

Anglican Church of Australia Diocese of Sydney

3rd Session of the 48th Synod

Business Paper: Wednesday 13 October 2010

(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 Kanishka Raffel

2. Minutes of 12 October 2010

3. Answers to questions

3.1 Dr Robert McKay to ask-

Further to the interim report of the Archbishop's Strategic Commission on Structure, Funding and Governance, with regard to the Greenoaks Unit Development, what were the development costs, any sale proceeds to date, the current cash yield and, as available, estimated sale proceeds for the remaining apartments?

3.2 Mr Bruce York to ask –

I refer to the property development known as The Greenoaks Apartments which is perceived by some to have been a poor financial decision.

Could the Synod please be apprised of the initial financial justification of this project compared to the current actuals and expectations with some explanation of the reasons for any variances please?

3.3 The Rev Ian Millican to ask –

On page 371 of the Green Book, the accounts of the Glebe Administration Board show as an expense a share of loss from St Andrew's House Corporation of \$4.6 million in 2009 and \$5.7 million in 2008. Can you please advise how these losses arose, and what action is being taken, or being considered, to prevent, as far as possible, future losses from St Andrew's House Corporation?

3.4 The Rev Nigel Fortescue to ask –

With regard to the vacant unimproved property on Menangle Road, Menangle owned by Anglican Retirement Villages (ARV) –

- (a) When was it acquired?
- (b) What is ongoing cost of its retention per annum?
- (c) What is it currently being used for?
- (d) What plans does ARV have for the site?
- (e) If planned when will building commence?
- (f) What conditions, caveats or restrictions are currently in place over the site and if any, when do they expire?

3.5 Mr Alan Baker to ask –

- (a) What proportion of St Andrew's House is leased on a commercial basis?

- (b) What proportion of the building is held under the largest commercial lease?
- (c) Was it Standing Committee, the board of the GAB, or the board of the EOS or the board of St Andrew's House which made determinations in each year since 2005 as to what amount from the income of SAH would be paid out to the DE and the EOS and what amount would be retained for maintenance and improvements of the building?

3.6 The Rev Raj Gupta to ask –

What is the current projected 2011, compared with the actual for 2010, first year enrolment for –

- (a) Diploma courses at Youthworks College, and
- (b) Year 13 at Youthworks College?

3.7 The Rev Bob Cameron to ask –

- (a) Is there a diocesan policy with regard to the ordination of divorced or remarried persons?
- (b) If so, has that policy been documented?
- (c) If so, is that document available to clergy, Synod members, or to anyone else?
- (d) When was the policy last reviewed?

3.8 The Rev Mark Williamson to ask –

- (a) Is the Synod able to be informed of who from the Diocese of Sydney will be attending the Third Lausanne Conference on World Evangelism, being held in Capetown this month (16-23 October)?
- (b) Has any consideration been given as to how any wisdom or insights gained from the conference might be shared within the Diocese?

3.9 Mr David Wallace to ask –

What opportunities are there for Christian men and women to take leadership positions in Diocesan organisations?

3.10 Mr Andrew McLachlan to ask –

What was the outcome of the consideration of Standing Committee to Synod motion 32/09 concerning the qualifications and experience of candidates and members?

3.11 Ms Naomi Spencer to ask –

At Anglicare –

- (a) How are management practices evaluated?
- (b) How are complaints against staff investigated and acted on?
- (c) How many staff have left or been dismissed in the past 5 years?
- (d) How many staff have appealed against dismissal in this time?

3.12 The Rev Joseph Wiltshire to ask –

Concerning the proposed Department of Evangelism (New Churches) Reconstitution Ordinance 2010 –

- (a) What, if any, doctrinal standard will be required by the Archbishop, to "authorise" a "person not a member of the clergy" to lead fellowships?
- (b) What does adequately trained or otherwise equipped mean?
- (c) What is deemed a sufficient knowledge of Scripture?

- (d) Will there be a fixed standard for these criteria or approached on a case by case basis?

3.13 Mr Brian Flower to ask –

I ask the following questions with respect to the publication of attendance figures –

- (a) How many parishioners are there in each parish in the Diocese?
- (b) Is it possible for these figures to be published in the Diocesan Year Book or otherwise made publicly available each year?
- (c) If not, why not?

3.14 Mr Brian Flower to ask –

What was the cost of relocating Anglicare's office in the Southern Highlands to its new premises in Moss Vale?

3.15 The Rev Andrew Kukulka to ask –

- (a) What was the cost of printing and mailing to Synod members the emerald book, supplementary report, additional materials and principal ordinances?
- (b) What was the cost of printing and mailing to Synod members the annual reports of Anglican Retirement Villages, Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation and Moore College?
- (c) What is there in Standing Orders or other provisions that would prevent the distribution of these materials by email to those Synod members who indicated their willingness to receive these materials in this way?

3.16 The Rev Greg Burke to ask –

Can the Archbishop please inform the Synod of the total number of Anglican ordination candidates currently studying at Moore Theological College and the number of these candidates who are serving in paid positions as student ministers in parishes?

3.17 Mrs Susan Hooke to ask –

- (a) Please identify any non-Anglican churches, or persons associated with any such church, within the Sydney Diocese that have received any payments since 1 January 2005 from any fund under the control of the Archbishop, Standing Committee or Synod and the amount of each payment.
- (b) Please identify any Anglican and non-Anglican churches, or persons associated with any such church, outside the Sydney Diocese that have received any payments since 1 January 2005 from any fund under the control of the Archbishop, Standing Committee or Synod. State the amount of each payment.

3.18 Mr Tom Mayne to ask –

Notwithstanding the extensive and very-welcome coverage of Indigenous Australians in the Archbishop's Presidential Address last night, why, in the Mission Report that followed, was there a complete absence of any reference to the Indigenous Church, Indigenous ministry, or the Sydney Anglican Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Committee?

3.19 Mr Alan Baker to ask –

What proportion of the St Andrew's House revenue is received from its largest commercial tenant (excluding St Andrew's Cathedral School)?

3.20 Ms Lyn Bannerman to ask –

- (a) How many instalments of the GAB loan of \$24 million for 14 years for refurbishment to St Andrew's House Council are to be paid per year?
- (b) Do the required instalments of between \$250,000 and \$625,000 relate to capital or for interest only?
- (c) What was the purpose of the loan and does it include refurbishment costs when the current major commercial tenant vacates?

4. Petitions

5. Notices of questions

6. Procedural motions from members

6.1 The Lord's Supper in Human Hands Epilogue

Synod agrees that the motion at item 9.26 on today's business paper be taken immediately following the motion at item 9.4 on today's business paper.

(Mr Robert Tong)

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

8. Calling of motions on the business paper

9. Motions

To be taken on today from 4.30 pm

9.1 Archbishop of Sydney (Election and Retirement) Amendment Ordinance 2010

That Synod resolves itself into the Synod in Committee to consider the text of the Archbishop of Sydney (Election and Retirement) Amendment Ordinance 2010.

(Bishop Glenn Davies/Mr Peter Kell)

9.2 Clergy Retirements Amendment Ordinance 2010

Synod permits the introduction of the Clergy Retirements Amendment Ordinance 2010.

(Page 222) (Bishop Robert Forsyth/The Rev Robert Cameron)

9.3 Department of Evangelism (New Churches) Reconstitution Ordinance 2010

Synod permits the introduction of the Department of Evangelism (New Churches) Reconstitution Ordinance 2010.

(Page 232) (Bishop Robert Forsyth/The Rev Archie Poulos)

To be taken today from 7.00 pm

9.4 Appellate Tribunal opinion on administration of Holy Communion by persons other than a presbyter

That this Synod –

- (a) notes the advisory opinion of the Appellate Tribunal given in relation to questions posed by Dr Muriel Porter and 25 members of the General Synod, and
- (b) affirms resolution 27/08 of this Synod, specifically the two statements, where Synod –

- (i) affirms again its conviction that lay and diaconal administration of the Lord's Supper is consistent with the teaching of Scripture, and
- (ii) affirms that the Lord's Supper in this diocese may be administered by persons other than presbyters.

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(Bishop Glenn Davies/Archdeacon Narelle Jarrett)

9.5 **Solemn Promises Ordinance 2010**

Synod permits the introduction of the Solemn Promises Ordinance 2010.

(Dr Philip Selden/Dean Phillip Jensen)

To be taken today from 8.00 pm

9.6 **Grievance Policy and Procedure**

That the Grievance Policy and Procedure for dealing with allegations of unacceptable behaviour by clergy and church workers in parishes be approved in principle.

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(Canon Sandy Grant/Mr Clive Ellis)

9.7 **Parish Relationships Amendment Ordinance 2010**

Synod permits the introduction of the Parish Relationships Amendment Ordinance 2010.

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(Canon Sandy Grant/Mr Clive Ellis)

To be taken on Monday 18 October 2010 from 4.30 pm

9.8 **General Synod – Long Service Leave Canon 2010 Assenting Ordinance 2010**

Synod permits the introduction of the General Synod – Long Service Leave Canon 2010 Assenting Ordinance 2010.

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(Mr Doug Marr/Mr Geoff Kyngdon)

9.9 **Archbishop of Sydney's Anglican Aid**

Synod, noting the launch of the Archbishop of Sydney's Anglican Aid –

1. Gives thanks for the work of the Archbishop of Sydney's Appeals Unit and the generosity of God's people over many years.
2. Commends the ministry of the Anglican Aid and its funds, the Archbishop's Overseas Relief and Aid Fund (ORAF), the Archbishop's Overseas Ministry Fund (OMF) and the Archbishop's Community Care Fund (CCF) to the people and parishes of the Diocese of Sydney and beyond.
3. Encourages the parishes and people of the Diocese to consider the strategic importance of the ministry of Anglican Aid and to pray for and give generously to our Christian partners through Anglican Aid.
4. Extends to the Archbishop, the Board and the staff of Anglican Aid an assurance of its prayerful support for an ever expanding ministry that brings glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and the blessing of the Gospel to many people throughout the world and in our own back yard.

(The Rev Peter Rodgers/Archdeacon Narelle Jarrett)

9.10 Amendments to the Anglican Church of Australia Trust Property Act 1917

Synod, noting the explanatory report about the proposed amendments to the Anglican Church of Australia Trust Property Act 1917 –

- (a) endorses the promotion to the New South Wales Parliament of the amendments proposed to be made by the insertion into the Act of new sections 6AA, 10A and 11A, and
- (b) requests that any proposal to seek further amendments to the Act to address the concerns which prompted the drafting of the new section 48 of the Act be brought to the Synod for approval before being promoted to the New South Wales Parliament.

(Additional materials page 1)

(Mr Robert Tong/The Rev Craig Roberts)

To be taken on Monday 18 October 2010 from 8.00 pm

9.11 Bishopscourt

Synod, noting the report from the Standing Committee about Bishopscourt –

- (a) supports the sale of Bishopscourt and requests the Standing Committee to pass a suitable ordinance and take such further action as is necessary to facilitate the sale, and
- (b) requests the Endowment of the See Committee to make arrangements to provide suitable alternative accommodation for the Archbishop in consultation with the Archbishop and Mrs Jensen, having regard to the matters raised in the report.

(Supplementary Report page 7)

(Bishop Robert Forsyth/Mr Peter Kell)

To be taken on Tuesday 19 October 2010 from 4.30 pm

9.12 Euthanasia

This Synod, in response to the Greens' notice of motion to introduce into the NSW Parliament a Bill to legalise voluntary euthanasia and the Greens' Bill in Federal Parliament to overturn Commonwealth prohibitions against euthanasia legislation in the Territories –

1. notes that when adequate palliative care, symptom control and psychosocial support is available and accessible, only a tiny minority of those accessing such support express a preference for euthanasia,
2. observes that the outcome of legalised voluntary euthanasia will include the insertion of mistrust into patient-carer and patient-relative relationships, a creeping expansion of candidates for euthanasia, and reduced funding for terminal care;
3. notes that recent reports of community support for euthanasia fail adequately to distinguish the deliberate killing of people from the morally acceptable practice of not prolonging life with burdensome treatment, and
4. notes that most supporters for euthanasia are young and healthy, but that euthanasia legislation is not well supported among people with disability and by people who are old, infirm or vulnerable.

Accordingly, this Synod –

- (a) reaffirms that all human life is precious in God's sight, and that the Bible's clear prohibition of killing innocent humans has the positive effect of creating communities that love and care for others at their weakest and move vulnerable;
- (b) reiterates its opposition to voluntary euthanasia and physician-assisted suicide;
- (c) calls upon the Premier and the Prime Minister to oppose these initiatives;

- (d) calls on the NSW State and Federal parliamentarians to request referral of these bills to parliamentary committees, and to inform themselves of the alternatives to euthanasia and of its negative consequences in jurisdictions that have adopted it; and
- (e) calls on these governments to increase funding to pain management and palliative care services.

(Dr Karin Sowada/Dr Stephen Judd)

To be taken on Tuesday 19 October 2010 from 7.00 pm

9.13 Diocesan Corporate Governance

Synod receives the report on Diocesan Corporate Governance and, noting the draft Diocesan Corporate Governance Policy attached to the report –

- (a) requests that Synod members provide comments on the draft Diocesan Corporate Governance Policy to the Diocesan Secretary by 31 March 2011, and
- (b) requests that a copy of the report and draft policy be sent to the board of each diocesan organisation for comments back to the Diocesan Secretary by 31 March 2011, and
- (c) requests that a revised form of the Diocesan Corporate Governance Policy be brought to the Synod in 2011 incorporating, as appropriate, comments made by Synod members and the boards of diocesan organisations, and
- (d) requests that draft guidelines on the role and functioning of boards of diocesan organisations also be brought to the Synod in 2011.

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(Dr Laurie Scandrett/Mr Peter Kell)

Motions for which no particular time has been specified for consideration

9.14 Equal representation of women

That this Synod in responding to Anglican Consultative Council Resolution 13.31 requesting member churches to work towards the goal of equal representation of women in decision making at all levels –

- (a) recognises and celebrates the multitude of ministries in which women, as well as men, participate, and the gifts they bring to these ministries,
- (b) requests Standing Committee, Regional Councils, and other diocesan organisations to apply the principle of equal representation of women when making appointments or nominating candidates for election, wherever legislatively and practically possible and report progress to the Synod in 2012, and
- (c) encourages each parish to adopt this principle in elections and appointments to Parish Councils and other parochial committees.

(The Rev Philip Bradford/Ms Lyn Bannerman)

9.15 Conferral of Lambeth Doctorate on the Rev Dr John Harris

Synod, noting that the Archbishop of Canterbury, by the powers invested in him by the Reformation Parliament's 1533 Ecclesiastical Licences Act, has conferred on the Rev Dr John Harris, the Lambeth degree of Doctor of Divinity, in recognition of his 'outstanding contribution as a Bible scholar and translator', his 'advocacy on behalf of Aboriginal Australians,' and his 'unstinting endeavours to raise awareness of indigenous issues within the church and the wider Australian community',

- (a) congratulates Dr Harris on this exceptional honour conferred on him, and only four others who have worked in the Australian Church;
- (b) gives thanks for the labours and devotion which justify this honour, especially his monumental histories of the encounter between the Christian

faith and Aboriginal people and his participation in the translation of the Scriptures into Aboriginal languages;

- (c) acknowledges the faithful ministry which he and his wife, Judy, and his parents Len and Margarita Harris, have made through many decades to our Indigenous people through CMS, Zadok, the Bible Society and other organisations, and
- (d) joins its prayers with his for the temporal and eternal wellbeing and happiness of our Aboriginal brothers and sisters.

(Dr Stuart Piggin)

9.16 **Affirming Biblical marriage**

Synod welcomes and endorses the affirmation of the recent General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia that marriage is the life long union of a man and a woman to the exclusion of all others, as taught by God in Scripture, and calls on all levels of government to maintain and protect this definition of marriage for the good of society.

(Dr Claire Smith/The Rev Nigel Fortescue)

9.17 **Global vision in education**

That in the Diocesan Policy Statement on Education another dot point be added under "A Christian approach to education....education that is fully Christian will promote teaching and learning that" –

- “• promotes a global vision that spans curriculum subjects and moves from classroom instruction to practical action.”

(Mr Alan Watson)

9.18 **Transformation of culture**

That in the Diocesan Policy Statement on Education another dot point be added under "A Christian approach to education....education that is fully Christian will promote teaching and learning that" –

- “• seeks the transformation of culture in the visual and performing arts, in music, and in the media.”

(Mr Alan Watson)

9.19 **General Synod Financial Statements**

Synod notes that the annual financial statements of the General Synod and its related bodies are not usually provided to each Australian diocese.

Synod asks the Diocesan Secretary to write to the General Synod Standing Committee to request that copies of the audited financial statements of the following bodies be sent to each Australian diocese each year, or alternatively made available on the General Synod web site, within 28 days of the signing of the audit report –

- (a) General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia (incorporating the Trust Fund, the Statutory Fund, the Special Fund, the Indigenous Endowment Fund, the Reserve Fund and any other fund established by the General Synod Standing Committee);
- (b) The Anglican Church of Australia Long Service Leave Fund;
- (c) Anglican Long Service Leave Fund Limited;
- (d) Broughton Publishing Pty Limited;
- (e) The Broughton Publishing Trust;

- (f) Defence Force Board of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia;
- (g) any other body under the ultimate control of the General Synod where the General Synod Standing Committee considers it appropriate to make the financial statements available.

(Mr Doug Marr/Mr Geoff Kyngdon)

9.20 General Synod Assessments

Synod notes with concern the following financial decisions of the recent General Synod and the General Synod Standing Committee –

- (a) the 23% increase in the rate of Statutory Fund assessment between the 2010 and 2011 financial years;
- (b) the allocation of substantial funds in 2011, with expected similar allocations in future years, to cover the costs of the Episcopal Standards Commission investigations concerning the Bishop of Ballarat and the Bishop of The Murray without any requirement that the dioceses concerned pay any of the costs involved except as part of the normal General Synod assessment process;
- (c) implementation of changes in policy on the use of General Synod reserves without the issues being discussed by the General Synod;
- (d) the transfer of all royalties and profits from sales of liturgical texts to a separate company (Broughton Publishing Pty Limited) even though the costs associated with producing these texts are fully funded from the Statutory Fund;
- (e) the use of surpluses generated by the administration of the Long Service Leave Fund and surpluses from Telstra commissions to pay for the Primate's Assistant and to offset payments from the Special Fund rather than use these surpluses to reduce Statutory Fund assessments;
- (f) the changed arrangement whereby grants to various Australian and international bodies from the Special Fund are no longer fully covered by Special Fund assessments but instead other financial resources of the General Synod are used for these purposes.

Synod asks the Sydney Standing Committee to enter into urgent consultation with the General Synod Standing Committee to negotiate a more equitable financial outcome for the dioceses of the Australian Church.

Synod further asks the Sydney Standing Committee to consider whether it should report on these matters to the 2011 session of Synod before arranging for payments to the General Synod in 2011.

(Mr Doug Marr/Mr Geoff Kyngdon)

9.21 Mental health

Synod, mindful that we are rooted and established in the love of Christ (Eph 3.17) carrying each other's burdens (Gal 6:2) and doing good to all people (Gal 6:10) expresses concern for the plight of those who experience mental illness, which affects 1 in 5 Australians. Therefore Synod –

- (a) recognises that mental health illness adversely impacts family and relationships and makes people vulnerable and socially excluded,
- (b) notes that, both within our churches and the wider community, the issues which accompany mental illness can present significant barriers to hearing the gospel and enjoying Christian fellowship,
- (c) encourages our churches to provide outreach with loving care and support to people experiencing mental illness,

- (d) urges our churches to further develop partnerships and links with Anglicare to provide support to people with complex mental health issues with services such as –
- mental health chaplaincy training and clinical pastoral care training,
 - relationship and individual counselling programs
 - intensive case management services such as the PHAMS program
 - respite services such as the Haven Project
 - youth outreach,
- (e) requests that the diocesan leadership and relevant Anglican organisations more broadly develop and advocacy campaign for government and the wider community to break down the barriers to inclusion for people experiencing mental health issues.

(Mr Peter Kell/The Rev Graham McKay)

9.22 Scepticism with respect to the gospel

That this Synod –

1. recognises –
 - (a) that in our society a profound scepticism exists with respect to the gospel and the fundamentals upon which it rests, and
 - (b) that this scepticism entails, among other things, matters of an historical, scientific, philosophical and moral nature and commitment to other beliefs, and
2. requests Standing Committee –
 - (a) to appoint a committee to consider theological perspectives on the issue and to investigate resources and consider strategies likely to assist parishes, Anglican organisations and individuals in the Diocese in the proclamation of the gospel in this atmosphere of scepticism and
 - (b) to bring a report on the findings and reflections of this committee to the next session of Synod.

(Dr Barry Newman)

9.23 Regulation of Holy Matrimony

This Synod requests the Standing Committee to bring to the first session of the next Synod either –

- (a) an ordinance which would repeal the Holy Matrimony Canon 1981 and an ordinance or regulations that would then govern the solemnization of holy matrimony in the Diocese of Sydney, or
- (b) any viable alternative to produce the same result.

(Bishop Glenn Davies/Mr Justice Peter Young)

9.24 Tertiary Education Ministry Oversight Committee

Synod –

- (a) notes the report of the Tertiary Education Ministry Oversight Committee (TEMOC) (at pages 184 to 191 of the Standing Committee report to Synod) and thanks the committee for its initial work,
- (b) endorses the vision to grow Bible-based ministries on each University and VET (Vocational Education and Training) campus in the diocese that are –
 - (i) evangelistic
 - (ii) preparing students for a lifetime of Christian service, and
 - (iii) particularly concerned to raise up future generations of vocational Christian ministers,

- (c) commits to ongoing financial support of TEMOC within the constraints of the Diocesan budget,
- (d) notes the financial challenges in establishing and supporting such ministries and that the initial policy of the committee to focus on growing new ministries is likely to have a negative financial impact on established University chaplaincies,
- (e) urges parishes and individuals to generously support Tertiary ministries, and
- (f) encourages parishes and Mission Area Teams to initiate and support such ministries on local VET campuses in consultation with TEMOC.

(The Rev Richard Blight/Mr Andrew Frank)

9.25 **Parish levy towards the operating costs of the Endowment of the See**

Synod requests that the Standing Committee –

- (a) pass an ordinance to levy parishes to contribute \$900,000 per annum towards the operating costs of the Endowment of the See (EOS) (1.14% of 2009 Estimated Total Net Operating Receipts as detailed on page 151 of the 2010 Synod book), and
- (b) report to the Synod in 2011 about whether this levy should be abolished for future years and what financially viable steps can be taken to ensure the EOS is placed on a sustainable footing.

(The Rev Craig Roberts)

9.26 **The Lord's Supper in Human Hands Epilogue**

Synod asks the Diocesan Secretary to forward to all members of the 2010 General Synod, a copy of its resolution concerning the Appellate Tribunal opinion on administration of Holy Communion by persons other than a presbyter and a copy of *The Lord's Supper in Human Hands Epilogue*.

(Mr Robert Tong)

9.27 **Anglican Communion Covenant**

Synod notes that General Synod 2010 received the text of the Anglican Communion Covenant and resolved to request the synods of all dioceses to consider the question of the Anglican Church of Australia adopting the Covenant by resolution and report the results of their consideration to the General Synod Standing Committee by December 2012. Synod asks Standing Committee to take any necessary steps to enable synod to consider the question at the 2011 session of Sydney Synod.

(Mr Robert Tong/The Rev Dr Mark Thompson)

9.28 **Mr Warwick Olson AM**

Synod notes that this is Warwick Olson's last session of Synod and wishes to record its thanks for Warwick's 50 years of service to this Diocese.

Synod notes that Warwick has been a member of Synod since 1961; during the episcopate of Archbishop Loane was variously editor of Southern Cross, Director of the Archbishop's Appeals and media officer for the Archbishop, the Diocese as well as General Synod; and was heavily involved in the organisation of the 1968 and 1979 Billy Graham Crusades.

Warwick served as a member of Standing Committee for over 30 years to 2005, and as a member of the Glebe Board and Sydney Diocesan Secretariat for over 25 years to 2009.

Warwick was actively involved internationally, notably as a member of the Board of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association for 34 years, including 15 years as Chairman, as full-time Director of Communications of the Lausanne Congress on Evangelization, as well two years as Vice President in charge of Communications for World Vision International based in the US.

Synod thanks God for such loyal, distinguished and selfless service to the work of His church in the Sydney Diocese and throughout the world and wishes Warwick and Maureen God's richest blessings as they serve in the parish of St Paul's Carlingford and particularly at a church plant at Baulkham Hills North.

(Dr Stephen Judd/Bishop Robert Forsyth)

9.29 The Rev Maureen Cripps

Synod gives thanks to God for the life and ministry of the Rev Maureen Cripps who died last month on 4 September 2010 at the age of 75 from the debilitating effects of Motor Neurone Disease. Throughout this illness Maureen's commitment to the Lord Jesus was clear to all. Her confidence in Christ was clear evidence of her belief in the resurrection of believers to eternal life.

This year Maureen celebrated the 45th anniversary of becoming a Deaconess and the 21st anniversary of being ordained as a Deacon. Her ministry responsibilities included 8 years as a Deaconess in the parishes of Penrith, Yagoona, Lithgow and Lurnea. From 1971-1973 she served as the Deaconess in Charge of the parish of Ashford, Delungra and Tingha in the Armidale Diocese. She then served on the staff of Deaconess House as the Assistant Principal 1974-5, before resuming parish ministry for another 13 years as a Deaconess at Penshurst, and then at Sadlier where she was the Assistant Minister for 2 years.

Maureen was appointed by Archbishop Goodhew to a position in the Diocese that was the precursor to the position of the "Archdeacon for Women's Ministry". When she retired from stipendiary ministry, she was appointed as the Chaplain to the Mothers' Union a position she held for 6 years. In her retirement Maureen also ministered in the capacity of a locum minister in this diocese.

People had a profound respect for Maureen. She was a devoted servant of Christ and a dedicated leader of women in ministry. Her humour, hard work and good sense made her an effective minister of the Gospel. Maureen expressed her love for Christ by serving others in his Name. In the last stage of her life she displayed the same courage, faithfulness, determination, and good humour that were characteristic of her throughout her ministry.

(The Rev Trevor Young/Archdeacon Narelle Jarrett)

9.30 Christchurch New Zealand Earthquake

Synod thanks God that there was no loss of human life during the powerful earthquake that hit the area of Christchurch New Zealand on 4 September 2010, and continues to pray that God will provide for the individuals and businesses that have suffered great loss. In particular, Synod prays for the staff and members of St John's Latimer Square as they meet in alternative locations over at least the next couple of years due to extensive damage to their church building and hall, asking God to grant them trust and patience in Christ and the resources they need to rebuild.

(Bishop Ivan Lee/The Rev Geoffrey Bates)

9.31 The Jerusalem Declaration

Synod welcomes the 2010 General Synod's resolution –

“That General Synod notes the publication of the Jerusalem Declaration and acknowledges the particular context in which it has arisen. The General Synod encourages its study by dioceses and parishes in this Church to assist our understanding of some of the current issues facing the Anglican Communion.”

Synod therefore reaffirms its commitment to such study of the Jerusalem Declaration.

(The Rev Gavin Poole)

9.32 Fair trade with producers in developing countries

This Synod –

- (a) acknowledges that Christian love includes paying a fair price for our neighbour’s labour and produce,
- (b) notes that organisations such as Fair Trade and Rainforest Alliance seek to give a better return in profits and working conditions to primary producers in developing countries, and
- (c) asks Standing Committee to develop and implement a policy to encourage diocesan organisations and parishes to serve tea, coffee, chocolate and such consumables certified by Fair Trade or similar organisations, as the preferred option.

(The Rev Michael Robinson/Mr Ian Wing)

9.33 Printing of Synod proceedings in Diocesan Yearbook

Synod requests the Standing Committee to have the Proceedings of Synod for each year printed in the Diocesan Yearbook, or as some alternative form of hard copy, and to set aside sufficient funds annually to make this possible.

Synod also requests the Standing Committee –

- (a) to print the Proceedings for the 2nd Session of the 48th Synod (2009) together with the Proceedings of the 3rd Session of the 48th Synod (2010), and
- (b) if thought fit, to examine other ways of funding such annual printing.

(Mr Donald McPhail/Mr Robert Tong)

9.34 Access to annual reports and financial statements of diocesan organisations

That this Synod resolve with immediate effect that –

- (a) a copy of the annual report and annual audited financial statement of each diocesan organisation be made available to any member of Synod on request made to the Diocesan Secretary, and
- (b) a costed proposal for the placement of all these reports on the SDS website, including a password protected site if required, be brought to Synod in 2011.

(Ms Lyn Bannerman/Dr Laurie Scandrett)

9.35 Environmental initiatives in the Diocese

Synod –

- (a) thanks the Standing Committee for its report on environmental initiatives being taken by parishes and diocesan organisations,
- (b) congratulates those parishes and organisations which have taken significant initiatives to reduce their carbon footprint (and notes that some parishes are aiming to go carbon neutral),

- (c) notes that a number of parishes have installed solar panels to generate electricity back to grid,
- (d) notes that there are good reasons for installing solar panels on the roofs of our non-heritage listed buildings, namely –
 - (i) it is a way of being good stewards of our environment,
 - (ii) it is a way we can easily lead (not follow) public opinion, and
 - (iii) at the moment there is a window of opportunity where it is likely to be a significant financial advantage,
- (e) noting the rapid rate in which government policy in this area is changing, asks the Property Trust as a matter of priority to provide an accessible guide for parishes on how they easily sign up to participate in government schemes to encourage renewable energy (indicating several options showing costs now and financial returns later), and
- (f) asks the Finance and Loans Board to work with the Property Trust and to develop some guidelines to facilitate parishes installing solar panels.

(The Rev Dominic Steele/Dr Karin Sowada)

9.36 **Special Religious Education**

Synod requests that the report “Trial of Ethics Lessons” dated 30 July 2010 be sent electronically to every rector, where possible, and that it be distributed to and discussed at parish councils and where practical distributed electronically to members of parishes.

(The Rev Nigel Fortescue)



Indicative Timetable for Synod Business

References to items and motions are references to items and motions in the business paper for Wednesday 13 October 2010.

Wednesday 13 October 2010	
3.15 – 4.30 pm	Bible Study/prayer Formal Matters Thereafter, other business as per the business paper
4.30 – 5.45 pm	9.1 Archbishop of Sydney (Election and Retirement) Amendment Ordinance 2010 9.2 Clergy Retirements Amendment Ordinance 2010 9.3 Department of Evangelism (New Churches) Reconstitution Ordinance 2010 Thereafter, other business as per the business paper
7.00 – 8.00 pm	9.4 Appellate Tribunal opinion on administration of Holy Communion by persons other than a presbyter 9.5 Solemn Promises Ordinance 2010 Thereafter, other business as per business paper
8.00 pm +	9.6 Grievance Policy and Procedure 9.7 Parish Relationships Amendment Ordinance 2010 Thereafter, other business as per business paper

Monday 18 October 2010	
3.15 – 4.30 pm	Bible Study/prayer Formal Matters Thereafter, other business as per the business paper
4.30 – 5.45 pm	9.8 General Synod – Long Service Leave Canon 2010 Assenting Ordinance 2010 9.9 Archbishop of Sydney's Anglican Aid 9.10 Amendments to the Anglican Church of Australia Trust Property Act 1917 Thereafter, other business as per business paper
7.00 – 8.00 pm	Missionary Hour
8.00 pm +	9.11 Bishops court Thereafter, other business as per business paper

Tuesday 19 October 2010	
3.15 – 4.30 pm	Bible Study/prayer Formal Matters Thereafter, other business as per the business paper
4.30 – 5.45 pm	9.12 Euthanasia Thereafter, other business as per the business paper
7.00 pm +	9.13 Diocesan Corporate Governance Policy Thereafter, other business as per the business paper