

**Motion # 1**

**Procedural**

**Mover:** Archbishop from the Chair

**Seconded:**

**That this General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui, 2026 resolves:**

**(a) Hours of Business**

*That the hours of sitting of this General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui be as follows:*

**Saturday 15 August** – at St Paul’s Church, Nuku’alofa

2.00p.m. - Welcome/ Convening/ Briefing.

**Sunday 16 August** - at National Gym, Tonga High School

10.00a.m. – 12.00p.m. – Synod/ te Hīnota Eucharist - Archbishops’ Charge.

- At Tanoa Hotel, Nuku’alofa

3.30p.m. – 7.00p.m. – Tikanga Caucusing

**Monday 17 August – Thursday 20 August** – at National Gym, Tonga High School

9:00a.m. – 10:30a.m.

11:00a.m. – 12:30p.m.

2:00p.m. – 3:30p.m.

4:00p.m. – 6:30p.m.

**Friday 21 August** – at Sea! On Tour!

Oceans /Climate Talanoa Day

**(b) Elections**

*That the Elections take place on Wednesday 19 August as first matter of business after lunch and nominations shall close before dinner at 6.30p.m. on Tuesday 18 August 2026.*

**(c) Introduction of Bills**

*That the Bills numbered 1 – 14 on the Order Paper be introduced and that consideration in principle of each Bill be set down as an Order of the Day as detailed on the “Timetable”.*

Bill 1. A Bill to Amend Title B Canon I ‘Of Organised Bodies in the Church’, 2026

Bill 2. A Bill to Confirm ‘The Constitution/ Te Pouhere Amendment Statute, 2024’, 2026

Bill 3. A Bill to Confirm “The Pastoral Liturgies’ – Thanksgiving for the Gift of a Child Amendment Statute, 2024’, 2026

Bill 4. A Bill to Confirm ‘The Liturgies of the Word’ Amendment Statute, 2024’, 2026

Bill 5. A Bill to Confirm ‘The Title G Canon V, ‘Of Translations of Holy Scripture’ Amendment Statute, 2024’, 2026

Bill 6. A Bill to Amend Title G Canon III ‘of Marriage’ and Title A Canon II ‘of Pastors’, 2026

Bill 7. A Bill to Amend ‘The Liturgies of the Eucharist’, 2026

Bill 8. A Bill to Amend Title A Canon I ‘Of Bishops’, 2026

Bill 9. A Bill to Amend Title F Canon V ‘Of The General Church Trust Board’, 2026

Bill 10. A Bill to Repeal and Replace Statute No. 420 concerning The General Church Trust Board, 2026

Bill 11. A Bill to Amend Title D Canons I and III, 2026

Bill 12. A Bill to Amend Title D Canon VI (of safe to receive testimonials), 2026

Bill 13. A Bill to Amend ‘The Constitution/Te Pouhere’, 2026

Bill 14. The Finance Statute, 2026

**(d) Further Orders of the Day**

***Monday 17 August 2026***

9:00a.m. Fono on Equity  
2.00p.m. Motions 1, 2 and 3 - Procedural  
Bills ...  
Motions ...  
4.00p.m. Talanoa

***Tuesday 18 August 2026***

9:00a.m. Fono on Oceans  
2.00p.m. Bills ...  
Motions ...  
6:30p.m. Close of Nominations.

***Wednesday 19 August 2026***

9:00a.m. Fono on Climate Change / Resilience  
11.00a.m. Bills ...  
Motions ...  
2.00p.m. Elections  
4:00p.m. Talanoa

**Thursday 20 August 2026**

9:00a.m. Fono on Theology of the Ocean  
11.00a.m. Fono on Theological Education  
2.00p.m. Bills - Finance  
Motions ...  
5.30p.m. Acknowledgements, Thanks, Farewells.  
6.30p.m. Synod / Hīnota Gala Dinner

**(e) Officers for the Synod / te Hīnota**

***Presidents for the Synod / Hīnota (S/O 2b)***

The Primates The Most Reverend J Duckworth,  
The Most Reverend Dr D Tamihere, and  
The Most Reverend S Ulu'ilakepa

***Provincial Chancellor (B/I/5.8)***

Mr Bruce Gray KC

***Committee on Statutes and Canons as advised by the Primates (Title C, Canon III, Clause 6)***

Mr D McLay  
Justice W Morgan  
Mr Bardia Matiu  
Mr Etienne Wain  
Rev'd Canon M Hughes (General Secretary)

***Order Paper Committee as appointed by Standing Committee (S/O 11)***

Rev'd T Behan  
Mr F Tevi  
Ven M Wallace  
*Vacancy*  
Rev'd Canon M Hughes (General Secretary)

***Minutes Committee (S/O 12(ii))***

Rev'd T Behan  
Mr F Tevi  
Ven M Wallace  
Rev'd Canon M Hughes (General Secretary)

***Chairpersons of Committee***

The Rt Rev'd S Wallace / Judge C Harding / Mr F Tevi

**Clerk of the Synod / Hīnota (S/O 7)**

Rev'd Canon M Hughes

**Deputy Clerk of the Synod / Hīnota (S/O 8)**

Mr F Tevi

**Minute and Committee Secretaries**

Ms Colleen Kaye and Ms Sonia Maugham

Those Registrars and Administrators of Tikanga and Episcopal Units who are not members of the Synod / Hīnota in their own right, will act as Committee Secretaries under the direction of the Clerk of the Synod / Hīnota

**(f) Reports as Tabled and Printed**

*That the following Reports, copies of which have been previously circulated to members, be taken as read and by leave of the Synod / te Hīnota be laid on the table.*

- *Roll of the members of the Sixty Seventh Session of the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui*
- *Reports of the Boards, Committees, Conferences and Commissions as printed and distributed.*
- *Report of Te Aute Trust Board for the year ending 31 January 2024 and 2025*
- *Audited Accounts of the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui for the years ended 31 December 2024 and 2025*
- *Report on the Finance Statute for 2025*
- *Report of Kings College on its operations and finances*

*The following Reports presented through the General Secretary be taken as read by the leave of the Synod / te Hīnota and laid on the table.*

- *Reports of Diocesan Trusts Boards and Te Whiti Tohu / Appointing Bodies pursuant to Title F, Canon I, Clause 1.7*

*It should be noted that as a result of legislation passed at the 2004 General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui, the following Boards / Commissions now report annually to the Standing Committee of the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui. Printed in the papers for this Synod / Hīnota are reports / summaries only for information and record.*

- *The Anglican Mission Board of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia*
- *The New Zealand Anglican Church Pension Board*
- *The General Church Trust Board*
- *The St John's College Trust Board*