

Anglican Diocese of Waiapu

STANDING COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the Special Meeting
via Zoom Conference Call
Tuesday 24th March 2020 at 12:00pm

CHAIRPERSON: The Right Reverend Andrew Hedge

	<p>Membership:</p> <table><tr><td>Rev'd Jenny Chalmers (Chair)</td><td>Rev'd Tim Barker</td></tr><tr><td>Mrs Elaine Wood</td><td>The Very Rev'd Ian Render</td></tr><tr><td>Mr John Binns</td><td>Rev'd Paul Williamson</td></tr><tr><td>Rev'd Isabel Mordecai</td><td>Ms Lauren Hibberd</td></tr><tr><td>Rev'd Jo Crosse</td><td>Dr Diane Mara</td></tr><tr><td>Miss Alison Thomson</td><td>Ms Colleen Kaye (Registrar)</td></tr></table> <p>In Attendance:</p> <p>Ms Bianca Snee (Minutes Secretary) Sandra Gifkins (EA) Rev'd Deborah Broome Rev'd David van Oeveren Mrs Lucy Laitinen</p> <p>Apologies</p> <p>Bishop Andrew Hedge</p> <p>Opening Prayer:</p> <p>Rev'd Jenny Chalmers</p>	Rev'd Jenny Chalmers (Chair)	Rev'd Tim Barker	Mrs Elaine Wood	The Very Rev'd Ian Render	Mr John Binns	Rev'd Paul Williamson	Rev'd Isabel Mordecai	Ms Lauren Hibberd	Rev'd Jo Crosse	Dr Diane Mara	Miss Alison Thomson	Ms Colleen Kaye (Registrar)
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	<p>Please note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">This is a special meeting to discuss the current status of parishes and the Diocese, and the processes and procedures that may need to be put in place during the Covid-19 lockdown.												
SC 20.03.1	<p>STATUS UPDATE</p> <p>Paul informed the Committee that he has been in-touch with clergy across the Bay of Plenty region and ensuring that they are being sensible and taking the recommended precautions seriously.</p> <p>David informed the Committee that he too had been in-touch with clergy across the Hawke's Bay and Eastland regions. He noted that good ministry things were happening from home, such as Worship via Facebook. He mentioned that people are wondering beyond the four weeks what does it look like?</p>												

	<p>Lucy provided an update on behalf of ACW and informed the Committee that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All services are now closed apart from early childhood centres, which are providing childcare for essential workers. • The WASSTB passed a resolution to give staff certainty about income for the next 3 months. • Most staff are working from home where they can. Social workers can skype. Staff are making calls to the elderly, so they do not feel isolated. • ACW are creating phone trees. • ACW are currently putting information together for a local advisory group at local government level outlining what services they have available to the wider community <p>The Diocesan Registrar informed the Committee that an update had been sent to everyone from payroll requesting information in order to claim the Covid-19 Government Subsidy.</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>SC 20.03.2</p>	<p>SUSTENTATION FUND</p> <p>The impact of Covid-19 on parish income was discussed, as were ways to ease the situation with reference to Canon 20:</p> <p><i>13. Standing Committee shall cause to be opened in the books of the Fund a special account to be called the Sustentation Fund into which shall be paid all sums assessed on each parish by way of monthly assessment for the following purposes:</i></p> <p><i>(a) The stipend.</i></p> <p><i>(b) The clergy pension fund.</i></p> <p><i>14. Each parish shall pay into the Sustentation Fund such payments as may be fixed from time to time by Standing Committee for the purposes thereof.</i></p> <p><i>15. All payments directed to be paid pursuant to this statute shall be by way of monthly automatic authorisation in favour of the Fund or as may be directed by the Standing Committee.</i></p> <p><i>16. All receipts from parishes pursuant to this statute shall be credited to the accounts in the Fund for the purposes specified by this statute.</i></p> <p><i>Resolved that: Standing Committee agree for parishes to reduce their contribution to the Sustentation Fund by half for the next three months, byafter which point Standing Committee will review the arrangement.</i></p>
<p>SC 20.03.3</p>	<p>PARISH VACANCIES</p> <p>The parish vacancies becoming vacant at the end of April/early May in the Parish of Rotorua and the Parish of Taradale were discussed. Both are seeking approval from the Standing Committee to proceed with the consultation process differently.</p>

	<p><u>Parish of Rotorua Vacancy</u></p> <p>Paul informed that the parish consultation and parish profile were to be prepared by the vestry. He suggested that the consultation process could be done using survey monkey and was seeking Standing Committee approval to start the process.</p> <p><u>Parish of Taradale Vacancy</u></p> <p>David informed the committee that there was no one in mind to fill the Parish of Taradale vacancy, however, he will liaise with parish executives, Bishop Andrew and Colleen Kaye over the next few weeks to work out how to advertise the vacancy. He hopes to have a full parish consultation via Zoom, aiming towards an advertisement with expressions of interest and ideally resulting in applications.</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>SC 20.03.4</p>	<p><u>DIOCESAN COMMUNICATIONS AND WORSHIP RESOURCE</u></p> <p>Deborah informed the Committee of her intentions to prepare a communication outlining and reinforcing the resources and useful links people can use at home so they can continue to feel connected, and to keep a connection with God as well as one another.</p> <p>Methods of communication would primarily be sent via email, and would go out to vicars, priests in charge and wardens and administrators depending on audience. It will be up to the individual parishes to forward on to parishioners from there.</p> <p>Any messages from the Bishop or Vicar General will be communicated via the website or in e-news.</p>
	<p>Rev'd Jenny Chalmers called the meeting to a close at 12:45pm.</p> <p>Confirmed: <u>J Chalmers</u> Chair</p> <p>Date: <u>15 4 21</u></p>

