

'The Pastoral Liturgies' – Thanksgiving for the Gift of a Child Amendment Confirmation Statute, 2026

Whereas:

- (a) The General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui 2024 enacted as Statute number 777 *'The Pastoral Liturgies – Thanksgiving for the Gift of a Child Amendment Statute, 2024'* in terms of Part B, Clause 6(a) of the Constitution/ te Pouhere, and Section 4 (a) of the Church of England Empowering Act 1928 to authorise amendments to the Formularies, and
- (b) Te Rūnanganui o Te Pīhopatanga o Aotearoa, the Synod of the Diocese of Polynesia, and a majority of the Diocesan Synods in New Zealand have assented to the proposal pursuant to Part B, Clause 6(b) of the Constitution / te Pouhere, and Section 4 (b) of the Church of England Empowering Act 1928, and
- (c) Since the adoption of this proposal, there has been a fresh election of members of the General Synod/ te Hīnota Whānui, in fulfilment of Part B, Clause 6 (c) of the Constitution / te Pouhere.

The General Synod / te Hīnota Whānui enacts as follows:

1. **Title:** The title of this Statute shall be *'The Pastoral Liturgies – Thanksgiving for the Gift of a Child Amendment Confirmation Statute, 2026'*
2. The proposal contained in Statute 777 to Amend *'The Pastoral Liturgies'*, is agreed to as follows:

at the appropriate place on page 756, the rubric is amended by the deletion of the words *"for a child born handicapped"*.
3. 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.*



D Tamihere
Primate and Archbishop



J Duckworth
Primate and Archbishop



S Ulu'ilakepa
Primate and Archbishop