

Motion: Climate Resilience

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That this 67th General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui 2026:

1. **Noting the presentations** made to the General Synod/Te Hinota Whānui 2026 on climate change, climate resilience, plastics and the experiences of Pacific communities, and recognising the evidence, knowledge and lived experiences;
2. **Noting with appreciation** the work that have been done and currently been done in regard to climate resilience and disaster preparedness across the Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia;
3. **Reaffirming the commitment** of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia to climate resilience and disaster preparedness as an essential part of the mission and ministry.

Therefore calls upon and tasks the Climate Commission to:

- a. Coordinate and strengthen a coherent strategy to direct its approach to disaster preparedness and resilience.
- b. Report to next General Synod Standing Committee on the progress made regarding climate resilience and disaster preparedness.
- c. Prepare the way forward regarding climate resilience and disaster preparedness and submit to the next General Synods Standing Committee.

4. Encourages the continued development and use of Community Integrated Vulnerability Assessment (CIVA) and GIS/QGIS as community-led tools for climate resilience.

This includes:

- i. supporting communities to map climate and disaster vulnerabilities;
 - ii. identifying households, people, infrastructure and resources requiring support;
 - iii. documenting community assets, knowledge and existing resilience;
 - iv. developing locally owned resilience and disaster preparedness plans; and
 - v. sharing appropriate training, tools and lessons learned across the three tikanga.
5. Calls upon the Province to support the development of a coordinated CIVA/QGIS and community resilience training programme across Aotearoa New Zealand and Polynesia, drawing upon the experience and expertise already developed within the Diocese of Polynesia and other parts of the Province.
Such training should be fit for purpose, locally owned and culturally appropriate, and should complement existing church, community and institutional training programmes.