

Standing Committee of Diocese of Waikato and Taranaki

Minutes

of a meeting held at St. Luke's, Te Kuiti on 16 September 2017

Present:

Bishop and Chairperson

The Right Reverend Dr Helen-Ann Hartley

Vicar General

The Venerable Trevor Harrison

Clergy

The Venerable Malcolm French
The Reverend Jason Grainger
The Reverend Carol Hancock
The Reverend Jacqui Paterson

Laity

Mrs Cheryl Anderson
Canon Dr Bryan Bang
Mrs Susanne Rowse

Diocesan Registrar-Manager

Vacant

In Attendance

Wiremu Rowse welcomed.

The meeting opened at 10.00 am. Bishop Helen-Ann welcomed Standing Committee.

Opening Prayer and Bible Study: The Right Reverend Dr Helen-Ann Hartley; with the Bible reflection from Matthew 9:35-end.

Apologies: The Most Reverend Philip Richardson, Canon Robin Brockie, Mrs Elizabeth Bang.

Motion: That the apologies received be sustained.

Carried

Consent Agenda:

Minutes of 17 August 2017 Meeting

Spelling of Bishop Helen-Ann's name to be corrected on pages 2 & 3.
NCD not MCD in Parish Review Process

Motion: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 17 August 2017, as corrected, be confirmed.

Carried

MMRS Matters

Process of Clergy Reviews discussed and to be actioned in 2018.
MMRS struggles with carrying out its responsibilities due to being under-resourced.

Motion: That the consent agenda be received.

Carried

Bishops' notes

Both Bishops were in New Plymouth for the St. Mary's Cathedral Hui on Sunday 10th September. St. Mary's School, Stratford's process of becoming a Diocesan School is ongoing. The appointment of the new Bishop of Aotearoa is going through its due process. Archbishop Philip is currently in Tonga for the Consecration of the Bishop of Tonga. Next week is the ordination and installation of the new Bishop of Dunedin. Following that, Archbishop Philip will be going to England for a Primates' meeting. The Dean of the Waikato Cathedral Church of St Peter has resigned to take up the position as Chaplain of St. Paul's Collegiate, Hamilton.

Items for Discussion:

1) Update on SWEEP account closure process

Ngaruawahia Parish, as of Friday 15th September, has now agreed to accept their debt to the Sweep Account and now the Sweep Account closure process can be concluded. The Reverend Jason Grainger has asked for a notification of how to pay arrears to the Sweep Account.

2) Update on Parish Review Process

Archdeacon Malcolm French reported on the review process carried out with each of the parishes. Noted that there was a problem with a lack of communication about the financial status of each of the parishes, with the information being available from TML when requested, but not routinely being communicated to the Diocese and Parishes.

Archdeacon Malcolm advised that the process can now be used by any parish in the Diocese who should wish to do so, preferably being driven by the Vicar with himself acting as a Consultant. Another appropriate time for this parish review process would be during an interregnum, with the new incumbent then developing the Mission Action Plan.

The Reverend Jacqui Paterson emphasised that the ideal situation would be for all the parishes of the Diocese to be reviewed on a cyclical basis of, say, every five years.

The Reverend Jason Grainger raised the question of developing an interdenominational model for maintaining a stipendiary presence in small rural towns.

Bishop Helen-Ann asked Malcolm to convey our thanks to the Parish of Cambridge for freeing him up to carry out this role and she also acknowledged the work in producing the Parish Review Reports of Archdeacon Malcolm French, Mrs Cheryl Anderson, the Reverend Jacqui Paterson and the Reverend Carol Hancock.

SC.598: Acceptance and Implementation of Parish Review Reports

That Standing Committee accept the three Parish Review reports and accept the recommendations in principle, and refer back to Archdeacon Malcolm French to work with the three parishes on implementation of the recommendations.

Canon Bryan Bang / Mrs Cheryl Anderson

Carried

SC.599: Stipend Coverage for Parish of Te Aroha

That Standing Committee will cover the cost of the stipend for the Vicar of the Parish of Te Aroha for the month of December 2017.

Archdeacon Malcolm French / Canon Bryan Bang

Carried

Note: The Reverend Jason Grainger abstained.

Information requested Standing Committee requests of Simon Cayley, Robin Brockie and Elizabeth Bang information as to the situation of the Ministry Support Fund's balance and its support for the Parishes of Te Aroha, Taumarunui and Otorohanga. Bishop Helen-Ann to e-mail such request.

3) Update on Management and review of contract

Simon Cayley reported by e-mail on his work with the staff at the Waikato Diocesan Office.

Senior Management Services Agreement

Questions and concerns raised

1. re Appendix A Senior Management Services -
 - is this to be one named person and will they take up the Registrar's duties?
 - will this person also hold another position?

2. Re Appendix B Second Part-Time Administration Officer –
 - how part-time is this and is this to mean there are two part-time roles?
 - particular concern over the rate of pay for the second position as this would appear to be out of scale with current office position pay rates.

3. Re Fees - will the car which went with the Diocesan Manager's position go with this one?

4. Re A combined PA for both Bishops -
 - detail of this is required?
 - how does this affect current positions?

5. Who will look after the reception duties at the Diocesan Office? Is this to part of an administrative role or covered by volunteers?

4) Update on Synod 2017

Archdeacon Trevor Harrison distributed copies of Judge Anne McAloon's report on the Synod preparations to date and spoke to it following his meeting with Anne on Friday. Standing Committee proposed names for the movers and seconders of the Financial Motions. Standing Committee approved and/or suggested presentations to be made at Synod:

Way Forward

CWS

Anglican Missions Board

Youth

St. John's Students from the Diocese

Catalyst Housing

Taranaki Cathedral Remediation

5) Working Party report on Motion 29 at Synod 2017

There will be a discussion around the Working Party's report Motion 29, but there will not be a vote on this.

6) Update on Financial reports at Synod 2017

TML will be present at Synod to present the Financial reports and to answer questions arising.

7) Otakeho Faculty

For the sale by tender for removal of the Otakeho Church and the sale of the land.

SC.600: The Sale and Removal of St John's Church, Otakeho

That the Faculty be approved.

Canon Bryan Bang / The Reverend Jacqui Paterson

CARRIED

8) Parish of Taumarunui's Stock account letter to Standing Committee

The matter of withdrawing interest needs to go to the Waikato Diocesan Trust Board and the matter of opening a second account does not require Standing Committee approval.

9) Parish of Cambridge Faculty

To sell the current Vicarage to the Selwyn Foundation and to purchase of a new Vicarage, being one of three listed: 10 Brancaster Place, 52 Norfolk Drive or 14 Glenroy Place.

SC.601: The Purchase of a New Vicarage for the Parish of Cambridge

That the Faculty be approved.

Mrs Susanne Rowse / The Reverend Carol Hancock

CARRIED

Note: Archdeacon Malcolm French abstained.

10) Thanks

On behalf of the Bishops, Bishop Helen-Ann thanked all the members for their service and contribution over the term of this Standing Committee.

Next meeting: To be advised

The meeting closed at 12.46pm.