

## Proposal to change the status of the provisional parish of Glenmore Park to a parish

(A report of the Western Sydney Regional Council.)

### Proposal

1. A proposal is being made to the Archbishop by the minister and wardens of the provisional parish of Glenmore Park, under clause 4 (1) (b) of the *Parishes Ordinance 1979*.

### Details of Meeting

2. The Western Sydney Regional Council met on 27 August 2015 to consider the proposal under clause 5 of the ordinance. Council certified that all requirements under clauses 4 and 6 have been complied with and recommends that the provisional parish of Glenmore Park becomes a parish from January 2016.

### Parish Information

3. Anglicans have been meeting in Glenmore Park since 1992, with the current brick building (& extension) dedicated in 1997 (& 2010). The parish became independent in 2000.

4. In 2000 the parish became provisional. The organised church plant took place in 1992, under the Rev Peter Hayward. In December 1996, the Rev John Lavender was appointed. Under God, steady growth has continued from this time with one 9.30am congregation expanding to two morning congregations (8.30am & 10.15am), as well as two evening congregations at 5pm and 7pm. The parish has been self supporting since 2000.

5. Due to the sacrificial effort of many people, a wide ministry base has developed including children, youth & young adult ministries as well as ministries to men, women, seniors and families. In addition, there are several partnerships, links with Compassion & partnership with Kileleshwa Covenant Community Church in Nairobi, Kenya.

6. With the generous giving of many people, the parish is now supporting 3 part-time workers as well as 8 full-time workers. In the four years since the completion of a new church extension, the church has also seen significant growth in numbers and ministry opportunities. The church is grateful to God for a generous Diocesan grant and congregation giving to support the cost of a church extension creating a new auditorium as well as various meeting rooms.

### Future Plans

7. In the coming years the Parish plans to further develop the disciple making ministry culture of the church so that under God it can continue to grow and equip new and more mature disciples.

### Size of Congregations

8. Average attendances (Adults and children) are currently:

|         |     |
|---------|-----|
| 8.30am  | 130 |
| 10.15am | 216 |
| 5pm     | 120 |
| 7pm     | 119 |

### Particulars of all church trust property

9. Details of property held by the Anglican Church Property Trust upon trust for the provisional parish are as follows:

|                        | Value of Land | Value of Buildings |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| Rectory                |               | 554,000            |
| Church                 | 235,000       | 2,526,000          |
| Church & Hall Contents |               | 294,700            |

### Summary of consolidated receipts and payments

10. A summary of the financial position over the past 3 years is set out below –

|                               | 2012           | 2013           | 2014           |
|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Receipts</b>               |                |                |                |
| Offertories                   | 663,834        | 749,996        | 768,021        |
| Received others/donations for | 2,504          | 3,904          | 8,892          |
| <b>Total Income</b>           | <b>666,338</b> | <b>753,900</b> | <b>776,913</b> |
| <b>Operating Expenses</b>     |                |                |                |
| Ministry Staff & Admin Staff  | 371,224        | 414,328        | 452,005        |
| Ministry Housing              | 66,760         | 66,820         | 65,960         |
| Parish Cost recoveries        | 45,082         | 48,156         | 50,847         |
| Resources for ministry        | 36,100         | 52,876         | 61,981         |
| Parish donations              | 4,190          | 6,178          | 642            |
| Parish Admin/general expenses | 26,562         | 24,214         | 29,530         |
| Parish Property Expenses      | 91,685         | 117,936        | 87,964         |
| Other Expenses                | (25,861)       | (37,251)       | (27,257)       |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>         | <b>615,742</b> | <b>693,257</b> | <b>721,702</b> |

11. The Western Sydney Regional Council recommends that the provisional parish of Glenmore Park be reclassified as a parish with effect from 1 January 2016.

For and on behalf of the Western Sydney Regional Council.

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*Bishop of Western Sydney*

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