

# Anglican Church of Australia Diocese of Sydney

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Session of the 49<sup>th</sup> Synod

### Business Paper: Tuesday 16 October 2012

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

**Members of the Synod are asked to identify themselves each time they speak**

1. **Devotions will be led by the Rev Dr Michael Stead**
2. **Minutes of 15 October 2012**
3. **Petitions**
4. **Procedural motions from members**
5. **Calling of motions on the business paper**
6. **Motions**

*To be taken today from 4.30 pm*

6.1 **Department of Evangelism and New Churches Ordinance 2010 Amendment Ordinance 2012**

That the Department of Evangelism and New Churches Ordinance 2010 Amendment Ordinance 2012 pass as an ordinance of the Synod.

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(Archdeacon Ian Cox/Mr Malcolm Purvis)

6.2 **Shoalhaven Heads: Reclassification as a Parish**

Synod assents to the reclassification of Shoalhaven Heads as a parish with effect from 1 January 2013.

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(The Rev Anthony Douglas/Mr Tony Willis)

6.3 **Minchinbury: Reclassification as a Parish**

Synod assents to the reclassification of Minchinbury as a parish with effect from 1 January 2013.

*(Supplementary Report page 5)*

(The Rev David Mears/Bishop Ivan Lee)

*To be taken today from 7.00 pm*

6.4 **Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission**

Synod –

- (i) noting the report about the reforms to the charities and not-for-profits sector, and
- (ii) noting also that the legislation for the Australia Charities and Not-for-profits Commission ("ACNC legislation") did not commence on 1 October 2012 as expected due to its failure to pass the Senate by that time, and

- (iii) noting further that the Senate is due to recommence its consideration of the ACNC legislation during its current period of sittings which conclude on 29 November 2012,

encourages –

- (a) all parishes and other diocesan bodies to inform themselves about their likely obligations under the ACNC legislation and to stand ready to comply with such obligations should they become law, and
- (b) the Standing Committee to continue making representations to the Government about achieving reforms which add genuine value to both the sector and the broader community.

(Supplementary Report page 7)

(Mr Robert Wicks/Dr Karin Sowada)

#### 6.5 **Common Prayer: Resources for Gospel-Shaped Gatherings**

Synod declares its opinion that the services in the revised form of *Common Prayer: Resources for Gospel-Shaped Gatherings* conform to the doctrine of the Anglican Church of Australia and encourages the churches of the Diocese to use such services in accordance with the *General Synod – Canon Concerning Services 1992 Adopting Ordinance 1998*.

(Bishop Robert Forsyth/Canon Sandy Grant)

#### **To be taken today from 8.30 pm**

#### 6.6 **Archbishop Peter Jensen**

This Synod notes that this is the last session of Synod before the retirement of our President Archbishop Peter Jensen in July 2013.

Synod takes this opportunity to express its admiration for the way in which Dr Jensen has presided over this and preceding Synods during the 10 years of his term of office. The skill and patience with which he has guided debates will long be remembered by those who have sat under his Presidency.

Synod gives thanks to Almighty God for the life and work of the President, his evangelical faith, his sharp mind, his wise counsel, his leadership of us in reaching the lost of Sydney and Wollongong through the Diocesan Mission, his representation of the Christian gospel to the secular world and the huge increase in the number of gospel workers who have been raised up during his episcopacy.

His leadership of this Diocese and the national and global Anglican Church has been of incalculable value, and Synod acknowledges its debt to him.

Synod gratefully wishes Dr and Mrs Jensen every happiness and prosperity in the years to come.

(Canon Rick Smith)

#### **Motions for which no particular time has been specified for consideration**

#### 6.7 **Listening to the experience of homosexual persons**

Synod commits itself to listen to the experience of homosexual persons as called for in the 1998 Lambeth Resolution 1.10. In particular to listen to their experience in and of the church, and encourages the Social Issues Executive of Standing Committee to develop strategies to enable the Diocese to do this in meaningful ways.

(The Rev Chris Albany)

## 6.8 Consideration of Synod resolutions 19/11 and 29/11

Synod notes the comments in the Standing Committee Report paragraphs 8.14 and 8.18 and asks Standing Committee to give due consideration to Synod motions 19/11 and 29/11.

(Mr Doug Marr)

## 6.9 Review of the procedures for a vote by Houses

Synod –

- (a) asks the Standing Committee to consider the matter of a biblical basis for the procedure of voting by houses,
- (b) asks the Standing Committee to give consideration to the possibility of amending the procedures of the Synod in such a way as to ensure that a criteria is applied relating the motion to be voted upon to the specific roles of clergy and laity prior to the division by houses, and
- (c) requests that Standing Committee bring to the next session of Synod appropriate ordinances, motions, or other such items as would be required for Synod to amend its procedures accordingly.

(Mr James Mayfield/Mrs Jeanette Habib)

## 6.10 Review of the procedures requiring eight persons to stand

Synod –

- (a) asks the Standing Committee to consider the procedures of the Synod which require eight persons to stand at various points in order for certain procedures to be undertaken, and give specific consideration to the number of persons required,
- (b) asks the Standing Committee, in view of the increasing size of the Synod, to give consideration to the possibility of increasing the number of persons required to stand for such procedures, in such a way as to balance the efficiency of the procedures of Synod with the need to ensure members of Synod are given due opportunity to have input into all matters, and
- (c) requests that Standing Committee bring to the next session of Synod appropriate ordinances, motions, or other such items as would be required for Synod to amend its procedures accordingly.

(Mr James Mayfield/Mrs Jeanette Habib)

## 6.11 Mission Area initiatives

Synod gives thanks to God for the progress so far of the Mission Areas initiatives as a means of turning our hearts and minds outward towards the millions who do not know Christ in our Diocese, and of increasing gospel partnership between our churches, as well as between our churches and organisations.

Synod also recognises the great challenge of working together to reach the lost and assures our Mission Area Leaders of our prayers and support, and thanks them for their commitment to the many ministries and churches in their areas.

(Bishop Ivan Lee/The Rev Ted Brush)



# Indicative Timetable for Synod Business

References to items and motions are references to items and motions in the business paper for Tuesday 16 October 2012.

Tuesday 16 October 2012	
3.15 – 4.30 pm	Bible Study/prayer Formal Matters Thereafter, other business as per the business paper
4.30 – 5.45 pm	6.1 Department of Evangelism and New Churches Ordinance 2010 Amendment Ordinance 2012 6.2 Shoalhaven Heads: Reclassification as a Parish 6.3 Minchinbury: Reclassification as a Parish Business as per the business paper
7.00 – 8.30 pm	6.4 Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission 6.5 <i>Common Prayer: Resources for Gospel-Shaped Gatherings</i>
8.30 pm +	6.6 Archbishop Peter Jensen Thereafter, other business as per the business paper