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Circular to the Members of the 47th Synod

Re: 3rd Session of the 47th Synod

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Robert Wicks, the Diocesan Secretary, is pleased to answer any questions about this session of the Synod.

Please bring this with you for use at Synod.

This circular has information that members of Synod need to know. Paragraphs 2.11 (notices of motions for the session), 3.3 (closing time for nominations) and 3.8 (closing time for delivering a precis for a nominee in an election) refer to deadlines to be observed.

1. Archbishop's summons to Synod

Summons to the 3rd Session of the 47th Synod

Under the Article 1(2) of the Schedule to the Anglican Church of Australia Constitutions Act 1902, I invite you to the Synod to be held in the Wesley Theatre, 220 Pitt Street Sydney commencing at 3:15 pm on Monday 17 September 2007.

Information about the opening service will be circulated in the next mail out to Synod members.

DR PETER JENSEN
Archbishop of Sydney

2. Arrangements and likely business

Meeting Places and Dates

- 2.1 The days of meeting are Monday 17, Tuesday 18, Wednesday 19, Monday 24, Tuesday 25 September 2007 at the Wesley Theatre, 220 Pitt Street Sydney. The proposed meeting times are as follows –

For the first day -

3.15 pm to 5:30 pm

5:30 pm to 7.00 pm - Meal Break

7.00 pm to 9:30 pm

For the second and subsequent days -

3:15 pm to 5:45 pm

5:45 pm to 7.00 pm - Meal Break

7.00 pm to 9:30 pm

Synod Mailings

- 2.2 There will be 2 mailings for this session -

(a) This mailing is the 1st mailing.

(b) A 2nd mailing will be sent on or about 29 August 2007 and will contain the Standing Committee's Report, the draft legislation, other reports, the Notice of Contested Elections and the Business Paper for 17 September 2007.

Declarations by lay members - certificates of election

- 2.3 Before taking part in debate or voting on any matter at the 47th Synod all lay members are to sign a declaration that they are communicant members of the Anglican Church of Australia and not members of any other church.
- 2.4 For lay representatives of parochial units, notice of your election is to have been given to the Registrar in accordance with clause 17 of the Synod Membership Ordinance 1995 before the declaration is made. For alternates for parochial representatives, notice of your appointment is to have been given to the Registrar in accordance with clause 22A(2) of that Ordinance before the declaration is made.
- 2.5 Members may make the declaration at the reception desk at St Andrew's House during office hours, or in the Wesley Theatre during the session. **You do not have to make another declaration if you signed the declaration at the 1st or 2nd session of the 47th Synod in 2005 or 2006.**

Synod Procedures, Acts, Ordinances & Regulations Book and Diocesan Year Book

- 2.6 The *Acts, Ordinances & Regulations* book has the Acts of Parliament by which the Anglican Church of Australia is constituted in New South Wales and the principal ordinances and regulations. A copy can be obtained from the Diocesan Secretary upon request.

The latest versions of the principal ordinances can be accessed on the Secretariat's website at www.sds.asn.au under For Synod & Standing Committee then Acts & Ordinances.

A copy of the latest version of the Conduct of the Business of Synod Ordinance 2000, which sets out the Synod's business rules, is enclosed with this circular.

- 2.7 Useful information about the Synod can be accessed on the Secretariat's website at www.sds.asn.au under For Synod & Standing Committee.
- 2.8 A copy of the 2007 Diocesan Year Book, which has summaries of the proceedings of the 2006 Synod session and a reprint of the Standing Committee's Report etc, will be posted to parishes for Synod members. You can also read the summaries on the Secretariat's website at www.sds.asn.au under For Synod & Standing Committee then Synod in Past Years.

Year Book on-line

- 2.9 Although the 2007 Diocesan Year Book is currently in the process of being prepared, the Diocesan Registry has a secure website <https://secure.anglican.asn.au/registry/yearbook> which is accessible by all lay members (clergy already have access). This enables members to view and update their contact information, download the current and previous editions of the Year Book and access up-to-date clergy, lay and parish year book entries. To gain access to the website members should email the Deputy Registrar, Mrs Catherine Rich with their current email addresses (2 can be recorded) and their date of birth. Catherine can be contacted by email at registry@sydney.anglican.asn.au or by telephone on 9265 1526.

Membership of the Synod

- 2.10 A list of members will be tabled in the Synod on 17 September 2007.

Notices of motions for the Session

- 2.11 Notices of motions to be included on the business paper for the first day of the session are to be in writing and be received by the Standing Committee (address letters to the Diocesan Secretary) **by 17 August 2007**. A member of Synod may give up to 2 notices of motions in this manner.
- 2.12 Any member of Synod may give notice of a further motion or motions at the start of business on the first 3 days of the session.

Guidelines for the moving of motions

- 2.13 Part 4 of the business rules (being the rules set out in the Schedule to the Conduct of the Business of Synod Ordinance 2000) contain the general rules of debate in the Synod. The various stages for the consideration of ordinances and rules are described on the Secretariat's website at www.sds.asn.au under For Synod & Standing Committee then Administration – Synod Procedures. Most business is transacted through motions and amendments.
- 2.14 The subject matter of a motion must relate to the order and good government of the Church within this Diocese, or the declaration of views on matters affecting the Anglican Church of Australia or affecting the spiritual, moral or social welfare of this Church, otherwise it may be out of order.
- 2.15 A notice of a motion should be brief and to the point, it should not contain argument, it should not have a long preamble or be written as a speech, and it should not contain material which is unbecoming or defamatory.
- 2.16 If in doubt about the form of a motion, try and find a precedent from the resolutions of the previous session (see the 2006 Year Book) or ask the Diocesan Secretary or someone else who has experience of the business of Synod. These things need thoughtful preparation, so do not leave it until the last minute.

Reports and Ordinances for the Session

- 2.17 Reports and audited accounts from approximately 60 committees etc will be tabled during the session.
- 2.18 Information about proposed ordinances will be provided in the mailing to be sent on or about 29 August 2007.

3. Notice of elections for this Synod Session

Elections to be conducted

- 3.1 The elections for offices to be conducted during the 3rd session of the 47th Synod in September this year are set out in the Schedule of Elections Required (see part 4 below).
- 3.2 In the Schedule of Elections Required –
- (a) the relevant organisations are listed in alphabetical order, and the names of retiring members are shown with their attendances at meetings in the year to 31 May 2007, and
 - (b) an asterisk (*) besides the name of a retiring member means that there is good reason to believe the member is willing to be nominated, a cross (+) means the retiring member is not willing to be nominated, and the absence of either character means that it is not known whether the member is willing to be nominated.

Invitation to make Nominations

- 3.3 Members are invited to make nominations of persons for each of the elections to be conducted. The closing time for the making of nominations is **5:00 pm on Monday 6 August 2007**.
- 3.4 Under rule 3.2(2) of the Schedule to the Synod Elections Ordinance 2000, a nomination is –
- (a) to be in writing, and
 - (b) to specify the office for which the nomination is being made, and
 - (c) to specify the name, address and occupation of the nominee, and
 - (d) to specify the details of the qualification held by the nominee, where a particular qualification is required for election to the office, and
 - (e) to be signed by 2 members of the Synod, other than the nominee, as nominators, and
 - (f) to contain a certification from at least one of the nominators that the nominee has consented to the nomination (*it is sufficient grounds for one of the nominators to certify that a nominee has consented to the nomination if in the Schedule of Elections Required the willingness of the nominee to be nominated is indicated with an asterisk (*)*), and
 - (g) to contain an address for acknowledgement of the nomination.
- 3.5 A nomination which does not comply with rule 3.2(2) is invalid except that an error in the specified address or occupation of the nominee does not of itself invalidate a nomination.
- 3.6 A nomination form is contained in item 5 although any document which complies with rule 3.2(2) is in order.
- 3.7 Nominations are to be delivered to - "The Secretaries of Synod, PO Box Q190, QVB Post Office, SYDNEY, 1230" and endorsed "Nominations", by the time referred to in paragraph 3.3.

Invitation to submit precis

- 3.8 A precis of a nominee in an election may be delivered to the Secretaries **no later than 5:00 pm on Monday 6 August 2007**.
- 3.9 Under rule 3.3(1) of the Schedule to the Synod Elections Ordinance 2000 a precis of a nominee is-
- (a) to be not more than 35 words in length, and
 - (b) to be signed by the nominee.

3.10 A form of precis is contained in item 6 although any document which complies with rule 3.3(1) is in order.

Time for ballots

3.11 Ballots will take place on the first and second days of the Synod session, Monday 17 and Tuesday 18 September, at the Synod meeting place.

4. Schedule of elections required

		Attendances at Meetings 11 Months to 31 May 2007		
		Maximum Possible	Attended	Leave of Absence
1.	ST ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL CHAPTER (Cathedral Ordinance 1969)			
	1 lay canon to be elected for 4 years by the lay members of the Synod			
	* Deaconess Margaret Rodgers	9	9	0
	1 clerical canon to be elected for 4 years by the clerical members of the Synod			
	* The Ven Terry Dein	9	8	1
2.	ANGLICAN CHURCH PROPERTY TRUST DIOCESE OF SYDNEY (Anglican Church Property Trust Diocese of Sydney Ordinance 1965)			
	2 persons to be elected for 6 years			
	* Mr Gregory Bridge	10	6	0
	* Mr Richard Neal	10	10	0
	1 person to be elected for 1 year			
	Vacancy (ex Mr R Dredge resigned 15/6/07)	0	0	0
3.	SYDNEY ANGLICAN HOME MISSION SOCIETY COUNCIL (ANGLICARE) (Sydney Anglican Home Mission Society Ordinance 1981)			
	4 persons to be elected for 3 years			
	* Mr Alan Orr (ex Ms P Seidler resigned 31/10/06)	3	0	0
	* Mr James Bird	14	12	1
	* Ms Robyn Hobbs	14	11	1
	* Miss Alicia Watson	14	11	2
4.	ANGLICAN RETIREMENT VILLAGES DIOCESE OF SYDNEY (Anglican Retirement Villages Diocese of Sydney Constitution Ordinance 1961)			
	2 persons to be elected for 3 years			
	* Mr Allan Fife	11	10	1
	* Dr David Lind (ex Prof. J Yeo resigned 07/02/05)	11	10	1
5.	COUNCIL OF ANGLICAN YOUTH AND EDUCATION DIVISION DIOCESE OF SYDNEY (YOUTHWORKS) (Anglican Youth and Education Diocese of Sydney Ordinance 1919)			
	1 member of the clergy to be elected for 3 years			
	* The Rev Timothy Bowden	8	7	0
	1 layperson to be elected for 3 years			
	* Mr Ronald Webb	8	7	1
6.	ARDEN ANGLICAN SCHOOL COUNCIL (Arden Anglican School Council Ordinance 1962)			
	2 clergymen to be elected for 3 years			
	* The Rev Geoffrey Collison	8	7	1
	* The Rev Roger Green	8	7	1
	2 persons to be elected for 3 years			
	* Mr Richard Neale (ex Mrs N Hadfield resigned 4/12/06; ex Mr C Burton resigned 30/01/06)	3	3	0
	* Mr Alan Harper	8	7	1

		Attendances at Meetings 11 Months to 31 May 2007		
		Maximum Possible	Attended	Leave of Absence
	1 person to be elected for 1 year Vacancy (ex Mr A Bryson resigned 30/6/07)	0	0	0
7.	BARKER COLLEGE, THE COUNCIL OF (The Barker College Ordinance 1978)			
	2 members of clergy to be elected for 3 years			
	* The Rev Dr Roger Chilton	8	6	0
	* The Rev Michael Crichton	8	7	1
	1 layperson to be elected for 3 years			
	* Mr Ian Miller	8	8	0
8.	COUNCIL FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR MINISTERS (Continuing Education for Ministers Ordinance 1989)			
	1 clergyman being an incumbent of an ecclesiastical unit to be elected for 3 years			
	* The Rev Peter Hayward	5	3	2
	1 layperson to be elected for 3 years			
	* Mr Neville Hatton	9	8	1
9.	DEPARTMENT OF EVANGELISM (Department of Evangelism Ordinance 1978)			
	1 person to be elected for 1 year Vacancy (ex Mr R Lamb resigned 31/5/07)	0	0	0
10.	THE ILLAWARRA GRAMMAR SCHOOL, THE COUNCIL OF (The Illawarra Grammar School Ordinance 1958)			
	1 clergyman to be elected for 4 years			
	* The Rev Murray Wale	5	5	0
	2 laypersons to be elected for 4 years			
	Vacancy (ex Mrs V Pym resigned 08/06/07)			
	* Mrs Margaret Spiers (ex Mr G Smith resigned 12/12/05; ex Prof D E Lewis resigned 14/3/05)	7	6	1
	1 layperson to be elected for 1 year Vacancy (ex Mrs E McIntyre resigned 8/6/07)	0	0	0
11.	MACARTHUR ANGLICAN SCHOOL COUNCIL (Macarthur Anglican School Ordinance 1982)			
	2 persons to be elected for 3 years			
	* Dr Allan Beavis	7	7	0
	* Mr Geoff Kyngdon	7	7	0
12.	MOORE THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE COUNCIL (Moore Theological College Ordinance 1984)			
	2 clergymen to be elected for 3 years			
	* Bishop Glenn Davies	8	4	1
	* The Rev Stephen Gibson	8	7	1
	2 laypersons to be elected for 3 years			
	* Mr John Creelman	8	8	0
	* Dr Bill Hurditch	8	7	1

		Attendances at Meetings 11 Months to 31 May 2007		
		Maximum Possible	Attended	Leave of Absence
13.	ST CATHERINE'S SCHOOL WAVERLEY, COUNCIL OF (St Catherine's School Waverley Ordinance 1922)			
	1 clergyman to be elected for 4 years			
	* The Rev Archie Poulos	2	2	0
	2 laymen to be elected for 4 years			
	* Mr Mark Wormell (ex Mr M Wormell resigned 30/1/07)	0	0	0
	* Mr Graham Morrison	8	5	3
	1 laywoman to be elected for 4 years			
	* Mrs Margaret Forsyth	8	8	0
	1 laywoman to be elected for 1 year			
	* Miss Alicia Watson (ex Dr M Best resigned 15/2/07)	0	0	0
	1 layman to be elected for 2 years			
	* Mr Peter Stone (ex Mr A Willis resigned 7/8/06)	0	0	0
14.	SYDNEY ANGLICAN CAR AND INSURANCE FUND BOARD/ SYDNEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND FINANCE AND LOANS BOARD (Sydney Anglican Car and Insurance Fund Ordinance 1978)			
	1 member of the clergy to be elected for 3 years			
	* The Rev Antony Barraclough (ex The Rev E Brush resigned 31/1/06)	8	8	0
	2 laypersons to be elected for 3 years			
	* Mr Stephen Guthrie	8	5	3
	* Mr Bruce Robinson	8	8	0
	1 layperson to be elected for 1 year			
	* Vacancy (ex Mr G Holden resigned 15/3/07)	0	0	0
15.	SYDNEY ANGLICAN SCHOOLS CORPORATION (Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation Ordinance 1947)			
	8 persons to be elected for 3 years			
	Vacancy (ex Dr R Sharp resigned 01/07)	0	0	0
	* The Rev Dane Courtney	2	2	0
	* Mr Donald Harwin	2	1	0
	* Mr David Minty	2	2	0
	* Mr Stephen Poucher	2	0	0
	* Mrs Lesley Ramsay	2	2	0
	* Mrs Elizabeth Selleck	2	2	0
	* Mr Rick Stevens	2	2	0
16.	TARA ANGLICAN SCHOOL FOR GIRLS, COUNCIL OF (Tara Anglican Girls' School Ordinance 1956)			
	1 member of the clergy to be elected for 3 years			
	Vacancy (ex Rev J Lowe resigned 31/12/06)	0	0	0
	1 layperson to be elected for 3 years			
	* Mr Greg Ellem (ex Miss J Furniss resigned 15/3/07)	0	0	0
17.	TRINITY GRAMMAR SCHOOL, COUNCIL OF (Trinity Grammar School Constitution Ordinance 1928)			
	2 clergymen to be elected for 3 years			
	* The Rev Andrew Katay	7	7	0
	* The Rev John Wise	7	7	0

		Attendances at Meetings 11 Months to 31 May 2007		
		Maximum Possible	Attended	Leave of Absence
2 laypersons to be elected for 3 years				
	* Mr David Cheetham	7	5	0
	* Mr Paul Meldrum	7	6	0
1 person to be elected for 1 year				
	* The Rev Chris Braga (ex Rev D Crain resigned 11/12/06)	2	2	0
18.	WILLIAM BRANWHITE CLARKE COLLEGE COUNCIL (The William Branwhite Clarke College Ordinance 1987)			
1 clergyman to be elected for 3 years				
	* The Rev John Barrett	9	8	1
1 layperson to be elected for 3 years				
	Mr Timothy Moon	9	6	1

5. Nomination Form for 2007 Synod Elections Election No.
(From Schedule)

Nominations close at 5pm on 6 August 2007

Note: A failure to complete the details and certification required by this form will render the nomination invalid.

We nominate

Address

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Occupation

Qualification (if required for the election)

For

(Name of Committee, Board, Council, etc.)

First Nominator's

Signature Parish *

Print Name

Second Nominator's

Signature Parish *

Print Name

Address for acknowledgment

.....

Date

* If not a parish representative, specify the Part of the Synod Membership Ordinance 1995 under which the proposer or the seconder is a member of the Synod.

Certificate

I Certify that the said consents to nomination.

First or Second Nominator's Signature

Note: It is sufficient grounds for one of the nominators to certify that a nominee has consented to the nomination if in the Schedule of Elections Required the willingness of the nominee to be nominated is indicated with an asterisk ().*

Acknowledgment of Nomination

The Nomination of

Address

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For

(Name of Committee, Board, Council, etc.)

has been received.

Election No.

For and on behalf of the Secretaries of Synod

..... Date

6. Précis of nominee in a Synod election

Surname: First name(s):

1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
6.	7.	8.	9.	10.
11.	12.	13.	14.	15.
16.	17.	18.	19.	20.
21.	22.	23.	24.	25.
26.	27.	28.	29.	30.
31.	32.	33.	34.	35.

Signature of Nominee: Date:

Note:

1. This form is to be completed and signed by the Nominee and returned to "The Secretaries of the Synod, PO Box Q190, Queen Victoria Building, Sydney 1230", **by 5:00 pm on *Monday 6 August 2007***.
2. Please use block letters and print inside the boxes (one word *only* in each box).