

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH IN AOTEAROA, NEW ZEALAND & POLYNESIA
67th Session of the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui 2026
Saturday 15th August 2026

The Diocese of Polynesia was the host for the 67th General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui meetings that were held in Nuku'alofa, in the Kingdom of Tonga.

Welcome and Opening Dinner

Following a March from St Paul's Anglican Church to the grounds of the Royal Palace, the members of the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui made a traditional presentation to thank His Majesty accepting the invitation to address the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui. The members were given the unique opportunity to personally meet with His Majesty. The Archbishops then had an extended audience with His Majesty on the issues that would be raised at the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui. The members and guests of the 67th Session of the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui gathered at St Andrews High School at 5.30pm. On behalf of the Diocese of Polynesia, the St Andrews School Board, Staff and Students hosted a Traditional Welcome and Presentation as well as the Opening Dinner Programme.

Convening of Synod / Hīnota

The General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui 2026 was convened.

Roll Call

The General Secretary certified to the Primates that a quorum was present.

Apologies

The General Secretary noted the Apologies for all of Synod / Hīnota of members: Bishop Philip Richardson and Ven Ngira Simmonds.

Acknowledgements

Mr Taniela Koloamatangi was Master of Ceremonies for the Traditional Welcome and Presentation.

The Rev'd Liliani Havili, Principal at St John the Baptist Theological College in Suva, opened the Dinner Programme in prayer.

Mr 'Ilaiasi Malakai Potolaka Moala, Deputy Principal, was Master of Ceremonies for the Dinner Programme.

Mr Sione Finau Moala Mafi, Chairperson of the St Andrews High School Board, gave a welcoming address.

Students at St Andrews High School performed a variety of entertainment.

Sir Selwyn Parata acknowledged and thanked the students and invited them to send a group to Te Matatini 2027 as his guests.

On behalf of Archbishop Sione Ulu'ilakepa, Mr Fe'iloakita Kaho Tevi, Co-Vicar General of the Diocese of Polynesia, welcomed members of the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui and acknowledged the invitation to Matatini.

The Most Rev'd Leonard Dawea, Archbishop and Primate of the Anglican Church of Melanesia, thanked the hosts and closed with prayer.

Adjournment of Synod / Hīnota

Synod / Hīnota adjourned at 8.30pm.

Signed by the Presidents



D Tamihere
Primate and Archbishop



S Ulu'ilakepa
Primate and Archbishop



J Duckworth
Primate and Archbishop