

Statute 757

The Title B Canon XXXIV Amendment Statute, 2020

Whereas, General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui in 2012 passed Statute 700 to revise Title B Canon XXXIV establishing a Three Tikanga Social Justice Commission and Commissioner, and

Whereas, General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui in 2014 passed Motion 26 asking General Synod Standing Committee to establish a small working group to ‘review the current canonical structure and propose legislation to General Synod / Te Hīnota Whānui 2016 to enact a revised structure,’ and

Whereas, that small working group consulted and reported back with a proposal for a revised structure to General Synod / Te Hīnota Whānui 2016 and 2018, and

Whereas, General Synod / Te Hīnota Whānui 2018 suspended Parts 1-3 of the Canon, and amended Part 4 requiring The Standing Committee of the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui to act as the Commission until General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui in 2020, and

Whereas, The Standing Committee of the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui has trialed a Social Justice Unit Advisory Group as a model for overseeing Social Justice Work, and piloted various programmes and projects, and now proposes to enact this model in Canon,

The General Synod te Hīnota Whānui enacts as follows:

1. **Title.** The Title of this Statute is *The Title B Canon XXXIV Amendment Statute 2020*.
2. **Purpose.** To repeal Title B Canon XXXIV, and to replace it with the below words.
3. Title B Canon XXXIV is repealed and replaced with the following:

CANON XXXIV OF THE SOCIAL JUSTICE UNIT

Purpose. The purpose of this Canon is to define the functions and governance of the Three Tikanga Social Justice Unit, as this Church’s agent for enabling the Church’s missional engagement to transform unjust structures.

Part 1: The Three Tikanga Social Justice Unit (SJU) is established for the purposes of:

- Providing a 3 Tikanga expression of this church’s commitment to Social Justice as a fundamental imperative of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the mission of the church. (*ACC mission statement 4 and 5 “To transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation,” and “To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth.”*).
- Advancing Social Justice as an educational priority of this church at 3 Tikanga level.
- Maximising the existing Social Justice resources and agents in this church.

- Resourcing, assisting and advising key church leadership, including Archbishops, Bishops, General Synod Standing Committee and General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui as a priority, to enable speaking to, and engaging with, Social Justice matters and public policy across the Anglican Church in Aotearoa New Zealand & Polynesia.

Part 2: Social Justice Governance:

A permanent subcommittee of General Synod Standing Committee is established, to be appointed by General Synod Standing Committee, of no less than three members of General Synod Standing Committee (one from each Tikanga) plus one or more of the Archbishops, and with power to co-opt additional members on the basis of expertise, provided that the number of co-opted members does not exceed the number of General Synod Standing Committee members appointed.

The **Subcommittee for Social Justice** is to:

- Govern the Social Justice Unit, including receiving regular reports from any operations/ staff.
 - Develop strategic direction for the church's 3 Tikanga Social Justice work, priorities, and work flows on an annual basis.
 - Recruit and recommend to General Synod Standing Committee any staff required to deliver the strategic direction objectives, in line with the principle above of maximising existing Social Justice resources and agents in this Church.
 - Arrange for the financial support of the work of the Social Justice Unit, through funding.
 - Report on Social Justice work at each General Synod Standing Committee meeting, and through General Synod Standing Committee to each General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui.
4. This Statute shall come into force at the conclusion of this 64th Session of the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui.

We certify that this Statute was passed by the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui on 25 July 2020. As witnessed by our hands 6 August 2020.

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