

CANON 3

OF THE DIOCESAN SYNOD

(Refer Constitution Part E, Clause 5: Title B, Canon II)

1. **Representative Governing Body**

In accordance with the Constitution/Te Pouhere of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia, Part E Clause 5, the Diocesan Synod is the overall representative governing body in the Anglican Diocese of Waiapu.

2. **Membership**

- a) The Diocesan Bishop.
- b) All licensed clergy in the Diocese, except those holding 'Permission to Officiate' licenses and subject to the following proviso. For Local Shared Ministry Parishes, one the licensed clergy of the Parish elected by the licensed clergy of that Parish.
- c) One lay person elected by each parish.
- d) Chancellor ex officio.
- e) Two representatives of the Association of Anglican Women in the Diocese.
- f) A representative of youth under the age of 26 years for each archdeaconry appointed by the Archdeacon in consultation with the youth of the archdeaconry and the Diocesan Youth Facilitator.
- g) Diocesan Youth Facilitator.
- h) Each of the Chair and Chief Executive Officer of the Waiapu Anglican Social Services Trust Board.
- i) Any person elected to Standing Committee either clerical or lay during the period of their holding such office. Any such person so elected to Standing Committee at a Synod, shall become a member of Synod at the end of the proceedings of that Session of Synod at which they were elected, and cease membership of Synod at the end of proceedings of the Session of Synod at which they ceased to be a member of Standing Committee for whatever reason.

2.1.1 The Diocesan Registrar, the Dean of the College of the Southern Cross, and such other persons as the Diocesan Synod may from time to time determine, shall, ex officio, have a seat in the Diocesan Synod with a right to speak but without the right to vote unless otherwise entitled to vote by virtue of some other provision of this Canon.

2.1.2 The failure of one or more such parishes to elect a lay representative shall not prevent any Diocesan Synod from proceeding to the dispatch of business.

2.1.3 The Diocesan Synod may make such provisions as it thinks fit for any ordained minister of any other Christian Church recognised by resolution of General Synod/te Hinota Whanui and duly appointed to serve in or to represent a co-operating parish or co-operative venture to be admitted to and have a seat in the House of Clergy or House of Laity, as is appropriate, in the Diocesan Synod with the right to vote except when the Synod shall be acting under the following provisions, namely:

- (a) Part B Clause 6(b) (alteration for Formularies)
- (b) Part E Clauses 10 & 11 (nominating a Bishop)
- (c) Part G Clause 3 (amending the Constitution/Te Pouhere)
- (d) In respect of any proposal or matter pursuant to The Church of England Empowering Act 1928.

- 2.2 For the purposes of these Canons 'lay synodsperson' shall be deemed to include:
- (a) Lay persons elected by parishes, to be lay representatives to the Diocesan Synod.
 - (b) The representatives of the Association of Anglican Women and of youth at the Diocesan Synod.
 - (c) Diocesan Youth Facilitator.
- and shall not include any ordained person.

3. Meeting of Diocesan Synod

- 3.1 The Diocesan Synod shall meet at such time and place as shall from time to time be prescribed for that purpose by the Bishop of the Diocese, or by the Vicar-General or Commissary during a vacancy in the Bishopric of Waiapu:

PROVIDED always that there shall be a meeting of every such Synod once at least in every year.

- 3.2 Except as hereinafter provided, the presence of the Bishop of the Diocese, of one-fourth of the Clergy of the Diocese qualified to be members of the Synod, and of one-fourth of the Lay members of the Synod, shall be necessary to constitute a meeting of the Diocesan Synod for the due exercise of its powers:

PROVIDED nevertheless that not less than four of the Clergy and not less than seven Lay Members shall be present.

- 3.3 Except as hereinafter provided, every act of a Diocesan Synod, or of the Standing Committee of such Synod, shall be assented to by a majority of the Bishops and by a majority of the Clergy and by a majority of the Lay Members present in person, and entitled to vote at a duly constituted meeting.

PROVIDED that the President may declare a motion carried upon the voices unless a Division shall be called for.

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