



## Waiapu Anglican Youth Synod

2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> September 2011

Taupo

### Waiapu Diocesan Youth Synod (YS) Minutes

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#### Present:

BOP: Tobias Andre (BOP YS Rep), Kristy Boardman (Minute taker), Kantoa Rimon, Aroha Te Whau, Tamsin Guest, Tessa le Guern, Stefan Keogan

Hawkes Bay (HB): Rebekah Reid (alt HB YS Rep), Rachel Tovey, Michael Baron, Simon Holmes- Dawson, Sarah Crosse, Zoe Cappel-Rice

Youth Interns: Brendon Bryon-Kay (also Eastland YS Rep), Seini Tawa

Jocelyn Czerwonka (Diocesan Youth Ministry Facilitator- DYMF), Rev Frank Ngatoro (Eastland Regional Youth Ministry Facilitator – RYMF), Jo Keogan (BOP RYMF)

**Apologies:** Michael Wilson, Tafadzwa Chikono, Sandi Hall (HB RYMF)

**Friday 8-9.30pm:** Introductions and icebreakers. Power Point presentation by DYMF about “What is Youth Synod”, followed by Bishop David meeting with Youth Synod explaining the coming Diocesan Synod, what participation Youth Synod could have and question and answer time on motions, synod and any other relevant points.

Promotion of Three T Youth Pilgrimage

9.30pm Youth were collected by host billets

#### Saturday

9a.m.-11.45: Youth Synod attended Opening of Diocesan Synod, Eucharist and Bishop’s address

11.45 – 12.30pm: Rev Michael Tamihere spoke to YS about his role as Three Tikanga Youth Commissioner. He also promoted Three T Pilgrimage.

Michael also talked to the group about the role of General Synod Reps and what the YS would need to look for in choosing a Waiapu Youth Rep to General Synod.

Seini taught YS Waiata (Pasifika)

Saturday afternoon: YS listened to Rev Michael Tamihere's presentation to Diocesan Synod and sang Waiata.

Covenant Discussion facilitated by Brendon Bryon-Kay. After some discussion about history for covenant proposal the youth synod decided they had no particular view on the covenant that they wanted Brendon to put forward.

### **General Synod Youth Representative/ election process:**

There was a lot of discussion about the qualities we would look for in a Youth Representative (Rep) to General Synod:

- Michael Tamihere was seen to be a good leading example
- Involvement in wider youth events
- Confidence and willing to speak out and stay on topic
- Available to travel and have passport
- Patient, respectful, responsible, relational, well spoken, accepting, interested
- Openness to different cultures
- Understanding of Anglican Church
- Actively involved in own Anglican Parish

After lengthy discussion the Youth Synod divided into Regional Groups to discuss names to put forward as nominees. The nominees later had an opportunity to speak to the Youth Synod about their own qualities and what they could offer if they were to be elected as YS Rep to General Synod.

**A vote was taken and Brendon Bryon-Kay was elected by the Youth Synod as the Waiapu Youth Representative to General Synod. Tamsin Guest was elected as 'alternate'.**

### **Well Being Motion at Diocesan Synod**

This motion was put to Diocesan Synod by Simon Dawson and Brendon Bryon-Kay. Both spoke to the motion and the motion was passed. The motion had originated from discussion at National Anglican Youth Forum. An amendment was put by Rev Brian Dawson recommending that the Waiapu youth should have a 'chocolate free youth event'.

#### WELLBEING INITIATIVE IN WAIAPU DIOCESE

That this synod: 1. Agrees that we are called to lives that are healthy, spiritually, mentally and physically, and that we need to model this in our common life together. 2. Encourages ministry units to ensure healthy food options are available at all functions.. 3. Commits to ensuring that every diocesan event includes some time of physical activity and healthy food options.

Suggestions for being simultaneously a missional and healthy diocese include: picking fruit/vegetables for the local food bank; picking up rubbish in public areas; working in a community garden and helping restore properties affected by flooding.

**Free Time:** Youth Synod took time out to enjoy a walk along Lake Taupo and some Touch Rugby.

**Group Work:** Three groups were formed to work on 3 T Banner, Synod presentation and National Youth event planning

Evening: The Youth Synod joined the Synod Dinner and some watched the 'Silent Movies'  
9.30pm Back to host billets

## **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September**

8.30 am Lectio Divina Devotions

Seini taught Youth Synod Noqu Kalou, (How Great Though Art) in Maori, Fijian and English. The YS sang this at the morning Synod service.

10am Attended Synod Service at St Andrews, Taupo

11.15 - Youth Synod Re-convened

Reports and presentations were given from the regions and Kristy Boardman did presentation on Order of Saint Stephen (OSS)

Brendon convened discussion on 'sexuality' topic

After lunch:

Regional Reps needed to be chosen again for Hawkes Bay and Eastland. Michael Wilson from Hawkes Bay had been unable to continue in his role as HB regional rep. Regional discussions were held and the following reps named"

Hawkes Bay Rebekah Reid

Eastland Brendon Bryon-Kay (re-confirmed) – no alternate

Bay of Plenty Tobias Andre

2.30pm Youth Synod did presentation to Diocesan Synod including presenting their 3 T Pilgrimage banner.

3pm Youth Synod finished with outdoor activities. We divided into 2 groups, one going to ACC Baths, the other to Mini Golf.