

CANON IX
OF THE ANGLICAN MISSIONS BOARD OF THE CHURCH IN
AOTEAROA, NEW ZEALAND AND POLYNESIA

1. A Common Life Board of Missions is hereby constituted and shall be known as the Anglican Missions Board of the Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia, hereafter called “**the Board**”. 1998
2. **The objects and duties of the Board shall be:** *Objects and duties*
- 2.1 to promote the mission of the Church as described in the Constitution / te Pouhere and the Church’s calling to be Catholic “because it seeks to proclaim the whole faith to all people to the end of time” and Apostolic “because it presents the faith of the Apostles and is sent to carry Christ’s mission to all the world”
- 2.2 to develop and enable the global dimension of the mission of this Church, including relationships with other Churches and mission agencies in both giving and receiving
- 2.3 to challenge the Church constantly to discover fresh ways of expressing its mission and involving its members in this mission
- 2.4 as a priority, to co-ordinate and resource with equity, the various missions undertaken through the three Tikanga
- 2.5 to encourage mutual ownership of all that each Tikanga does in mission beyond itself, as a taonga of the whole Church
- 2.6 to promote partnership in mission, within and beyond the three Tikanga
- 2.7 to act as the agent of this Church in furthering the development of relationships with those Provinces, churches, regions or peoples with which this Church through the Board has agreed to act in partnership.
- 3 **Structure of the Board**
- 3.1 The Board shall consist of a maximum of 13 members comprising the following: *Membership of Board*
- 3.1.1 nine members who shall be appointed by the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui at each ordinary session, made up of three nominations from each Tikanga of persons who need not be members of the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui *Appointments*
- 3.1.2 any one of the three Presiding Bishops as they shall decide among themselves
- 3.1.3 two further members who shall be appointed by the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui at each ordinary session, and who shall represent the Mission Agencies, one being a nomination to the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui by the New Zealand Church Missionary Society, the other being a nomination to General Synod by the Board to provide a rotating representation of other Associated Bodies listed in Schedule 1.

- 3.1.4 the General Secretary of this Church, as a member ex officio.
- 3.1.5 If a member of the Board is unable to be present for a particular meeting *Alternate Members 2002 2006*
- 3.1.5.1 the member may appoint any person as an alternate to attend, speak and vote at that meeting.
- 3.1.5.2 in the case of members appointed under Clause 3.1.1, the appointment must be made in consultation with the Senior Bishop / Te Pīhopa Aporei of the Tikanga by which the member is nominated.
- 3.1.5.3 the member and where required the Senior Bishop / Te Pīhopa Aporei must bear in mind (along with other considerations) the need to maintain a balance of representation from Tikanga and the need to provide appropriate expertise.
- 3.1.6 In each year in which an Ordinary Session of the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui is held, the Board shall, at a meeting or by postal ballot amongst its members, elect a Chairperson from its members, to hold office for a period of two years. *Chairperson 2002*
- 3.2 Of the total membership of the Board appointed as above, at least three members shall be Bishops, three members shall be clergy persons and three members lay persons.
- 3.3 The Executive Officer of the Board shall have the right to attend and speak at Board meetings, but not the right to vote.
- 3.4 Any member of the Board appointed under Clauses 3.1.1 and 3.1.3 of Clause 3 hereof setting out the various appointing bodies, shall cease to hold office if the body which nominated that person to the Board, revokes that nomination and notifies the Executive Officer of that revocation, or if that member: *Cessation of Office*
- (i) resigns in writing by letter delivered to the Executive Officer of the Board or a senior officer of the Tikanga which nominated such member.
- 3.5 All the provisions of Title F Canon VIII, concerning the qualifications of members of certain Committees and Trust Boards, apply to members of the Board. *2006*
4. **Vacancies** *2002*
- 4.1 When the office of a member appointed under Clauses 3.1.1 or 3.1.3 becomes vacant for any of the foregoing reasons, the body which nominated that member shall advise the Executive Officer of the Board in writing that the vacancy has occurred. *Method of filling vacancies*
- 4.2 The body which made the original nomination shall then nominate to the Standing Committee of General Synod a person to fill the vacancy and the Standing Committee of General Synod shall make the new appointment and advise the Executive Officer of the Board accordingly.
- 4.3 Any person appointed under this Clause shall hold office for the remainder of the term for which their predecessor was appointed.

5 Meetings of the Board

5.1 The Board shall in each year hold an annual meeting and at least one other meeting at times and places to be determined by the Board. *Meetings*

5.2 The chairperson may at any time convene a meeting of the Board at his or her discretion and shall convene such a meeting if required to do so by requisition in writing signed by four members of the Board from at least two Tikanga or by requisition of all the members nominated by any one Tikanga.

5.3 The attendance of not fewer than half the members of the Board including at least one of the appointees from each Tikanga shall be necessary to form a quorum. *Quorum*

5.4 Resolutions of the Board shall be by a majority of members present and voting shall be either by voice or show of hands or where required by ballot as directed by the chairperson. If called upon to do so by any member, a declaration of assent by Tikanga in the manner provided in the Standing Orders of the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui in force from time to time, shall be made.

5.5 In all other respects the Board shall conduct its meetings in accordance with such procedures as it shall determine.

5.6 The Board shall appoint an executive committee of the Board of not more than six members, to act on behalf of the Board in between meetings of the Board with such delegated authority as the Board itself shall determine, and the Board may delegate to other sub-committees of the Board, such of its duties as it shall think fit. *Executive Committee*

5.7 The Board may frame bylaws for the operations of such sub-committees, provided that all such sub-committees shall be representative of each of the three Tikanga.

6 Responsibilities of the Board

The Board shall have the following primary responsibilities:

6.1 to advance the objects and duties of the Board as set forth in Clause 2 hereof *Responsibilities of Board*

6.2 to encourage this Church to fulfil at all times its wider vocation in mission as set forth in the Constitution / te Pouhere of this Church

6.3 to encourage and resource the three Tikanga Missions Councils referred to herein, in their mission opportunities and responsibilities

6.4 to assist and encourage this Church in each Tikanga and at local levels to arouse support among members of this Church for the objects of the Board

- 6.5 to obtain by the first day of July each year, such information as the Board may in each case deem necessary, to assist in the determination of an appropriate apportioning of financial grants for the ensuing financial year
- 6.6 to fix an annual budget for the purposes of giving financial support within those areas of concern established by this Act as the Board shall determine *Budgeting*
- 6.7 to prepare budgets for such special responsibilities as may from time to time be determined by the Board and to make arrangements for meeting such budget and expenses incurred in the raising thereof
- 6.8 to report each year to a meeting of the Standing Committee of General Synod, with a comprehensive account of its own work and the activities of the Tikanga Missions Councils and a list of the Associated Bodies and Partners in mission of the Board current at the time of such report *Report to the Standing Committee of General Synod / te Hinota Whānui 2004*
- 6.9 to publish an annual financial report and statement of accounts and to present such report and statement to the Standing Committee of the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui
- 6.10 to appoint an Executive Officer to direct the functions and operations of the Board and such other officers or staff as may be required and to determine from time to time their salaries, emoluments and conditions of service; provided that no member of the Board shall be a salaried officer thereof *Appoint Officers*
- 6.11 to maintain within the budget of the Board an emergency fund, which will enable this Church by direct initiative of the Board or through the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui or its Standing Committee, to respond with appropriate urgency to any crises which may arise and which may create special needs in any part of this Church or of the world beyond the borders of this Church *Emergency Fund*
- 6.12 to regard the funding of appropriate mission needs conveyed through the Tikanga Missions Councils as the first priority in its allocation of resources
- 7 Administrative Powers of the Board**
- It shall be competent for the Board:
- 7.1 to appropriate from the funds raised, such moneys as shall be required to cover its expenses, including the reimbursement of expenses incurred by members in attending meetings of the Board and of its Committees *Expenses*
- 7.2 to carry out such promotional activity as it may deem appropriate to advance the objects of the Board

- 7.3 to borrow money from time to time by way of Bank overdraft or otherwise and with or without security and upon such terms and conditions as it may deem fit for the purpose of maintaining regularity in the support of approved allocations to Tikanga Missions Councils or by way of authorised support of any associated body or mission partner of the Church, under the direct support of the Board *Provision for borrowing*
- 7.4 to act as Trustee for such special funds as may be entrusted given or bequeathed to the Board *Trustee for special funds*
- 7.5 to receive and transmit through authorised channels in accordance with the wishes of the donors, any funds received for overseas work, subject only to the costs of exchange and remission *Agent for other funds 2002*
- 7.6 to purchase, acquire, hold, lease or develop any real or personal property upon such terms and conditions as the Board shall determine
- 7.7 to apply for listing as an Authorised Trust Board under the Anglican Church Trusts Act 1981.
- 7.8 to apply for incorporation as a Board under the provisions of the Charitable Trusts Act 1957
- 7.9 to take all other steps and exercise all other appropriate powers and functions as the Board shall consider necessary for the purpose of fulfilling and advancing the objects and duties set out herein.
- 8 Tikanga Missions Councils**
- 8.1 The Board shall as soon as practicable after its initial appointment at the ordinary meeting of the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui in 1998, and from time to time thereafter, request each Tikanga to establish according to its own procedures and determinations, a Missions Council for that Tikanga, both to act within that Tikanga on behalf of the Board and to represent to the Board, the needs, abilities and opportunities for mission of that Tikanga. *Tikanga Missions Council*
- 8.2 The tasks and responsibilities of each Tikanga Missions Council shall include:
- 8.2.1 to encourage contributions to the Common Purposes Account of the Board from its Tikanga and to report on individual Tikanga mission initiatives to the Board. *Tasks and responsibilities*
- 8.2.2 to apply annually to the Board for grants to assist in the missions which each Tikanga Missions Council wishes to undertake or sponsor
- 8.2.3 to give an account annually to the Board, as to the manner in which the previous year's grants have been used in the missions authorised by the Tikanga Missions Council

- 8.2.4 to advise the Executive Officer of the disbursements of those grants received from the Board and to supervise their application to missions undertaken or sponsored by that Tikanga
- 8.2.5 to encourage the formation within each Hui Amorangi or Diocese or Inter Diocesan Council operating within such Tikanga, World Mission Councils or other appropriate bodies, for the promotion and support within such Tikanga, of the objects and duties of the Board
- 8.2.6 to promote missions undertaken by each Tikanga and to encourage prayer and support for, understanding of and participation in, the various missions of the other Tikanga *Promote missions*
- 8.2.7 to facilitate inter-Tikanga exchange of resources, information and personnel, through co-operation with other Tikanga Missions Councils *Inter-Tikanga exchange*
- 8.2.8 to relate each Tikanga to other mission agencies, partner churches and people's groups, recognised by General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui.
- 8.3 Each Tikanga Missions Council may include in its membership those members of that Tikanga who have been appointed by General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui to the Board.
- 8.4 The Board shall require the Tikanga Missions Councils, to report annually to the Board by way of account for the use of resources received from the Board and by way of information about the mission programmes of each such body. *Tikanga Missions Councils to report 2002*
9. SCHEDULED GROUPS *2002 Relationships*
- 9.1.1 The Board shall recognise three degrees of relationship with mission agencies, Associated Bodies, Partners in Mission, and Related Organisations, and the agencies in those relationships shall be listed in Schedules I to III respectively of this Canon.
- 9.1.2 Each scheduled group shall in all respects carry out its work and exercise its functions in accordance with its own constitution.
- 9.1.3 Each Associated Body and Partner in Mission shall make appeals to parishes / ministry units / rohe only with the consent of the Board after consultation with each Tikanga Mission Council. *Appeals*
- 9.1.4 The Board shall include the scheduled groups in its promotional and educational material. *Promotions*
- 9.1.5 The Board shall invite the scheduled groups to submit requests for support at the start of each budgetary cycle. *Budget Requests*

- 10 AMENDMENT OF SCHEDULES *2002
Additions or
reductions to
Schedules*
- 10.1 The Board may, if a majority of the members of each Tikanga present so approve, determine by a majority of two-thirds of those present, to recommend to an Ordinary Session of the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui or to the Standing Committee of General Synod, that any overseas Province, Diocese, Region, People's Group, Ecclesial Body, Ecumenical Council, or Mission Agency be added to one of the Schedules or be transferred from one Schedule to another or be omitted from any Schedule; and the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui or the Standing Committee may resolve accordingly.
- 10.2 If such a Resolution concerns the termination of a relationship with the Board, such termination shall take effect from the date of the Resolution or on such later date as the Resolution shall nominate. *Termination of
Relationship*
- 10.3 Upon the passing of a Resolution of the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui or a Resolution of the Standing Committee of General Synod, approving any such recommendation, the Schedules shall be adjusted accordingly and the Executive Officer of the Board shall notify the group concerned. *Approvals*
- 10.4 If any scheduled group desires to terminate its association with the Board, it shall give notice to the Board in writing signed by its secretary or other authorised officer, such termination to take effect on the date named in such notice or on such other date as may be agreed on by the group and the Board, and the Board shall advise the Standing Committee and the Schedules shall be adjusted accordingly. *Terminate
Association*
- 11 The association of any such body or group, when made, shall be on the following conditions:
- 11.1 all Associated Bodies shall, if required by the Board, on or before the 1st day of July in each year, submit to the Board an annual estimate showing the actual needs for effectively maintaining the work which its Provincial, Executive or Administrative Committee has already undertaken and a supplementary estimate of any new work which it proposes to undertake *Associated
Bodies
estimates*
- PROVIDED that in the absence of such estimate the Board may base its calculations on the estimate of the preceding year or at the request of such organisation, prepare a fresh estimate
- 11.2 whenever the Board shall receive any money designated by a donor for such an Associated Body or Partner in Mission or related group, it shall transmit the same together with the name and address of the donor and all such money shall be credited to the Board's budget for such organisation

- 11.3 any itinerary for deputation work on behalf of the Board by an agent of such an Associated Body, shall be prepared by the Executive Officer of the Board in consultation with the appropriate Tikanga Missions Council and with the appropriate officer of the Associated Body and such agent shall be regarded as an agent of the Board.
- 12 At every ordinary session of the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui the reception of the biennial report and the audited financial statements presented by the Board, shall be made an order of the day at an appropriate time during the business of the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui.
- 13 No act of the Board shall be invalid by reason of any vacancy in the number of the Board at the time of such act or by the subsequent discovery of any defect in the election or appointment of any person as a member of the Board.

SCHEDULE I: ASSOCIATED BODIES

1. The New Zealand Church Missionary Society (incorporating The South American Missionary Society New Zealand)
2. The Diocese of Polynesia.
3. The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea.
4. Sharing of Ministries Abroad New Zealand.

SCHEDULE II: PARTNERS IN MISSION

1. The Council of the Church in East Asia.
2. The Church of Pakistan.
3. The Anglican Church in Tanzania.
4. The South Pacific Anglican Council.
5. The Church in Melanesia.
6. The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East.

SCHEDULE III: RELATED ORGANISATIONS

1. The United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel (for the purpose of supporting Missionaries from New Zealand).
2. The Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge New Zealand.
3. The Bible Society in New Zealand.
4. The New Zealand Anglican Chinese Mission.
5. The Mission to Seafarers in Oceania.
6. Christian World Service.