

# Anglican Church of Australia Diocese of Sydney

## 2nd Session of the 47th Synod Business Paper: Monday 16 October 2006

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*(Page references are to the Standing Committee's Report - see Part 5 of the Synod Business Rules for ordinance procedures.)*

1. **The Synod will assemble in the Wesley Theatre, 220 Pitt Street Sydney at 3:15 pm.**
2. **Prayers will be read by the President or a person appointed by him.**
3. **Procedural motion re start time, Presidential Address and Synod Service**

Synod -

- (a) agrees to commence its meeting forthwith in order to deal with items 4 and 6-14 inclusive on this business paper, and
- (b) notes that the Presidential Address will be delivered from 4:00 pm, and at 8:15 pm the Synod Service will begin, and
- (c) suspends any part of the business rules which would prevent these arrangements.

(Mr Robert Wicks)

4. **The President will table a list of the members of the Synod.**
5. **The President will deliver his address.**

To be taken at 4:00 pm - see item 3.

6. **The President will table a document appointing a commissary.**
7. **Elections**

7.1 Under section 12 of the Anglican Church of Australia Trust Property Act 1917, the Synod declares 2 vacancies in the office of member of the Anglican Church Property Trust Diocese of Sydney for Mr Glynn Evans and the Rev Philip Colgan who have each come to the end of their term of office.

(Mr Robert Wicks)

7.2 A list of the uncontested elections will be laid upon the table and the results declared.

(Archbishop Peter Jensen)

7.3 A Clerical Secretary and a Lay Secretary of the Synod will be elected.

(Mr Robert Tong)

7.4 A Chairman of Committees will be elected.

(Deaconess Margaret Rodgers)

7.5 A Deputy Chairman or Deputy Chairmen of Committees will be elected.

(Deaconess Margaret Rodgers)

7.6 A Committee of Elections and Qualifications will be elected.

(Dr Philip Selden)

7.7 A Committee for the Order of Business will be elected.

(Mr Robert Tong)

7.8 A Minute Reading Committee will be elected.

(Dr Philip Selden)

**8. The minute book of the Standing Committee will be tabled.**

**9. Petitions**

**10. Notices of questions**

**11. Procedural motions**

**11.1 Presentations at the session**

Synod agrees to the following -

- (a) a presentation concerning the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Anglicare and Moore Theological College from 7:00 pm on Monday 16 October, and
- (b) a brief presentation concerning Anglicans in the Media as part of the motion at item 16.6 on today's business paper for the reclassification of Annandale as a parish, and
- (c) a brief presentation as part of the motion at item 16.9 on today's business paper for the reclassification of Wilberforce as a parish, and
- (d) the Missionary Hour presentation from 7:00 pm on Monday 23 October, and
- (e) a presentation on behalf of the Mission Board from 7:00 pm on Tuesday 24 October,

and suspends so many of the business rules as would prevent these arrangements.

(Mr Robert Wicks)

**11.2 Special arrangements for the consideration of business**

Synod -

- (a) agrees in principle to deal with its business in accordance with the Indicative Timetable for Synod Business, and
- (b) requests that the Committee for the Order of Business bring to the Synod at the beginning of each day any recommendations about amending the Indicative Timetable for Synod Business in light of the progress of business, and
- (c) suspends so many of the business rules as would prevent these arrangements, or as would prevent the Synod from considering any recommendations from the Committee for the Order of Business.

(Mr Robert Wicks)

**11.3 Arrangements for the consideration of the Discipline Ordinance 2006**

Synod -

- (a) agrees to substitute the revised form of bill for the Discipline Ordinance 2006 printed for Synod members this year for the bill for the Discipline Ordinance 2005 introduced at last year's session of the Synod, and
- (b) suspends so many of the business rules as would prevent this arrangement.

(Mr Robert Wicks)

**11.4 Arrangements for the consideration of the draft policy statement on education**

Synod agrees to the following arrangements for considering the draft policy statement on education –

- (a) the motion at item 16.11 on today's business paper will be taken to have been moved and seconded, and
  - (b) the mover may speak up to 20 minutes and the seconder may speak up to 10 minutes, and
  - (c) the Synod will then proceed to debate the motion, and
  - (d) at an appropriate time during the debate, the President may request that Synod members discuss the draft policy statement in groups and provide written comments and suggestions about the policy statement, and
  - (e) after the debate has ended the mover has a right of reply
- and suspends so many of the business rules as would prevent these arrangements.

(Mr Robert Wicks)

**11.5 Arrangements for the consideration of motion concerning the Anglican Communion**

Synod agrees to the Archbishop addressing the Synod about the Anglican Communion immediately before the motion at item 16.12 of today's business paper being moved and suspends so many of the business rules as would prevent this arrangement.

(Mr Robert Wicks)

**11.6 Circulation of printed material**

Synod authorises the Secretaries to approve the distribution to members of any report from a Diocesan body or organisation.

(The Rev Chris Moroney)

**11.7 Suspension of business rule 4.6(2)**

Synod suspends rule 4.6(2) of the Schedule to the Conduct of the Business of Synod Ordinance 2000 for the duration of this current session of the 47<sup>th</sup> Synod.

(Mrs Lesley Ramsay)

**12. The President will invite members to give notice of other motions**

**13. Calling of motions on the business paper**

**14. Tabling and reception of accounts and reports etc**

- 14.1 Synod notes that the undermentioned reports etc have been tabled, receives them and resolves that they be printed at the discretion of the Standing Committee –

*Diocesan Organisations - Audited Accounts and Annual Reports*

- (1) Abbotsleigh, The Council of
- (2) Anglican Church Property Trust Diocese of Sydney
- (3) Anglican Media Council
- (4) Anglican Provident Fund (Sydney), Board of
- (5) Anglican Youth and Education Division
- (6) Arden Anglican School Council
- (7) Arundel House Council
- (8) Barker College, The Council of
- (9) Campbelltown Anglican Schools Council
- (10) Continuing Education for Ministers, Council of

- (11) Georges River Regional Council
- (12) Glebe Administration Board
- (13) Illawarra Grammar School, Council of The
- (14) Kings School, The Council of the
- (15) Macarthur Anglican Church School Council (The)
- (16) Moore Theological College Council
- (17) Northern Regional Council
- (18) St Andrew's Cathedral Chapter
- (19) St Andrew's Cathedral School Council
- (20) St Andrew's House Corporation
- (21) St Catherine's School Waverley, Council of
- (22) St John's Provisional Cathedral Chapter Parramatta
- (23) St Michael's Provisional Cathedral Chapter Wollongong
- (24) South Sydney Regional Council
- (25) Sydney Anglican Car and Insurance Fund, Board of
- (26) Sydney Anglican Home Mission Society Council
- (27) Sydney Anglican Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Committee
- (28) Sydney Anglican Pre-School Council
- (29) Sydney Anglican Property Fund
- (30) Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation
- (31) Sydney Church of England Finance and Loans Board
- (32) Sydney Church of England Grammar School Council
- (33) Sydney Diocesan Educational and Book Committee
- (34) Sydney Diocesan Secretariat
- (35) Sydney Diocesan Superannuation Fund Board (Anglican SuperFund)
- (36) Tara Anglican School for Girls, Council of
- (37) Trinity Grammar School Grammar Council
- (38) Western Sydney Regional Council
- (39) William Branwhite Clarke College Council
- (40) Wollongong Regional Council

*Standing Committee Reports and Synod Fund Accounts etc*

- (41) 2006 Annual Report
- (42) 2006 Supplementary Report
- (43) Synod Fund Audited Accounts for 2005
- (44) Annandale, Proposal to reclassify as a parish
- (45) Administration of Confirmation by Presbyters (30/05): a report from the Diocese Doctrine Commission
- (46) Amendments to "Faithfulness in Service"
- (47) Diocesan Policy on Education
- (48) New Capital Project and other fundraising initiatives (11/05)
- (49) Ordinances passed by the Standing Committee
- (50) Parishes struggling financially or with ministry strategies (14/05)
- (51) Parochial Cost Recoveries for 2007
- (52) Safe Ministry Board Annual Report
- (53) Stipends, Allowances and Benefits for 2006 and 2007 (2/05)
- (54) Training and recruiting teachers for Church schools (3/02)
- (55) Use of the word "Priest" (35/04)
- (56) Georges River Regional Council - Annual Report for 2005
- (57) Northern Region Regional Council - Annual Report for 2005
- (58) Ashbury, Proposal to Reclassify as a parish
- (59) Strathfield (St Andrew's), Proposal to Reclassify as a parish
- (60) South Sydney Regional Council - Annual Report for 2005
- (61) Western Sydney Regional Council - Annual Report for 2005
- (62) Wilberforce, Proposal to reclassify as a parish
- (63) Wollongong Regional Council - Annual Report for 2005
- (64) Explanatory Statements and reports on Bills

(The Rev Chris Moroney)

14.2 Synod notes that the Department of Evangelism has not submitted a copy of its audited accounts for the most recently concluded financial year, and requests that the Department lodge a copy of its audited accounts as soon as possible.

(The Rev Chris Moroney)

14.3 Synod notes that the Anglican Retirement Villages: Diocese of Sydney has a financial year ending 30 June and that it is not due to submit its annual report and a copy of its audited accounts until 30 September.

(The Rev Chris Moroney)

## **15. Motions for proposed ordinances referred to the 1st session of the 47th Synod**

### **15.1 Capital Projects Fund Ordinance 2006**

That the Synod permits the withdrawal of the Capital Projects Fund Ordinance 2006.

*(Supplementary Report page 31)*

(Mr Rodney Dredge)

### **15.2 Discipline Ordinance 2006**

That the Discipline Ordinance 2006 be approved in principle.

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(Mr Philip Gerber)

## **16. Motions by request of the Standing Committee**

### **16.1 Admission to Holy Communion (Adult Baptisands) Ordinance 2006**

Synod permits the introduction of the Admission to Holy Communion (Adult Baptisands) Ordinance 2006.

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(Bishop Glenn Davies/Deaconess Margaret Rodgers)

### **16.2 Nomination Ordinance 2006**

Synod permits the introduction of the Nomination Ordinance 2006.

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(Bishop Robert Forsyth/Mr Robert Wicks)

### **16.3 Nomination (Transitional Provisions) Ordinance 2006**

Synod permits the introduction of the Nomination (Transitional Provisions) Ordinance 2006.

*(Page 230)*

(Mr Robert Wicks)

### **16.4 Regions (Amendment) Ordinance 2006**

Synod permits the introduction of the Regions (Amendment) Ordinance 2006.

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(Mr Robert Tong/Bishop Glenn Davies)

### **16.5 Synod Membership (Indigenous Representation) Amendment Ordinance 2006**

Synod permits the introduction of the Synod Membership (Indigenous Representation) Amendment Ordinance 2006.

*(Supplementary Report page 6)*

(Dr Philip Selden/Archdeacon Geoff Huard)

### **16.6 Annandale: Reclassification as a Parish**

Synod assents to the reclassification of Annandale as a parish with effect from 1 January 2007.

*(Supplementary Report page 18)*(The Rev Dominic Steele/Archdeacon Deryck Howell)

#### **16.7 Ashbury: Reclassification as a Parish**

Synod assents to the reclassification of Ashbury as a parish with effect from 1 January 2007.

*(Page 105)* (The Rev Peter Sholl/Archdeacon Deryck Howell)

#### **16.8 Strathfield (St Andrew's): Reclassification as a Parish**

Synod assents to the reclassification of Strathfield (St Andrew's) as a parish with effect from 1 January 2007.

*(Page 108)* (The Rev Kevin Kim/Archdeacon Deryck Howell)

#### **16.9 Wilberforce: Reclassification as a Parish**

Synod assents to the reclassification of Wilberforce as a parish with effect from 1 January 2007.

*(Supplementary Report page 49)* (The Rev Geoff Bates/Archdeacon Ken Allen)

#### **16.10 Training and recruiting teachers for Church schools**

Synod –

- (a) endorses the recent initiatives being taken by the Anglican Education Commission in teacher education and recruitment, and
- (b) endorses the re-constitution of the Anglican Education Commission as a separate body under its own ordinance to pursue these initiatives as part of a broader responsibility for advocacy, teacher recruitment and teacher education, and
- (c) requests the Standing Committee to pass such ordinances and take such further action as it considers necessary or desirable to implement and facilitate the matters referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b).

*(Supplementary Report page 45)* (Mr Al Stewart)

#### **16.11 Diocesan Policy on Education**

Synod –

- (a) supports the continued development of a broad based diocesan policy on education, and
- (b) requests that the Standing Committee bring to the 2007 session of Synod for its consideration a revised policy statement taking into account any written comments and suggestions made by Synod members, and
- (c) requests that Synod members provide any comments to the Diocesan Secretary by 31 March 2007.

*(Supplementary Report page 21)* (Dr Grant Maple/Dr Bryan Cowling)

#### **16.12 Anglican Communion**

Synod commends the Primates of the Global South for their forthright stand in upholding biblical truth and expresses its support and encouragement for all within the Anglican Communion who are seeking to uphold biblical principles and prays for the Archbishop of Canterbury in his difficult role.

(Mr Robert Tong/Bishop Peter Tasker)

### **16.13 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Diocese of Christchurch**

Synod congratulates the Diocese of Christchurch as it celebrates its 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, gives thanks to God for what has been achieved during that time, and prays that it will continue to be effective in proclaiming the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

(Dr Philip Selden)

### **16.14 National Register Canon**

Synod, in view of the uncertain standing of the National Register Canon 2004 and the unsatisfactory nature of some provisions of that canon, requests the Standing Committee to prepare and enact an ordinance to provide for the remission of information to the General Secretary of the General Synod regarding conduct of clergy and laity of this Diocese which constitutes sexual misconduct or child abuse, such ordinance to comply with all relevant statutes and to provide a means of ensuring that persons the subject of such a communication are informed of its content.

(Mr Neil Cameron/Mr Robert Tong)

## **17. Motions by request of a regional council**

### **17.1 Regional Financial Advisory Panel**

Synod, noting that since the introduction of the GST financial management of parishes has become more and more complex, requests Regional Councils to write to all ministers and churchwardens of the region to determine if there are parishioners within their parish who would be willing to have their names placed on a "Regional Financial Advisory Panel" to provide advice to other parishes on –

- (a) setting up their accounts
- (b) managing their accounts
- (c) providing audit services.

(Mr Graeme Marks/Mr Geoff Kyngdon)

## **18. Motions received by the Standing Committee**

### **18.1 Funding chaplaincies**

Synod, noting that money to support chaplaincies is not allocated in the Synod Appropriations and Allocations Ordinance 2005 -

- (a) affirms that Anglicare chaplaincies are integral to Policy 2 of the Diocesan Mission, specifically in their ability "to take further initiatives to create fellowships by penetrating structures of society beyond the reach of the parish church with the gospel", and
- (b) encourages Anglicare to seek alternative sources of funding for chaplaincies, and
- (c) requests the Standing Committee to –
  - (i) urgently consider the immediate need for funding Anglicare chaplains and the practical steps necessary for the Diocese to do so, and
  - (ii) explore strategies which strengthen the contribution that chaplaincies make to the Diocesan Mission, and
  - (iii) report back to the next ordinary session of this Synod, and
  - (iv) in preparation for the 2007 session of Synod, when the principles of the Synod Appropriations and Allocations Ordinance are determined for the following triennium ensure as a priority that Anglicare chaplains are funded from the Diocesan budget.

(The Rev Stephen Bligh/Mrs Liz McCoy)





# Indicative Timetable for Synod Business

References to items and motions are references to items and motions in the business paper for Monday 16 October 2006.

<b>Monday 16 October 2006</b>	
3:15 – 4:00 pm	Formal matters (items 1-14)
4:00 – 5:30 pm	Presidential Address
7:00 – 8.15 pm	Mission Presentation: 150 <sup>th</sup> Anniversaries of Anglicare and Moore Theological College
8.15 – 9.15 pm	Synod Service

<b>Tuesday 17 October 2006</b>	
3:15 – 4:30 pm	Bible Study/prayer Formal Matters 16.6 Annandale: Reclassification as a Parish 16.7 Ashbury: Reclassification as a Parish Thereafter, other business as per the business paper
4:30 – 5:45 pm	16.5 Synod Membership (Indigenous Representation) Amendment Ord 2006 Thereafter, other business as per the business paper
7:00 pm +	15.2 Discipline Ordinance 2006 16.14 National Register Canon Thereafter, other business as per the business paper

<b>Wednesday 18 October 2006</b>	
3:15 – 4:30 pm	Bible Study/prayer Formal Matters 16.8 Strathfield (St Andrew's): Reclassification as a Parish 16.9 Wilberforce: Reclassification as a Parish Thereafter, other business as per the business paper
4:30 – 5:45 pm	16.2 Nomination Ordinance 2006 16.3 Nomination (Transitional Provisions) Ordinance 2006 Thereafter, other business as per the business paper
7:00 pm +	16.10 Training and recruiting teachers for Church schools 16.11 Diocesan policy on education Thereafter, other business as per business paper.

<b>Monday 23 October 2006</b>	
3:15 – 4:30 pm	Bible Study/prayer Formal Matters Thereafter, other business as per the business paper
4:30 – 5:45 pm	16.4 Regions (Amendment) Ordinance 2006 16.1 Admission to Holy Communion (Adult Baptisands) Ordinance 2006
7:00 – 8:00 pm	Missionary Hour
8:00 pm +	16.12 Anglican Communion Thereafter, other business as per business paper.

<b>Tuesday 24 October 2006</b>	
3:15 – 4:30 pm	Bible Study/prayer Formal Matters Thereafter, other business as per the business paper
4:30 – 5:45 pm	Ordinances Thereafter, other business as per the business paper
7:00 pm +	Presentation on behalf of the Mission Board Thereafter, other business as per the business paper