugee Centre and if so Syrian refugees are expected to arrive early next year.

## **SC 15.11.3 STRATEGIC AND POLICY REPORTS**

The Diocesan Registrar reported the projected net surplus is currently projected to be \$112,016 at year end. The surplus largely due to a temporary drop in the number of diocesan staff employed over the year.

The annual grant of \$198,129 from St John's for training was received but as a consequence of the vacant Ministry Educator's position until October, much of the planned training did not occur, and this reduction in spending coupled with reduced spending on the Youth Intern sees us estimating a return of funds to St John's of \$73,201. This however does not affect the bottom line as the reduced spending and reduced income net off against each other.

### **Parish Health Sheet**

The Registrar expressed concern over the number of parishes calling on their reserves to cover deficits. A number of these parishes are struggling with high maintenance costs on old buildings, including earthquake strengthening. Discussion followed.

- A financial model outlining best practice for parishes when preparing for unexpected expenses is required.
- The Diocesan Property Committee, yet to be established, will work alongside Standing Committee and parishes to address property related concerns, including seismic issues.
- Ideas to put effective property related systems in place could perhaps be obtained from those at the Christchurch Diocese.
- Helpful to have the ability to call on skilled people within each region willing to offer assistance with parish building projects when needed.

### **Resolved:**

***'The Financial Statement for the period 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2015 was received without amendment.'***

## **SC 15.11.4 DIOCESAN COMMITTEES**

- **Diocesan Ministry Committee** – to be established in early 2016.
- **Diocesan Property Committee** – to be established in 2016.
- **Diocesan Canon Review Committee** – discussions with the Chancellor are still required before the committee is established.
- **Diocesan Communications Committee** – to be established in 2016. It was suggested assistance from Jayson Rhodes, as the Communication's Officer for the church might be helpful as a means to develop an effective communication model.

**SC 15.11.5 OTHER REPORTS**

***Bishop's Report***

The bishop presented his report which included updates on several parishes that have recently undergone leadership changes.

A review of the discernment process for those exploring ordination will take place in 2016. Bishop Andrew and the Ministry Educator, together with bishops and ministry educators from the Diocese of Auckland, and the Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki are working to establish a rigorous discernment process to be used across all dioceses and hui amorangi. Once finalised the ordination protocols will be introduced at the regional clergy training days.

*Standing Committee moved into committee at 12.30pm.*

*Standing Committee moved out of committee at 12.35pm.*

**SC 15.11.6 GENERAL BUSINESS**

***General Synod Standing Committee***

Jo Crosse reported briefly on the recent meeting of the committee.

***General Synod 2016 (5<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> May)***

The Registrar is working on planning with the General Secretary, Michael Hughes. A Hosting Committee will be established in 2016 to offer greater assistance.

***Letter Received from the Reverend Petra Barber***

The Bishop has received a letter requesting a second payment be made, in accordance to Canon 7. 8.2.4, which reads...

*"The Bishop shall have notified the ordained minister that, should the minister have been unable at the end of three months after the termination of the appointment to have secured another stipendiary office or secular employment, the minister may apply to the Standing Committee of the Diocese for further financial assistance of up to but not more than three months' stipend."*

**Resolved:**

***"Approval is given that Reverend Petra Barber is paid an additional amount, equivalent to three months stipend following termination of her position on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2015, in accordance with Canon 7.8.2.4."***

***Synod Dates***

17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> September in the Bay of Plenty at a location yet to be decided.

Prior to the grace a moment of silence was offered in memory of Bishop John Gray recently deceased. The meeting concluded at 12.45pm

Confirmed: \_\_\_\_\_

*Chair*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_