

# Anglican Church of Australia Diocese of Sydney

## 2nd Session of the 47th Synod Business Paper: Tuesday 17 October 2006

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*(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 Al Stewart: see attached.**

**2. Minutes of 16 October 2006.**

**3. Answers to questions**

3.1 The Rev Canon Dr James McPherson to ask –

In the light of resolution 1/99 regarding the important issues raised by the 1999 Sydney Doctrine Commission Report, resolving that it be disseminated to members of the public, will the Archbishop please advise the Synod –

- (a) Whether courtesy copies of the report were sent to –
  - (i) the General Synod Doctrine Commission?
  - (ii) the Primate of the Anglican Church of Australia and/or any other Primates of the Anglican Communion?
  - (iii) the Bishops of the Anglican Church of Australia and/or any other bishops of the Anglican Communion?
  - (iv) the Inter-Anglican Theological and Doctrinal Commission or any of its predecessors established under the auspices of the Anglican Communion?
- (b) If any of the above responded to the content and findings of the report?
- (c) What issues were raised in their responses?

3.2 Mrs Pamela Shaw to ask –

At the beginning of the year a non-churchgoer, who I had just met, told me how impressed she was by the Boyer Lectures which created a very positive image of kind, caring Christianity. She said that this was not the picture that she gained from the media. What steps have been taken, or are planned to be taken, by the Sydney Diocese to capitalise on the positive image given by the Boyer Lectures so that we can draw back into the Church those who have left?

3.3 The Rev Ian Millican to ask –

Can the Archbishop please advise how many students at Moore College and at Youthworks College are currently seeking to specialise in childrens' ministry and what steps are the Archbishop and the Bishops taking to increase this number?

3.4 The Rev Ian Millican to ask –

Can the Archbishop please advise at how many parishes in the Diocese he has attended Sunday services, during the last 3 years?

3.5 Mr Warwick Olson AM to ask –

The Standing Committee supplementary report advises the passing of an Ordinance to establish a Board to govern, manage and control the body corporate of Moore Theological College. How do the Trustees of Moore College fit into this change?

3.6 The Rev Denise Nicholls to ask –

In the period 1996-2006 –

- (a) How many women have been ordained deacon in the Diocese of Sydney (numbers for each year please)?
- (b) How many of these deacons have been licensed by the Archbishop to preach?
- (c) How many female diocesan lay workers (DLWs) / parish sisters have been commissioned?
- (d) How many of these DLWs / parish sisters have been licensed to preach?
- (e) Of these women (deacons and DLWs) how many are in active ministry in the Diocese of Sydney in 2006?

3.7 Ms Naomi Spencer to ask –

- (a) Has the diocesan administration considered the millions of dollars which could be made available for extending the work of the Diocesan Mission by claiming the exemptions available to religious institutions and religious practitioners under Tax Ruling 92/17 in relation to Income Tax and Fringe Benefits Tax?
- (b) Would the Standing Committee consider how it could assist parishes to access the benefits available through the application of this Tax Ruling?

3.8 Mr Jody Trouncer to ask –

Will the recently constituted Mission Board absorb the functions of the Policy 4 Committee and, if not, at what points will the functions of the two entities intersect?

3.9 Mr Jody Trouncer to ask –

Were the Mission Board, in the course of its work, to find itself acknowledging the possibility that current regulation and practice in the area of local parish governance was acting as an impediment to the successful outworking of the Diocesan Mission goal, would the Mission Board be prepared to commission a study of local parish governance, taking into account the far-reaching implications of such an exercise?

3.10 Mrs Susan Hooke to ask –

In the “Yellow Book” on page 16, the 2006 Report of Standing Committee states in 5.3 that it has received 3 applications for affiliation from independent evangelical churches.

- (a) What are the names and addresses of the 3 applicants for affiliation?
- (b) What are the approved benefits sought by each applicant?
- (c) If an agreement has been made with any of the 3 applicants what are the terms of each agreement?
- (d) What are the costs, or anticipated costs, of the benefits to be provided under each agreement?
- (e) Was any provision made in any accounts of this Diocese for any of the costs relating to any of the above benefits?

- (f) If provision was made in any accounts, identify the item?
- (g) If no provision was made in the accounts, identify the source of the funding for any benefit granted?

3.11 Associate Professor Alan Watson to ask –

In 2003 Synod called on the Diocese to vigorously expand our support for ORAF (The Archbishop of Sydney's Overseas Relief and Aid Fund) and in 2004 Synod endorsed the Micah Challenge – to deepen our engagement with the poor.

Will the Archbishop consider setting up ORAF and OMF as a specialist support unit with Diocesan funding for its secretariat, so that such a body –

- (a) Can more effectively pursue funding through the large international aid industry in order to give greater support to our brothers and sisters, especially those in churches we Australians begat, who are living in extreme poverty in the third world?
- (b) Can lobby governments to provide greater support for third world need?

3.12 Miss Kath White to ask –

- (a) What is the Biblical principle behind granting to or withholding from a parish the “benefit” [Ordinance term] of nominating a new rector solely on the basis of financial criteria, given that weekly offerings might not reflect the attendance, commitment or discernment of its members?
- (b) What would the Diocese lose if all parishes were allowed this “benefit” of nomination, regardless of local revenue?

3.13 The Rev Canon Sandy Grant to ask –

- (a) In the five years since the Parish Development Review Ordinance 2001 was passed by Synod, which encouraged every parish to have a development review at least every 5 years by an accredited facilitator or review group, how many such reviews have been requested and completed by parishes in our diocese?
- (b) Who are the current members of the Monitoring Panel established under the Parish Review (Monitoring Panel) Ordinance 2001?
- (c) Are there any vacancies on the Monitoring Panel, and if so, how many?
- (d) Has the Monitoring Panel developed and published guidelines as to the process and best practice for the conduct of parish reviews, along with a requisite budget, and if so, where can Synod members find the details?
- (e) Has the Monitoring Panel notified the Regional Councils of the names of suitably trained, experienced and gifted review group facilitators and members, which it has accredited, and if so, where can Synod members find the details?

3.14 The Rev Canon Sandy Grant to ask –

In light of –

- (a) Policy 4 of the Diocesan Mission invoking reform of our customs and ordinances, and
- (b) developments in the way men are ordained to the presbyterate in our diocese, and
- (c) the observation that the New Testament consistently seems to envisage plurality of local eldership in oversight of local churches,

what advice can the Archbishop give regarding legitimate and wise ways for Anglican rectors and parishes to explore the appointment of a plural local lay eldership alongside the ordained Anglican presbyter in a parish?

3.15 The Rev Richard Blight to ask –

- (a) In the last twelve months, how many new full-time Assistant Minister, Lay Stipendiary and Youth or Children's ministry positions have been created in each region? How many of these received significant financial assistance from the regional councils or Archbishop's special curacies? How many such positions have been disestablished or no longer exist (as full-time positions)?
- (b) If these details are not available, then, given the emphasis in the mission on raising up suitably qualified persons for ministry, what steps are being taken to ensure that such an important measure of mission progress is available?
- (c) Have any new and significant steps been taken by any of the Regional Councils to increase the rate of creation of such new ministry positions?

**4. Petitions**

**5. Notices of questions**

**6. Procedural motions from members**

**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 today after the calling of motions on the business paper***

**9.1 Canon Bruce Ballantine-Jones OAM**

Synod thanks God for the long, faithful and energetic service to the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ through this Synod of Canon Bruce Ballantine-Jones OAM. In particular we thank God for his passionate commitment about the cause of Christ in this Church and beyond, and for his at times provocative, but always honest and wise engagement in the Synod.

Synod notes that –

- (a) Bruce first became a member of the Synod in 1963 as a layman and was a member of the election Synod for Archbishop Marcus Loane, and
- (b) his creative and energetic membership of the Standing Committee, outstanding leadership as a General Synod representative and a key participant in all major debates of the last 30 years mark Bruce's tenure in central bodies of the Diocese, and
- (c) his role as Deputy Chairman of the Glebe Administration Board and President of the NSW Council of Churches and his involvement with the Independent Commission Against Corruption and as a Jannali bushfire fighter were recognised by the award of the Medal of the Order of Australia.

In all this Bruce, under God, built and nurtured a large and active congregation at Jannali assisted by his late wife, Raema.

Synod thanks God for his fellowship in the gospel and prays that God's blessing might rest on Bruce for a long and fruitful retirement.

(Mr Robert Tong/Bishop Robert Forsyth)

***To be taken today from 3:30 pm***

**9.2 Annandale: Reclassification as a Parish**

Synod assents to the reclassification of Annandale as a parish with effect from 1 January 2007.

*(Supplementary Report page 18)* (The Rev Dominic Steele/Archdeacon Deryck Howell)

**9.3 Ashbury: Reclassification as a Parish**

Synod assents to the reclassification of Ashbury as a parish with effect from 1 January 2007.

*(Page 105)* (The Rev Peter Sholl/Archdeacon Deryck Howell)

***To be taken today at 4:30 pm***

**9.4 Synod Membership (Indigenous Representation) Amendment Ordinance 2006**

Synod permits the introduction of the Synod Membership (Indigenous Representation) Amendment Ordinance 2006.

*(Supplementary Report page 6)* (Dr Philip Selden/Archdeacon Geoff Huard)

***To be taken today from 7:00 pm***

**9.5 Discipline Ordinance 2006**

That the Discipline Ordinance 2006 be approved in principle.

*(Page 122)* (Mr Philip Gerber/Mr Robert Tong)

**9.6 National Register Canon**

Synod, in view of the uncertain standing of the National Register Canon 2004 and the unsatisfactory nature of some provisions of that canon, requests the Standing Committee to prepare and enact an ordinance to provide for the remission of information to the General Secretary of the General Synod regarding conduct of clergy and laity of this Diocese which constitutes sexual misconduct or child abuse, such ordinance to comply with all relevant statutes and to provide a means of ensuring that persons the subject of such a communication are informed of its content.

*(Additional Materials page 1)* (Mr Neil Cameron/Mr Robert Tong)

***To be taken on Wednesday 18 October 2006 from 3:30 pm***

**9.7 Strathfield (St Andrew's): Reclassification as a Parish**

Synod assents to the reclassification of Strathfield (St Andrew's) as a parish with effect from 1 January 2007.

*(Page 108)* (The Rev Kevin Kim/Archdeacon Deryck Howell)

**9.8 Wilberforce: Reclassification as a Parish**

Synod assents to the reclassification of Wilberforce as a parish with effect from 1 January 2007.

*(Supplementary Report page 49)* (The Rev Geoff Bates/Archdeacon Ken Allen)

***To be taken on Wednesday 18 October 2006 from 4:30 pm***

**9.9 Nomination Ordinance 2006**

Synod permits the introduction of the Nomination Ordinance 2006.

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(Bishop Robert Forsyth/Mr Robert Wicks)

**9.10 Nomination (Transitional Provisions) Ordinance 2006**

Synod permits the introduction of the Nomination (Transitional Provisions) Ordinance 2006.

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(Mr Robert Wicks/Bishop Robert Frsyth)

***To be taken on Wednesday 18 October 2006 from 7:00 pm***

**9.11 Training and recruiting teachers for Church schools**

Synod –

- (a) endorses the recent initiatives being taken by the Anglican Education Commission in teacher education and recruitment, and
- (b) endorses the re-constitution of the Anglican Education Commission as a separate body under its own ordinance to pursue these initiatives as part of a broader responsibility for advocacy, teacher recruitment and teacher education, and
- (c) requests the Standing Committee to pass such ordinances and take such further action as it considers necessary or desirable to implement and facilitate the matters referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b).

*(Supplementary Report page 45)*

(Dr Bryan Cowling/Mr Al Stewart)

**9.12 Diocesan Policy on Education**

Synod –

- (a) supports the continued development of a broad based diocesan policy on education, and
- (b) requests that the Standing Committee bring to the 2007 session of Synod for its consideration a revised policy statement taking into account any written comments and suggestions made by Synod members, and
- (c) requests that Synod members provide any comments to the Diocesan Secretary by 31 March 2007.

*(Supplementary Report page 21)*

(Dr Grant Maple/Dr Bryan Cowling)

***To be taken on Monday 23 October 2006 from 4:30 pm***

**9.13 Regions (Amendment) Ordinance 2006**

Synod permits the introduction of the Regions (Amendment) Ordinance 2006.

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(Mr Robert Tong/Bishop Glenn Davies)

**9.14 Admission to Holy Communion (Adult Baptisands) Ordinance 2006**

Synod permits the introduction of the Admission to Holy Communion (Adult Baptisands) Ordinance 2006.

*(Page 116 and Supplementary Report page 12)*

(Bishop Glenn Davies/Deaconess Margaret Rodgers)

***To be taken on Monday 23 October 2006 at 8:00 pm***

**9.15 Anglican Communion**

Synod commends the Primates of the Global South for their forthright stand in upholding biblical truth and expresses its support and encouragement for all within the Anglican Communion who are seeking to uphold biblical principles and prays for the Archbishop of Canterbury in his difficult role.

(Mr Robert Tong/Bishop Peter Tasker)

***To be taken on Tuesday 24 October 2006 at 4.30pm***

**9.16 General Synod – Law of the Church of England Clarification Canon 1992 Adopting Ordinance 2006**

Synod permits the introduction of the General Synod – Law of the Church of England Clarification Canon 1992 Adopting Ordinance 2006.

(*Additional Materials page 2*) (The Rev Chris Albany/Ms Caroline Bowyer)

***Motions for which no particular time has been specified for consideration***

**9.17 Capital Projects Fund Ordinance 2006**

That the Synod permits the withdrawal of the Capital Projects Fund Ordinance 2006.

(*Supplementary Report page 31*) (Mr Rodney Dredge)

**9.18 Funding chaplaincies**

Synod, noting that money to support chaplaincies is not allocated in the Synod Appropriations and Allocations Ordinance 2005 -

- (a) affirms that Anglicare chaplaincies are integral to Policy 2 of the Diocesan Mission, specifically in their ability “to take further initiatives to create fellowships by penetrating structures of society beyond the reach of the parish church with the gospel”, and
- (b) encourages Anglicare to seek alternative sources of funding for chaplaincies, and
- (c) requests the Standing Committee to –
  - (i) urgently consider the immediate need for funding Anglicare chaplains and the practical steps necessary for the Diocese to do so, and
  - (ii) explore strategies which strengthen the contribution that chaplaincies make to the Diocesan Mission, and
  - (iii) report back to the next ordinary session of this Synod, and
  - (iv) in preparation for the 2007 session of Synod, when the principles of the Synod Appropriations and Allocations Ordinance are determined for the following triennium ensure as a priority that Anglicare chaplains are funded from the Diocesan budget.

(The Rev Stephen Bligh/Mrs Liz McCoy)

**9.19 The Rev Charles Christopher Godden**

Synod thanks God for the courageous witness and missionary service of the Rev Charles Christopher Godden, especially for his faithfulness in the face of the danger which culminated in his martyrdom. Further, this Synod observe one minute’s prayerful silence to commemorate the centenary of his martyrdom in Vanuatu, 16 October 1906.

(The Rev Canon Dr James McPherson)

#### 9.20 **Affiliated Churches Ordinance 2005**

Synod requests that clause 4(1) of the Affiliated Churches Ordinance 2005 be amended by deleting the words “or the Standing Committee”.

(Mrs Susan Hooke/The Rev Canon Dr James McPherson)

#### 9.21 **The Rev Langford-Smith**

Synod, noting that the church of St Mark’s Berowra was officially opened by the Rev Sydney Langford-Smith on the 6 October 1906, hereby gives thanks to God, and to his people through him, for 100 years of Anglican Ministry on that site.

(The Rev Ian Millican/Mr Matthew Seidl)

#### 9.22 **Risk Management**

Synod –

- (a) recognises the need to provide a safe physical environment for all people who come into contact with us as well as comply with our legal obligations, and
- (b) commends the Secretariat for developing the Parish Risk Management program, with the financial support of the Synod, and
- (c) encourages churchwardens, parish councils and other leaders to implement the recommended courses of action and to seek help if this proves to be difficult.

(Bishop Robert Forsyth/Mr Clive Ellis)

#### 9.23 **Ministry Training and Development**

Synod requests the Department of Ministry Training and Development, in consultation with the Diocesan Women’s Ministry Team, the Mission Board, and Standing Committee, to bring a report to the next sitting of the Synod, outlining a diocesan policy on the recruitment training and deployment of women in paid ministry within the Diocese.

(Mrs Claire Smith/The Rev Dr Mark Thompson)

#### 9.24 **Sydney drought**

Synod, in recognition of God’s sovereignty and power over all things, and in support of our Diocesan mission and goal, sets about to bring the Sydney drought to God in prayer that, in His time and will, our dams might be filled.

(Mr Andrew McLachlan/Mrs Denise Lynne)

#### 9.25 **Use of the word “Presbyter”**

Synod –

- (a) notes the publication by Anglican Media Sydney in August 2005 of the brochure “Full-Time Paid Ministry in the Diocese of Sydney” and commends the authors for their helpful discussion of ministry and ordination in this Diocese, and
- (b) commends the authors for their use throughout the brochure of the term “Presbyter” for the second order of ministry, and
- (c) encourages the use of this brochure in recruiting suitable persons into the ministry of the word in this Diocese, and
- (d) thanks the Standing Committee for passing the “Presbyter (Amendment of Terminology) Ordinance 2006” in order to clarify the legalities associated with using the term “Presbyter” in place of the term “Priest” for the second order of ministry, and

- (e) encourages the use of the term “Presbyter” as a more appropriate technical term for the second order of ministry.

(The Rev Richard Blight)

**9.26 Deaconess Dorothy Ethel Bransgrove**

Synod gives thanks to God for the long ministry of Deaconess Dorothy Ethel Bransgrove who died on 6 October 2006 aged 94. It recognises her work as a missionary in Tanzania, her work in connection with the GFS Hostel near Sydney University and her 40 years as honorary deaconess in the parish of Willoughby East.

(Mr Justice Peter Young/The Rev Chris Baxter)

**9.27 The Rev Canon Jim South**

Synod give thanks to God for the ministry of the Rev Jim South who retires on 31 December 2006.

In particular we thank God for –

- (a) his curacies at Manly and Port Kembla,
- (b) his incumbencies at Greenacre and Emu Plains (33 years),
- (c) his pastoral oversight as Area Dean of the Penrith area since 1984,
- (d) his outstanding contribution to the Western Sydney Regional Council and its committees for over 25 years, and
- (e) his service as Canon of the Cathedral of St John’s Parramatta since 1985.

Synod expresses its deep gratitude to Jim and Ann for their long and faithful service and wishes them God’s richest blessing for their future life and ministry.

(Bishop Ivan Lee/Archdeacon Ken Allen)

**9.28 The Rev Philip Bassett**

Synod notes the approaching retirement of the Rev Philip Bassett and thanks God for his faithful ministry.

We thank God for –

- (a) his curacies at Hornsby, Balgowlah and Campbelltown, and
- (b) his incumbencies at Cataract with Ambarvale, the Murchison (BCA) and Toongabbie.

Synod expresses its prayerful best wishes to Philip and Margaret for their future life and ministry.

(Bishop Ivan Lee/Archdeacon Ken Allen)

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# Indicative Timetable for Synod Business

*References to items and motions are references to items and motions in the business paper for Tuesday 17 October 2006.*

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8:00 pm +	9.15 Anglican Communion Thereafter, other business as per business paper.

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7:00 pm +	Presentation on behalf of the Mission Board Thereafter, other business as per the business paper

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Bible Reading, Hymn & Prayers: 17 October 2006

**Bible Reading: Luke 11:37 – 12:3**

**Bible Reader: The Rev Denise Nicholls**

**Bible Study Leader: The Rev Al Stewart**

<sup>37</sup>When Jesus had finished speaking, a Pharisee invited him to eat with him; so he went in and reclined at the table. <sup>38</sup>But the Pharisee, noticing that Jesus did not first wash before the meal, was surprised.

<sup>39</sup>Then the Lord said to him, "Now then, you Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness. <sup>40</sup>You foolish people! Did not the one who made the outside make the inside also? <sup>41</sup>But give what is inside the dish to the poor, and everything will be clean for you.

<sup>42</sup>"Woe to you Pharisees, because you give God a tenth of your mint, rue and all other kinds of garden herbs, but you neglect justice and the love of God. You should have practiced the latter without leaving the former undone.

<sup>43</sup>"Woe to you Pharisees, because you love the most important seats in the synagogues and greetings in the marketplaces.

<sup>44</sup>"Woe to you, because you are like unmarked graves, which men walk over without knowing it."

<sup>45</sup>One of the experts in the law answered him, "Teacher, when you say these things, you insult us also."

<sup>46</sup>Jesus replied, "And you experts in the law, woe to you, because you load people down with burdens they can hardly carry, and you yourselves will not lift one finger to help them.

<sup>47</sup>"Woe to you, because you build tombs for the prophets, and it was your forefathers who killed them. <sup>48</sup>So you testify that you approve of what your forefathers did; they killed the prophets, and you build their tombs. <sup>49</sup>Because of this, God in his wisdom said, 'I will send them prophets and apostles, some of whom they will kill and others they will persecute.' <sup>50</sup>Therefore this generation will be held responsible for the blood of all the prophets that has been shed since the beginning of the world, <sup>51</sup>from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah, who was killed between the altar and the sanctuary. Yes, I tell you, this generation will be held responsible for it all.

<sup>52</sup>"Woe to you experts in the law, because you have taken away the key to knowledge. You yourselves have not entered, and you have hindered those who were entering."

<sup>53</sup>When Jesus left there, the Pharisees and the teachers of the law began to oppose him fiercely and to besiege him with questions, <sup>54</sup>waiting to catch him in something he might say.

<sup>1</sup>Meanwhile, when a crowd of many thousands had gathered, so that they were trampling on one another, Jesus began to speak first to his disciples, saying: "Be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. <sup>2</sup>There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. <sup>3</sup>What you have said in the dark will be heard in the daylight, and what you have whispered in the ear in the inner rooms will be proclaimed from the roofs.

*Scripture taken from the Holy Bible, New International Version*

## **Hymn: Before the Throne of God Above**

Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong, a perfect plea.  
A great high Priest whose Name is Love  
Who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands,  
My name is written on His heart.  
I know that while in Heaven He stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart,  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair  
And tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see Him there  
Who made an end of all my sin.  
Because the sinless Saviour died  
My sinful soul is counted free.  
For God the just is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me,  
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there the risen Lamb,  
My perfect spotless righteousness,  
The great unchangeable I AM,  
The King of glory and of grace,  
One with Himself I cannot die.  
My soul is purchased with His blood,  
My life is hid with Christ on high,  
With Christ my Saviour and my God,  
With Christ my Saviour and my God!

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Pianist: The Rev Jackie Stoneman

## **Prayer: Dr Philip Selden**

**Lord God, without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**