

# Anglican Church of Australia Diocese of Sydney

## 3rd Session of the 45th Synod Business Paper: Friday 2 November 2001

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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 Synod are asked to identify themselves each time they speak.**

**1. Devotions will be led by Bishop Paul Barnett: see attached**

**2. Minutes of 27 October 2001**

**3. Questions from 26 and 27 October 2001**

(1) Mr Doug Pearson to ask -

- (a) What financial and other resources has the Diocese provided to the Parish of St John's Darlinghurst, during the last year, to assist that Parish in meeting the unique and extremely heavy pastoral care demands made upon it by the mentally ill, the drug addicted and the dispossessed of the area?
- (b) Will the Archbishop undertake to place the very real needs of the people of this area before the Standing Committee to ensure that the staff of the Parish have the resources necessary for them to care for these people in need?

(2) Canon David Mulready to ask -

- (a) In their deliberations over the sale of Gilbulla, did the Standing Committee confer with any other Dioceses, in particular, the Dioceses which contributed to the purchase of Gilbulla, such as the Dioceses of Brisbane, Perth and New Guinea?
- (b) Is it the intention of the Standing Committee to share the proceeds of the sale of Gilbulla with those Dioceses? If not, why not?
- (c) Is it the intention of the Standing Committee to share the proceeds of the sale of Gilbulla with other significant benefactors, such as St John's Parramatta whose gift of £25,000 in 1954 was used to pay out in full, the entire loan taken out to purchase Gilbulla?
- (d) If the Gilbulla Memorial Conference Centre is sold, how does the Standing Committee propose to perpetuate the memory of Anglican Chaplains who served in the Armed Forces during the war years, seeing that Gilbulla exists as such a memorial?
- (e) As of 26 October 2001, how many letters have been received by the Diocesan Secretary concerning the current move to sell Gilbulla? How many of these support the sale of Gilbulla?

(3) Ms Naomi Spencer to ask -

What are the reasons for moving the welcoming communion service from St Andrew's Cathedral to evening prayer at the Wesley Centre?

(4) Canon James McPherson to ask -

- (a) For the ordinary sessions of Synod from 1996 to 2000 inclusive, how many notices of motion were listed on the business paper for the first day, under the heading "Motions Received by the Standing Committee"?
- (b) Of those notices of motion, how many -
  - (i) Were withdrawn by the Mover?
  - (ii) Were passed by the Synod, with or without amendment?

- (iii) Were defeated by the Synod, with or without amendment?
  - (iv) Were referred by Synod to the Standing Committee?
  - (v) Were not discussed at all by the Synod?
- (c) For the ordinary sessions of Synod from 1996 to 2000 inclusive, how many of the motions received by the Standing Committee and listed on the business paper for the first day were similar or identical in substance to a motion received by the Standing Committee for the immediately previous Ordinary Session of the Synod?
- (d) Of those notices of motion previously presented, how many had been so listed for two or more successive Ordinary Sessions of the Synod?
- (e) Statistically, what were the mean, the modal, and the median number of listings for such notices of motion?
- (5) Canon Jim Ramsay to ask -
- With respect to people offering for ministry training -
- (a) How many people applied to enter 1st year at Moore College in 2001?
  - (b) How many people were accepted into 1st year at Moore College in 2001?
  - (c) How many people have applied for 1st year at Moore College in 2002?
  - (d) Approximately how many students are anticipated in 1st year in 2002?
  - (e) What were the total student numbers, across all years, in 1991, 1996, 2001?
  - (f) With respect to questions (a) to (d) what percentages are women?
- (6) The Rev Stephen Semenchuk to ask -
- (a) For each of the last 5 years and the first 9 months of 2001, how many Sydney Anglican parishes have used Gilbulla for a weekend or a midweek retreat?
  - (b) Overall in the last 5 years, how many different Sydney Anglican parishes have used Gilbulla's facilities?
  - (c) Which non-parish Sydney Anglican organisations have used Gilbulla during the last 3 years?
  - (d) How many weekends has Gilbulla been vacant during the last 3 years?
  - (e) What is the present fee structure for a weekend houseparty at Gilbulla, and at Rathane?
- (7) The Rev Peter Stavert to ask -
- (a) Has the Board of Anglican Retirement Villages Diocese of Sydney considered the presence of the Taber Park land at Menangle Park given to ARV almost 40 years ago for the development of a retirement village in the Campbelltown area?
  - (b) Has the Board plans for the development of this land in an area of large population and negligible aged care facilities?
- (8) Mr Malcolm Rennie to ask -
- (a) How many if any actions have been instigated under the Parish Disputes Ordinance 1999?
  - (b) If so have any been resolved and what was the outcome?
- (9) The Rev Brian Telfer to ask -
- (a) Who were the trustees of the Estate of the Late Thomas Moore at the time of the last session of Synod?
  - (b) Who has subsequently resigned as a trustee and when?
  - (c) Were others appointed to fill these vacancies?
  - (d) Who?
  - (e) By whom?
  - (f) And when?

(10) The Rev Alan Hamilton to ask -

In the advertisement for the Moore College Principal there is reference to "Trustees":

- (a) Who are the Trustees?
- (b) What role do the Trustees have in the appointment of a Principal for Moore College?
- (c) Does the Synod have any say in the appointment of the Trustees and if not, who appoints them?
- (d) Are there any specific Christian qualities required in the office of Trustee?
- (e) At the time of the retirement of Archbishop Goodhew, who were the Trustees?
- (f) If there have been changes to the membership of the Trustees since the retirement of Archbishop Goodhew, on what date did each change take place, who retired or resigned and who appointed the replacement Trustee or Trustees?

(11) The Rev Greg Burke to ask -

Can the Archbishop please advise -

- (a) What steps has the Diocese, through its agencies, taken to provide material aid to refugees and potential refugees from the current conflict in Afghanistan?
- (b) What places are being considered to provide such aid in the future?
- (c) Should Australia have the opportunity to shelter large numbers of temporary Afghani refugees - what possibilities exist for the Diocese to use its facilities to offer shelter?
- (d) What representations has the Diocese made to the Federal Government to increase its relief aid to support Afghani refugees?
- (e) What representations has the Diocese made to the Federal Government to increase its Overseas Aid budget toward the UN recommendation of 0.7% of GDP?

#### **4. Petitions**

#### **5. Notices of questions**

*Although the business rules allow members to give notice of questions today, it is unlikely that there will be sufficient time to research and prepare answers before the end of this session.*

#### **6. Procedural motions from members**

#### **7. The President will invite members to give written notice of other motions to a Secretary of the Synod**

#### **8. Calling of motions on the business paper**

#### **9. Motions**

***Proposed to be taken after 3:00 pm on Friday 2 November***

- (1) **Tribunal Ordinance 1962 Amendment Ordinance 2001: considering the text**  
*(Amended form of proposed ordinance is attached. See pages 9 to 16.)*

That Synod resolves itself into the Synod in Committee to consider the text of the Tribunal Ordinance 1962 Amendment Ordinance 2001.

(Dr Ann Young/Archdeacon Geoff Huard)

- (2) **Diocesan Officers (Retirement) Repeal Ordinance 2001: introduction**

Synod permits the introduction of the Diocesan Officers (Retirement) Repeal Ordinance 2001.

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(Dr Max McKay/Mr John Shellard)

***Proposed to be taken at 8:00 pm on Friday 2 November***

**(3) Gilbulla Memorial Conference Centre Sale Ordinance 2001**

Synod permits the introduction of the Gilbulla Memorial Conference Centre Sale Ordinance 2001.

(See Supplementary Report) (Mr Rodney Dredge/The Rev Stephen Semenchuk)  
(Alternate view - Canon David Mulready)

*The Synod has agreed to the following arrangements for consideration of this matter -*

- (a) if the motion for the introduction of the proposed ordinance is passed, a motion that the proposed ordinance be approved in principle will be moved forthwith, and*
- (b) when the motion that the proposed ordinance be approved in principle is considered -*
  - (i) the mover, Mr Dredge, will be permitted to speak for up to 20 minutes in support of the motion,*
  - (ii) a speaker with an alternate point of view, Canon David Mulready, will be permitted to speak for up to 20 minutes,*
  - (iii) thereafter, a time for questions will follow and, after questions, a time for debate during which the seconder of the motion, the Rev Stephen Semenchuk, will be permitted to speak if he wishes to do so,*
  - (iv) at the conclusion of debate, the speaker with the alternate point of view will be permitted to speak for up to 5 minutes in reply, and*
  - (v) the mover will be permitted to speak for up to 5 minutes in reply.*

**(4) Gilbulla Memorial Conference Centre**

Seeing that Gilbulla continues to be such a strategic and valuable Diocesan Conference Centre, the Synod directs that the Standing Committee -

- (a) proceed immediately with all necessary improvements to the property as required by the Health Department, and
- (b) proceed during 2002 with the re-development of Gilbulla in such a way as to increase the capacity for guests by at least 50, as recommended by the previous Gilbulla Board, and report progress to the next sitting of Synod, and
- (c) in the light of Standing Committee's premature announcement by letter and through *Southern Cross*, of the impending sale of Gilbulla by the Spring of 2001, and the consequential adverse publicity affecting bookings for 2002, the Standing Committee underwrite the operating costs for 2002.

(Canon David Mulready)

***Proposed to be taken at an appropriate time on Friday 2 November***

**(5) Parish Relationships Ordinance 2001: passing as an ordinance**

That the Parish Relationships Ordinance 2001 pass as an ordinance of the Synod.

(Page 167) (Archdeacon Trevor Edwards)

**(6) Parish Review (Monitoring Panel) Ordinance 2001: approval in principle**

*(Amended form of proposed ordinance is attached. See pages 17 and 18.)*

That the Parish Review (Monitoring Panel) Ordinance 2001 be approved in principle.

(The Rev Bruce Southwell)

***Proposed to be taken at 9:30 am on Saturday 3 November***

**(7) Synod Membership (Election of Parochial Representatives) Amendment Ordinance 2001**

Synod permits the introduction of the Synod Membership (Election of Parochial Representatives) Amendment Ordinance 2001.

(Page 186) (Mr Andrew Frank/The Rev Stephen Semenchuk)

- (8) **Synod Membership Ordinance 1995 Amendment Ordinance 2001: approval in principle**

That the Synod Membership Ordinance 1995 Amendment Ordinance 2001 be approved in principle.

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(The Rev Dr Glenn Davies)

**To be taken at 1:30 pm on Saturday 3 November**

- (9) **Church Discipline Ordinance 1996 Amendment Ordinance 2001: approval in principle**

That the Church Discipline Ordinance 1996 Amendment Ordinance 2001 be approved in principle.

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(Mr Garth Blake)

**Proposed to be taken after motion 9(9)**

- (10) **General Synod - Constitution of A Diocese Alteration Canon 1995 Adopting Ordinance 2001: approval in principle**

That the General Synod - Constitution of A Diocese Alteration Canon 1995 Adopting Ordinance 2001 be approved in principle.

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(Mr Robert Tong)

- (11) **Church Administration (Heritage Property) Amendment Ordinance 2001: introduction**

Synod permits the introduction of the Church Administration (Heritage Property) Amendment Ordinance 2001.

(See Supplementary Report)

(Mr Mark Payne)

**Motions for which no specific time for consideration has been proposed**

- (12) **Referral of matters to the Synod**

Synod requires that the Standing Committee bring to the next ordinary session of the Synod a bill -

- (a) to require that any matter, or any part of a matter, being considered by the Standing Committee be referred to the Synod by the Archbishop upon -
  - (i) the written request of the Archbishop, or
  - (ii) the written request or requests of any 5 members of the Standing Committee, or
  - (iii) the written request or requests of 100 members of the Synod, and
- (b) to require that the Standing Committee take no further action about the matter, or part thereof, referred to the Synod by the Archbishop under paragraph (a), except for the production of reports on the matter, and
- (c) to require that the Standing Committee prepare a report about the matter referred to the Synod and include in that report the report of any member or members of the Standing Committee who hold a minority view.

(The Rev Paul Cohen)

- (13) **Open meetings of the Standing Committee**

In keeping with contemporary understanding of openness, Synod requests that the Standing Committee -

- (a) open its meetings to members of the Synod as observers subject to the Standing Committee's right in the case of a matter which is commercially or personally sensitive or otherwise affects the interests of the Diocese to restrict access while that matter is dealt with, and
- (b) makes its agenda and supporting papers for its meetings available to members of the Synod upon request, except in relation to any matter which the Diocesan Secretary

considers is likely to be regarded by the Standing Committee as being commercially or personally sensitive or as otherwise affecting the interests of the Diocese.

(Ms Kath White)

**(14) Support for churches and parishes without a minister**

Synod respectfully requests that the Archbishop set up a committee to review the effectiveness of the Diocese in supporting parishes and churches during times when they are without a minister taking into account the following principles -

- (a) The committee should review, amongst other things, the experiences of churches and ministers who have recently been involved in this process.
- (b) Matters to be investigated should include
  - The opportunity for parishes and churches to consider options for new directions for ministry, growth and change.
  - The timing of presentation board process, especially when long service leave is taken after a minister finishes.
  - The accuracy of advice from Diocesan Presentation board members to parish nominators.
  - The accuracy of advice from parishes to prospective ministers.
  - Tenure of other parish staff and the effect this can have in the parish.
  - The availability and level of episcopal support for churches without a minister.
  - Processes to deal with and resolve problems in churches and parishes.
  - The availability and level of parish administration support.
- (c) The committee should comprise both laity and clergy but exclude those that are (or have been recently) diocesan presentation board representatives.
- (d) The committee should provide a report to the next session of the Synod outlining the problems and making recommendations as to any changes that would improve our processes and support our church people at a time when they may most need it.

(Mr Ross Mitchell)

**(15) Anglican sports ministries**

Synod -

- (a) notes the final Report of the Archbishop's Olympic Games Taskforce, and
- (b) wishes to continue after its "sunset" end at 30 June 2001 its specialised Ministry-through-Sport of pastoral care and evangelism, and
- (c) approves funding for this purpose of \$60,000 in 2002, and
- (d) notes the intention to apply for appropriate funding in the next 3 year Synod budget, and
- (e) approves the name-change of such ministry to Anglican Sports Ministries.

(The Rev Rod Harding/Archdeacon Di Nicolios)

**(16) Funding for indigenous peoples' ministries**

Synod -

- (a) commends the launch of an appeal by the Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Committee to raise funds for establishing and maintaining Indigenous ministries in the diocese by directly approaching parishes for a voluntary contribution of 1% of their annual incomes for this purpose, and
- (b) recommends to the Standing Committee that 5% of income from all sales of the Property Trust be added to the Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Trust Fund for Indigenous ministry within the Diocese.

(Mr Tom Mayne/The Rev John McIntyre)



## **Bible Reading, Hymn & Prayers: Friday 2 November 2001**

### **Bible Reading (1 Corinthians 13):**

<sup>1</sup> If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. <sup>5</sup> It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. <sup>6</sup> Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup> It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

<sup>8</sup> Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. <sup>9</sup> For we know in part and we prophesy in part, <sup>10</sup> but when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears. <sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me. <sup>12</sup> Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

<sup>13</sup> And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

*Scripture taken from the Holy Bible, New International Version*

### **Hymn: Love Divine All Loves Excelling**

1. Love divine, all loves excelling  
joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown:  
Jesu, thou art all compassion,  
pure unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter every trembling heart.
2. Come, almighty to deliver,  
let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
never more thy temples leave:  
thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.
3. Finish then thy new creation,  
pure and spotless let us be,  
let us see thy great salvation,  
perfectly restored in thee:  
changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love and praise.

Charles Wesley 1707-88

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Pianist: The Rev Jackie Stoneman