

# Anglican Diocese of Waiapu

## STANDING COMMITTEE

### Minutes

of the Meeting held in the Napier HQ Boardroom  
and via Zoom Video Conference  
on Thursday 10 December 2020 at 9.10am

**PRESENT:** Andrew Hedge (Chairman), Rev'd Jenny Chalmers, Rev'd Bronwyn Marchant, Rev'd Jo Crosse, Rev'd Linda King (via Zoom), Rev'd John Matthews, Rev'd Paul Williamson, Miss Alison Thomson, Mrs Elaine Wood, Ms Lauren Hibberd, Mr Paul White.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Ms Colleen Kaye (Registrar), Ms Anne Harwood (Finance – part attendance), Mrs Debbie Phillips (Minute Secretary).

**IN ATTENDANCE:** There were no apologies.

**OPENING PRAYER/  
WELCOME:** Bishop Andrew welcomed everyone to the meeting, making special welcome to Rev'd Bronwyn Marchant, Rev'd Linda King, Rev'd John Matthews, and Mr Paul White, the four new members appointed to Standing Committee by the 2020 Synod. He advised that, due to it being the first anniversary of the White Island tragedy, Rev'd Linda King was joining the meeting via Zoom, and he invited her to give her reflections on how the community was dealing with the tragedy. Bishop Andrew then called for a moment's silence in memory of all those affected by this event, following which he opened the meeting in prayer.

Item No	Item
SC 20.12.1	<p><b><u>Confirmation of the Minutes of the Standing Committee Meeting held on 20 August 2020</u></b></p> <p><b>Hereworth School:</b> Rev'd John Matthews declared his interest in this item as he was a member of the Hereworth School Board.</p> <p>It was pointed out that the discussion on this item should have been held In Committee and it was agreed that the two action points associated with the item be removed from the minutes, but that they remain on the separate Action List.</p> <p>It was also agreed in future that all action points from Committee meetings be recorded on the Action List only, not in the minutes.</p> <p><b>Climate Change Terms of Reference:</b> The Terms of Reference on page 6 of the August minutes was the old version and should be updated. The Registrar had the new version and would amend the minutes accordingly.</p> <p><b><i>Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 20 August 2020 be confirmed subject to the amendments outlined above being made.</i></b></p>

<p><b>SC 20.12.2</b></p> <p><b>SC 20.12.2.1</b></p>	<p><b><u>Matters Arising - From Action List</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Action List</b> <i>Hereworth School:</i> <b>Standing Committee went into In Committee at this point for discussion on this item.</b></li> <li>• <i>Action Item 20.006:</i> It was noted this referred to action item 20.008 which had been dealt with.</li> </ul>
<p><b>SC 20.12.3</b></p> <p><b>SC 20.12.3.1</b></p> <p><b>SC 20.12.3.2</b></p>	<p><b><u>Property</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>General</b></li> </ul> <p>The Registrar provided an update on Steve Orme’s activities and the good feedback she has received from his work. Both Rev’d John Matthews and Rev’d Linda King took the opportunity to add their positive feedback for the work Steve had done within their parishes, and asked for this to be passed on to him.</p> <p>Rev’d Linda King asked if there was a policy on earthquake strengthening for buildings that indicated when a building should be upgraded or disposed of based on costings for remedial work. Bishop Andrew responded saying these decisions were made on a case-by-case basis and he cited the examples of St Mary’s in Waipukurau and, more recently, the decision around St Augustine’s Church in Napier. There were different variables around each case which had to be considered before reaching a final decision. These took into account the circumstances of each individual parish, the different approaches by various Councils, and the evolving seismic testing standards.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Edgecumbe Kawerau - Request to sell All Saints Edgecumbe</b></li> </ul> <p>There was discussion around the Edgecumbe Kawerau vestry’s request to sell the church in Edgecumbe and possible options for its disposal. The church is no longer being used for worship but there is a community group using the hall – it is a beautiful wooden church that could be transportable, but the parish is no longer in a position to maintain it.</p> <p>Possible options suggested for the disposal of the church included selling it for removal; donating it to the community; selling the building for relocation and trying to sell the land to plant trees on for environmental enhancement for the community; a partnership opportunity for mission (eg, a community garden) to keep an Anglican footprint in the community; planting the land but ceding it to the Council so the church is no longer responsible for ongoing maintenance. Deconsecration of the Church was also discussed.</p> <p>It was agreed the parish vestry be advised that the Standing Committee has received their motion for the sale of All Saints Edgecumbe, and that it supports the proposal in principle, however before giving final approval the Regional Dean and the DOW Property Manager have been asked to investigate options for selling or “re-purposing” the land and buildings.</p> <p><b>The meeting broke for morning tea at 10.27am and reconvened at 10.52am.</b></p>
<p><b>SC 20.12.4</b></p>	<p><b><u>Financial Reports</u></b></p> <p><b>Anne Harwood (Finance) joined the meeting at this point.</b></p>

<p>SC 20.12.4.1 SC 20.12.4.2 SC 20.12.4.3</p>	<p>The Registrar introduced Anne Harwood who was filling in for Tracey O’Shaughnessy (Finance Team Manager) while she was working on the implementation project for the new finance system. Discussion on this item included the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion was held around how the financials should be reported for next year’s Synod. It was agreed that more frequent reporting to parishes during the year would help to soften any more negative results. The Registrar advised the new finance system would enable these types of reports to be produced quite quickly and the aim was to report to parishes at least quarterly, if not more frequently.</li> <li>• Bishop Andrew said it would be useful for Standing Committee to have some visibility over reserves to see in big picture terms how they were made up.</li> <li>• Bishop Andrew advised that as there was no longer a Finance Sub-Committee, part of the reasoning for expanding the Parish health sheet over the last few years was to provide the Standing Committee with more information to carry out its role. He then gave an overview and background to the Parish health sheet for the benefit of new members.</li> <li>• There was a query around how the calculations in the in the building column were reached and if more information could be provided around this going forward so the Committee could see what building renovations were estimated over the next 10 years. It was agreed that Steve Orme be asked to make a presentation to the Committee early next year giving an overview of the work he has done and what is still to be done.</li> <li>• It was agreed that Bishop Andrew write a pastoral letter to people thanking them for their faithfulness in giving over the last year, especially during Covid-19 etc, noting that due to the effect of people converting to internet banking, the impact on finances had been held at bay. Also to encourage those that are not using internet banking to convert to this method of payment if they can as the DOW’s bank, ANZ, will no longer be taking cheques from 31 May 2021.</li> </ul> <p><b>Resolved: That the financial reports to 30 November 2020 be adopted.</b></p> <p>Anne Harwood left the meeting at this point.</p>
<p>SC 20.12.5 SC 20.12.5.1 SC 20.12.5.2</p>	<p><b><u>Diocesan Committees</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Diocesan Canon Review Committee</b> It was noted there was nothing to report for this item.</li> <li>• <b>Diocesan Ministry Committee</b> It was noted there was nothing to report for this item.</li> </ul>
<p>SC 20.12.6 SC 20.12.6.1 SC 20.12.6.2</p>	<p><b><u>Royal Commission of Inquiry</u></b></p> <p>Standing Committee moved to In Committee to receive the Bishop’s report and update on the progress of the Royal Commission.</p>
<p>SC 20.12.7 SC 20.12.7.1</p>	<p><b><u>Other Reports</u></b></p> <p><b>Bishop’s Report</b></p> <p><i>Mission Statement and Covid Funding</i></p> <p>Bishop Andrew said he had received a lot of positive feedback from his Synod charge, especially around the principles of turning towards God, turning towards God’s world, starting at the margins. He then elaborated on his recent thinking around implementing a Diocesan Vision/Mission Statement, outlining the reasons for his caution about doing this in the past, but saying he believed the time was now right to look at providing an</p>

overarching statement that would become a framework for the whole Diocese. He proposed to work with the Standing Committee and Leadership team on this next year.

Bishop Andrew advised that the Diocese had the opportunity to apply to St John's College Trust Board for funds in support of our response to Covid-19. St John's had also invited all Diocese to apply for funding from their Covid relief fund which is on a much larger scale.

Bishop Andrew said he would like to be in a position to release the vision statement to Synod late next year, and he discussed the second part of the process to implement it, saying this may involve employing someone to work with him, the Standing Committee, and the Diocese on this. He outlined other potential opportunities for funding including for the Holy Trinity Tauranga hall renovation to make it a worship space and functional education centre, and IT possibilities around educational purposes, intranet/website etc.

There was good feedback discussion on the vision statement, and it was noted that any vision statement needed to connect not only at the higher level, but also at a level people could relate to so it did not lose its sense of purpose and direction. Consideration should also be given to look at addressing inequalities etc.

**The meeting broke for lunch at 12.40pm and reconvened at 1.13pm.**

*Napier South and St Augustine's*  
Bishop Andrew gave updates on Napier South and Leo Te Kira's farewell service, and he invited members to attend the St Augustine's deconsecration which was to take place at 5.30pm next Wednesday afternoon. He advised that the Registrar and himself were meeting with a journalist this afternoon to pre-empt communication on the release of the story and to give the vision for the future of the site.

*Hastings Parishes*  
Bishop Andrew discussed St Peters (Riverslea) and St Matthews (Hastings City Centre) and the review that had been going on over the last few years which had led to the Church at St James Mahora being closed at the request of the congregation. The building had been sold and funds from this were now available for ministry across Hastings.

A review was done of St Matthews' sustainability which showed it could only afford a ¾ time Priest. The role was offered to the incumbent who declined it, so Alister Hendery was appointed on a three-year term.

St Peters, Riverslea, no longer has a Vicar so Rev'd David van Oeveren has been working with them over the last few months to look at options for the parish which had been submitted to Bishop Andrew for consideration. Bishop Andrew's preferred option was for the church to work in partnership with St Matthew's to create one parish which would mean they could afford to pay two full-time stipends. A meeting was held yesterday with the wardens from St Peters and Rev'd Alister Hendery to give them a proposal to take to their parishes for consideration over the next month. It was hoped to have a confirmed plan by March 2021, and it was noted that the proposal included provision for local Church Committees, and that the model was for a Vicar and Assistant Priest with a Lay team to deliver ministry across the whole parish.

*Holy Trinity Tauranga*  
Bishop Andrew briefed the meeting on Holy Trinity Tauranga's decision to employ someone for three years to look at alternative approaches to worship, parish life, ministry evangelism etc.

<p>SC 20.12.7.2</p> <p>SC 20.12.7.3</p>	<p><b>GSSC Representative Report</b></p> <p>Rev'd Jenny Chalmers spoke to her General Synod Standing Committee report which covered: the Royal Commission of Inquiry into Abuse in Care; advice that the outcome of getting a member for administrative support for Te Kotahitanga had been resolved by looking to the General Secretary's team for support; and that Archbishop Phillip Richardson's tenure had been extended for a further three years.</p> <p><b>TPCCG Representative Report</b></p> <p>Miss Alison Thomson spoke to her report which covered: the stipend adequacy review in 2021; the outstanding appointments for national bodies supporting General Synod; advice that the next General Synod was planned for May 2022 in Nelson; and the Strands Review Update.</p>
<p>SC 20.12.8</p>	<p><b><u>Confirmation of Minutes from Synod held 31 October to 1 November 2020</u></b></p> <p>It was agreed that this item be deferred until the next meeting.</p>
<p>SC 20.12.9</p> <p>SC 20.12.9.1</p> <p>SC 20.12.9.2</p> <p>SC 20.12.9.3</p> <p>SC 20.12.9.4</p>	<p><b><u>General Business</u></b></p> <p><b>Mission Aligned Investment – Feedback from Synod</b> As this item was in the phase of waiting for feedback from WBDT and WASSTB, the Registrar was asked to write to the Chairs of both boards setting a date for them to respond to Standing Committee by March/April next year.</p> <p><b>Climate Change Plan</b> The Registrar undertook to seek expressions of interest from people to participate in a group to work on this project, and to set a budget for the project.</p> <p><b>St John's College COVID Application</b> This item was covered earlier in the meeting under the Bishop's report.</p> <p><b>Lay Standing Committee Member Vacancy</b> The Registrar advised that it was the responsibility of Lay members of Standing Committee to vote on a replacement for the vacant Lay position on the Committee and, as such, she would be calling for expressions of interest from the Lay members of Synod and would refer these to Lay Committee members to vote on.</p>
<p>SC 20.12.10</p>	<p><b><u>Standing Committee Meeting Dates for 2021</u></b></p> <p>The meeting dates for 2021 were noted and the following points were raised for consideration/action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tag meetings that are to be face-to-face and which are to be held via Zoom.</li> <li>• Consider holding meetings in different places – no fixed pattern or routine.</li> <li>• Organise a joint biennial meeting with Tairāwhiti and Te Manawa o Te Wheke.</li> <li>• Consider starting meetings at 10.30am again so the Bay of Plenty/Rotorua/Whakatane members can carpool and drive down to the meeting.</li> </ul>

**As there was no further business, the meeting closed at 1.56pm**

CONFIRMED Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_