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Circular to Ministers, Wardens and Parish Councils

Matters arising from Synod for your particular consideration

As you may be aware, after each session of Synod a circular is sent to all parishes summarising the proceedings of the Synod.

While this circular provides a broad summary, I believe there are some resolutions of the Synod which warrant your particular consideration and, if appropriate, further action.

The text of these resolutions is set out in full in the attachment.

Some brief notes drawing your attention to particular action items for parishes in these resolutions follow –

5/13 Tertiary Education Ministry Oversight Committee – note that the Tertiary Education Ministry Oversight Committee has requested that parishes respond to a discussion paper about Anglican ministry to the TAFE and CVET sector by 30 March 2014. A copy of the discussion paper can be found [here](#).

7/13 Review of the Department of Evangelism and New Churches – note the guidelines in respect to the planting of new fellowships by the Department of Evangelism and New Churches and, in particular, Synod's request that all parties involved in discussions concerning the planting of such fellowships should encourage and maintain communication and a spirit of partnership in relation to their ministry activities.

13/13 *Jesusbrings* mission campaign – note that the Synod has enthusiastically endorsed the united diocesan mission campaign *Jesusbrings* and commended it to parishes to prayerfully consider how they can be involved in the campaign. The Synod has also encouraged each parish to set apart time in their service on Sunday 2 February 2014, or another convenient Sunday, to pray for the mission.

26/13 Thanksgiving for Indigenous churches and fellowships – note that Synod has called on parishes to join in prayer for the continuing growth of the gospel among the Indigenous communities in the Diocese and has urged 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.

Our capacity to work effectively as a Diocese in pursuing matters such as these depends largely on the willingness of our parishes to consider and take action in response to them. Could I therefore ask you to carefully consider these resolutions and progress them in the context of your parish as appropriate.

Please contact me on 9265 1671 or at riw@sydney.anglican.asn.au if you have any questions or comments.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'R. Wicks', with a long, sweeping upward stroke at the end.

ROBERT WICKS
Diocesan Secretary

Synod resolutions for particular consideration by parishes

5/13 Tertiary Education Ministry Oversight Committee

Synod –

- (a) receives the annual report of the Tertiary Education Ministry Oversight Committee (“TEMOC”), to which is appended a discussion paper about Anglican ministry to the TAFE and CVET sector, and
- (b) notes that TEMOC has requested that parishes and organisations respond to the Discussion Paper by 30 March 2014, and
- (c) notes that TEMOC will host a consultation day on VET ministry in April 2014, with a view to bringing specific proposal to the Synod in 2014 for the direction and funding of this work.

7/13 Review of the Department of Evangelism and New Churches

Synod establishes the following guidelines with respect to the planting of new fellowships by the Department of Evangelism and New Churches (“ENC”) –

- (a) Before establishing a new fellowship, ENC should discuss the proposal with the Parish Council, Minister, Mission Area Leader, Regional Council and Regional Bishop of the parish in which the fellowship is proposed to be situated.
- (b) In the context of this discussion, a representative of ENC (preferably the proposed new fellowship leader) should present a ministry plan for the new fellowship. It is not necessary that this ministry plan be agreed to by the parties present (although this is preferable) but ENC must consider any feedback given.
- (c) All parties should encourage and maintain communication and a spirit of partnership in relation to their ministry activities.

13/13 *Jesusbrings* mission campaign

Synod enthusiastically endorses the united diocesan mission campaign *Jesusbrings* and commends it to parishes and organisations for each to prayerfully consider how they can be involved in Jesus bringing forgiveness to the guilty, hope to the broken, eternity without tears, real community, satisfaction to the satisfied, joy to marriage, wisdom to parents and life to the full and encourages each parish to set apart time in their services on Sunday 2nd February 2014, or another convenient Sunday, to pray for the mission.

26/13 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.