

# Anglican Church of Australia Diocese of Sydney

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Session of the 48th Synod Business Paper: Monday 19 October 2009

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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 Peter Rusbourne and the Rev Nigel Fortescue 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 Mission report from 7.00 pm on Monday 19 October 2009, and
- (b) the Missionary Hour presentation from 7.00 pm on Monday 26 October 2009,

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 considering Diocesan Endowment investment losses**

Synod agrees to the following arrangements for the purposes of considering the motion appearing at item 16.6 on today's business paper –

- (a) Mr Steve McKerihan and Mr Phillip Shirriff will make a joint presentation in relation to the motion for a period of up to 30 minutes from 7.00 pm on Tuesday 20 October, and
- (b) after the joint presentation, members may ask questions about the presentation which may be answered by either Mr McKerihan or Mr Shirriff, and
- (c) after the time for questions, the motion will be moved and seconded and debate on the motion will commence, and
- (d) after debate on the motion has ended, Mr McKerihan and the mover of the motion may in turn exercise a right of reply for up to 5 minutes each before the motion is voted on,

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

(Mr Robert Wicks)

**11.4 Arrangements for considering the Strategic Directions 2010 – 2012 document and the Synod Appropriations and Allocations Ordinance 2009**

Synod agrees to the following arrangements for consideration of the Strategic Directions 2010 – 2012 document and the bill for the Synod Appropriations and Allocations Ordinance 2009 –

- (a) consideration of the Strategic Directions 2010 – 2012 document and the bill will start at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 21 October, and
- (b) Mr Peter Kell may make a speech about the Strategic Directions 2010 – 2012 document for a period of up to 15 minutes, and
- (c) after Mr Kell's speech, the Synod will be taken to have approved the introduction of the bill and will move forthwith to consider the bill in principle, and
- (d) the motion that the bill be approved in principle is to be taken as having been moved and seconded, but instead of making speeches, the mover and seconder may combine in a presentation lasting up to 30 minutes and including overhead images,

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

(Mr Robert Wicks)

**11.5 Arrangements for considering the Parochial Cost Recoveries Ordinance 2009**

Synod agrees to consider the bill for the Parochial Cost Recoveries Ordinance 2009 immediately after consideration of the Synod Appropriations and Allocations Ordinance 2009 on Wednesday 21 October and suspends so many of the business rules as would prevent these arrangements.

(Mr Robert Wicks)

**11.6 Arrangements for considering the Diocesan Grievance Policy and Procedure**

Synod agrees, for the purposes of considering the motion appearing at item 16.14 on today's business paper, to a time for questions about the proposed Grievance Policy and Procedure and Parish Relationships Amendment Ordinance 2009 after the motion has been moved and seconded but before any debate on the motion commences and suspends so many of the business rules as would prevent these arrangements.

(Mr Robert Wicks)

**11.7 Clergy Removals Fund Ordinance 2003 Amendment Ordinance 2008**

That the Synod permits the withdrawal of the Clergy Removals Fund Ordinance 2003 Amendment Ordinance 2008.

(Mr Robert Wicks)

**11.8 Notice re proposed ordinances to assent to canons to amend the 1961 Constitution**

Under business rule 5.2(3)(d) Synod permits, without further notice, the consideration at this session of a motion for the introduction of the General Synod – Constitution Amendment (Suspension of Bishops) Canon 2007 Assenting Ordinance 2009.

(The Rev Chris Moroney)

### **11.9 Circulation of printed material**

Synod authorises the Secretaries to approve any report or other material from a Diocesan body or organisation to be made available to members in the foyer of the Wesley Theatre.

(The Rev Chris Moroney)

### **11.10 Arrangements for considering motions for reclassification as a Parish**

Synod –

- (a) agrees to consider motions 16.21 and 16.22 on today's business paper immediately after the formal matters on the afternoon of Tuesday 27 October but, instead of making separate speeches, the mover and seconder of each motion may combine in a presentation for up to 10 minutes (including any overhead images), and
- (b) suspends so many of the business rules as would prevent these arrangements.

(Mr Robert Wicks)

### **11.11 Incorporation of certain amendments into Discipline and Moore College amendment bills**

Synod agrees to –

- (a) the bill for the Discipline Amendment Ordinance 2009 being introduced in a form which incorporates amendments in the name of the mover numbered 1 – 7 (inclusive) on today's Amendment Sheet, and
- (b) the bill for the Moore Theological College Ordinance 1984 Amendment Ordinance 2009 being moved in a form which incorporates the amendment in the name of the mover numbered 1 on today's Amendment Sheet.

(Mr Robert Wicks)

### **11.12 Consideration of motion concerning questions of principle relevant to electing the Archbishop**

Synod agrees to Bishop Glenn Davies moving the following motion immediately after the Archbishop of Sydney Appointment Amendment Ordinance 2009 is passed as an ordinance of the Synod –

'Synod requests the Standing Committee to review the questions of principle relevant to electing a person to the office of Archbishop of Sydney including –

- (a) whether a notice to summon an election Synod to fill a vacancy which the Standing Committee has resolved to be filled under clause 2(2) of the Archbishop of Sydney Appointment Ordinance 1982 should be given shortly after the Standing Committee's resolution and before the occurrence of the vacancy, and
- (b) whether the election Synod itself may be held before the occurrence of such a vacancy, and
- (c) whether a person should be elected to the office of Archbishop of Sydney for a fixed term,

and requests the Standing Committee to report to next year's Synod about this matter.'

(Bishop Glenn Davies)

### 11.13 Consideration of motion concerning people affected by disability

Synod agrees –

- (a) to consider motion 16.23 on today's business paper immediately after consideration of motion 16.13 on the afternoon of Monday 26 October, and
  - (b) instead of the mover and seconder speaking for up to 10 minutes and 5 minutes respectively, to the mover making a short speech and showing a brief video for a total of up to 10 minutes,
- and suspends so many of the business rules as would prevent these arrangements.

(Deaconess Margaret Rodgers)"

### 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 Education Commission
- (4) Anglican Media Council
- (5) Anglican Retirement Villages: Diocese of Sydney
- (6) Anglican Youth and Education Division
- (7) Arden Anglican School Council
- (8) Arundel House Council
- (9) Barker College, The Council of
- (10) Campbelltown Anglican Schools Council
- (11) College of Preachers, Council of
- (12) Continuing Education for Ministers, Council of
- (13) Department of Evangelism
- (14) Georges River Regional Council
- (15) Glebe Administration Board
- (16) Illawarra Grammar School, Council of The
- (17) Kings School, The Council of
- (18) Macarthur Anglican Church School Council (The)
- (19) Moore Theological College Council
- (20) Northern Regional Council
- (21) St Andrew's Cathedral Chapter
- (22) St Andrew's Cathedral School Council
- (23) St Andrew's House Corporation
- (24) St Catherine's School Waverley, Council of
- (25) St John's Provisional Cathedral Chapter, Parramatta
- (26) St Michael's Provisional Cathedral Chapter, Wollongong
- (27) South Sydney Regional Council
- (27A) Sydney Anglican Home Mission Society Council
- (28) Sydney Anglican Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Committee
- (29) Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation
- (30) Sydney Church of England Finance and Loans Board
- (31) Sydney Church of England Grammar School Council
- (32) Sydney Diocesan Educational and Book Committee
- (33) Sydney Diocesan Secretariat
- (34) Tara Anglican School for Girls, Council of
- (35) Trinity Grammar School Grammar Council
- (36) Western Sydney Regional Council
- (37) William Branwhite Clarke College Council
- (38) Wollongong Regional Council

*Standing Committee Reports and Synod Fund Accounts etc*

- (39) 2009 Annual Report
- (40) Synod Fund Audited Accounts for 2008
- (41) Administrative burden on parishes (21/08) / Business managers for churches (25/08)
- (42) Affiliated churches (26/08)
- (43) Architecture for Buildings for Contemporary Church (35/07)
- (44) Asbestos Inspection Charge for 2010
- (45) Connect09 Progress Report
- (46) Connect09 Resource Costs for 2010
- (47) Consumption of Alcohol in the context of Parishes etc
- (48) General Synod 2007 Legislation
- (49) Human Rights framework for Australia (35/08)
- (50) Ordinances passed by the Standing Committee
- (51) Procedures and sanctions for all standards in *Faithfulness in Service* (32/08)
- (52) Response to feedback from 2008 Synod survey
- (53) Review of General Synod legislation (24/08)
- (54) Review of Tertiary Chaplaincy in Sydney Diocese (33/08)
- (55) Safe Ministry Board Annual Report
- (56) Stipends, Allowances and Benefits for 2010 (2/05)
- (57) Strategic Directions 2010 - 2012
- (58) Georges River Regional Council – Annual Report for 2008
- (59) Northern Regional Council – Annual Report for 2008
- (60) Artarmon, proposal to reclassify as a parish
- (61) North Ryde, proposal to reclassify as a parish
- (62) South Sydney Regional Council – Annual Report for 2008
- (63) Western Sydney Regional Council – Annual Report for 2008
- (64) Wollongong Regional Council – Annual Report for 2008
- (65) Explanatory Statements and reports on Bills

*Other reports etc*

- (66) Archbishop of Sydney's Overseas and Relief Fund (The) (ORAF)
- (67) Archbishop of Sydney's Overseas Ministry Fund (The) (OMF)
- (68) Archbishop of Sydney's Community Care and Development Program (The)

(The Rev Chris Moroney)

**15. Motions for proposed ordinances referred to the 2<sup>nd</sup> session of the 48th Synod**

*There are no motions under this heading.*

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

**16.1 Moore Theological College Ordinance 1984 Amendment Ordinance 2009**

Synod permits the introduction of the Moore Theological College Ordinance 1984 Amendment Ordinance 2009.

*(Supplementary Report page 11)* (Bishop Glenn Davies/Mr Robert Tong)

**16.2 Synod Membership (Nominated Indigenous Representatives) Ordinance 2009**

Synod permits the introduction of the Synod Membership (Nominated Indigenous Representatives) Ordinance 2009.

*(Page 323)* (Archdeacon Deryck Howell/Archdeacon Ken Allen)

**16.3 Archbishop of Sydney Appointment Amendment Ordinance 2009**

Synod permits the introduction of the Archbishop of Sydney Appointment Amendment Ordinance 2009.

*(Supplementary Report page 4)* (Mr Robert Tong/Mr Peter Kell)

**16.4 General Synod – The Solemnization of Matrimony Canon Amendment Canon 2007 Assenting Ordinance 2009**

Synod permits the introduction of the General Synod – The Solemnization of Matrimony Canon Amendment Canon 2007 Assenting Ordinance 2009.

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(Bishop Glenn Davies/Justice Peter Young)

**16.5 General Synod Legislation Repeal and Exclusion Ordinance 2009**

Synod permits the introduction of the General Synod Legislation Repeal and Exclusion Ordinance 2009.

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(Mr Neil Cameron/Bishop Glenn Davies)

**16.6 Diocesan Endowment investment losses**

In light of the global financial crisis and recent large capital losses experienced by the Diocesan Endowment, Synod continues in thankfulness to and dependence on our Almighty God and Loving Heavenly Father, who owns the cattle on a thousand hills, is no man's debtor and knows our needs better than we know ourselves.

Synod also –

- (i) notes that the strategy of the Glebe Administration Board (GAB) of borrowing to invest (gearing) was exercised completely within the authorities given to it and was clearly reported on a monthly basis to Standing Committee and annually to Synod,
- (ii) notes that both the CEO and members of the GAB, and the Standing Committee have –
  - (a) accepted their respective responsibilities for management and oversight of the Diocesan Endowment (DE) investment strategies, and
  - (b) expressed their regret at the losses stemming from the implementation of this strategy of gearing, and
  - (c) admitted in particular that mistakes were made in risk management procedures related to this gearing, and
- (iii) joins with the GAB and Standing Committee in expressing this regret.

Synod also –

- (iv) notes that while the GAB has repaid all bank debt, an undrawn line of credit of \$50 million has been maintained for prudential purposes and, if this facility is drawn on, the GAB has undertaken to provide a full explanation to the next Standing Committee meeting, and
- (v) notes that borrowing in the form of deposit raising by church funds similar to the DE is a widely accepted practice among other dioceses and denominations.

Finally, Synod seeks to honour God in faithful stewardship of our resources, trusting in the promises of his word and seeking to be content both in times of need as well as plenty, knowing that we can do all things through God who gives us strength.

(Mr Peter Kell/Mr Robert Tong)

**16.7 Discipline Amendment Ordinance 2009**

Synod permits the introduction of the Discipline Amendment Ordinance 2009.

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(Mr Glenn Murray/Mr Robert Wicks)

**16.8 General Synod – Special Tribunal Canon 2007 Declarations Ordinance 2009**

Synod permits the introduction of the General Synod – Special Tribunal Canon 2007 Declarations Ordinance 2009.

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(Mr Robert Tong/The Rev Dr Mark Thompson)

**16.9 General Synod – Offences Canon Amendment Canon 2007 Adopting Ordinance 2009**

Synod permits the introduction of the General Synod – Offences Canon Amendment Canon 2007 Adopting Ordinance 2009.

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(Mr Neil Cameron/Dr Karin Sowada)

**16.10 General Synod – Constitution Amendment (Suspension of Bishops) Canon 2007 Assenting Ordinance 2009**

Synod permits the introduction of the General Synod – Constitution Amendment (Suspension of Bishops) Canon 2007 Assenting Ordinance 2009.

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(Mr Neil Cameron/Mr Robert Wicks)

**16.11 Synod Appropriations and Allocations Ordinance 2009**

That the Synod Appropriations and Allocations Ordinance 2009 be approved in principle.

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(Mr Peter Kell/The Rev Stephen Semenchuk)

**16.12 Parochial Cost Recoveries Ordinance 2009**

Synod permits the introduction of the Parochial Cost Recoveries Ordinance 2009.

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(Mr Peter Kell/The Rev Stephen Semenchuk)

**16.13 Tertiary Ministry Oversight Committee**

Synod agrees to form a Tertiary Ministry Oversight Committee (TMOC), consisting of 6 persons elected by Synod for a 3 year term and one person appointed by the Archbishop. The committee to be charged with coordinating and developing ministry to tertiary students throughout the Diocese, including responsibility for –

- (a) recruiting, training and supporting tertiary chaplains and promoting their ministries,
- (b) recommending the allocation of resources in accordance with strategic priorities,
- (c) in consultation with appropriate bodies, preparing for Synod's consideration a diocesan policy on ministry in TAFE institutes, and
- (d) exploring the possibility of further creative partnerships with Anglican University colleges, AFES, Anglican Education Commission and other relevant bodies.

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(Mr Andrew Frank/Canon Sandy Grant)

**16.14 Grievance policy and procedure**

Synod receives the report on procedures and sanctions for all standards in *Faithfulness in Service* and, noting the proposed Grievance Policy and Procedure and Parish Relationships Amendment Ordinance 2009 attached to the report –



- (a) requests that members provide comments on the proposed Grievance Policy and Procedure and Parish Relationships Amendment Ordinance 2009 to the Diocesan Secretary by 31 March 2010, and
- (b) requests that a form of the Grievance Policy and Procedure and Parish Relationships Amendment Ordinance 2009 be brought to the Synod in 2010 incorporating, as appropriate, comments made by members.

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(Archdeacon Ken Allen/Canon Sandy Grant)

#### **16.15 Policy on consumption of alcohol in the parish context**

Synod receives the report on the consumption of alcohol in the parish context and, recognising that alcohol is a gift from God to be enjoyed in moderation but also recognising that alcohol abuse has caused significant damage in our community, requests that the minister and parish council of each parish –

- (a) study the information in the report, and
- (b) determine the parish's own policy on the consumption of alcohol having regard to the report's recommendation –

“Except for –

- services of public worship where wine is provided as part of the Lord's Supper,
- private activities in ministry residences, and
- activities undertaken pursuant to a commercial lease of church trust property signed by the Property Trust,

no alcohol should be consumed or made available in the context of any ministry activity of the parish or any private activity held on church trust property, without the approval of the parish council.”

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(Archdeacon Deryck Howell/Dr Barry Newman)

#### **16.16 Parish Review Repeal Ordinance 2009**

Synod permits the introduction of the Parish Review Repeal Ordinance 2009.

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(The Rev Stephen Semenchuk)

#### **16.17 Regions (Transitional Provisions and Miscellaneous Amendments) Amending Ordinance 2009**

Synod permits the introduction of the Regions (Transitional Provisions and Miscellaneous Amendments) Amending Ordinance 2009.

*(Supplementary Report page 26)*

(Bishop Ivan Lee/Canon Sandy Grant)

#### **16.18 General Synod 2007 Legislation**

Synod receives the report on General Synod 2007 Legislation and adopts the recommendations made in that report.

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(Mr Neil Cameron/Mr Robert Tong)

#### **16.19 Environmental initiatives in the Diocese**

Synod requests that a report be provided to its next session about the environmental initiatives being undertaken in the Diocese.

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(Dr Karin Sowada/Mr Darren Mitchell)

#### **16.20 Administrative burden on parishes**

Synod receives the report on the Administrative Burden on Parishes and –

- (a) encourages parishes, in the context of personal relationships within the diocesan network, to seek opportunities to provide administrative support to one another,
- (b) requests the Standing Committee to consider facilitating such partnerships of support by compiling and disseminating information about parishes which may be willing to provide support and parishes which are seeking support, and
- (c) requests that all submissions to government include, where appropriate, recommendations to reduce the administrative burden on parishes and diocesan organisations.

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(Mr Geoff Kyngdon)

#### **16.21 Artarmon: Reclassification as a Parish**

Synod assents to the reclassification of Artarmon as a parish with effect from 1 January 2010.

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(The Rev Ernest Chau/Ms Kitty Ho)

#### **16.22 North Ryde: Reclassification as a Parish**

Synod assents to the reclassification of North Ryde as a parish with effect from 1 January 2010.

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(The Rev John Chappell/Mr Peter Bliss)

#### **16.23 People affected by disability**

Synod, mindful that meeting together in Christ, we learn of receiving our bodies as given by God; we continue to discover practices of love towards all people in their particular circumstances; we discern with them how to 'carry each other's burdens' (Gal. 6:2); and we each learn together how to 'carry our own load' (Gal 6:5), therefore –

- (a) recognises that for people with disabilities, their families and carers, daily life can be practically, financially, socially and emotionally more difficult than it is for most people,
- (b) notes that there are many obstacles for people with disabilities, their families and carers, which prevent them hearing the gospel and sharing in Christian fellowship, which we have not always considered,
- (c) requests that all parishes and organisations in the Sydney Diocese of the Anglican Church develop and implement a plan to remove those obstacles that currently prevent people affected by disability from hearing the gospel and sharing in Christian fellowship, and
- (d) requests Sydney Anglicans and the Diocese in particular to continue to advocate for Government policy that promotes the wellbeing and interests of people with disabilities and their families and carers.

(Deaconess Margaret Rodgers/Mr Darren Mitchell)

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

*There are no motions under this heading.*

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

### **18.1 Relieving bishops for missional and pastoral work**

Synod respectfully requests Standing Committee to consider ways of freeing up our bishops for missional and pastoral work, by relieving them of some of the burden of serving on financial and administrative committees and sub-committees, through the appointment of suitably qualified lay people to those committees and sub-committees, and to report progress to the next session of Synod.

(The Rev Ian Millican)

### **18.2 Clarification and revision of rules relating to Alterations, Ornaments and Monuments**

Synod requests the Standing Committee to clarify and bring revisions to section 5.5 paragraph (a) of the Parish Administration Ordinance 2008 relating to Alterations, Ornaments and Monuments to the next session of Synod. Specifically, Synod requests that those things requiring the Archbishop's approval in order to be added or taken away be defined more precisely and narrowly, enabling parishes to clear away clutter, free up storage space, and adapt their buildings for ministry efficiently, and without confusion or unnecessary procedural delays.

(The Rev David Mears/Mrs Sheree Veron)

### **18.3 Clergy retirement age**

Synod requests the Standing Committee to appoint a committee to review current practice with regard to clergy retirement age in this Diocese, the membership of this committee to comprise both laypersons and clergy, with the lay membership being at least one person more than the clergy membership. Synod further suggests that the matters investigated by this committee should include but not be limited to the following –

- (a) the introduction of a retirement age for clergy in this Diocese and the reasons for it, including any changes that have been made to diocesan practice since that introduction,
- (b) whether there are still good reasons to have a fixed retirement age for clergy and what those reasons are,
- (c) if a fixed retirement age is to be retained, what that age should be, when it should be reviewed, and what procedures should be in place to extend it in individual cases,
- (d) if a fixed retirement age is no longer deemed desirable, what mechanisms would need to be put in place to ensure that both clergy and the parishes or organisations in which they serve are properly provided for,
- (e) the recommendations of the committee as to clergy retirement age or otherwise, and
- (f) what changes, if any, would need to be made to the Retirements Ordinance 1993 and any other relevant ordinances if the recommendations of the committee were to be adopted by the Synod.

(The Rev Bob Cameron/Mr Justice Peter Young)

### **18.4 Anglicare Counselling and Relationship Services**

Synod congratulates Anglicare Counselling and Relationship Services for achieving the outstanding result of 100% compliance when audited earlier in 2009 by the Federal Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs. Synod notes that these auditors commended the strong commitment to Anglicare's mission, vision and values displayed all through the service. Synod also notes that Anglicare was the first such organisation in Australia to achieve such a result. Synod gives thanks to God for Anglicare's

counselling and relationship services and commends them to our Anglican churches and wider community.

(Canon Sandy Grant)

#### **18.5 Retirement of the Rev Ian Mears**

Synod gives thanks to God for the committed and faithful service of the Reverend Ian Mears as the Chairman of the Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation from March 1991 until his planned retirement on 17 November 2009, a period of over 18 years. At various times he has also served as the School Council Chairman of St Luke's Grammar School, Dee Why and Claremont College, Randwick as well as a member of most of the sub-committees of the Board of the Corporation.

During Ian's tenure the Corporation adopted its current mission: to establish and operate efficiently, strategically placed Anglican Schools offering quality education, which are financially accessible to local communities and communicate the Gospel of Jesus Christ to students, staff, parents and the wider community. Synod acknowledges that while he has been the Corporation Chairman the number of students enrolled in its schools and directly exposed to the Gospel has more than quadrupled from some 2,500 in 1991 to over 10,750 in 2009 and that the schools have grown in number from a low of five to the current 16.

Synod prays that God's continued blessings might rest on Ian, and his wife, Margaret, as they continue to serve the Lord through ministry work on the Central Coast.

(Mr David Minty/Dr Laurie Scandrett)

#### **18.6 Retirement of Mr John Lambert AM**

Synod gives thanks to God for the work of Mr John Lambert AM, the Director of Schools Development of the Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation, as he plans to retire from this position on 31 December 2009. Synod acknowledges John's 15 years of unique service to the mission of the Corporation, particularly through his work in the establishment of 11 new Anglican schools within the Diocese. During this time he has also been involved in an advisory capacity in the establishment of a number of new Anglican schools in other Dioceses throughout NSW as well as, for the last ten years, serving as the School Council Chairman of Arndell Anglican College at Oakville.

Synod thanks John for his considerable efforts on behalf of the Corporation, and Anglican schooling in general, which have led to this significant growth and development, including over 8,000 additional students in the Corporation's schools.

Synod also thanks John's wife, Jan, for her support for John throughout this time and asks for our Lord's continuing blessing on their lives and continued ministry works.

(Dr Bryan Cowling/Dr Laurie Scandrett)



# Indicative Timetable for Synod Business

*References to items and motions are references to items and motions in the business paper for Monday 19 October 2009.*

<b>Monday 19 October 2009</b>	
3.15 – 4.00 pm	Formal matters (items 1-14)
4.00 – 5.30 pm	Presidential Address
7.00 – 7.30 pm	Mission Report
7.30 – 8.15 pm	16.1 Moore Theological College 1984 Amendment Ordinance 2009 16.2 Synod Membership (Nominated Indigenous Representatives) Ordinance 2009 Thereafter, other business as per the business paper
8.15 – 9.30 pm	Synod Service

<b>Tuesday 20 October 2009</b>	
3.15 – 4.30 pm	Bible Study/prayer Formal Matters Thereafter, other business as per the business paper
4.30 – 5.45 pm	16.3 Archbishop of Sydney Appointment Amendment Ordinance 2009 16.4 General Synod – The Solemnization of Matrimony Canon Amendment Canon 2007 Assenting Ordinance 2009 16.5 General Synod Legislation Repeal and Exclusion Ordinance 2009 Thereafter, other business as per the business paper
7.00 pm +	16.6 Diocesan Endowment investment losses Thereafter, other business as per the business paper

<b>Wednesday 21 October 2009</b>	
3.15 – 4.30 pm	Bible Study/prayer Formal Matters Thereafter, other business as per the business paper
4.30 – 5.45 pm	16.7 Discipline Amendment Ordinance 2009 16.8 General Synod – Special Tribunal Canon 2007 Declarations Ordinance 2009 16.9 General Synod – Offences Canon Amendment Canon 2007 Adopting Ordinance 2009 16.10 General Synod – Constitution Amendment (Suspension of Bishops) Canon 2007 Assenting Ordinance 2009 Thereafter, other business as per the business paper
7.00 pm +	16.11 Synod Appropriations and Allocations Ordinance 2009 16.12 Parochial Cost Recoveries Ordinance 2009 Thereafter, other business as per business paper

<b>Monday 26 October 2009</b>	
3.15 – 4.30 pm	Bible Study/prayer Formal Matters Thereafter, other business as per the business paper
4.30 – 5.45 pm	16.13 Tertiary Ministry Oversight Committee Thereafter, other business as per business paper
7.00 – 8.00 pm	Missionary Hour
8.00 pm +	16.14 Grievance policy and procedure Thereafter, other business as per business paper

<b>Tuesday 27 October 2009</b>	
3.15 – 4.30 pm	Bible Study/prayer Formal Matters Thereafter, other business as per the business paper
4.30 – 5.45 pm	Business as per the business paper
7.00 pm +	16.15 Policy on consumption of alcohol in the parish context Thereafter, other business as per the business paper