

**4. Basis for Quota Allocation**

That the principle that Parish contributions to the three Diocesan funds (Trainee grants, Diocesan Ministry Team, Wider Church) be proportional to "Total Parish Income" rather than "Total Parish Population" as is currently the case; be investigated by Standing Committee and the Diocesan Finance Team (with nominees by the parishes of Motueka and Blenheim) with the intention that preliminary views (and options) be notified to parishes by May 2008, so that Synod members can move meaningful financial resolutions at Synod 2008 (and acknowledging that the effect of this resolution is that Synod 2008 may be faced with two alternative budgets).

**5. Report from Non Stipendiary Priest Review Team**

**That whereas** the Standing Committee of the Diocese commissioned a review of the ministry of the Non-Stipendiary Priests of the Diocese in 2006

**And** that the Review Team has now completed its work

**That this Synod:**

1. Receive the report of the Non-Stipendiary Priest Review Team and thanks them for their work
2. Expresses gratitude and thanks for the ministry of the eleven Non-Stipendiary Priests in the diocese
3. Invites those Vicars, Vestries and parishes who have Non-Stipendiary Priests to express, at an appropriate time and in an appropriate manner, thanks to them for their ministries
4. Invites Vicars and Vestries who have Non-Stipendiary Priests to work through this report and the issues highlighted in it.

**6. Diocesan Missions Council**

That the Quota to the Anglican Missions' Board for 2008 be \$120,000.

**7. Supervision**

That this Synod notes

1. the ongoing need for lay and ordained ministers to be in good supervision
2. the continuing use being made by ministers of CAIRA-trained supervisors in our Diocese
3. enquiries by some re further training and that some CAIRA-trained supervisors are no longer available
4. ongoing questions re the viability of supervision allowances

and requests that:

5. Peter Carrell and Barbara Harford be an ad hoc group to do further work on supervision in the diocese between this meeting of Synod and the next
6. One task of the group be evaluation of the need for further CAIRA-training to be offered in the Diocese, with report on this evaluation being made to Standing Committee

**8. Anglican Covenant**

That this Synod,

Noting :

- (a) Resolution 22 (Anglican Covenant) of the Synod of the Diocese of Nelson 2006 (which encouraged support for work on the idea of an Anglican Covenant), the work of the Anglican Communion Covenant Design Group which produced early in 2007 'An Anglican Covenant: A Draft for Discussion' (copy attached to this motion), and the plan for the Covenant Design Group to meet again in early 2008;
- (b) A Request from the Standing Committee of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Aotearoa New Zealand and Polynesia meeting in Nadi, Fiji, 26-28 July, 2007 that Bishop Richard and Ian Pask (Diocesan Secretary), our General Synod Standing Committee member, convey the views of the Diocese of Nelson to the respective meetings of the Bishops and GSSC in November 2007 from which the views of this church will be conveyed to the Covenant Design Group
- (c) the background to the proposed Covenant which is a response to an ongoing crisis in the Anglican Communion arising from issues of human sexuality but now including questions about appropriate means for the Anglican Communion to respond to difference and division within the Communion
- (d) a variety of responses to the draft Covenant across the Anglican Communion and across the 'theological spectrum' of the Communion;

- 1) Commends the principal of a Covenant for the Anglican Communion as a responsible attempt to address the potential for the present crisis to damage if not dissolve the Anglican Communion;

2) Commends

a) study of the draft Covenant to Anglicans in the Diocese of Nelson through a special meeting coordinated by the Theological Commission; the outcomes of which will be communicated to the Bishop and Standing Committee, and

b) encourages responses to the draft Covenant to be made in writing to the Diocesan Secretary, Mr Ian Pask, Box 100, Nelson;

3) Requests Bishop Richard and Mr Ian Pask to encourage the bishops of this church and clerical and lay leaders, especially those representing this church at Anglican Communion-level meetings and conferences, to support the principal of a Covenant and to engage responsibly in the ongoing process of revising the draft Covenant with a view to a well-crafted Covenant being placed before the bishops of the Anglican Communion gathering at the Lambeth Conference in July 2008.

**9. Ali Pannah**

That this Synod affirms and supports the efforts of Archbishop David Moxon, the Rev Dr Anthony Dancer and the Rev Clive Sperring on behalf of Mr Ali Pannah and,

On the basis of the reality of Mr Pannah's conversion and the recent history of persecution of Anglican Christians in Iran, calls on the relevant Government authorities to grant Mr Pannah resident status in New Zealand.

**10 . Bishop David Coles**

That our love and prayers be passed on to Bishop David Coles who has announced his retirement from the Christchurch Diocese.

**11. Statistics Commission**

That the recommendations contained in the statistics commission report be adopted by Synod:

Recommendations

1. Establish a working group to clarify the unique and distinctive contribution that the Anglican Diocese of Nelson makes to God's mission.
2. Establish a 'think tank' and policy development group to discuss issues relating to Christian initiation and formation, looking at how we are nurturing disciples in the Christian faith and into the Anglican Church.
3. Conduct further research into Funeral and Marriage ministry in the Diocese to improve its effectiveness.