**CANON XXXIV** *2006*

**OF THE SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION**

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**CANON XXXIV** *2020*

**OF THE SOCIAL JUSTICE UNIT**

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|  | **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. | *Purpose* |
|  | **Part 1: The Three Tikanga Social Justice Unit** is established for the purposes of: | *2020* |
|  | 1. 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.”).* |  |
|  | 1. Advancing Social Justice as an educational priority of this church at 3 Tikanga level. |  |
|  | 1. Maximising the existing Social Justice resources and agents in this church. |  |
|  | 1. 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. |  |

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|  | **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:   1. Govern the Social Justice Unit, including receiving regular reports from any operations / staff. 2. Develop strategic direction for the church’s 3 Tikanga Social Justice work, priorities, and work flows on an annual basis. 3. 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. 4. Arrange for the financial support of the work of the Social Justice Unit, through funding. 5. 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. |  |