

Anglican Church of Australia Diocese of Sydney

2nd Session of the 47th Synod Business Paper: Tuesday 24 October 2006

(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 23 October 2006.**
3. **Answers to questions**
 - 3.1 Mr Garry Allen to ask –
 - (a) In each Sydney Diocesan School –
 - (i) What percentage of the student body is involved in voluntary Christian activities such as Crusaders?
 - (ii) What percentage of the student body regularly attend a protestant church outside school?
 - (iii) Of the families represented at the school, what percentage attend a protestant church regularly?
 - (b) For each Sydney Diocesan School –
 - (i) What types of scholarship do they offer (for example, sport, music, academic)?
 - (ii) How many of these do they offer?
 - (iii) What other forms of fee relief do they offer?
 - (c) Which Sydney Diocesan Schools currently programme sporting or other non-church activities on Sunday?
 - (d) Which schools currently support students with cerebral palsy, downs syndrome or other physical or mental disabilities?
 - (e) How is fee affordability determined? Which schools currently charge fees exceeding this level?
 - (f) Which Sydney Diocesan Schools had an operating surplus last year that exceeded government grant that they received?
4. **Petitions**
5. **Procedural motions from members**
 - 5.1 ***Faithfulness in Service***

Synod agrees to replace the motion at item 7.9 on today's business paper with the following amended form of motion –

“Synod –

- (a) notes that Standing Committee ~~on 24 July 2006~~ adopted amendments to the code for personal behaviour and the practice of pastoral ministry by clergy and church workers *Faithfulness in Service* as approved by the Standing Committee of the General Synod, recommended by them

~~to be adopted by all dioceses and as set out at pages 52 to 64 of in the 2006 Annual Report of Standing Committee to Synod;~~

- (b) adopts these amendments and approves the code for personal behaviour and the practice of pastoral ministry by clergy and church workers *Faithfulness in Service* Second Edition 2006, distributed to Synod members, as the relevant code for members of the clergy and church workers in the Diocese of Sydney; and
- (c) confirms that the code for personal behaviour and the practice of pastoral ministry by clergy and church workers *Faithfulness in Service* Second Edition 2006 is the relevant document for definitions contained in the Church Administration Ordinance 1990 and the Discipline Ordinance 2006 which refer to *Faithfulness in Service*.

(Mr Philip Gerber)"

and suspends so many of the business rules as would prevent this occurring.

(Mr Philip Gerber)

6. Calling of motions on the business paper

7. Motions

To be taken today from 4.30pm

7.1 Regions (Amendment) Ordinance 2006

That the Regions (Amendment) Ordinance 2006 pass as an ordinance of the Synod.

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(Mr Robert Tong/Bishop Glenn Davies)

7.2 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)

To be taken immediately after the Mission Board presentation at 7.00pm

7.3 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) welcomes the commitment of Anglicare to spend 1.2 million dollars per annum to maintain its chaplaincy work and encourages Anglicare to seek additional alternative sources of funding for chaplaincies, and
- (c) requests the Standing Committee to –
 - (i) explore strategies which strengthen the contribution that chaplaincies make to the Diocesan Mission, and
 - (ii) report back to the next ordinary session of this Synod, and
 - (iii) 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 receive the necessary funding from the Diocesan budget to increase the chaplaincy team by the equivalent of three full-time positions.

(The Rev Stephen Bligh/Mrs Liz McCoy)

Motions for which no particular time has been specified for consideration

7.4 The drought

Synod, in recognition of God's sovereignty and power over all things, and in support of our Diocesan mission and goal, publicly calls the people of Sydney and the Illawarra to bring the drought to God in urgent and persevering prayer that, in His time and will, rains might fall across the State and nation to break the drought and to fill our dams and calls upon all Christian people to display generosity to those in need as a consequence of the drought, and to urge all to recognise that God is the Creator and Owner of the world and Saviour of all who turn to him in repentance and faith."

(Mr Andrew McLachlan/Mrs Denise Lynne)

7.5 Compensation for injured clergy

Synod –

- (a) desires that members of clergy in the Diocese ought to have their medical expenses covered following workplace injury in a manner that is comparable with that afforded to employees under the NSW WorkCover legislation, and
- (b) requests that Standing Committee report to the 3rd session of this Synod on mechanisms by which Synod's desire might be realised.

(The Rev Craig Roberts)

7.6 Ordinance Reform Group

For the purpose of creating the best possible environment for a successful outcome to the Diocesan Mission goal, Synod recommends that the Ordinance Reform Group develop a Code of Excellence in Local Parish Governance to operate alongside the formal regulatory framework.

(Mr Jody Trouncer/The Rev Antony Barraclough)

7.7 Presidential Address

Synod requests that in future the President's Address be printed and circulated to members as it was in previous years.

(Canon Bruce Ballantine-Jones)

7.8 Therapeutic cloning and related research

Synod –

- (a) expresses its opposition to the legislation soon to be debated by the Senate of Australia, that would allow the practice of therapeutic cloning and relax current restrictions on research involving human embryos,
- (b) while recognising the need for research to find cures or prevent the suffering caused by disease, believes the creation of a human life, either by fertilisation or by any other means of creation (for example, somatic cell nuclear transfer – also known as therapeutic cloning) for the purposes of destroying that life in research fails to recognise the value and purpose God assigns to human life, even in its earliest stages,
- (c) in particular –
 - (i) continues to affirm the need to protect the human zygote (early embryo) from the beginning of its existence,

- (ii) opposes the creation of human embryos by any method (including cloning) for research purposes,
- (iii) does not support the creation of cloned human or cloned human/animal hybrid embryos for research, and
- (iv) opposes any changes to the current Act which in any way reduces protection for the human embryo,
- (d) encourages Christians to write to their representatives in the Senate expressing these views prior to the parliamentary debate, and
- (e) calls on the Parliament to uphold the current legal ban on human cloning.

(Bishop Ivan Lee/The Rev Michael Hill)

7.9 **Faithfulness in Service**

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(Mr Philip Gerber)

7.10 **Recognition of marriage**

Synod –

- (a) expresses its support of the Federal Government in its recognition of marriage as “the union of a man and a woman, to the exclusion of all others, voluntarily entered into for life” as being consistent with the Biblical teaching about marriage and God’s intentions for the family, and
- (b) thanks the Federal Government for acting to prevent the Civil Unions Act 2006 (ACT) coming into effect in the Australian Capital Territory.

(The Rev Dr Mark Thompson)

7.11 **Responsibilities of Synod members**

Synod requests that –

- (a) the Standing Committee be asked to produce a brief paper outlining the role and responsibilities of lay Synod members to be read at each parish service 2 weeks before the vestry meeting electing Synod representatives, and
- (b) Mr Robert Tong’s booklet be sent out to those subsequently elected to Synod, and
- (c) within one month of Synod’s completion a written summary of Synod’s work be presented to all church members attending services over a 2 week period.

(Mr Brian Flower)

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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 24 October 2006.

Tuesday 24 October 2006	
3:15 – 4:30 pm	Bible Study/prayer Formal Matters Thereafter, other business as per the business paper
4:30 – 5:45 pm	7.1 Regions (Amendment) Ordinance 2006 7.2 General Synod – Law of the Church of England Clarification Canon 1992 Adopting Ordinance 2006 Ordinances Thereafter, other business as per the business paper
7:00 pm +	Presentation on behalf of the Mission Board 7.3 Funding chaplaincies Thereafter, other business as per the business paper

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Bible Reading, Hymn & Prayers: 24 October 2006

Bible Reading: Luke 19: 1 – 10

Bible Reader: Mrs Nicky Fortescue

Bible Study Leader: The Rev Al Stewart

The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector

⁹To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everybody else, Jesus told this parable: ¹⁰"Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.'

¹³"But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.'

¹⁴"I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

The Little Children and Jesus

¹⁵People were also bringing babies to Jesus to have him touch them. When the disciples saw this, they rebuked them. ¹⁶But Jesus called the children to him and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. ¹⁷I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."

The Rich Ruler

¹⁸A certain ruler asked him, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

¹⁹"Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good—except God alone. ²⁰You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, do not murder, do not steal, do not give false testimony, honour your father and mother.'"

²¹"All these I have kept since I was a boy," he said.

²²When Jesus heard this, he said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

²³When he heard this, he became very sad, because he was a man of great wealth. ²⁴Jesus looked at him and said, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

²⁶Those who heard this asked, "Who then can be saved?"

²⁷Jesus replied, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

²⁸Peter said to him, "We have left all we had to follow you!"

²⁹"I tell you the truth," Jesus said to them, "no one who has left home or wife or brothers or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God ³⁰will fail to receive many times as much in this age and, in the age to come, eternal life."

Jesus Again Predicts His Death

³¹Jesus took the Twelve aside and told them, "We are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written by the prophets about the Son of Man will be fulfilled. ³²He will be handed over to the Gentiles. They will mock him, insult him, spit on him, flog him and kill him. ³³On the third day he will rise again."

³⁴The disciples did not understand any of this. Its meaning was hidden from them, and they did not know what he was talking about.

A Blind Beggar Receives His Sight

³⁵As Jesus approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. ³⁶When he heard the crowd going by, he asked what was happening. ³⁷They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by."

³⁸He called out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

³⁹Those who led the way rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

⁴⁰Jesus stopped and ordered the man to be brought to him. When he came near, Jesus asked him, ⁴¹"What do you want me to do for you?"

"Lord, I want to see," he replied.

⁴²Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight; your faith has healed you." ⁴³Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus, praising God. When all the people saw it, they also praised God.

Zacchaeus the Tax Collector

¹Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. ²A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. ³He wanted to see who Jesus was, but being a short man he could not, because of the crowd. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

⁵When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." ⁶So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

⁷All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a 'sinner.' "

⁸But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."

⁹Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."

Scripture taken from the Holy Bible, New International Version

Hymn: How Deep the Father's Love

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss,
The Father turns His face away.
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life -
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.

Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer,
But this I know with all my heart,
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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Pianist: Mr Peter Waterhouse

Prayer: Dr Philip Selden

The Mission Prayer

Our Gracious God, help us to proclaim our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, so that everyone around us will hear his call to repent, trust him, serve him in love and be established in the fellowship of his disciples while we await his return.

Strengthen us to pray, to depend on your Holy Spirit and to glorify you.

Amen.