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## ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF AUCKLAND

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### The Church is alive like a tree

(Tikanga Pakeha Kit on Constitutional Change)

### News for Facilitators and others who have the Kit

Greetings to everyone from Mitzi and Jean on behalf of the Auckland Social Justice Council and the Programme on Racism.

We hope that his newsletter will keep us in touch with each other and share up-dates about the use of the Kit.

Firstly, people in the Auckland Diocese are invited to return the enclosed slip giving us some idea of what has happened with the Kit in their ministry unit. Ideas about how we might support you are very welcome any time.

### Auckland September Synod:

The Social Justice Council will mention the Kit in its Report, and have it for display. We may have a simple motion about it, without supporting any particular model for change. We'll keep you informed (especially Synodspeople).

### Further news about using the Kit:

Recent Kits contain a list of the Time-Line dates: useful for the facilitators, especially if the group process slows down a bit.

'It sounds like Apartheid': this is for optional use, probably as a handout to take home, rather than an additional exercise. The current POR Newsletter picks up the same material.

'My Name' exercise, and the creation of groundrules in Session One: we are reminding ourselves of the importance and usefulness of both these steps. See the Facilitator's Guide for details.

Group Building Exercises in Session One: we are finding that two of the three exercises are needed, preferably INCLUDING the Values shield.

Material from Te Kaupapa Tikanga Rua: remember that we can photocopy material from it for the group participants and/or the parishioners.

The Time-Line continues to be done in several ways. Some facilitators lay the 3 columns out separately (ie in three streams), matching the dates cross-wise. The opportunity for a group with one identity (eg one parish) to add some important events of their own history has the advantage of earthing the Time-Line locally, but the disadvantage of not relating to the purpose of the Time-Line (to show why Anglicans changed their Constitution), and generally taking focus away from that task. We advise extreme caution. Please send us news about what happened in your setting if you change the process.

The Scriptural Handout: this is exactly what is in the Constitution. Please honour that. Of course it does not represent many other texts that could have influenced the church as the changes developed. We suggest that if you use the passages, you simply give out the sheet or explore them, early in the 4th session.. We usually invite people to work in twos, and have one long or two short passges to explore. You may like to have a plenary for people to report back. Be very careful with Galatians 3:28 that it does NOT mean we lose our uniqueness but that oppression on grounds of gender, class and ethnicity cease as God's kingdom comes, and avaryone and every group is able to offer the richness of their uniqueness and diversity to the whole community.

Please remember this is a Tikanga Pakeha Kit. Mitzi and I ask that we be consulted before anyone agrees to any discussions with either of the other two Tikanga about it being used and/or re-written. We have conveyed this to the Commission of General Synod.

Tikanga Rua use needs very careful handling, and considerable insight and responsibility from Pakeha involved. Again, please feel welcome to talk this through with us.

Negotiations about input peoplet in Sessions 3 and/or 4, or co-facilitating all the sessions: please contact us as early as possible in your planning. However, feel welcome to contact us between sessions, about anything.

Some people have asked if everyone needs a Kit: no, but depending on your group, some or all of them will be interested to get photocopies of more or less material eg the text of the Declaration of Independence. Basically work it out as you go, but obviously session I needs copies of the Group Building exercises prepared beforehand, as well as 'Culture' snd the word 'Pakeha'. The latter one could be a good insert into the parish magazine. Individuals may want to buy the Kit for themselves. Put the orders through us.

The 4 models in the May 1998 General Synod Report, and the 3 models in the October 1998 discussion leaflet: firstly, remember they are 4 among literally 'hundreds' of models that are emerging around the world concerning indigenous peoples and (all) others who have come. SO, use them as a way of people finding out some of the questions we need to ask about models, and why-eg what degree of self-determination does this model offer indigenous peoples ?

Comments about the discussion leaflet and the 3 models in it (or the 4 in the General Synod Report, if you wish): please encourage people to send their comments to the Constitutional Arrangements Commission (invite Auckland people to send a copy to Social Justice Council c/o Church Office, PO Box 37242 Parnell 1).

New books that look very useful, for further reading include:

1. An unsettled history, Professor Alan Ward '99  
A compelling case for fair and reasonable settlement of Treaty claims. \$34.95
2. Agents of autonomy, Vincent O'Malley, '99  
Tino Rangatiratanga asserted and denied in the 19th century: what might have been, and what might yet be. \$38.95
3. Te Kooti tango whenua, David V Williams, '99  
Explores the Native Land Court between 1864-1909.  
How it made many Maori landless. \$49.95

Order all of them from:  
Huia Publishers,  
PO Box 17335,  
Wellington Fax:04-4739265

Perhaps they might be bought for your use by a parish/  
ArchDeaconry/Diocesan library.

Workshops to follow-up use of the Kit:

Mitzi is happy to be approached for a negotiation about Treaty workshops, between September-November 1999.

She says there needs to be a minimum of 12 participants; up to about 16 (from a parish or area). Feel welcome to contact her Ak 5254179 (office) or 631-5192 (home). She will help you become clear what you could be looking for, and whether she can help you, or suggest someone else. Remember we have only touched the essentials about the Treaty in this Kit. For example, if you are concerned about poverty/economic etc, Mitzi has ideas about how this might be the framework for a Treaty workshop.

Auckland Social Justice Council GOALS for further work on  
Constitutional Change for the year 2000:

We have booked a non-residential training event for early 2000 at Vaughan Park, to consolidate what we have achieved this year.

We expect the Kit to be used more widely, so we are preparing to promote and produce it further, in consultation with the General Synod Commission.

We expect to facilitate more seminar type occasions to raise interest more widely, perhaps using a Video.

We expect to continue to offer support to facilitators, and if requested, to participate in dialogues about the Kit with one or more of the other two Tikanga.

We will continue to share what we learn with contacts from other Dioceses, and look forward to hearing from them about their ideas.

Lastly, we warmly invite you all to keep in touch with questions, ideas and comments.

We expect to do another Newsletter around August-September.

Please let us know if you do not have any of the Handouts we have referred to. We tried to keep people up-to-date, but may have missed one or two of you.

By the time another set of Kits is run off, we hope to have corrected the spelling mistakes !

This brings our warmest greetings to you and your communities of faith,

Yours Sincerely,

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for self, and Mitzi who is in the South Island 'till 23 June