

Anglican Church of Australia Diocese of Sydney

3rd Session of the 49th Synod

Business Paper: Wednesday 16 October 2013

(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. The Synod will assemble in the Wesley Theatre, 220 Pitt Street Sydney at 2.00 pm.

2. Devotions will be led by the Rev John Gray

3. Minutes of 15 October 2013

4. Answers to questions

4.1 The Rev Anthony Douglas asked the following question –

- (a) What expenses have been incurred by Youthworks related to direct mail fundraising appeals in each of the years 2011, 2012 and 2013 (to date)?
- (b) What has been the value of donations received by Youthworks in relation to direct mail fundraising appeals in each of the same periods?
- (c) If it is not possible to isolate the donations received as a result of direct mail appeals, then what has been the value of donations received by individuals in these periods?

4.2 Canon Sandy Grant asked the following question –

- (a) What is the status of ARV's development at Sandon Point and what are ARV's intentions for the site?
- (b) Is ARV planning to consult with local parties having a significant interest in this site, including local Aboriginal people, and what steps have been taken to date to consult these parties?

4.3 Mr Michael Toull asked the following question –

- (a) What is the amount of Anglican Church Property Trust ("ACPT") Management Services fees deducted from the income that would otherwise be available for distribution from Client Funds in 2013, expressed as an approximate percentage of that income?
- (b) Are ACPT Management Services fees calculated and charged equivalently on all funds held in trust by ACPT?
- (c) If the answer to (b) is "no", what are the variations (in summary form)?
- (d) What is the estimated proportion of aggregate ACPT Management Services fees charged on funds held in trust by ACPT that relates to the recovery of ACPT expenses incurred in relation to activities other than fund management?
- (e) Will the percentage referred to in (a) be significantly different in 2014?

- 4.4 The Rev Joseph Wiltshire asked the following question –
- (a) How many chaplains are appointed by the Archbishop to minister in hospitals and prisons within the Diocese?
 - (b) How are these chaplains funded?
 - (c) Which hospitals and prisons do not have a chaplain appointed by the Archbishop?
 - (d) What plans does the Diocese have to expand this ministry into places where there is no chaplain?
- 4.5 The Rev David Clarke asked the following question –
- (a) Why is a full-time funded bishop for the Northern Region a priority to be addressed at the next meeting of Standing Committee, while a full-time funded bishop for the Georges River Region is currently only a possibility in 2015 at the earliest?
 - (b) Was the possibility of an unpaid Episcopal ministry for the Northern Region considered and were any former bishops or archdeacons of that region asked about their willingness to consider undertaking such a ministry?
- 4.6 The Rev Mark Layson asked the following question –
- (a) What are the current roles and responsibilities under which regional bishops operate within the Diocese of Sydney?
 - (b) How many confirmation services were conducted by each of the regional bishops in 2012 (the last full calendar year)?
 - (c) How many “ordination to the presbyterate” services were conducted by each of the regional bishops in 2012?
 - (d) How many “permission for the marriage of divorced persons” were given by each regional bishop in 2012?
 - (e) How many “authorities for lay ministry under the Deaconesses, Lay Readers and Other Lay Persons Ordinance 1981” were issued by each regional bishop in 2012?
 - (f) In what boards, committees, councils and other organisational bodies were each of the regional bishops involved within the year of 2012?
 - (g) The participation in how many of these boards, committees, councils, synods and other bodies are required as a result of the bishops’ official roles and responsibilities?
 - (h) How many of these boards, committees, councils, synods and other bodies have an official requirement for the presence of a regional bishop?
 - (i) What pro-active (ie, not responsive) programmes, initiatives and guidelines pertaining to the direct pastoral care of clergy were put in place and carried out by each of the regional bishops in 2012?
 - (j) What other roles and responsibilities on top of those already mentioned are done by regional bishops to maintain sufficient Episcopal oversight within the Sydney Diocese?
- 4.7 Ms Lyn Bannerman asked the following question –
- Please provide further breakdown to the answer provided to question 3.9 on the business paper for 15 October 2013, specifically –
- (a) What particular projects were funded and how much was given to each project in 2012 and 2013 (so far) in relation to the categories “Other Dioceses in Australia”, “Other Australian Activities” and “Other Initiatives”?

- (b) Who were the “overseas visitors” and what was the visit purpose?
- (c) Which “leaders” were trained and how was that training provided?

4.8 Mr Gilbert van der Jagt asked the following question –

- (a) Over the past 12 months, have there been any vacancies in the position of head of Anglican schools or university colleges that would trigger the protocol in new paragraph 2.6.5 of the Diocesan Policy Statement on Education passed by the Synod as motion 9.5 on 10 October 2012?
- (b) If so, has the protocol been applied?

5. Petitions

6. Procedural motions from members

6.1 Passing of the Governance Policy for Diocesan Organisations

Synod suspends so many of the business rules as would prevent, on the last scheduled day of meeting, the consideration of a motion that the Governance Policy for Diocesan Organisations pass as a policy of the Synod, notwithstanding that the text of the Policy has been considered by the Synod in Committee on that day.

(Mr Robert Wicks/The Rev Chris Moroney)

7. Calling of motions on the business paper

8. Motions

To be taken today from 3.15 pm

8.1 Regions (Mission Areas) Amendment Ordinance 2013

That the *Regions (Mission Areas) Amendment Ordinance 2013* pass as an ordinance of the Synod.

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(Bishop Ivan Lee/Dr Rodney James)

8.2 Governance Policy for Diocesan Organisations

That Synod resolve itself into the Synod in Committee to consider the text of the Governance Policy for Diocesan Organisations.

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(Dr Laurie Scandrett/Mr Andrew Frank)

To be taken today immediately after the passing of a motion that the Governance Policy for Diocesan Organisations is passed as a policy of the Synod

8.3 Implementation of the Governance Policy for Diocesan Organisations

Synod –

- (a) requests each diocesan organisation to review the Governance Standards and Policy Guidelines in the Governance Policy and to take appropriate action to achieve conformity with the Governance Standards and, where appropriate, the Policy Guidelines, including through the promotion of amendments to the ordinance by which the diocesan organisation is constituted or otherwise regulated by the Synod,
- (b) requests the Standing Committee to prepare a long-term schedule of the ordinances by which diocesan organisations are constituted or otherwise regulated by the Synod in order to undertake a full consultation process with

the board of each organisation about amendments that should be made to such ordinances to achieve conformity with the Policy, and

- (c) authorises the Standing Committee to make amendments to the Governance Policy provided such amendments are reported to the next ordinary session of the Synod.

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(Dr Laurie Scandrett/Mr Andrew Frank)

To be taken today from 7.30 pm

8.4 Clovelly: Reclassification as a Parish

Synod assents to the reclassification of Clovelly as a parish with effect from 1 January 2014.

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(The Rev David Rogers/Bishop Robert Forsyth)

8.5 Robertson: Reclassification as a Parish

Synod assents to the reclassification of Robertson as a parish with effect from 1 January 2014.

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(Mr Tony Willis/The Rev Barry Lee)

To be taken today from 8.00 pm

8.6 Mission Property Committee

Synod –

- (a) notes the progress of the Mission Property Committee (“MPC”) in relation to Greenfield acquisitions;
- (b) notes that in addition to its other funding sources, the MPC proposes a financial contribution from those parishes benefitting directly from the MPC’s current and future Greenfield developments, and
- (c) provides in principle support for –
 - (i) parishes that receive MPC funded ministry centres paying a contribution to the Mission Property Fund equal to 10% of annual parish offertories from the date of occupation of the building for a period of between 15 and 30 years, or until substantial commencement of any “stage 2” building, and
 - (ii) parishes that receive MPC funded ministry residences paying a contribution to the Mission Property Fund equal to 50% of the market rental valuation, increasing to 100% after five years, until the original capital investment of the MPC is repaid.

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(Mr Geoff Kyngdon/Bishop Ivan Lee)

8.7 Synod in 2014

Synod supports the First Ordinary Session of the 50th Synod in 2014 being held over 4 days on Monday 13, Tuesday 14, Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 October, on the basis that the meeting will commence at the usual time of 3.15pm on each of those days.

(Mr Robert Wicks/The Rev Raj Gupta)

Motions for which no particular time has been specified for consideration

8.8 Domestic violence and educating clergy

Synod requests Moore College and Ministry Training and Development, in consultation with the Safe Ministry Board and appropriate experts as required, having reviewed the input they already provide, to investigate and, as needed, develop an effective approach to educating ordinands and clergy in regards to domestic violence and how to respond when it comes up as an issue in marriage (and other relationships).

In such training, consideration ought to be given to ensuring that upholding the Bible's good teaching on submission - both in preaching and teaching, and in marriage education or counselling - is not easily twisted as a cover for abuse.

Synod requests that Moore College and Ministry Training and Development report back with a progress report by the next session of Synod.

(Canon Sandy Grant/Miss Jane Tooher)

8.9 Fellowship Meal for the Proclamation of the Lord's Death

This Synod requests the Doctrine Commission to provide for the next session of Synod the report it originally conveyed to the Standing Committee concerning resolution 38/07 Fellowship Meal for the Proclamation of the Lord's Death or, if this is not possible for whatever reason, this Synod requests the Standing Committee to provide for the next session of Synod this same report.

(Dr Barry Newman/Canon Warwick de Jersey)

8.10 Special Religious Education

This Synod –

- ~~(a) acknowledges the vital importance of Special Religious Education (SRE) as a means of reaching children and young people with the Gospel,~~
- ~~(b) acknowledges the work of Genr8 in expanding the provision of SRE, especially in State high schools,~~
- (a) acknowledges the privileged access which the Anglican Church and the other approved religious bodies have to deliver SRE in government primary and secondary schools.
- (b) acknowledges the contribution of Genr8 to helping churches to expand the provision of SRE in government secondary schools, and
- (c) notes and applauds the partnership announced between Bush Church Aid Society and Genr8 which will enable the provision of additional SRE coordinators in country regions of New South Wales so that SRE can be provided not only in the city of Sydney but throughout the State of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory.

(Mr Fred Chilton/The Rev Dr Roger Chilton)

8.11 The Diocesan Mission and Baby Boomers

Given that Baby Boomers (the generation born between 1946-1962) is arguably the largest segment in the Australian population and will be entering their retirement at an unprecedented rate over the next 15 years, with more discretionary time and increased longevity, this Synod requests the Missions Committee to explore and report back to Synod on how the Diocesan Mission plan for the next 10 years will be directed toward –

- (a) ensuring that Baby Boomers in the Diocese are evangelised, nurtured in their faith, reaching out to their peers with the Gospel, and exercising their spiritual gifts and godly wisdom in vital ministry within churches and the wider community, and
- (b) raising the awareness of parishes and the Diocese concerning the needs and potential of Baby Boomers and inspiring, training, and encouraging them in ministry to their peers and others.

(Mr James Ackland/The Rev Andrew Katay)

8.12 Transparency of Synod funding

Synod, in order to improve the transparency of Synod funding, requests the Standing Committee to consider, as part of its review of the document "Statement of Funding Principles and Priorities for 2013" (the "Statement") –

- (a) requiring all potential recipients of Synod grants (under the Appropriation headings *Long Term Mission Commitments* and *Current Mission Activities*) to provide the Standing Committee, for the purposes of formulating the Synod budget for the next triennium, with information about their ongoing funding requirements for the triennium, including information similar to that referred to on page 21 of the Statement; and
- (b) making this information available ~~for viewing by~~ to Synod members ~~at the offices of SDS no later than 4 weeks prior to the Synod session at which funding for the next triennium is considered.~~

(Mr John Pascoe/Bishop Peter Hayward)

8.13 Church Land Acquisitions Levy

Synod requests the Standing Committee to remove the Church Land Acquisitions Levy from the Parish Cost Recoveries Ordinance to be considered by the Synod in 2014 and to ensure that appropriate structures and mechanisms are in place to continue raising funds for the acquisition of land for new churches and for other projects of the Mission Property Committee.

(The Rev Richard Blight)

8.14 Christian marriage

This Synod, noting that all authorised services of this Church solemnising marriage affirm that God's word defines marriage as a union between a man and a woman and noting further that celebrants acting in the name of this Church are required, as part of their registration as celebrants, to use only Anglican rites on such occasions, calls on the General Synod and all diocesan bishops to ensure that there are no marriages solemnised in the name of this Church which do not conform to this standard.

(The Rev Dr Mark Thompson/The Rev Dr Michael Stead)

8.15 Parish contributions to the Synod fund

Synod –

- (a) acknowledges the generous and sacrificial contribution from the following parish trust funds to the Synod fund each year –
 - St James, Sydney
 - Manly
 - Hunters Hill
 - Narellan
 - Ryde
 - St Philips, Sydney

- (b) thanks those parishes for contributing in this way to our Diocese and so to our shared diocesan mission, and
- (c) requests the Secretary of the Synod to write to the rector each of those parishes, in their ex officio capacity as chair of their respective parish councils, thanking each parish for their partnership in the gospel expressed in their past and ongoing financial support of the Diocese and the diocesan mission.

(Canon Christopher Allan/The Rev Craig Roberts)

8.16 **Thanksgiving for Indigenous churches and fellowships**

Synod –

- (a) thanks God for those who first brought the gospel to this land and proclaimed it to our first peoples,
- (b) thanks God for the thousands of Indigenous believers who in past days have faithfully run the race set before them,
- (c) thanks God for the leadership and members of the Indigenous churches and fellowships presently meeting in the Diocese at Glebe, Mt Druitt, Campbelltown and Nowra, and for plans to commence a work located in Redfern,
- (d) thanks God for efforts of the Sydney Anglican Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Committee is making to grow these and other ministries,
- (e) calls on parishes and members to join in prayer for the continuing growth of the gospel among the Indigenous communities in the Diocese, and
- (f) urges parishes to consider prayer, financial and other forms of partnership with our Indigenous churches and fellowships beyond the present funding and other support provided under the Sydney Anglican Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Ordinance.

(Pastor Michael Duckett/Archdeacon Deryck Howell)

8.17 **Annual Caleb Awards**

Synod congratulates Anglican Youthworks upon the recent recognition of their publishing ministry through being awarded three major and significant prizes at the Caleb Awards last week.

The annual Caleb Awards are presented by the Omega Writer's Association and are an acknowledgement of quality authorship and overall presentation as opposed to market success. These awards promote Christian writing in the specific areas of fiction, non-fiction and poetry. Entry is open to Australia, New Zealand and South Pacific authors.

Anglican Youthworks won the top prizes for –

1. Children's Books: *Wonderfully Madison*, by Penny Reeve (author) and Jemima Trappel (illustrator), under the Growing Faith imprint;
2. Reviewer's Choice: *Youth Ministry on the Front Foot*, edited by Zachary Veron, under the Youthworks Press imprint; and the
3. Caleb Gala Prize (for the best overall book of the year); *Teen Sex By the Book*, by Dr Patricia Weerakoon, under the Fervr imprint

Synod further encourages the staff and authors of Anglican Youthworks to continue producing world class resources and publications to support children's, youth and families' ministries in our Diocese and beyond.

(The Rev Christopher Braga/Canon Phillip Colgan)

8.18 Review of church land acquisitions levy

That Synod, recognising that the church land levy as it presently stands is solely intended for the acquisition of land and not the construction of buildings on the land, and in order that a long-term sustainable and effective program of land acquisition and church building within the Diocese can be established, asks Standing Committee, in its review of the Funding Principles and Priorities for 2013-2015 –

- (a) to review the proposal that the church land levy be increased to 6% of Net Operating Receipts with 50% being applied toward church land acquisition projects and 50% to the construction of new church buildings; and
- (b) to investigate any other solution that achieves the same level of funding for new land and buildings for Greenfield areas; and
- (c) to report its findings to Synod in 2014.

(The Rev Paul Davey/Archdeacon Deryck Howell)

8.19 Service recognising life time same gender relationships

Accepting that marriage is about a lifetime relationship between a man and a woman, the Liturgical Committee be asked to draw up a suitable service for recognition of a life time relationship between two people of the same gender.

(Mrs Pamela Shaw)

8.20 Nominations for an election of Archbishop

That before the next election of our Archbishop, Synod approves the amending of the Archbishop of Sydney Election Ordinance 1982 to the effect that, once the minimum under of 20 nominations is reached, no more nominations will be required, and only the first 20 nominations received by the Returning Officer will be made known to members of Synod.

(Dr Stuart Piggin/Mr John Fullagar)



Indicative Timetable for Synod Business

References to items and motions are references to items and motions in the business paper for Wednesday 16 October 2013.

Wednesday 16 October 2013	
2.00 – 3.15 pm	Bible Study/prayer Formal Matters Thereafter, other business as per the business paper
3.15 – 5.45 pm	8.1 Regions (Mission Areas) Amendment Ordinance 2013 8.2 Governance Policy for Diocesan Organisations 8.3 Implementation of the Governance Policy for Diocesan Organisations Business as per the business paper
7.00 – 7.30 pm	Missionary presentation
7.30 – 8.00 pm	8.4 Clovelly: Reclassification as a Parish 8.5 Robertson: Reclassification as a Parish
8.00 – 10.00 pm	8.6 Mission Property Committee 8.7 Synod in 2014 Thereafter, other business as per the business paper