

INCLUSIVE LANGUAGE ACT 1989

WHEREAS General Synod resolved in 1984 that existing General Synod Statutes and Regulations be revised in terms deliberately inclusive of the male and female sexes as they come forward for revision or amendment

AND WHEREAS from time to time Diocesan Statutes have been amended and reviewed as required in order that such Statutes may be framed in language deliberately inclusive of the male and female sexes

AND WHEREAS it is desirable to authorise and empower Standing Committee to amend the wording of Diocesan Statutes from time to time as such are amended revised or reprinted

BE IT ENACTED by the Bishop, Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Nelson in Synod assembled as follows: -

1. The Short Title of this Act shall be "The Sundry Statutes (Inclusive Language) Amendment Act 1989".
2. Standing Committee with the approval of the Chancellor is hereby empowered and requested to amend the wording of all Diocesan Statutes when the same are being amended revised or reprinted in order to ensure that such Diocesan Statutes are framed in language which is deliberately inclusive of both the male and female sexes where this is appropriate and consistent with the constitution of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia and in particular shall substitute the words "Ordained Minister" for "Clergyman", the words "member of the Vestry" for "Vestryman", the words "member of the Laity" for "Layman", the words "Lay member of Synod" for "Synodsman" and likewise the plurals of such words.

