

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH IN AOTEAROA, NEW ZEALAND & POLYNESIA
67th Session of the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui 2026
Sunday 16th August 2026

Synod / Hīnota Eucharist

The General Synod / Te Hīnota Whānui, with guests, gathered at the Tonga High School National Gym, Nuku'alofa at 9.30am for the Synod / te Hīnota Eucharist at 10.00am, where the sermon /address was given by His Majesty, King Tupou VI.

The Opening Ceremony was also attended by Her Royal Highness Queen Nanasipau'u Tuku'aho; His Royal Highness Crown Prince Tupouto'a 'Ulukalala; Her Royal Highness Crown Princess Sinaitakala Tuku'aho; Her Royal Highness Princess Royal Salote Pilolevu Mafile'o Tuita; the Honorable Lord Siosaia Ma'ulupekotofa Tuita; Prime Minister of Tonga the Honorable Lord Fatafehi Fakafānua, the Honorable Frederica Tuita and daughter the Honorable Fahina, Cardinal Soane Patita Paini Mafi of the Catholic Church of Tonga, the Rev'd Tevita Tonga from the Constitutional Church of Tonga together with the New Zealand High Commissioner His Excellency Brody Sinclair, and other dignitaries -- the Rev'd Ikani Taliai Tolu, General Secretary of the Tonga National Council of Churches, and the Lord Mayor Vicki Veenker of Palo Alto, California.

King Tupou VI's address was tabled as an official document of the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui.

Adjournment of Synod / Hīnota

The General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui adjourned at 12.00pm for Lunch at 1.00pm at the Queen Salote Memorial Hall hosted by the parishes of the Tonga Episcopal Unit.

Synod / Hīnota Tikanga Caucusing

Synod / Hīnota convened at 3.00pm at the Tanoa International Dateline Hotel for Tikanga caucusing until dinner at 6.00pm.

Adjournment of Synod / Hīnota for a Pohiva Programme

Synod / Hīnota adjourned for an evening of performances by the choirs of the Free Wesleyan Church and the Anglican Diocese of Polynesia at the Free Wesleyan Church of Tonga (Saione).

Signed by the Presidents



D Tamihere
Primate and Archbishop



S Ulu'ilakepa
Primate and Archbishop



J Duckworth
Primate and Archbishop