

A draft motion to amend the constitution of Latimer Fellowship at it's AGM in 2019

Whereas:

1. In May 2019, twelve Anglican parishes met in Synod to establish an extra provincial diocese within New Zealand known as the Church of Confessing Anglicans Aotearoa, New Zealand (CCAANZ).
2. A number of existing members of the Fellowship have withdrawn from the existng province and have become members of CCAANZ, while a number have remained within the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia (ACANZP).
3. It is desirable for the fellowship to continue to pursue its objectives within both expressions of New Zealand Anglicanism.
4. Membership of Latimer is open to Christians of other denominations who are willing to support the objectives of Latimer, yet the expression "communicant Christian" in clause 3 does not adequately express that intention.

The following amendments are proposed to the constitution:

1. That clause 2(b)

"To maintain the position of the Holy Scriptures in the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia (commonly hereinafter called "the Anglican Church") as the supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct".

be deleted and replaced with:

"To maintain and contend for the position of the Holy Scriptures in the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia ("ACANZP") and the Church of Confessing Anglicans Aotearoa, New Zealand ("CCAANZ") as the supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct".

2. That "Anglican Parishes" in clause 2(h) be replaced with "the parishes of ACANZP and CCAANZ."
3. That clause 3 be amend by replacing the words

"Membership is open to any communicant Christian who upholds and supports the objects of the Fellowship (2)."

with

"Membership is open to members of ACANZP or CCAANZ, or any other Christian in New Zealand, who signify that he or she upholds and supports the objects of the Fellowship (2)."