

Motion: Affirming Spiritual Leadership within Tonga

Mover: Feiloakitau Kaho Tevi

Seconder: Viliami Folau

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

1. **notes** the willingness of the Diocese of Polynesia to further organise itself for the sake of mission within Tikanga Polynesia;
2. **notes** the call within the life of the Diocese of Polynesia for the creation of a Diocese of Tonga;
3. **affirms** that, under Part F of the Constitution / Te Pouhere, the Diocese of Polynesia has power to structure and organise itself and may, with the concurrence of General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui, subdivide itself into several diocese ;
4. **affirms its openness in principle to receiving and considering, in due course, a formal proposal for the creation within the Diocese of Polynesia of independent leadership and Ministry;**
5. **recognises** that any such proposal is properly to arise from within the Diocese of Polynesia and to be brought to General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui for concurrence and such further action as may be required; and
6. **encourages** the Bishop, Standing Committee, and Synod of the Diocese of Polynesia to continue the discernment, consultation, and preparation necessary for a formal proposal.