



# The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

Te Hāhi Mihinare ki Aotearoa ki Niu Tirenī,  
ki Ngā Moutere o te Moana Nui a Kiwa

## JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Meeting held via Zoom on 10 April 2024 from 7.30pm

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### Members:

House of Bishops	Bishop Steven Benford
House of Clergy	The Rev'd Joel Rowse
Tikanga Māori	The Rev'd Pania Houkamau-Ngaheu Mr Matanuku Mahuika
Tikanga Pākehā	Judge Chris Harding (Chair) Judge Alex Twaddle Ms Brigit Brant
Tikanga Pasefika	Mr Walton Morgan Ms Mele Taliai
Secretary	The Rev'd Canon Michael Hughes

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### 1 OPENING PRAYER

The General Secretary opened with prayer.

### 2 APOLOGIES

Bishop Steven Benford, Mr Walton Morgan, Mr Matanuku Mahuika, Ms Brigit Brant, and Rev'd Pania Houkamau-Ngaheu.

### 3 MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

The Chair thanked members for being present and proposed that though the meeting was inquorate, discussion could still progress, and confirmation of any provisional decisions agreed could be sought from absent members before any actions taken. **This was agreed.**

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**It was agreed** that the appeal and statement, along with the Chair's email letter circulated by the Secretary, could be taken as read.

**It was agreed** that the Secretary follow up the appellant for advice as to any interested parties who should be served.

The canon requires that all the active bishops be served.

**The Committee agreed** that if the appellant does not so advise then the Rūnanga Whāiti via its secretary/executive officer should be served, and the General Synod Standing Committee via the General Secretary should be served.

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#### **Deputy Chair**

Judge Alex Twaddle was nominated by Rev'd Joel Rowse/seconded by Ms Mele Taliai, and there being no further nominations was elected.

Judge Twaddle expressed some caution on taking on the role, as being relatively new to the Committee, but was reassured by others of their confidence and support in the process of chairing this matter in Judge Chris Harding's absence overseas until early June.

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Noting there was no request for urgency from the appellant, and no request thus far from the Primates for urgency, nor exceptional circumstances, as per C/IV/4.9, **the Committee agreed** there was no jurisdiction to consider the question of urgency.

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**It was agreed** that once interested parties were advised by the appellant the Secretary should immediately serve papers on all interested parties with 21 days for response, and that these responses then be immediately served on the appellant with 14 days for reply.

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**It was agreed** that the Committee may need assistance on matters of Tikanga but reserved any decision to seek such evidence until the respondents have submitted and reply received.

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**It was agreed** that the Secretary write up these resolutions, the Chair check and sign off on them, and they be circulated to members for prompt confirmation.

Once confirmed, the Secretary to is take the agreed actions and the Committee reconvened if urgency requested, or once all responses and replies are received. Expected to be in 5-6 weeks' time.

#### **4 CLOSING PRAYER**

The meeting concluded with the Chair's thanks, and the grace was prayed at 8.12pm.



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C J Harding  
Chair