Statute 786

The Title F Canon V Amendment Statute, 2026

Whereas, General Synod/Te Hīnota Whānui in 1996 passed Statute 574 'of the General Church Trust Board' providing for a Chairperson to be elected annually, and limiting the number of terms to four years in succession, with a two year stand down before being eligible for re-election as Chairperson, and

Whereas, the Trust has identified a risk in the continuity and stability of the Trust by this limitation, and wishes to remove the limitation of number of terms,

The General Synod/te Hīnota Whānui enacts as follows:

1. **Title.** The Title of this Statute is *The Title F Canon V Amendment Statute, 2026.*

2. **Purpose.** To provide for extended terms for an elected Chairperson of the Trust.

3. **Title F Canon V** is amended by:

3.1 In clause 1.10 deleting the words:

'**Provided always that** no Trustee shall hold office as Chairperson for more than four years in succession at the end of which period that Trustee shall not be eligible for election as Chairperson for a period of two years.'

And replacing them with the words:

'Provided always that no trustee shall hold office as Chair more than four years in succession at the end of which period that Trustee shall not be eligible for election as Chair for a period of two years, except with the express permission of General Synod Standing Committee who can extend this term of office for a further two or four years.'

4. **Commencement.** This Statute shall come into force at the conclusion of this 67th Session of the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui.

We certify that this Statute was passed by the General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui on 20 August 2026. As witnessed by my hand 1 October 2026.

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Primate and Archbishop

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