

# TE PĪHOPATANGA O AOTEAROA

Mō te Oranga Ake o te Iwi, o te Ao



1 October 2026

*Tioro! Tioro!*

*Ka tiorooro ki te rangi e tū nei,*

*ka tiorooro ki te whenua e hora nei,*

*kia tae te tiorotanga ki ngā taringa o te katoa.*

*Tēnei te whakamoemiti, tēnei te whakawhetai a Te Pīhopatanga o Aotearoa ka whakaatu nei kia mōhio ai te katoa ko wai ka tū ki mua i Te Rūnanga Tohu ki Te Hui Amorangi ki Te Manawa o Te Wheke hei te 2 ki te 3 o ngā rā o Oketopa 2026, hei kaitono i te tūnga o Te Pīhopa o Te Hui Amorangi ki Te Manawa o Te Wheke.*

Following our earlier provisional confirmation of candidates sent on September 11, 2026, we can now confirm that the vetting and screening process for this Electoral College has been formally completed.

At its meeting in December 2025, Te Rūnanganui o Te Pīhopatanga o Aotearoa approved and adopted a more stringent process for vetting and screening candidates.

Having completed this process we can report that **all candidates have successfully passed:**

- Vetting by the New Zealand Police;
- Professional medical assessment and psychological testing;
- Independent forensic assessment of online activity; and
- Independent assessment as safe for ministry by Kooyoora - a professional standards and safeguarding body operating across Aotearoa New Zealand and Australia, including the independent management and oversight of ministry complaints processes and investigations.

On that basis, we are pleased to formally confirm the following candidates for presentation to the Electoral College:

**The Reverend Vianney Douglas**

**The Reverend Canon Dr. Robert Kereopa**

**The Venerable Ngira Simmonds**

## **He inoi mō te mahi tapu a te Rūnanga Tohu o Te Hui Amorangi ki Te Manawa o Te Wheke**

*E te Ariki, nāu nei te kī ko koe hei hoa mō tāu iwi whakapono i ngā rā katoa, a, ki te mutunga rā anō o te ao: Titiro atawhai mai ināianei ki tēnei wāhi o tōhau Hāhi. Tohutohungia hoki te Rūnanga Tohu o tēnei Hui Amorangi i te mea e anga ana ki te whiriwhiri i tētahi pononga pai hei hēpara mō tēnei wāhi o tāhau māra wāina, kia whiriwhiria ai ko tāhau e pai ai, he hēpara pono e kakama tonu ana ki te kauwhau i te Rongopai, ki te tautoko i te mea ngoikore, ki te whakamārie i te ngākau iro, ki te rapu i te mea ngaro, ki te whāngai i āu tāngata ki te kai i te wā e tika ai. Whakarongo ki a mātou, e te Ariki, e Ihu, e ora nā, e kingi tahi nā me te Matua, me te Wairua Tapu, ā, ake ake. Āmine.*

Ngā manaakitanga,

The Most Reverend Dr Don Tamihere

*Te Pīhopa o Aotearoa*

*Commissary for the Electoral College*