

## **CANON II**

2020

### **THE MINISTRY STANDARDS COMMISSION AND ITS REGISTRAR**

#### MINISTRY STANDARDS COMMISSION

1. There will be a body, called the Ministry Standards Commission, consisting of not more than six people appointed by the General Synod Standing Committee, for a term of three years with the ability to be reappointed, including:
  - (a) at least one person from each Tikanga; and
  - (b) three persons who are members of this Church who have been enrolled as a barrister or solicitor of the High Court of New Zealand of not less than seven years standing or who holds similar qualifications and experience in any of the legal jurisdictions in the Diocese of Polynesia.
2. Members of the Ministry Standards Commission must, on appointment, complete the declaration at clause C15 of Te Pouhere / The Constitution.
3. Members of the Ministry Standards Commission may resign by notice in writing to the General Synod Standing Committee.
4. The Ministry Standards Commission shall appoint a member of the Commission appointed under 1(b) above to be the chair of the Commission and also a member to be the deputy chair.
5. The Ministry Standards Commission will have the functions conferred on it by this Title D as well as the following powers and duties:
  - (a) to give general advice to Bishops and the Primates as to matters of discipline;
  - (b) to issue guidelines on vetting processes for candidates for ordination;
  - (c) to issue codes of practice and general policy guidance to persons exercising functions in connection with ministry standards including on training required in relation to ministry standards;
  - (d) to audit the approach of Episcopal Units of this Church to the training and monitoring of Ministers;
  - (e) to issue regulations relating to the conduct of disciplinary proceedings and guidance on the publication of information in relation to the disciplinary processes of this Church;
  - (f) to maintain a list of those qualified and prepared to act as Church Advocates and make arrangements for the provision of funding to recompense those appointed as such;

- (g) to maintain a list of those qualified to serve on tribunals;
  - (h) to appoint a Registrar and agree the terms of appointment with him or her;
  - (i) to give advice to the Registrar on matters of tikanga and doctrine when the Registrar is carrying out functions under this Title D;
  - (j) to maintain a list of persons who can act as chaplains to provide pastoral support both to complainants and respondents; and
  - (k) to report at each session of the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui on its work.
6. In undertaking the functions under clauses 5(b), (c) and (g) the Ministry Standards Commission must consult with the Primates and House of Bishops.

#### REGISTRAR OF THE MINISTRY STANDARDS COMMISSION

7. The Ministry Standards Commission shall appoint a Registrar of the Ministry Standards Commission on terms agreed between the Commission and the Registrar.
8. The Registrar may resign office by written notice provided to the Chair of the Ministry Standards Commission.
9. The Registrar will have the functions conferred on him or her by this Title D as well as the general duty to direct and supervise the general administration of discipline within this Church.
10. The Registrar may, with the agreement of the Ministry Standards Commission, employ any staff considered necessary to fulfilling the functions given to the Registrar and the Ministry Standards Commission by this Title D.