

Resolutions of the 2016 Special Session of the 50th Synod

(Resolutions 1/16 to 2/16 were passed at the Special Session of Synod for the proposed merger of Anglicare and ARV in April 2016.)

1/16 Salvation in the name of Jesus Christ

That this Synod, noting with gratitude to God the great blessing of salvation in the name of Jesus Christ and

- that there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved;
- that the gospel is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes; and
- that God calls all people to repent and believe,

acknowledges that it is our responsibility to give all people the opportunity to hear the call of God,

and calls on all Anglican organisations, schools and churches to ensure the home page of their website has a link to a simple presentation of the Gospel.

(Mr Paul Johnson 27/04/2016)

2/16 Approval of the merger of Anglicare and Anglican Retirement Villages

Synod, noting the report of the Standing Committee in relation to the proposed merger of Anglican Retirement Villages Diocese of Sydney ("ARV") and Sydney Anglican Home Mission Society ("Anglicare") together with accompanying draft ordinances and other documents in relation to the proposed merger received at this session, approves in principle the merger of these two organisations on the basis that –

- (a) the indemnity provided by ARV to Anglicare is intended to ensure that survivors of child abuse have at least an equivalent level of recourse as if Anglicare had continued to operate in its own right,
- (b) the merged organisation will actively aim to continue to deliver services provided by Anglicare and ARV to socially disadvantaged people at an enhanced level,
- (c) the merged organisation will actively aim to continue the work undertaken by Anglicare with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples at an enhanced level,
- (d) the merged organisation will actively aim to continue to alleviate necessitous circumstances through the provision of education at an enhanced level,
- (e) the legal name of the merged organisation is "Anglican Community Services",
- (f) consideration is given to making provision in both the Anglicare and ARV constituting ordinances for a gift fund for both entities,

and requests the Standing Committee to pass such ordinances and take such other action it considers necessary or desirable to give effect to the merger on this basis.

(Bishop Chris Edwards 27/04/2016)