

The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia Tikanga Pākehā Conference Coordinating Group



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IS SERVING ON TIKANGA PĀKEHĀ CONFERENCE FOR YOU?

Do you love God's church found in its Anglican / Mihinare expression? Do you have a heart for good stewardship and some experience in governance? God may be calling you to serve on Tikanga Pākehā Conference – and by extension, General Synod Te Hīnota Whānui (GSTHW).

What is Tikanga Pākehā Conference, and General Synod Te Hīnota Whānui? How are representatives chosen?

Our Church has a Three Tikanga Constitution: Tikanga Pākehā, Tikanga Māori and Tikanga Pasefika. This is a unique and special situation in our global Anglican Communion.

The bi-annual expression of this relationship is at General Synod Te Hīnota Whānui where representatives of each Diocese and Hui Amorangi gather to discuss matters of the church. All the Tikanga Pakeha members from the seven Dioceses also form the Tikanga Pākehā Conference.

Why does being a member of Tikanga Pākehā Conference involve?

Both GSTHW and TPC provide the opportunity to be part of decisions and discussions about matters affecting the wider Church. Being a member is ideal for someone who is interested in how good governance aligns with kingdom values. You will take part in defining and steering the vision and resources of the whole Church for the benefit of all. If you love cross-cultural spaces, this is also an ideal environment for you to serve.

As a member, you will have at least two multi-day commitments during your two-year term. GSTHW meets in-person for several days to a week once every two years, with regular meetings scheduled in the even-years; next year, the gathering will take place in Tonga (August 2026). Decisions outside of this time are delegated to General Synod Standing Committee. TPC meets annually, often prior to GSTHW in the even-year and with a stand-alone meeting in the odd-year (2027).

Please refer to the TPC Information sheet attached for further information.