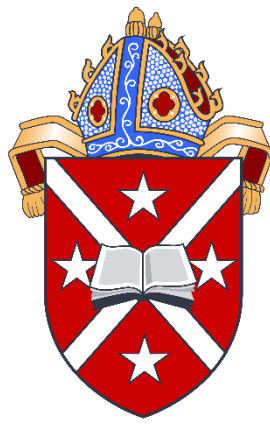


# **Diocese of Dunedin**



## **Synod 2025: Part 1 – Proceedings**

**12-14 September 2024 St Paul's Cathedral and the  
Edgar Centre Naylor Love Lounge, 116 Portsmouth  
Drive, Dunedin.**



# Diocese of Dunedin



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# **Second Session of the Sixty Third Synod 12-14 September 2025**

## **President's Summons**

In accordance with the provisions of Statute 1 of the Diocese, I hereby summon you to attend the Second Session of the Sixty Third Synod which will be constituted on Friday 12 September at the Cathedral Church of St Paul, immediately following the Synod Eucharist (which will commence at 7.00 pm) and continue on Saturday 13 September at the Edgar Centre Naylor Love Lounge, 116 Portsmouth Drive, Dunedin, commencing at 8.30 am.



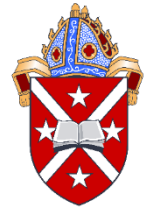
**The Rt. Rev'd Dr Anne van Gend**

Anglican Bishop of Dunedin  
Te Pīhopa o Ōtākou me Murihiku



# Description of the Diocese of Dunedin

<https://calledsouth.org.nz/about-us/>



## Our Mission

The Anglican Communion, the Anglican Church in Aotearoa New Zealand and Polynesia, Te Hahi Mihinare Ki Aotearoa Ki Niu Tirenī, Ki Nga Moutere o Te Moana Nui a Kiwa, and the Diocese of Dunedin agree on the nature of mission as the Bible presents it and as we seek to witness to it today. These 5 marks of mission are:

- i. To proclaim the good news of the Kingdom;
- ii. To teach, baptise and nurture the new believers;
- iii. To respond to human needs by loving service;
- iv. To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation;
- v. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth

**The Diocese of Dunedin sees its mission within this to be faith communities who read the Bible, pray and live out the life of Jesus Christ.**

## Reading the Bible – Tākina te Kupu

The scriptures underpin all that we do. **Tākina te Kupu**, learning, reciting and teaching the Holy Bible, reveals the person of God as seen in Jesus Christ and expressed in the Holy Spirit. For us, reading the Bible includes: telling the stories; deepening faith and understanding of our place in God's universe and; sharing our faith journeys, opening up our lives to what God continues to say to us. It entails a commitment to reading the Bible, allowing it to speak to us in all that we do. Reading includes proclaiming and reflecting on the Bible in public worship and private prayer, as well as studying it with each other.



## Praying – Inoia a Ihowā

We see prayer and worship as central to who we are as communities of faith. **Inoia a Ihowā** encourages us to keep praying to God as this is what strengthens us. This call to prayer whoever we are and whatever it is about, allows us to listen and speak to God as we become more aware of God's pull upon our lives within our wider communities. In prayer we open ourselves up to this call. As the early disciples did, we ask Jesus to teach us how to pray, committing ourselves to deepening our prayer life together.



# Living out the life of Jesus Christ – Arumia a Ihu

Living lives that reflect the life of Jesus Christ or **Arumia a Ihu** (Following Jesus) is the result of our reading of scriptures and prayer. As Jesus walked the earth over 2000 years ago, we continue to place our feet in Christ's as we take part in God's mission in Aotearoa – New Zealand. We want our life together to attract others into places of faith and belonging, where they too can encounter Jesus. This includes worship that moves us beyond our ordinary lives to encounter the Divine, but also sets us apart to care for our world and our communities. Alongside Christ we place ourselves with the most vulnerable in our world, seeking transformation that brings God's kingdom on earth. We give ourselves as Christ did: generously to all and overflowing with love.



## More About the Diocese of Dunedin

The Anglican Church in Otago and Southland is primarily made up of two bodies: the Diocese of Dunedin and the Dunedin Diocesan Trust Board. Together, they support Anglican mission and ministry across the southern region of Aotearoa New Zealand.

The **Diocese of Dunedin**, established in 1869, is a registered charity whose purpose is to share the good news of Jesus Christ, nurture Christian communities, serve others with love, and work for justice and care of creation. The Diocese is home to 25 parishes and deaneries, five local churches, and a range of ministries including social services, residential aged care services and housing and secondary-tertiary education. It also supports several charitable trusts and faith-based organisations across Otago and Southland.

Each faith community has its own leadership (a Vestry, Chapter or Committee) and annual general meeting but operates under the authority of Diocesan rules and statutes. While faith communities manage their own accounts, many use Diocesan accounting and payroll services. All faith communities contribute to the Diocese's annual financial reporting, under its central charitable status.

The Diocese is organised into five Archdeaconries (regional groupings), overseen by the Bishop of Dunedin and led by Archdeacons—senior leaders in the church. Governance is provided by the Diocesan Synod, with a Diocesan Council (Standing Committee) meeting regularly between Synods. The Diocese also has a Trusts Board that oversees appointments to Diocesan entities.

Some organisations, such as Anglican Family Care and St Hilda's Collegiate School, are affiliated with the Diocese but operate under their own governance structures and charitable registrations. Others, including the Parata Anglican Charitable Trust and Home of St Barnabas, are directly governed under Diocesan statutes.

The **Dunedin Diocesan Trust Board** (DDTB) is responsible for managing Diocesan investments and property. It oversees two investment funds currently totalling over \$40 million and holds legal ownership of church properties across the Diocese. Parishes and local



churches use these buildings for their mission while the Board ensures proper insurance and property care, including seismic assessments. The Board meets monthly and is supported by an Investment Committee to ensure funds are ethically and effectively managed.

For a full description of the Diocese of Dunedin and a list of Diocesan entities, their governance, and charitable details, please visit:

<https://www.calledsouth.org.nz/organisations> and  
<https://calledsouth.org.nz/about-us/>

**Diocese of Dunedin, part of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia,  
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# Synod 2025 General Information

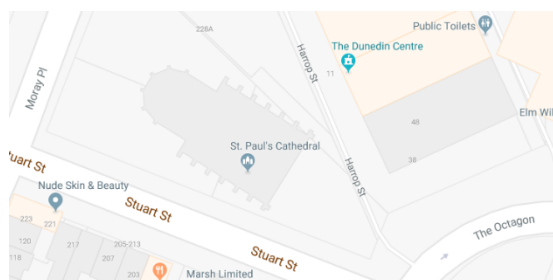
## Health and Wellbeing at Synod

Please help keep everyone safe and healthy:

1. If you're unwell, stay home and send your apologies.
2. Wash your hands often — with soap for 20 seconds, then dry. Hand sanitiser will be available at all venues.
3. Sneeze or cough into your elbow, not your hands.
4. For updates and advice, visit: <https://hail.to/diocese-of-dunedin/article/j2onG8t>

## Venue and Transport Information

We're grateful to the Cathedral Church of St Paul for hosting the opening day, **Friday 12 September**, at 228 Stuart Street, Dunedin. Parking is available on nearby streets. Please note:



- The Cathedral grounds are permit-only.
- Paid parking is available nearby, including a car park opposite the Town Hall on Moray Place and a parking building near View Street.
- The Cathedral is a short walk from the Great King Street Bus Hub.

## Saturday 13 September

The main business session will be held in the Naylor Love Lounge, Edgar Centre, 116 Portsmouth Drive.

- Public car parking is available via Midland or Teviot Street or on surrounding streets.
- A park-and-ride option will leave St Peter's Caversham (Baker St) at 8:00am for those who have registered to use this.

## Public Transport Options to Edgar Centre (Saturday only) from the Great King Street Bus Hub:

- Bus 03 (Ocean Grove – originates Ross Creek): Stop H at 7:53am (arrives 8:01am)
- Bus 19 (Waverley – originates Belleknowes): Stop I at 7:18am (arrives 7:28am)  
*Both stop near Andersons Bay Road. Walk back to Teviot Street and head to the harbour.*
- Bus 18 (Portobello): Direct to Edgar Centre (Stop 586), leaves at 8:38am — but you may arrive slightly late.

## Accessibility:

- The Cathedral has wheelchair access via Stuart Street.
- The Naylor Love Lounge is accessible by lift or stairs.  
Please let someone know if you need assistance.



## Synod Book Access

The Synod Book will be available online in three parts:

1. Proceedings
2. Reports
3. Financials

We encourage you to download the files to your device before Synod. A limited number of printed copies of Part 1 (Proceedings) will be available at the venue. Wi-Fi access will be signposted.

If you need a full printed copy and haven't already requested one, please contact the Diocesan Office immediately.

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## Reports and Discussions

Reports will be received “on block” unless a request is made to discuss a specific report.

To request discussion of a report (or part of one):

- Email the Registrar before Synod.
- The Chair of Committee will be advised.

Authors wishing to speak to their reports should also notify the Registrar. There will be opportunities to discuss reports at pre-Synod meetings. There will also be an Open Space opportunity for more informal discussion in conference (see page 50) at Synod.

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## Attendance and Leave

- Please sign the attendance register at the start of each session.
- If you need leave from any part of Synod, you must request this in writing. Contact Nicola Wong at the Bishop's Office:

✉ [bishops.pa@calledsouth.org.nz](mailto:bishops.pa@calledsouth.org.nz) | ☎ 03 488 0826

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## Other Reminders

### Morning Worship

Saturday's session begins with Morning Prayer at 8:30am sharp.

### Prayer Books

Please bring a copy of *A New Zealand Prayer Book*. It will be used at several points during Synod.

### Registration and Catering

Catering details were collected during Synod registration. For additional fellowship, you can attend two other informal gatherings:

- **Saturday 13 September**, 6pm – Pizza at Peter Mann House, Green Island (this will be provided).
- **Sunday 14 September**, 9am – Breakfast at Commons Eatery, 29 The Octagon (following 8am BCP Mass at the Cathedral). **Please note this is at your own cost.**

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## General Synod/Te Hīnota Whānui Elections

This year, Synod will elect:

- 2 Clergy Representatives
- 3 Lay Representatives

### Eligibility:

- **Clergy:** Any licensed ordained minister.
- **Laity:** Any baptised person registered in a local ministry or worship community.

Lay nominees do not need to be Synod representatives, but please **contact the Registrar** if a non-synod representative nomination is proposed. Normally, GSTHW representatives are also part of the Tikanga Pakeha Conference (TPC). Nomination forms will be available on the day and on the Synod Essential information article. Check the Order of Proceedings for nomination deadlines. Nominees must be available to attend General Synod in person (this has been pencilled in for the third week of August in Tonga).

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## Travel Reimbursements

Travel costs are reimbursed for one car per faith community at the following rates:

- Petrol: \$0.58/km
- Hybrid: \$0.37/km
- Electric: \$0.41/km

Claims should be submitted via your Vestry by Monday 24 November 2025.

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## Cellphones & Nametags

Please switch off your phone during Synod sessions.

Nametags will be provided when you sign in on Friday — please wear them at all times.

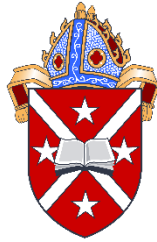
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## Used Stamp Collection

Please bring any used postage stamps to Synod. A collection box will be available. **Note: Kiwi stamps are no longer accepted.** Proceeds support Anglican Missions.



# Diocese of Dunedin



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## Officers to be Nominated-Appointed To Synod

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<b>Clerical Secretary:</b>	The Rev'd Sandra Baird
<b>Lay Secretary:</b>	Ms Nikki Gordon-Smith
<b>Chairperson of Committee:</b>	The Ven Damon Plimmer
<b>Deputy Chairperson</b>	Dr Penny Field
<b>Clerk of Committee:</b>	Ms Lynda Turner Heaton
<b>Chaplains to Synod:</b>	Diocese of Dunedin Archdeacons
<b>Press Officer:</b>	The Registrar, Mr Andrew Metcalfe

### Committees

**For the Verification of Minutes:**

Mrs Anne Gover, Rev'd Liz Cheyne, Rev'd Brett Roberts.

**On Statutes and Standing Orders:**

Rev'd Canon Dr Michael Wallace, The Worshipful Lauren Pegg, The Ven Damon Plimmer

**Steering:**

The Right Rev'd Dr Anne van Gend, The Worshipful Lauren Pegg, Rev'd Canon Dr Michael Wallace.

**Publishing (Printing and Electronic Copies of Information):**

The President, Registrar.

# Diocese of Dunedin



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## Synod Roll 2025

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**Tikanga Pakeha - Archbishop and Primate/ Te Pihopa Matamua.** The Most Reverend Justin Duckworth (Friday only)

**Bishop:** The Right Rev'd Dr Anne van Gend

**President of the Board of Session:** The Right Rev'd Dr Anne van Gend

**Chancellor:** The Worshipful Lauren Pegg

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## Archdeaconry of Dunedin City

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### *Archdeacon Dunedin City - The Ven Michael Wallace*

**Cathedral:** **The Very Rev'd Dr Tony Curtis SCP**  
**The Rev'd Barbara Dineen**  
Mr Theodore Rose  
Ms Rachel Slade

**Caversham:** **Rev'd Joel Stutter**  
Mrs Barbara Crawford  
Mr David Hoskins

**Dunedin North:** **The Ven Canon Dr Michael Wallace**  
Associate Professor Heather Brooks  
Mrs Glennys Faulds

**Otago Peninsula** **The Rev'd Michael Holdaway**  
**Rev'd Canon Claire Brown**  
Ms Lisa Burton  
Ms Nikki Gordon Smith

**Port Chalmers:** **The Rev'd Canon Rose Scott**  
Mr Geoff Campbell

**Roslyn:** **The Rev'd Eric Kyte**  
Mr Alan Firth  
Ms Verna Rutherford



**Southern Coastal Deanery:**                    **The Rev'd Sandra Baird**  
Ms Felicity Sim  
Mrs Alyson Manning

**St Matthew's:**                                    **(Vacant)**  
Dr Penny Field  
Mr Chris Morris

**Taieri:**    **(Vacant)**  
Mr Dennis Burton

**Balclutha:**                                        **The Rev'd Brett Roberts**  
Mr Craig Jessop  
Mr Doug Griffiths

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## **Archdeaconry of Oamaru and East Otago**

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*Archdeacon Oamaru and East Otago – The Ven Sue McCafferty*

**Warrington/Waitati**                            **The Rev'd Dr Jeremy Nicoll**  
Mr Ray Prince  
Mrs Maryalyce Reed

**Oamaru-Maheno:**                            **The Rev'd Dr Andrea McDougall**  
Mr Graham Kitchin  
Ms Gillian Lynch

**Waitaki-North Oamaru:**                    **(Vacant)**  
Mrs Janice Cleave  
Mrs Mary Thompson

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## **Archdeaconry of Central Otago**

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*Archdeacon Otago – Ven Damon Plimmer*

**Dunstan:**                                        **Rev'd Craig Smith**  
**Rev'd Steve Mitchell**  
Ms Julia Reynolds  
Mr Leigh Downer

**Maniototo:**                                      **(Vacant)**

**Upper Clutha:**                                **The Ven Damon Plimmer**  
**The Rev'd Jeanette Chamberlain**  
Dr Caroline Oliver  
**(Vacant)**

**Wakatipu:**

**(Vacant)**

Mrs Alice Gallaway

Mr Julian Pedley

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## **Archdeaconry of Southland**

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*Archdeacon Invercargill – The Ven Elizabeth Cheyne*  
*Archdeacon Rural Southland - The Ven Barbara Walker*

**Bluff-Greenhills:**

No Synod reps appointed.

**Fiordland:**

**The Rev'd Jennifer Tapsell**

Mrs Judi Manning

**Gladstone:**

(Includes Stewart Island)

**Rev'd John Murphy**

Mrs Linda Te Au

Mrs Debra Murphy

**Gore & Districts:**

**The Rev'd Canon Gary Griffith Smith**

**The Rev'd Bruce Cavanagh**

Mrs Patricia Tytler

Mr Keith Gover

**Invercargill, St John's:**

**The Reverend Aaron Douglas**

Mrs Dot Muir

Ms Lynda Turner-Heaton

**North Invercargill:**

**The Ven Elizabeth Cheyne**

**The Rev'd Susan Slaughter**

Mrs Glenys Collie

Miss Samara Casey

**Western Southland:**

Mrs Ngaire Bartley

**Winton:**

**The Rev'd Richard Johnson**

(Vacant)

**Wyndham:**

**The Rev'd Richard Johnson**

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## **Local Churches**

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**Local Church Synod  
Representatives**

**The Rev'd Esther Clarke-Prebble**

**The Rev'd Edward Prebble**

Mrs Deb Stutter-Fill

Mrs Helen Christie

**(Waikaia, Lumsden, Milton, Waikouaiti, Palmerston, St Martha's)**

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## Archdeaconry of Rural Ministry

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Archdeacon Rural Southland

The Ven Barbara Walker

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### Non-Parochial Voting Members

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Association of Anglican Women:

Mrs Anne Gover  
Mrs Elisabeth Cunningham

Chaplain, St Hilda's Collegiate School

Dr Gillian Townsley

Diocesan Ministry Educator:

The Ven Damon Plimmer

Diocesan Child Youth & Family Educator:

The Rev'd John Graveston

Hospital or Healthcare Chaplains:

The Rev'd Vivienne Galletly  
The Rev'd Alicia Sibaen

Youth Representatives:  
North)

Ms Nikita Wilson (Oamaru-Maheno)  
  
Mr Matthew Sand (St Matthew's)

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### Members with a right to speak but not to vote

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Te Hui Amorangi Whaiti ki te Wai Pounamu:

The Ven Susan Wallace  
Supported by other members of the Hahi

Anglican Family Care Centre:

Ms Lynette Finnie (*General Manager*)

South Centre:

Ms MaryAnn Kuiti (*Manager*)

St Hilda's Collegiate School:

Mrs Jackie Barron (*Principal*)

Selwyn College:

Mr Sagato (Ziggy) Lesa (*Warden*)

St John's Roslyn Leslie Groves:

Mr Brian Tegg (*Chair*)

Parata Anglican Charitable Trust:

Mr Peter Hargest (*Chair*)

The Home of St Barnabas Trust:

Mrs Shirley Hennessy (*Manager*)

Diocesan Registrar:

Mr Andrew Metcalfe

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## Non-Synod Members Other Clergy

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The Rev'd Leah Boniface  
The Rev'd Barry Entwisle  
The Rev'd Brian Kilkelly  
The Rev'd Doreen McKinley

The Rev'd Dr Katie Marcar  
The Rev'd Jean Soper  
The Rev'd Wayne Soper  
The Rev'd Adrienne Stewart

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## Permission to Officiate

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The Rev'd Richard Aitken, *Invercargill*  
The Rev'd Andrew Barlow, *Dunedin*  
The Rev'd Denis Bartley, *Riverton*  
The Rev'd David Crooke, *Dunedin*  
The Rev'd Alec Clark, *Dunedin*  
The Rev'd Ruth Doig, *Dunedin*  
The Rev'd Canon Paul Dyer, *Dunedin*  
The Rev'd Jill Favel, *Gore*  
The Rev'd Dr John Franklin, *Dunedin*  
The Rev'd Joy Hamilton-Jones, *Oamaru*  
The Rev'd Mary-Jo Holdaway, *Dunedin*  
The Rev'd Juan Kinnear, *Dunedin*

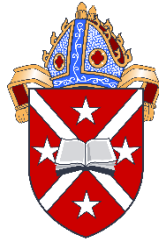
The Rev'd Graham Langley, *Balclutha*  
The Rev'd Tony Martin, *Dunedin*  
The Rev'd Maud Milligan, *Gore*  
The Rev'd Dr Douglas Pratt, *Cromwell*  
The Rev'd Gillian-Mary Swift, *Lumsden*  
The Rev'd Canon Chris Rodgers, *Gore*  
The Rev'd Penny Sinnamon, *Omakau*  
The Rev'd Maggie Smith, *Oamaru*  
The Rev'd Peter Stapleton, *Dunedin*  
The Ven Bernard Wilkinson, *Oamaru*  
The Rev'd Dr David Wright, *Queenstown*  
The Rt Rev'd Dr Kelvin Wright, *Dunedin*

# Reports & Accounts To Be Tabled

1. Anglican Family Care  
Audited Financial Statements
2. Anglican Missions Board  
Annual Meeting Report
3. Cathedral Church of St Paul  
Audited Financial Statements for the year end
4. Earl Street Charitable Trust  
Audited Financial Reports
5. St Hilda's Collegiate School Inc. Board of Proprietors  
Annual Meeting Report
6. St Hilda's Collegiate School Inc. Endowment Society  
Annual Meeting Report
7. Selwyn College  
Audited Financial Statements
8. Parata Anglican Charitable Trust  
Audited Financial Statements
9. Home of St Barnabas Trust Annual Report
10. South Centre Anglican Care Trust Board  
Audited Financial Statements
11. The New Zealand Anglican Church Pension Board  
The Financial Statements of the:  
Investment Trust  
Pension Fund  
Supplementary Support Fund  
Widows & Orphans Endowment  
The Retire Fund  
Board Administration and Controlled Funds  
Christian Kiwisaver Scheme
12. The New Zealand Anglican Church Pension Board Annual Reports for the:  
Pension Fund  
Retire Fund  
Christian Kiwisaver Scheme (see <https://angfincare.nz/performance/> )



# Order of Proceedings









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First Day

Friday 12 September 2025

- 7.00 pm**      **Cathedral Church of St Paul, 228 Stuart Street, Dunedin, Synod**  
Eucharist including and the reception of the President's address.
- 8.00 pm**      The formal Constitution of Synod, the announcement of a Quorum,  
Leaves of Absence and Welcome to visitors and observers. **NB:** we  
are expecting The Most Reverend Justin Duckworth, Tikanga Pakeha  
- Archbishop and Primate, to be present on the first day of Synod.
- Confirmation of Minutes from previous session of Synod  
Presentation of any Petitions  
**Please note: Sheets of paper will be available for any Synod  
member to note a topic they would like to be discussed during an  
Open Space Discussion on Saturday.**
- Motion No 1** – The President – The Rt. Rev'd Dr Anne van Gend  
(Appointments and Procedures – including notice of elections -  
see page 15 and 33)
- Presentation of any Petitions
- Motion No 2** – The President – The Rt. Rev'd Dr Anne van Gend  
(Speaking Rights, see page 35)
- Motion No 3** - The President – The Rt. Rev'd Dr Anne van Gend  
(First reading of Bills, see page 35)
- Notices of Motions** (written copy x2 to be handed to the Registrar).  
(Appointment of any Select Committees)
- MOTION NO 4** The President – The Rt. Rev'd Dr Anne van Gend  
(Receiving Reports and Accounts, page 35)
- MOTION NO 5** The President – The Rt. Rev'd Dr Anne van Gend  
(Diocesan Reports and Accounts, page 36)
- Election of Scrutineers:** Nominations are: Rev'd Vivienne Galletly,  
Rev'd John Graveston, Dr Caroline Oliver, Mrs Linda Te Au
- 8.30 pm**      **Closing Prayers** – The Very Rev'd Dr Tony Curtis SCP, Dean of the  
Cathedral.
- Supper**      ***Please make your own arrangements if you want to catch up with  
others at the conclusion of this evening.***



# Order of Proceedings

Second Day  
Saturday 13 September 2025

- 08.00 am**      **Registration:** Naylor Love Lounge, Edgar Centre, 116 Portsmouth Drive.  
**Park-and-ride option** will leave St Peter's Caversham (Baker St) at for those who have registered to use this.
- 08.30 am**      **Morning Payer**  
Facilitated by Southern Archdeacons (Rural Southland and Invercargill)  
The Ven Barb Walker and The Ven Liz Cheyne
- 09.00 am**      **House Keeping & Continuation of Synod**
- 09.10 am**      **Consideration of the Principle of Bills (*No Bills this Synod*)**
- Motions and Standing Resolutions, Reports and Accounts,** including:  
**MOTIONS NO.6 – 9, 11-15**  
(See page 36 ff)
- 09.30 am**      **Synod Conference Session** (page 49)  
**Speakers to reports:** Barb Walker (Rural Chaplaincy), Lynette Finne (AFC) and MaryAnn Kuiti (South Centre)
- 10.00 am**      **Morning Tea - Comfort Break**
- 10.30 am**      **Synod Resumes**  
**Motion 16:** Expression of Thanks to Dominique Aitcheson
- Consideration of Bills, Motions and Standing Resolutions and Conference Session (if required).**  
**Remainder of MOTIONS NO.6 – 9, 11-15**
- Just before 12 noon:** Questions generated on Open Space sheets to be read out.
- 12.00 pm**      **Close of Nominations**  
*(Biographical details of no more than fifty words should be supplied to the Registrar with the nomination form).*
- Brief introductions of General Synod / Te Hīnota Whānui (GSTHW) [including Tikanga Pakeha Conference (TPC)] candidates before votes cast.**
- 12.20 pm**      Midday prayer – Rev'd Steve Mitchell, Central Otago Archdeaconry.

## 12.30 pm Lunch - Comfort Break

- 1.30 pm** Elections  
**(1.30 – 1.50) Move into Conference session with Presentation –**  
David Dell (Anglican Missions) and Mr Bruce White (NZ Church  
Missionary Society – NZCMS).
- 1.50 pm** **Continuation of Synod Business:**  
Elections results
- Move back into Synod:**  
Motions 9-10: Anglican Missions and **acknowledgement of Dot  
Muir.**
- 2.00 pm** **Synod Conference Session** (page 48): **Open Space** workshop  
(based on topics generated by Synod members) and **Property  
Presentation** (from the Stewardship Committee).
- 3.15 pm** **Comfort Break**
- 3.30 pm** **Continuation of Synod Business or Conference Session**
- Motion 17: Thanks at conclusion of Synod
- (NB: No Third reading of Bills required)**
- 4.45 pm** **Evening Prayers –** Facilitated by Oamaru-East Otago Archdeacon,  
The Ven Sue McCafferty.
- (5.00 pm)** **Conclusion of Synod**
- 6.00 pm** **Evening Casual Meal - At Peter Mann House, 1A Howden Street  
Green Island (provided).**



## Order of Proceedings

**Third Day (no formal business)  
Sunday 14 September 2025**

- 08.00 am** BCP at Cathedral Church of St Paul.
- 09.00 am** Breakfast at Commons Eatery, 29 The Octagon, Dunedin (at your  
own cost).



# Synod Bills 2025



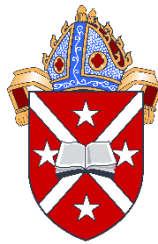
## **Bill No: 1**

### **A Bill Intituled “The Selwyn College Te Maru Pūmanawa Statute 2023”**

**Motion (from the Chair)** That Bill 2 intituled “The Selwyn College Te Maru Pūmanawa Statute 2023” be laid on the table for consideration by a future Synod.



# Synod Motions 2025







## **MOTION NO.1: Appointments & Procedures**

**Moved by:** The President – The Rt. Rev'd Dr Anne van Gend, Bishop of Dunedin

That:

- a) the President's nominations of the Officers of Synod be confirmed as found at page 15 of the Synod book;
- b) any petitions be presented on the Friday night of Synod;
- c) (i) the President's appointment of three members to the Committee for the Verification of the Minutes (see page 15) be noted; and (ii) The President's nominations for the Committee on Statutes and Standing Orders, the Steering Committee, and the Printing Committee, be confirmed (see page 15);
- d) the times of sitting of Synod and the Synod Programme, as printed in the Order of Proceedings, be confirmed;
- e) the Papers and Reports, as listed in the Index, be laid on the table and taken as read;
- f) Standing Order 2 be suspended for such periods as the President thinks fit in order that a person nominated by the President and appointed by the Synod may preside over the Synod.

### **ELECTIONS:**

Nominations for **General Synod/Te Hīnota Whānui (including Tikanga Pakeha Conference – TPC)** close on **Saturday 13 September 2025 at 12.00 pm. Please Note:**

- We need to elect two Clergy and three lay members, elected by houses. [see Writ, next page]
- **Standing Resolution 4.4 of Synod – Information on Candidates (1985) – provides:** *"that every mover of a nomination for any Board or Committee may provide a factual statement of the candidate with his or her credentials for the office (no more than 50 words) and that such information be made available to members of the Synod by the Diocesan Manager after the nominations have closed".*



The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia  
Te Hāhi Mihinare ki Aotearoa ki Nui Tirenī,  
ki Nga Moutere o te Moana Nui a Kiwa

**THE GENERAL SYNOD/TE HĪNOTA WHĀNUI 2026**

**SIXTY-SEVENTH SESSION**

**WRIT FOR ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES**

**To:** *The Right Reverend Dr A van Gend  
Bishop of the Diocese of Dunedin*

**IN PURSUANCE** of the provisions of Title B Canon I of the Canons of the General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui, **WE, DONALD TAMIHERE, JUSTIN DUCKWORTH, and SIONE ULU'ILAKEPA**, Primates/nga Pihopa Mātāmua of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia, require you to proceed with the election of two (2) Clerical and three (3) Lay representatives for the Diocese of Dunedin at the time of the next ensuing Synod as directed by the above Canon and to return this Writ in accordance with the provisions of Clause 1.1.9 to the *General Secretary at PO Box 87188 Meadowbank, Auckland 1742*, with the full names and addresses of the persons duly elected endorsed thereon.

**GIVEN** under our Hand and Seal this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-five, in the first year of our joint Primacy.

*Donald Tamihere*  
*Justin Duckworth*  
*+++ Sione Ulu'ilakepa*

Primates/nga Pihopa Mātāmua



## **MOTION NO.2: Synod arrangements and Speaking Rights**

**Moved by:** The President – The Rt. Rev'd Dr Anne van Gend, Bishop of Dunedin

- a) That the minutes of the proceedings of the First Session of the 63<sup>rd</sup> Synod as printed in the 2024 Yearbook on pages 29-67 and the minutes of the proceedings of the Electoral College as printed on pages 68-84 in the same yearbook be taken as read and confirmed.
  - b) That in accordance with Title B Canon 2 clause 1.4 of the Provincial Canons, the persons listed in Standing Resolution 4.1 of the Diocese of Dunedin Synod shall be granted a seat in this session of the Dunedin Synod with the right to speak but not vote at Synod (unless otherwise entitled to vote under Statute 1).
  - c) And that the following also be granted a seat in this session of the Dunedin Synod with the right to speak but not vote at Synod (unless otherwise entitled to vote under Statute 1):
    - a) Mr David Dell (Anglican Missions Board)
    - b) Mr Bruce White (NZ Church Missionary Society – NZCMS)
    - c) (any visitors given speaking rights to be noted here).
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## **MOTION NO. 3: First Reading of Bills**

**Moved by:** The President – The Rt. Rev'd Dr Anne van Gend, Bishop of Dunedin

That Bill 1 intituled “The Selwyn College Te Maru Pūmanawa Statute 2023” be laid on the table for consideration by a future Synod.

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## **MOTION NO.4: Reports & Accounts (Laid on the table)**

**Moved by:** The President – The Rt. Rev'd Dr Anne van Gend, Bishop of Dunedin

That the following Reports & Accounts laid on the Table be received:

- a) Anglican Family Care - Audited Financial Statements
- b) Anglican Missions Board - Annual Meeting Report
- c) Cathedral Church of St Paul - Audited Financial Statements
- d) Earl Street Charitable Trust - Audited Financial Reports
- e) St Hilda's Collegiate School Inc. Board of Proprietors - Annual Meeting Report
- f) St Hilda's Collegiate School Inc. Endowment Society - Annual Meeting Report
- g) Selwyn College - Audited Financial Statements
- h) Parata Anglican Charitable Trust - Audited Financial Statements
- i) Home of St Barnabas Trust Annual Report
- j) South Centre Anglican Care Trust Board - Audited Financial Statements
- k) The New Zealand Anglican Church Pension Board,
  - (a) The Financial Statements of the:
    - i. Investment Trust
    - ii. Pension Fund
    - iii. Supplementary Support Fund
    - iv. Widows & Orphans Endowment

- v. The Retire Fund
  - vi. Board Administration and Controlled Funds
  - vii. Christian Kiwisaver Scheme
  - (b) The annual reports of the:
    - viii. Pension Fund
    - viii. Retire Fund
    - ix. Christian Kiwisaver Scheme
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#### **MOTION NO.5: Diocesan Reports and Accounts**

**Moved by:** The Ven Elizabeth Cheyne

**Seconded by:** The Very Rev'd Dr Tony Curtis

That the Reports and Accounts as distributed be received. That Audit Professionals (Dunedin) be appointed as auditors for all accounts associated with the Diocese of Dunedin for the year ended 31 December 2025.

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#### **MOTION NO. 6: Draft Diocesan Budget**

**Moved by:** The Very Rev'd Dr Tony Curtis

**Seconded by:** The Ven Elizabeth Cheyne

That the Draft Diocesan Budget be adopted as the budget for 2026.

#### ***Draft Operating Budget 2026 Commentary***

The Draft budget that follows was approved by Dio Council on 15 July 2025. The budget has been calculated based on a balanced budget and shows a small deficit of \$1,950. The basis for the budget is a review of prior year's budget workings and the actual result for the Diocese completed for 31 December 2024.

#### **Specific assumptions made:**

- Interest income has been based on a conservative 4.5% of funds. This is a drop from 2024 when rates ranged from 5% to 5.5%.
- Contributions have been held at \$220,000 for the past 2 years. There is still a review to be made of the calculation of these donations. We remain extremely grateful for the continued support from faith communities.
- St Johns College Grant. In 2026 there will be bulk funding made by the College to the Diocese for education and scholarship purposes. As in the past, this will fully fund the ministry and youth educators, with a portion contributing to Bishop costs.
- Staffing costs have been calculated at a 1.7% rise suggested by the Interchurch Bureau and approved by Dio Council. An amount of \$20,000 has been included to support the resourcing of the Diocesan Office or for special projects.
- General administrative expenses are based on previous years' expenditure omitting any one-off type costs. Provisions for the replacement of office vehicles as well as property repairs and maintenance have been included.
- Specific purpose income and expenditure net off as in the past.
- This budget does not include an associated balance sheet and cashflow, however there are sufficient funds in the Call account and other accessible funds to be able to fund deficit future budgets.

- The layout of this budget is to reflect the controllable costs associated with the Diocesan Office and property. It highlights a net contribution of \$37,628 directly received from Bishop-associated income to offset costs associated with the Diocese Office overheads.

**Fiona Gray**  
**Diocesan Accountant**

<b>Diocese of Dunedin Operating Budget 2026</b>	<b>Draft 2024</b>	<b>Budget 2024</b>	<b>Budget 2025</b>	<b>Budget 2026</b>	<b>Specific Purposes</b>	<b>Bishop Related</b>	<b>Education Related</b>	<b>General Diocese</b>
<b>Diocese Income</b>								
Contribution - Parish Clergy	942,552	931,210	1,025,984	958,576	958,576			
Contribution - Visiting Ministers	56,836	50,000	50,000	55,000	55,000			
Contribution - External Insurance	689,066	549,450	600,000	757,973	757,973			
Contribution - External Audit	10,100	10,100	10,100	10,100	10,100			
Contribution - External Expenses	10,759	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000			
Contribution - Parish Printing	12,211	11,200	11,200	12,000	12,000			
<b>Income Received for Specific Purposes</b>	<b>1,721,525</b>	<b>1,561,960</b>	<b>1,707,284</b>	<b>1,803,649</b>				
St John's College Grant Bishop	82,155	85,000	85,000	84,550		84,550		
Contribution - Bishop Endowment Fund	49,540	44,425	53,213	44,586		44,586		
Contribution - General Purpose Funds	5,599	5,828	8,993	5,039		5,039		
Donations - Fund my Bishop	7,980	10,000	5,000	5,000		5,000		
Other Income	1,624	1,000	3,000	1,000		1,000		
Contribution - Pension Committee	0	0	0	25,000		25,000		
<b>Income received relating to Bishop</b>	<b>146,898</b>	<b>146,253</b>	<b>155,206</b>	<b>165,175</b>				
St John's College Grant Educators	266,086	206,586	217,000	216,428			216,428	
St John's College Grant Programmes	0	59,500	60,000	61,000			61,000	
<b>Income received relating to Educators</b>	<b>266,086</b>	<b>266,086</b>	<b>277,000</b>	<b>277,428</b>				
Diocesan Budget - 66 Highcliff Road Fund	70	40	50	63				63
Diocesan Budget - Central Fund	3,079	2,578	3,165	2,771				2,771
Diocesan Budget - New Century Fund	3,102	2,666	3,275	2,673				2,673
Diocesan Budget - Survey Fund	21,847	18,775	22,935	19,663				19,663
Diocesan Budget - Stuckey Fund	95	82	90	86				86
Diocesan Budget - Home Mission	0	22,000	22,000	22,000				22,000
Diocesan Budget - Diocesan Endowment 90% interest	12,973	12,344	15,370	11,675				11,675
Diocesan Budget - Diocesan Foundation 90% interest	13,545	11,286	13,915	12,191				12,191
<b>General Purpose Income from Special Funds</b>	<b>54,711</b>	<b>69,771</b>	<b>80,800</b>	<b>71,122</b>				
Accounting Services - Parishes	21,120	24,000	25,000	30,000				30,000
Accounting Services - ESCT	4,800	4,800	4,800	4,800				4,800
Administration Services - DDTB	126,000	126,000	131,040	126,000				126,000
Administration Services - Insurance	12,350	14,000	10,000	12,350				12,350
Contribution - Parish	221,989	219,500	220,000	220,000				220,000
Contribution - Lyders	2,967	2,000	2,000	2,670				2,670
Donations	3,226	5,000	5,000	5,000				5,000
Interest - Investments	13,415	14,000	5,000	12,000				12,000
Other Income	21,394	3,000	3,000	3,000				3,000
Rental Income - 66 Highcliff Road	5,290	0	0	41,600				41,600
Rental Income - Dio Office	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000				8,000
Rental Income - Dio Office vehicles	10,958	10,000	6,000	11,000				11,000
Rental Income - PMH	44,070	43,070	43,100	49,100				49,100
<b>General Purpose Income</b>	<b>495,578</b>	<b>473,370</b>	<b>462,940</b>	<b>525,520</b>				
<b>Total Income from Operating Activities</b>	<b>2,684,798</b>	<b>2,517,440</b>	<b>2,683,230</b>	<b>2,842,894</b>	<b>1,803,649</b>	<b>165,175</b>	<b>277,428</b>	<b>596,642</b>

Diocese of Dunedin Operating Budget 2026	Draft 2024	Budget 2024	Budget 2025	Budget 2026	Specific Purposes	Bishop Related	Education Related	General Diocese
<b>Diocese Expenses</b>								
Parish Clergy Stipend & Allowances	942,576	931,210	1,025,984	958,576	958,576			
Visiting Ministers	56,836	50,000	50,000	55,000	55,000			
External Audit	10,100	10,100	10,100	10,100	10,100			
External Expenses	10,759	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000			
External Insurance	691,896	549,450	600,000	757,973	757,973			
Parish Printing Expenses	11,731	11,200	11,200	12,000	12,000			
<b>Expenses funded from Specific Purpose Income</b>	<b>1,723,897</b>	<b>1,561,960</b>	<b>1,707,284</b>	<b>1,803,649</b>				
Bishop Book Allowance	0	250	250	250		250		
Bishop Continuing Education	217	250	500	500		500		
Bishop Hospitality	2,543	1,500	1,500	2,000		2,000		
Bishop Pension	2,668	6,170	4,701	5,400		5,400		
Bishop Stipend and Housing	38,497	84,058	64,402	105,947		105,947		
Bishop Subscriptions	0	1,200	1,200	1,200		1,200		
Bishop Supervision	1,180	800	800	1,000		1,000		
Bishop Telecommunication	190	765	800	750		750		
Bishop Travel	4,953	4,000	8,500	8,000		8,000		
Bishop Sundry	2,148	0	0	2,500		2,500		
<b>Expenses related to Bishop</b>	<b>52,397</b>	<b>98,993</b>	<b>82,653</b>	<b>127,547</b>				
Education Staff Book Allowance	910	0	0	1,000			1,000	
Education Staff Continuing Education	258	1,500	1,500	1,500			1,500	
Education Staff Hospitality	1,774	1,500	1,500	1,500			1,500	
Education Staff Stipends and Allowances	177,691	176,586	177,000	188,124			188,124	
Education Staff Subscriptions	3,617	0	1,000	2,500			2,500	
Education Staff Supervision	1,100	1,500	1,500	1,500			1,500	
Education Staff Telecommunication	1,100	0	1,000	1,500			1,500	
Education Staff Travel	1,073	12,000	12,000	12,000			12,000	
Funding for Diocese Educational workshops	12,092	59,500	67,500	46,804			46,804	
Education Staff Sundry	45,515	0	0	2,500			2,500	
	3,597							
<b>Expenses related to Educators</b>	<b>247,628</b>	<b>252,586</b>	<b>263,000</b>	<b>258,928</b>				
General Synod	22,400	28,000	28,000	28,000				28,000
Tertiary Chaplaincy	22,000	22,000	22,000	22,000				22,000
Tikanga Pakeha Conference (TPC)	12,000	12,000	15,000	15,000				15,000
<b>Grants and Levies</b>	<b>56,400</b>	<b>62,000</b>	<b>65,000</b>	<b>65,000</b>				
Archdeacon & Area Deans Expenses	4,092	900	5,000	5,000				5,000
Clergy removals	0	0	4,000	0				0
Diocese Council Expenses	4,519	1,200	1,500	1,500				1,500
Diocese Council Travel	2,212	2,000	2,000	2,000				2,000
Gifts and Koha	2,230	0	0	0				0
Insurance - Legal Liability	3,807	5,101	3,500	3,800				3,800
Legal Fees	77,407	5,000	2,500	2,500				2,500
Ordination Expenses	1,030	0	0	0				0
Property Commissioners	802	0	2,500	2,500				2,500
Synod Expenses	9,211	1,600	4,000	0				0
Synod Travel	842	1,200	1,200	1,000				1,000
<b>Diocesan Costs</b>	<b>106,152</b>	<b>17,001</b>	<b>26,200</b>	<b>18,300</b>				
<b>Total Direct Diocesan and special purpose Costs</b>	<b>2,186,474</b>	<b>1,992,540</b>	<b>2,144,137</b>	<b>2,273,424</b>	<b>1,803,649</b>	<b>127,547</b>	<b>258,928</b>	<b>83,300</b>
<b>Net Contribution to overheads*</b>	<b>498,324</b>	<b>524,900</b>	<b>539,093</b>	<b>569,470</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>37,628</b>	<b>18,500</b>	<b>513,342</b>

<b>Diocese of Dunedin Operating Budget 2026</b>	<b>Draft 2024</b>	<b>Budget 2024</b>	<b>Budget 2025</b>	<b>Budget 2026</b>	<b>Specific Purposes</b>	<b>Bishop Related</b>	<b>Education Related</b>	<b>General Diocese</b>
Salary & Wages	300,627	311,754	290,489	294,080				294,080
Holiday Pay	3,682	0	0	0				0
External Resource for admin/accounting	0	0	20,000	27,300				27,300
Staff Costs	1,186	2,250	500	250				250
Superannuation	5,374	5,194	5,013	5,500				5,500
Travel - Dio Office	2,817	1,000	1,000	2,000				2,000
<b>Personnel</b>	<b>313,686</b>	<b>320,198</b>	<b>317,002</b>	<b>329,130</b>				
Cleaning	5,634	7,000	6,600	5,700				5,700
Power	4,600	4,000	4,665	5,060				5,060
Insurance - Building	3,429	4,742	5,690	3,772				3,772
Rates	14,233	12,000	13,433	15,656				15,656
Rent - DDTB	43,100	43,100	43,100	43,100				43,100
Repairs & Maintenance - General	6,252	2,000	2,500	5,000				5,000
Repairs & Maintenance - 66 Highcliff Road	15,270	5,500	5,000	5,000				5,000
Future improvements - 66 Highcliff Road	0	0	10,000	4,160				4,160
Rental management - 66 Highcliff Road	0	0	8,000	2,912				2,912
Rubbish Disposal	318	0	500	400				400
Security	948	1,000	550	1,000				1,000
Valuation Fees	1,170	0	1,300	0				0
<b>Property</b>	<b>94,953</b>	<b>79,342</b>	<b>101,339</b>	<b>91,760</b>				
Audit and Accounting Fees	14,200	13,500	15,000	15,000				15,000
Bank Fees	731	600	750	750				750
Dio Office Rental	18,070	23,570	8,000	14,000		6,000	8,000	
Dio Office Vehicle Rental	10,958	10,000	6,000	11,000		5,500	5,500	
Dio Office Vehicle replacement	0	7,000	13,000	11,000				11,000
Dio Office Vehicle running	6,809	7,500	9,700	6,300				6,300
Groceries	0	0	750	750				750
Hospitality	1,482	0	0	750				750
IT Support	23,206	21,000	24,000	25,000				25,000
Leases Computer hardware	0	0	0	8,880				8,880
Minor Equipment purchases	7,500	500	1,500	10,000		2,500	5,000	2,500
Photocopier Lease	4,174	0	4,175	4,175				4,175
Photocopying and Printing	6,713	11,000	5,000	5,825				5,825
Postage	4,110	3,000	1,500	2,500				2,500
Projects - Dio Office	4,301	0	2,500	2,500				2,500
St Hildas Prizes	624	0	0	0		0		
Stationery	2,827	0	1,500	1,500				1,500
Subscriptions	3,518	2,000	3,700	3,600				3,600
Sundry	1,735	5,500	5,500	4,000				4,000
Telecommunications	6,119	6,400	5,500	6,000				6,000
Worship expenses	92	0	0	0		0		
<b>Administration</b>	<b>117,169</b>	<b>111,570</b>	<b>108,075</b>	<b>133,530</b>				
<b>Total Diocesan Office Expenses and Overheads</b>	<b>525,807</b>	<b>511,110</b>	<b>526,416</b>	<b>554,420</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14,000</b>	<b>18,500</b>	<b>521,920</b>
<b>Net Surplus/(Deficit) from Diocesan Operating Activities</b>	<b>(27,483)</b>	<b>13,790</b>	<b>12,677</b>	<b>15,050</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>23,628</b>	<b>(0)</b>	<b>(8,578)</b>
Depreciation	(16,686)	(26,800)	(19,831)	(17,000)				(17,000)
Revaluation of Fixed Assets (66 Highcliff Road)	588,000	0	0	0				0
<b>Total Net Surplus/(Deficit) after depreciation and revaluation</b>	<b>543,831</b>	<b>(13,010)</b>	<b>(7,154)</b>	<b>(1,950)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>23,628</b>	<b>(0)</b>	<b>(25,578)</b>
<b>Net Surplus/(Deficit) after one-off items</b>	<b>543,831</b>	<b>(13,010)</b>	<b>(7,154)</b>	<b>(1,950)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>23,628</b>	<b>(0)</b>	<b>(25,578)</b>

Total net surplus includes savings from half bishop expenses in 2024 offset by a redress payment of \$67k and funds brought in to purchase the property at Highcliff Road of \$588,000

\*Reflects a contribution after direct costs towards the general operations of the Diocesan Office.

## **MOTION NO. 7: Dissolution of the Anglican Mission District of Brockville and the Lumsden Local Church**

**Moved By:** The President – The Rt. Rev'd Dr Anne van Gend, Bishop of Dunedin

Whereas in Statute 3 there is provision for the closure and winding up of Parishes and Local Churches by the Bishop (clause 98) with property under its control passing to the Diocese to be available for its general purposes, and shall be committed in the first instance to the Bishop to allow such arrangements to be made as will, in the opinion of the Bishop, carry out the mission of the Church in that area (Clause 99);

And whereas a recommendation was made by Diocesan Council on 15 July 2025 to dissolve the (Anglican) Mission District of Brockville, a partner in the (former) Brockville Co-operating Parish of the Uniting Congregations of Aotearoa New Zealand);

And whereas the Local Church of All Saints Lumsden's building was secularized on 22 September 2024, with Diocesan Council resolving that this Local Church be dissolved at its meeting on 8 October 2024, giving thanks for this church which was part of the (former) Waimea Plains Parish since 1890;

And whereas no dissolution of a Parish, Regional Deanery or Local Church shall be final until ratified by Synod (Statute 3, Clause 100.2);

Now therefore be it resolved by the Diocese of Dunedin in Synod: That the (Anglican) Mission District of Brockville, as incorporated in the Brockville Co-operating Parish and the Local Church of All Saints Lumsden be dissolved, with both being removed from the First Schedule of Statute 3, giving thanks to God for the life, witness and service of these faith communities and praying for the continuation of ministry in this location in whatever form this may take.

### ***Explanatory Notes***

- 1. The closing service and secularization of All Saints' Lumsden took place on Sunday 22 September 2024 and the building has been sold. Pastoral care in the Lumsden area continues to be supported by the Archdeacon Rural Southland (the Ven. Barb Walker).*
- 2. The Brockville Community Church was closed on March 1 2021, however, at the end of 2024 when clarifying assets of the former St James Church in Brockville, it was identified that the Anglican part of the cooperating venture had not officially been dissolved at Synod. In the constitution agreement of the Brockville Co-operating Parish (signed in July 1994) it was acknowledged that the then Anglican Bishop of Dunedin (Penny Jamieson) wanted to offer pastoral care to Anglican families in the Brockville area, and the Anglican component of this was formally acknowledged at a service on 19 June 1994. An original Anglican Mission District was disbanded in August 1987 by Bishop Peter Mann but then reconstituted by Bishop Penny Jamieson in 1993 so that the new cooperating venture could be formed. Pastoral care for Anglicans in the Brockville area continues to be provided by St John's Roslyn.*



## **MOTION NO. 8: Standing Resolutions of Synod**

**Moved By:** The President – The Rt. Rev'd Dr Anne van Gend, Bishop of Dunedin

That this Synod adopts the recommendations of Diocesan Council regarding Standing Resolutions, as set out in the attached Schedules A and B

### **A - Schedule of Resolutions passed at Synod 2024 which in the opinion of the Diocesan Council should be maintained in force (i.e. become a Standing Resolution)**

It is recommended by Diocesan Council that Motion 9 (Length of Trustee Terms) be added into the appropriate section of Standing Resolutions. This motion, and the accompanying notes from 2024 Synod, read as follows:

#### **MOTION NO. 9: Length of Trustee Terms**

In making any appointment of board members-trustees, the Diocese of Dunedin Trusts Board shall have regard to the desirability of the regular refreshment of membership. Unless specified otherwise in individual Trust rules or deeds, the Diocese of Dunedin Trusts Board will appoint board-members- trustees for three-year terms. The Diocese of Dunedin Trusts Board shall not appoint an individual to any particular board or trust for more than three consecutive terms unless satisfied that there are exceptional reasons for doing so.

##### ***Explanatory notes:***

- 1. All Trust Boards in the Diocese of Dunedin operate under the provisions of Title F of the Code of Canons of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.*
- 2. Title F Canon 2.4-2.6 highlights that all Boards should have numbered seats, with a third of these seats being deemed to have retired at the close of each financial year, but with members remaining until a replacement is found and with any retiring member able to be reappointed.*
- 3. The Dunedin Diocesan Trusts Board (as instituted by Statute 25 in 1880) represents Synod to appoint new Trustees and fill vacancies that may occur "in any body of Trustees holding property for Church purposes in the Diocese of Dunedin".*
- 4. This motion seeks to ensure that Trustees appointed by the Trusts Board do not remain in office for extended periods of time but are stood down so that new Trustees can be appointed. Any person who is stood down can apply for a vacancy for any seat that subsequently becomes available.*
- 5. This will allow for regular refreshment of Trust Boards, while still ensuring continuity and allowing flexibility for a Board to request an exemption for any member who continues to give valued service and meets the requirements of a Trustee.*
- 6. Most Board terms are for three-year periods, apart from Anglican Family Care whose rules stipulate two-year terms.*
- 7. This has been presented as a motion with the intention for it to be made a standing resolution at a subsequent Synod. At this stage, Diocesan Council are not recommending a Bill to amend Statute 25, but this may be appropriate in the future.*

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### **B – Schedule of Resolutions of earlier Synods which in the opinion of the Diocesan Council should continue to be Standing Resolutions of Synod**

It is recommended by Diocesan Council that all Standing Resolutions set out in the existing Handbook should remain in force except:

### **3.5 Low Interest Loans Fund (1998)**

The wording of these motions and Diocesan Council's comment on why it should be removed now follows:

#### **Low Interest Loans Fund (1998)**

Any monies received by the Dunedin Diocesan Trust Board on behalf of the Dunedin Diocesan Low Interest Fund after the enactment of the Dunedin Diocesan Low Interest Loans Fund Repeal Statute 1998 shall be paid by the Diocese to an Anglican social service agency or agencies in Otago or Southland for the promotion of low interest loans or similar charitable purposes.

#### **Comment:**

*Standing Resolution 3.5 refers to work that has been completed, we recommend it be removed. This Standing Resolution originally referred to "A Statute to Establish a Fund for Low Interest Loans", passed at Synod in 1988. At Synod in 1998 the above motion was agreed, and a request was made of Diocesan Council to maintain it in force (i.e. to become a standing resolution) at Synod 1999). At the same (1998) Synod the above statute was repealed i.e. removed. It was expected that this Standing Resolution would allow for the disbursement of any remaining funds. No such funds remain.*

*NB: The statutes do not hold a list of repealed statute titles, unless they were incorporated into other statutes. Statutes that are repealed (removed) are only indicated by the absence of numbers in the Statutes index. To date, there are no Statutes 2, 21, 28, 29, 30, 32, 33, 34 and 35.*

#### **Explanatory notes re all Standing Resolutions:**

1. Standing Resolutions relate only to Motions, since Bills that are passed (enacted) become Statutes and remain in force until they are repealed by another Statute.
2. Standing Resolutions are dealt with by Statute 31 ("A Statute to provide for Standing Resolutions of the Synod"). Under clause 7 of Statute 31, any Resolution not included in the Standing Resolutions remains in force only until the start of the next ordinary session of Synod.
3. All Synod members should have a copy of the Handbook referred to at the start of Schedule B (i.e. the Diocese of Dunedin Standing Orders, Standing Resolutions and Statutes of the Synod of the Diocese of Dunedin). Existing Standing Resolutions will be found after Standing Orders and before the Diocesan Statutes. They are also available on-line via the Diocesan Website: <http://www.calledsouth.org.nz/diocesan-procedures/>
4. These recommendations are the result of a resolution of Diocesan Council at its meeting on 18 March 2025.
5. The term "Schedule" is used above because Diocesan Council is required by Statute 31 to provide two such schedules to Synod.

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### **MOTION NO. 9: Anglican Overseas Mission**

**Moved by:** Mrs Dot Muir

**Seconded by:** Mrs Anne Gover

That this Synod:

- a) Give thanks to all members of the Diocese who have supported all Missions, especially Missions overseas, in the year ending 31 December 2024.

- b) Recommends all Parishes actively support The Anglican Missions Board, by continually supporting their partners.
- c) That the Diocesan AMB target for the year Jan - Dec 2026 be \$47,000.00 (in 2025 the target was \$63,000).

**Note:** *this target more accurately reflects the level of giving that is currently taking place.*

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**MOTION NO. 10:** Expression of Thanks to Dot Muir

**Moved By:** The President – The Rt. Rev'd Dr Anne van Gend, Bishop of Dunedin

That this Synod recognises the exceptional contribution of Mrs Dot Muir as our Diocesan Mission Enabler and her outstanding dedication, enthusiasm and energy in promoting overseas mission (including the establishment of the Rwenzori Special Needs Foundation) within the Diocese of Dunedin and in national Anglican Missions Forums.

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**MOTION NO. 11:** Response to the Humanitarian Crisis in Gaza

**Moved By:** Ms Nikki Gordon-Smith

**Seconded by:** Rev'd Michael Holdaway

That this Synod, extremely concerned by the situation in Gaza, sickened by the violence of Hamas and Israeli forces and the inhumanity of Israel's blockade of food and aid, asks that the Bishop write to the **Minister of Foreign Affairs**-

- a) welcoming the Foreign Minister's July statement; and
- b) urging the Government to press more forcefully in support of the recognition of the statehood of Palestine to hasten an end to hostilities and to do more, working with international partners, to bring about a real end to violence and meaningful negotiations towards a lasting peace.

Further, this Synod asks also that the Bishop write to the **Labour Leader** and the **Labour Spokesperson for Foreign Affairs** asking that they support and work to intensify all and any Government efforts in support of peace in Gaza.

***Biblical Foundations:***

- "What does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." - **Micah 6:8.**
- "And the fruit of justice is sown in peace by those who make peace." - **James 3:18**
- "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God." - **Matthew 5:9**

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**MOTION NO. 12:** Shortage of Social Housing in New Zealand

**Moved By:** The Ven Canon Dr Michael Wallace

**Seconded by:** The Rev'd Canon Rose Scott

That this Synod expresses deep concern about the critical shortage of social and public housing across Aotearoa New Zealand, contributing to rising homelessness, housing insecurity, and overcrowding. Accordingly, this Synod:

1. **Urges the Government** to significantly increase investment in the construction, maintenance, and renewal of public and social housing stock, particularly in areas identified as high-need.
2. **Calls for the development of stronger partnerships** between central government, iwi, hapū, community housing providers, to accelerate the development of long-term, affordable housing solutions.
3. **Requests that the Government publicly reports** on the outcomes for individuals removed from emergency housing following changes in eligibility criteria, including how many have transitioned into secure accommodation and what supports are being offered.

This Synod also requests the Bishop of Dunedin to write to the **Minister of Housing and the Prime Minister**, asking that urgent and coordinated action be taken to address the national housing crisis as outlined above.

**Rationale:**

- *The Government's decision to halt many Kāinga Ora developments and terminate planned rebuilds of demolished state homes has significantly reduced the pipeline of public housing stock (Source: [RNZ, 2024](#)).*
- *Housing is a human right recognised in international frameworks (e.g., Article 25 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights), and is foundational to the wellbeing of individuals, whānau, and communities.*
- *As of early 2025, tens of thousands of households remain on the Ministry of Social Development's Housing Register. Māori, Pasifika, disabled persons, and low-income families continue to be disproportionately impacted by lack of secure and affordable housing (Source: [Ministry of Housing and Urban Development](#)).*
- *The tightening of emergency housing eligibility criteria has reduced the official count of emergency housing residents, but the whereabouts and welfare of over 20% of those removed remains unknown (Source: [Salvation Army State of the Nation Report 2025](#)).*

**Biblical Foundations:**

- *"My people will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places." — **Isaiah 32:18***
- *"Is not this the fast that I choose... to bring the homeless poor into your house...?" — **Isaiah 58:6–7***
- *"There will always be poor people in the land. Therefore I command you to be openhanded toward your fellow Israelites who are poor and needy in your land." — **Deuteronomy 15:11***
- *"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." — **Matthew 25:40***

*These scriptures remind us that providing for the vulnerable — including shelter — is a civic and spiritual obligation.*

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**MOTION NO. 13:** Cost-of-Living Pressure in New Zealand.

**Moved By:** The Rev'd Canon Rose Scott

**Seconded by:** Ms Lisa Burton

That this Synod expresses deep concern about the significant and ongoing increase in the cost of living across Aotearoa New Zealand — particularly in the essential areas of housing, food, fuel, healthcare and utilities — which is having a severe impact on vulnerable members of our communities. Accordingly, this Synod:

1. **Urges the Government** to take urgent and comprehensive action to alleviate cost-of-living pressures, including but not limited to:
  - a. Increasing income support for low-income households, beneficiaries, and superannuitants.
  - b. Expanding access to affordable housing and strengthening rental protections.
  - c. Adopting fair wage policies, including raising the minimum wage to match the Living Wage benchmark.
  - d. Reducing the cost of essential services such as public transport, healthcare (especially primary care and prescriptions), and early childhood education.
2. **Supports local and community-led initiatives** that help mitigate cost pressures, including foodbanks, community gardens, housing cooperatives, and financial literacy or budgeting programmes.
3. **Advocates for a long-term economic strategy** that prioritises equity, affordability, and the wellbeing of all New Zealanders, especially the most disadvantaged.

This Synod also requests the Bishop of Dunedin to write to the **Minister of Finance and Social Investment, the Minister for Social Development and Employment, and the Prime Minister**, urging meaningful and sustained steps to address the economic hardship described in this motion.

**Rationale:**

- *The rising cost of living has pushed many individuals and families into financial distress, contributing to increased food insecurity, unmanageable debt, and housing instability (Source: Salvation Army, [State of the Nation 2025](#)).*
- *Wage growth has not kept pace with inflation, and the gap between the minimum wage and the Living Wage continues to widen, leaving many workers in essential roles struggling to survive (Source: [Living Wage Movement Aotearoa NZ](#)).*
- *Vulnerable populations — including low-income earners, students, beneficiaries, and the elderly — are disproportionately affected, deepening socioeconomic inequality across Aotearoa.*
- *These challenges are directly relevant to the Anglican **Five Marks of Mission**, especially:*
  - "To respond to human need by loving service," and*
  - "To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation."*

**Biblical Foundations:**

- *"They sell the righteous for silver, and the needy for a pair of sandals... They trample on the heads of the poor." — **Amos 2:6–7***
- *"Give justice to the weak and the fatherless; maintain the right of the afflicted and the destitute." — **Psalms 82:3***
- *"The labourer deserves to be paid." — **1 Timothy 5:18***
- *"You shall not oppress a hired servant who is poor and needy..." — **Deuteronomy 24:14–15***

*These verses uphold God's call to justice and compassion for the economically vulnerable, aligning with our mission to seek the flourishing of all people.*

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**MOTION NO. 14:** Improving Access to Nutritious Food in Aotearoa New Zealand

**Moved By:** Ms Nikki Gordon-Smith

**Seconded by:** Ms Lisa Burton

That this Synod expresses its deep concern about the widespread lack of access to affordable and nutritious food across Aotearoa New Zealand, and:

Requests that the Bishop of Dunedin write to the **Minister for Business, Innovation and Employment**, the **Minister for Food Safety**, and the **Prime Minister**, urging the Government to take meaningful action to improve food security through:

1. **Increasing investment** in local and community-led food security initiatives, including community gardens, food co-operatives, school lunch programmes, and regional food resilience strategies.
2. **Exploring and implementing policy measures** such as:
  - Subsidising healthy food options;
  - Supporting local and sustainable growers and producers;
  - Regulating the marketing and advertising of unhealthy food, especially to children.
3. **Adopting a whole-of-government strategy** to address food insecurity, integrating efforts across health, education, social development, agriculture, and environmental sustainability sectors.

**Rationale:**

- *Access to healthy, affordable food is recognised internationally as a fundamental human right and is critical to public health and wellbeing (Source: [United Nations Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, Article 11](#)).*
- *Food insecurity is rising in New Zealand, particularly among low-income households, Māori and Pasifika communities, rural populations, and families with children (Source: [NZ Food Network](#)).*
- *The cost-of-living crisis has compounded existing inequalities, with more families turning to foodbanks or skipping meals. Children are particularly at risk of long-term harm due to poor nutrition.*
- *There is a need for policies that promote healthy eating environments, reduce the cost of nutritious food, and support local economies and sustainable food systems.*
- *The **Diocese of Dunedin** actively contributes to food resilience through initiatives such as the All Saints Fruit and Veges scheme in North Dunedin, which provides affordable, seasonal produce to households in the greater Dunedin area ([Video: All Saints Dunedin Fruit and Veges](#)).*

**Biblical Foundations:**

- *"They gave me nothing to eat. I was hungry and you gave me food..." — **Matthew 25:35–40***
- *"Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves... defend the rights of the poor and needy." — **Proverbs 31:8–9***
- *"You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land." — **Deuteronomy 15:11***
- *"He has filled the hungry with good things..." — **Luke 1:53***

*These scriptures remind us of the moral imperative to feed the hungry, care for the poor, and support just systems that ensure no one is left without the necessities of life.*

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**MOTION NO. 15:** Sharing of Social Justice Resolutions Synod 2025

**Moved By:** The Rev'd Canon Rose Scott

**Seconded by:** Ms Lisa Burton

That Social Justice related resolutions (contained in Motions 11-14) carried by this Synod be shared with the Archbishops, General Synod / Te Hīnota Whānui (GSTHW), other dioceses, and with other Christian denominations, inviting ongoing collaboration with them and combined political engagement over these matters.

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**MOTION NO. 16:** Expression of Thanks to Dominique Aitcheson

**Moved By:** The President – The Rt. Rev'd Dr Anne van Gend, Bishop of Dunedin

That this Synod recognises the long service of Mrs Dominique Aitcheson, who has worked for the Diocese as a Senior Accounts Clerk for over 25 years since 8 May 2000, expressing our gratitude for her dedication, attention to detail, humour, patience and teamwork.

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**MOTION NO. 17:** Thanks, at the Conclusion of Synod

**Moved By:** The Rev'd Barbara Dineen

**Seconded by:** Rev'd Canon Rose Scott

That this Synod expresses its appreciation to:

1. The President for her leadership, including the prayer and worship during Synod.
2. To Synod Officers for their willingness and ability in facilitating the proceedings of Synod.
3. To the Wardens and Parishioners of the Cathedral District for hosting the first day of Synod
4. For staff at the Edgar Centre and other volunteers who have ensured Synod has run smoothly.
5. To the Dean of the Cathedral and Diocesan Archdeacons who have facilitated, and lead led prayer and worship during Synod.

And for all these blessings we give thanks to God through our Lord Jesus Christ.





# Synod Conference Session 2025



## Synod Conference Sessions

1. **Speakers to Reports:** Barb Walker (Rural Chaplaincy), Lynette Finne (AFC) and MaryAnn Kuiti (South Centre).
2. **Missions Presentations:** David Dell (Anglican Missions) and Mr Bruce White (NZ Church Missionary Society – NZCMS).
3. **Open Space Discussion** on topics generated by Synod members. **Please come ready with some topics, especially ones that may be being asked in your faith community right now.** (See further explanation on the following page).
4. **Property Presentation** (led by the Stewardship Committee) including focusing on proceeds of property sales (A summary of and excerpts from Statute 3 follow, from page 51).

## Synod Open Space Discussion Guide & Notes Template

### What is Open Space?

Open Space is a simple and flexible way for groups to have meaningful conversations on topics that matter most to them. The agenda is created by participants, and everyone is free to join any discussion at any time.

### Four Principles:

1. **Whoever comes are the right people** – those present care enough to be here.
2. **Whatever happens is the only thing that could have** – trust the process.
3. **Whenever it starts is the right time** – creativity has its own pace.
4. **When it's over, it's over** – don't keep talking for the sake of filling time.

### The Law of Two Feet:

If you're not learning or contributing, use your two feet to go to a place where you can.

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### How It Works at Synod

- On Friday evening, large sheets will be available to write any question or idea you want discussed.
- Questions will be read out before lunch on Saturday.
- After lunch and elections, the sheets will be spread around the meeting space.
- Move between discussions freely — join as many or as few as you like.
- The person who proposed a question will host that discussion and ensure notes are taken.

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### Discussion Record Sheet

*We will have these printed out for hosts of this*

*(One per topic – please write clearly)*

**Topic / Question:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Proposed by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Key Points Raised:**

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

**Insights / Learning:**

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

**Ideas / Recommendations:**

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**Next Steps / Actions (if any):**

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

**Names (optional):** \_\_\_\_\_

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### Tips for Hosts:

- Keep the conversation focused but flexible.
- Capture the essence, not every word.
- Use bullet points for clarity.
- At the end, check everyone still there agrees the notes reflect the discussion.
- Photograph the completed sheet for backup.

## Pre-reading/familiarisation reading for Property Presentation:

### Excerpts from Statute 3 Relating to Property Transactions

**Summary of the following Statute 3 and Standing Resolution 4.8 information:**  
**A reminder:** the Cathedral has its own Statute (No. 5), so doesn't come under Statute 3.

#### Diocese of Dunedin Major Property Transactions – Key Principles

##### 1. Types of Transactions Covered

- Buying, selling, or leasing land.
- Acquiring, erecting, altering, or disposing of a building (including demolition).
- Erecting monuments.
- Significant repairs or maintenance costing more than:
  - \$30,000 or
  - ¼ of the ministry unit's annual operating budget.
- Any changes to church buildings or their contents that require a **Faculty**.

##### 2. Who Must Approve

- **Diocesan Council** and **Diocesan Trust Board** – for all major transactions.
- **Bishop** – for issuing a Faculty (needed for changes to church buildings and some other works).
- **Vicar/Regional Dean and Churchwardens** – consent needed before proceeding.
- **Parish/Ministry Unit General Meeting** – final approval required after Diocesan Council/Trust Board give approval in principle.

##### 3. When a Property Commission is Appointed

- Required for most proposals unless the Diocesan Council deems it *minor*.
- Property Commission includes Diocesan Property Commissioners and local representatives.
- They assess:
  - Need/desirability of the proposal and alignment with ministry vision.
  - Impact on ministry and finances.
  - Funding method and sustainability.
  - Compliance with Church/Diocesan policies (including bicultural partnership).
  - Estimated costs and other relevant matters.

##### 4. Standard Process

- **Initial Proposal** – Ministry unit sends written proposal, plans, and draft specs to Diocesan Council. This can be in the form of a Faculty Application
- **Property Commission Review** – If not minor, Property Commission evaluates and reports.
- **Approval in Principle** – Diocesan Council *and* Trust Board must agree.
- **Parish/Ministry Unit Meeting** – Proposal considered and voted on.
- **Final Approval** – Detailed plans and specs submitted for final sign-off by Dio Council/Trust Board.
- **Consents & Faculty** – All written consents obtained; Faculty issued if needed.

- **Implementation** – Work or transaction proceeds.

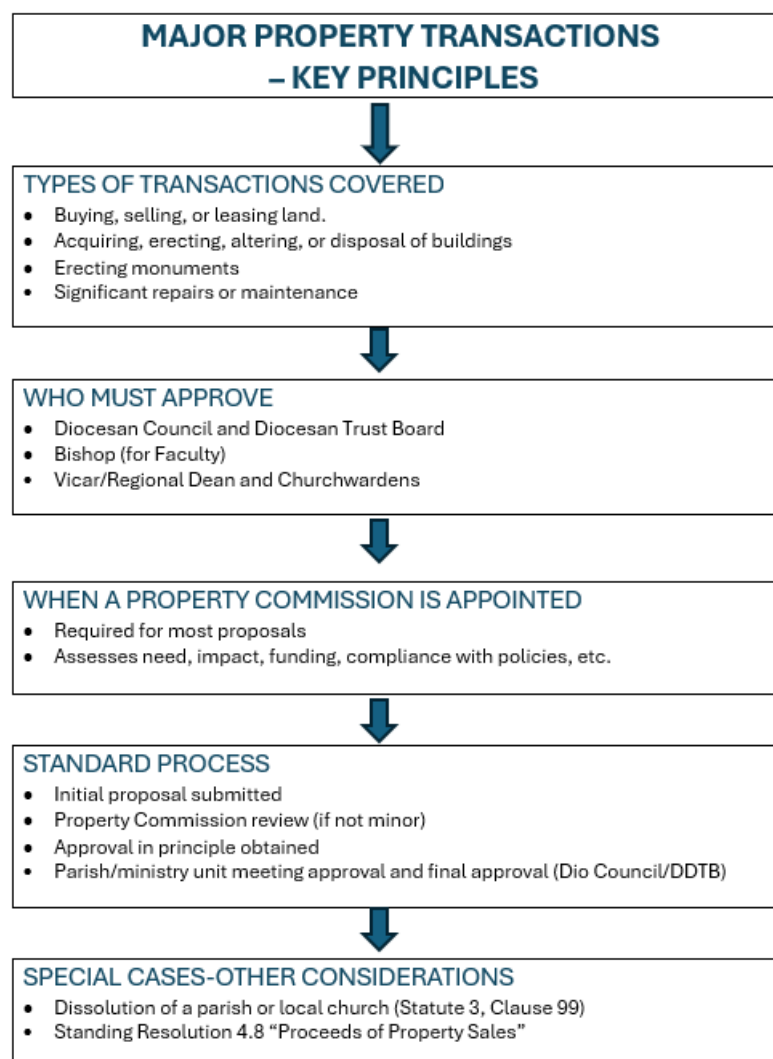
## 5. Special Cases

- **Dissolution of a Parish or Local Church** – all property passes to the Diocese for general purposes, under the Bishop’s initial oversight (Statute 3, Clause 99)

### Other Considerations: Standing Resolution 4.8 Proceeds of Property Sales (2021)

Proceeds from any Diocesan property sales are:

- **Invested** in the Dunedin Diocesan Trust Board (DDTB) Income Fund **on behalf of the ministry unit** concerned.
- Recorded as an **asset of that ministry unit** on its balance sheet.
- **Income** from the investment can only be used for **specific projects** approved by the Diocesan Council.
- **Capital** from the investment can also only be used for **specific projects** approved by the Diocesan Council.
- Payments for approved projects are made by the **Diocesan Office** upon receiving suitable invoices authorised by the wardens or other authorised officers.



## Statute 3:

### Limitations on management powers

45. No Church or building used as a Church shall be erected, and no change shall be made to any such existing Church or building, and no article shall be erected or placed in it, or altered or removed without a Faculty from the Bishop, in accordance with the procedures set out in Part 1 of the Fourth Schedule.
46. No land shall be bought, sold or leased, no monument shall be erected, and no building shall be acquired, erected, or leased, altered or disposed of without the prior written approval of the Diocesan Council and of the Diocesan Trust Board, in accordance with the procedures set out in Part 2 of the Fourth Schedule to this Statute, the written consent of the Vicar or Regional Dean or (if there is no Vicar or Regional Dean), the Bishop and the Churchwardens of the Parish, Regional Deanery or Local Church and a Faculty (if required under Part 1 of this clause) has been issued by the Bishop.

*(Clauses 47 – 50 talk about other projects that may involve significant financial commitment, leasing property etc. i.e. significant repairs or maintenance costing more than: \$30,000 or ¼ of the ministry unit's annual operating budget need approval through the faculty process.)*

### Default by Parish or Regional Deanery or Local Church

*A variety of clauses, finishing with...*

99. In the event of the dissolution or suspension of a Parish, Regional Deanery or Local Church, all property under its control shall pass into the Diocese to be available for its general purposes, and shall be committed in the first instance to the Bishop to allow such arrangements to be made as will, in the opinion of the Bishop, carry out the mission of the Church in that area.

## Statute 3 SECOND SCHEDULE:

### Powers and Proceedings of Governing Bodies

6. To manage and control and provide for the care and upkeep of all the land and buildings of the Church entrusted to it by the Diocese or otherwise acquired by the Parish or Regional Deanery, provided that:
  - (a) All such land and buildings shall be vested in the name of The Dunedin Diocesan Trust Board.
  - (b) No land or building may be sold, mortgaged, or leased for a period of more than ONE YEAR, and no building may be erected on any land, and no structural alteration made to any building, without first obtaining the consent of the Vicar or Regional Dean, the Churchwardens, and the Diocesan Council in

accordance with the procedures set out in Part 2 of the Fourth Schedule to this Statute, and a Faculty (if required under part (c) of this clause) has been issued by the Bishop, provided that, the prior consent of the Trustees shall be obtained when the Trustees will be called upon to execute any legal document in respect of any proposal.

- (c) No Church or building used as a Church shall be erected, and no change shall be made to any such existing Church or building, and no article shall be erected or placed in it, without a Faculty from the Bishop in accordance with the procedures set out in Part 1 of the Fourth Schedule to this Statute.

## **FOURTH SCHEDULE**

### **Part II - Land and Buildings**

- 8. The purchase or lease or sale of any land and the acquisition, erection, alteration or disposal (by sale, lease, gift or demolition) of any building and the erection of any monument within the Diocese requires the prior written approval of the Diocesan Council and the Diocesan Trust Board.
- 9. The Diocesan Council may require the applicant for approval to engage, at the expense of the applicant, the services of a registered architect in connection with the erection or alteration of any building within the Diocese. In all but cases of a minor nature such services are strongly recommended.
- 10. The process involved in obtaining the approval of the Diocesan Council and the Diocesan Trust Board is as follows:
  - 10.1 The proposal, with sketch plans, including a site plan, and draft specifications shall be submitted to the Diocesan Council.
  - 10.2 Except for a proposal which the Diocesan Council considers to be of a minor nature, the Diocesan Council will appoint a Properties Commission to consider the proposal. The Properties Commission shall consist of at least two Diocesan Property Commissioners together with at least one member of the Parish, Regional Deanery or Local Church concerned and at least one other person from the ministry unit concerned or a neighbouring ministry unit. The Properties Commission will work with the Parish, Regional Deanery or Local Church to ensure that the following issues have been addressed and if necessary will help the ministry unit to address them:
    - (i) The need and desirability of the proposal, how the proposal aligns with the future ministry vision of the ministry unit (Parish, Regional Deanery, Local Church or other Diocesan Institution) concerned, and how any proceeds of sale or lease will be spent.
    - (ii) The likely effect of the proposal on the ministry of the Parish, Regional Deanery or Local Church concerned.
    - (iii) The method of funding the proposal. The method of funding will be expected to be appropriate to the nature of the project, with respect to the life of the project and the risks relating to it.

- (iv) The effect that the proposal is expected to have on the finances of the Parish, Regional Deanery or Local Church concerned, including its ability to continue to fund ministry in the Parish, Regional Deanery or Local Church and to contribute appropriately to the Synod budget.
  - (v) Whether the proposal is consistent with the general policies of this Church and the Diocese, including the principles of bicultural partnership.
  - (vi) Any report from Property Commissioners should include estimates of any costs involved in proposals.
  - (vii) Such other matters as it considers relevant to the proposal.
- 10.3 The Commission will report to the Diocesan Council and the Diocesan Trust Board on the proposal and on the issues listed in Clause 10.2 of this Schedule.
- 10.4 If the proposal is approved in principle in writing by the Diocesan Council and the Diocesan Trust Board it must then be submitted to a General Meeting of Parishioners of the Parish, Regional Deanery or Local Church concerned. Those members of the Commission who are not on the roll of the Parish, Regional Deanery or Local Church concerned may attend and speak, but not vote, at that General Meeting of Parishioners.
- 10.5 If the proposal approved in principle by the Diocesan Council and the Diocesan Trust Board is approved by a General Meeting of Parishioners, then final plans and specifications, together with a final report from the Commission, shall be submitted to the Diocesan Council and to the Diocesan Trust Board if it has so requested when approving the proposal in principle.
- 10.6 Travel expenses of the Diocesan Property Commissioners shall be paid at the Diocesan casual rate, and shall be a charge upon the Diocese.
- 10.7 No unconditional agreement to carry out the proposal shall be entered into, and no construction or demolition in connection with the proposal shall be undertaken, unless and until the proposal has been finally approved in writing by the Diocesan Council and (if its approval in principle was subject to final approval) by the Diocesan Trust Board, and written consent has been given by the Vicar or Regional Dean or (if there is no Vicar or Regional Dean) the Bishop and the Churchwardens of the Parish, Regional Deanery or Local Church and a Faculty (if required) has been issued by the Bishop.
11. (1) The Diocesan Council shall from time to time appoint at least six Diocesan Property Commissioners of whom at least three shall normally be resident in Southland and at least three shall normally be resident in Otago.
- (2) The Diocesan Council shall review the appointments of the Diocesan Property Commissioners following the First Ordinary Session of each Synod and shall either re-appoint or replace a sufficient number of those Commissioners as is necessary to ensure that the requirements of Clause 11.1 of this Schedule are fulfilled.

*Another piece of information to consider is: Standing Resolution 4.8:*

**4.8 Proceeds of Property Sales (2021)**

That the proceeds of current and future Diocesan property sales are treated as follows:

1. The proceeds are invested in the DDTB Income Fund on behalf of the ministry unit (Parish, Regional Deanery, Local Church or other Diocesan Institution) concerned.
2. The DDTB Fund investment sits on the balance sheet of the said ministry unit.
3. The income from the fund on that investment is available to the same said ministry unit only for particular projects as approved by Diocesan Council.
4. Capital from the fund may be made available to the ministry unit only for particular projects as approved by Diocesan Council.
5. The Diocesan Office will make payments from the fund towards these projects on production of suitable invoices which have been approved by the wardens or other authorised officers of the ministry unit

*The following flow chart seeks to explain the above:*



**FLOWCHART OF STATUTE 3: Sections 45-49 & Schedule 4 Part II**  
**Acquisition or disposal of building/property by sale/lease;**  
**erection/demolition/alteration of a building (including significant repairs/**  
**maintenance).**

