

SYNOD 2010

MOTION 15 CARE AND PROTECTION OF CHILDREN, YOUTH AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

“THAT this Synod:

- (1) recognises the necessity for and supports the provision of safe environments, programmes and practices for children, youth and adults in vulnerable situations in the Diocese of Auckland;
- (2) supports a co-ordinated approach to Safety Training in the Diocese of Auckland undertaken by the Anglican Care Council (Auckland), the Council for Christian Nurture, the Youth Council and others, specifically ‘ChurchSafe’ and Boundaries Training;
- (3) adopts the ChurchSafe resource as a means to provide tools for effective management of safety issues surrounding children, youth and adults in vulnerable situations in the Diocese of Auckland;
- (4) support the establishment of a Critical Incident Team and critical incident response process in the Diocese of Auckland; and
- (5) reminds each Vestry or Council of its obligation to ensure that care and protection of children, youth and adults in vulnerable situations is a fundamental concern, and to this end calls upon it to appoint a designated ‘ChurchSafe’ Officer (CSO) to carry out the duties as outlined in the Care and Protection Report.”