

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH IN AOTEAROA, NEW ZEALAND & POLYNESIA
67th Session of the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui 2026
Tuesday 18th August 2026

Synod / Hīnota reconvened at 8.45am.

Talanoa

Talanoa on Oceans was facilitated by Mr Fe'iloakitau Kaho Tevi. Sessions followed with morning tea, Eucharist and lunch break.

Synod reconvened at 2.45pm with Archbishop Sione Ulu'ilakepa in the Chair.

Apologies and Announcements

Apologies received from: Ms Mira Martin, Ms Hinauri Tiopira Tahau, Ven Hannah Pomare, Ven Elizabeth Martin, Mrs Joanna Bean, Bishop Anne van Gend, Ms Samara Casey, Mrs Sarah Ashworth, Mr Ed Duggan, Rev'd David van Oeveren, Mrs Margaret Barsanti, Mr Etienne Wain.

Members were reminded that election nominations would close before dinner that evening.

Petitions

A question was raised regarding eligibility for appointment to the General Synod Standing Committee (GSCC). Clarification was provided that there is no canonical prohibition preventing representatives from standing for appointment, and that appointments are determined by the relevant Tikanga.

Reports of Committees and Commissions

There were no reports.

Motions of leave to introduce Bills.

There were no motions of leave to introduce Bills.

Notice of Motions

There were no notices of motions.

Primaatial Charge

It was advised that the Primaatial charge would be circulated electronically later in the day.

Bill No 15

A Bill intituled "*A Bill to Amend Title E Canon II, 'Of St John's College and the Utilisation of the St John's College Trust Funds' 2026*"

At the request of Tikanga Pasefika, Synod adjourned at 2.50pm to allow caucus discussions within the Tikanga.

After 3.40pm, Tikanga Pākehā requested a further five minutes before reconvening. Following confirmation that caucuses had concluded, Synod resumed consideration of Bill 15 at 4.25pm.

The President confirmed that a quorum was present.

Tikanga Pasefika and Tikanga Pākehā reported their respective caucuses had been productive and Tikanga Pākehā confirmed that they intended to support Bill 15.

On the motion of Archbishop Justin Duckworth and seconded by Mr Fe'iloaitau Kaho Tevi, the principle of the Bill was agreed.

Synod / Hīnota moved into Committee to discuss the Bill.

Synod / Hīnota resumed.

The Committee reported to Synod / Hīnota that Bill No 15 had been passed with amendment.

The President acknowledged and thanked Ven Sue Fordyce and her team for their work in drafting and presenting Bill 15.

On the motion of Archbishop Justin Duckworth and seconded by Mr Fe'iloaitau Kaho Tevi, that the decision of Committee be taken as the decision of Synod / Hīnota. **Agreed**

The third reading be made an order of the day for tomorrow.

Bill No 9

A Bill intituled, *“A Bill to Amend Title F Canon V ‘Of The General Church Trust Board’, 2026”*

On the motion of Sir Selwyn Parata KNZM and seconded by Mr Fe'iloaitau Kaho Tevi, that Bill 9 be deferred. **Agreed**

Bill No 10

A Bill intituled, *“A Bill to Repeal and Replace Statute no 420 concerning The General Church Trust Board, 2026”*

On the motion of Sir Selwyn Parata KNZM and seconded by Mr Fe'iloaitau Kaho Tevi, that Bill 10 be deferred. **Agreed**

Bill No 11

A Bill intituled, *“A Bill to Amend Title D Canons I and III, 2026”*

On the motion of Pīhopa Susan Wallace and seconded by Bishop Peter Carrell, the principle of the Bill was agreed.

Bill No 12

A Bill intituled, *"A Bill to Amend Title D Canon VI 'Of Safe to Receive Testimonials', 2026"*

On the motion of Pīhopa Susan Wallace and seconded by Bishop Peter Carrell, the principle of the Bill was agreed.

Notices

Members were updated on the evening programme and forthcoming business.

Adjournment

Synod / Hīnota adjourned at 5.51 pm.

Signed by the Presidents



D Tamihere
Archbishop and Primate



S Ulu'ilakepa
Archbishop and Primate



J Duckworth
Archbishop and Primate