

**Bill No 3**

**Mover: The Ven Michael Tamihere / Seconder: ...**

**A Bill to Confirm 'The Pastoral Liturgies' –  
Thanksgiving for the Gift of a Child Amendment Statute, 2024', 2026**

**Whereas:**

- (a) The General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui 2024 enacted as Statute number 777 '*The Pastoral Liturgies – Thanksgiving for the Gift of a Child Amendment Statute, 2024'* in terms of Part B, Clause 6(a) of the Constitution/te Pouhere, and Section 4(a) of the Church of England Empowering Act 1928 to authorise amendments to the Formularies, and
- (b) Te Rūnanganui o Te Pihopatanga o Aotearoa, the Synod of the Diocese of Polynesia, and a majority of the Diocesan Synods in New Zealand have assented to the proposal pursuant to Part B, Clause 6(b) of the Constitution/te Pouhere, and Section 4(b) of the Church of England Empowering Act 1928, and
- (c) Since the adoption of this proposal, there has been a fresh election of members of the General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui, in fulfilment of Part B, Clause 6(c) of the Constitution/te Pouhere.

**The General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui enacts as follows:**

1. **Title:** The title of this Statute shall be '*The Pastoral Liturgies – Thanksgiving for the Gift of a Child Amendment Confirmation Statute, 2026'*
2. The proposal contained in Statute 777 to Amend '*The Pastoral Liturgies'*, is agreed to as follows:  
  
at the appropriate place on page 756, the rubric is amended by the deletion of the words "*for a child born handicapped*".
3. This Statute shall come into force at the conclusion of this 67<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui

**Notes:**

Statute 777 gave this explanation:

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**Whereas:**

- (a) The General Synod/Te Hīnota Whānui by Statute 690 in 2010 confirmed the repeal and replacement of a prayer for 'the handicapped' on page 463; and
- (b) There is a similar rubric in the Pastoral Liturgy 'Thanksgiving for the Gift of a Child'; and
- (c) The Common Life Liturgical Commission, in partnership with the Disability Ministries Portfolio Group, wishes to repeal this rubric as unnecessary.

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