

Anglican Church of Australia Diocese of Sydney

2nd Session of the 48th Synod

Business Paper: Wednesday 21 October 2009

(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 Dr Bill Salier

2. Minutes of 20 October 2009

3. Answers to questions

3.1 The Rev Bob Cameron to ask –

- (a) What were the total amounts that each Regional Council had undertaken to distribute to parishes by way of funding grants in 2010 and 2011?
- (b) Had any undertakings been given by any Regional Council with regard to funding grants beyond 2011?
- (c) What steps have been taken, if any, to consult with parishes who had received such undertakings, as to their capacity to still fund the relevant ministry in the event of no longer receiving the funding grant or of a reduction of the same?
- (d) Have any parishes been asked or offered to voluntarily reduce or withdraw their applications for funding grants in 2010 or later, and if they have, what percentage of approved grants do the consequent reductions in total applications represent?
- (e) Prior to the investment losses sustained by the Diocese in 2008, what other diocesan organisations or bodies had received specific undertakings by the Standing Committee or the Synod as to funding in 2010, 2011, or later?

3.2 The Rev Bob Cameron to ask –

- (a) What criteria, other than strategic considerations, did the Mission Board and the Standing Committee take into account in forming their recommendation to significantly reduce funding to Regional Councils in the 2010-12 triennium?
- (b) In particular, were any moral principles taken into consideration and, if so, what were they?
- (c) On what grounds has the Standing Committee rejected, even as a short-term measure, the possibility of increasing parish assessments in 2010 and 2011 in order to enable existing commitments to be met?

3.3 The Rev Antony Barraclough to ask –

How has the Finance and Loans Board (FLB) been affected by the diocesan financial situation? In particular –

- (a) What losses the FLB may or may not have had in the last 12 months?
- (b) What resources the FLB may still have for lending to parishes?
- (c) What changes the FLB may have taken or may expect to take to their lending practices as a result of the diocesan financial crisis?

- (d) As a result of the answer to part (c) what new risks those parishes with FLB loans may now be exposed to?

3.4 The Rev Antony Barraclough to ask –

How will the current 'website hosting' services to the parishes be affected by the diocesan financial crisis if at all?

3.5 The Rev Shane Rogerson to ask –

Given the importance and priority of targeting cross-cultural and ethnic ministry as emphasised in both the Presidential Address and Strategic Directions document –

- (a) Is there a line of funding specific to this mission priority in the 2010-2012 budget?
- (b) Will Regional Councils be responsible for this mission priority and, if so, how much of their budget is to be directed to it?
- (c) What accountabilities will be in place to ensure this strategic area is acted upon?

3.6 Mr Geoff Kyngdon to ask –

With reference to the Synod Appropriations and Allocations Ordinance 2009 Schedule page 309 Synod book: Policy 2 Expand and Plant and Support congregations, Regional Councils etc, how will the allocated amounts be split equitably between the Regions for 2010-2012?

3.7 The Rev David Clarke to ask –

Could a brief historical background be made available to members of Synod with regards to the establishment of the Endowment of the See and the Diocesan Endowment in particular covering why two separate funds were originally established, and what was to be paid for from each fund?

3.8 Mr Garry Allen to ask –

- (a) What indigenous ministry is currently funded by Regional Councils?
- (b) What is the current total value of this funding?
- (c) How long have these ministries been funded by Regional Councils?
- (d) If Regional Council funding is withdrawn, what alternate sources of funding do they have?

3.9 Mr Garry Allen to ask –

- (a) What was the Edge Project and what was it meant to achieve (Notes 8, 12 SDS Income Statement, page 328 of the blue Synod book)?
- (b) Why was it written off?

3.10 Mrs Jean Marlow to ask –

With regard to 'Big Day In' –

- (a) How many parishes participated in the live broadcast of 'Big Day In' in February?
- (b) Was the total service made available on DVD or by download?
- (c) If so, how was its availability communicated and how many parishes took advantage of this option?

- (d) What was the total cost of 'Big Day In'?
- (e) Of this cost, what proportion was related to the cost of producing the event and what proportion was due to the requirement to broadcast the service "live"?
- (f) Is it anticipated that there will be future 'Big Days In'?
- (g) If so, will the producers consider pre-recording the service and making it available in the form of DVD or download so that parishes can run it at a time appropriate to their needs?

3.11 Mrs Pamela Shaw to ask –

In the spirit of Connect09 what action has been taken, or will be taken, to heal the hurt caused to the Anglican community both within Australia and within the world-wide Anglican community, by our Diocese not being represented at the Lambeth Conference in 2008?

3.12 Mr Alan Hohne to ask –

Mission Property Fund: How many members of the Mission Committee were employees of a parish for which a so-called brownfields development grant was approved from the Mission Property Fund at the time the grant was considered and what processes were followed by them to avoid conflict of interest?

3.13 Mr Alan Hohne to ask –

- (a) What is the publicly stated theological training required for ordination to the diaconate in this Diocese and how many persons have been ordained to the diaconate over the past seven years who did not meet that requirement?
- (b) What is the publicly stated theological training required for ordination to the presbyterate in this Diocese and how many persons have been ordained to the presbyterate over the past seven years who did not meet that requirement?

3.14 The Rev Raj Gupta to ask –

Considering the importance of leadership for our future –

- (a) How many ordained ministers are due to retire in the next 5 years?
- (b) How many ordinands are currently studying at MTC?
- (c) What is the expected first year intake at MTC in 2010?
- (d) What is the expected first-year intake into AYW College Diploma courses in 2010?

3.15 The Rev Ian Millican to ask –

In respect of the Synod Appropriations and Allocations Attachment #1, can the Archbishop please advise –

- (a) The balance of the Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Fund as at 31 December 2008, and details of any movements in that Fund during either 2008 or 2009?
- (b) How much of the proposed \$300,000 allocated in 2010 to the Tertiary Ministry Oversight Committee, is proposed to be spent on TAFE Ministry, and the details of how that amount is proposed to be spent?

3.16 The Rev Ian Millican to ask –

Can the Archbishop please advise which schools contributed financially to the work of the Anglican Education Commission during 2008, and how much each of those schools contributed?

3.17 The Rev Ian Millican to ask –

Can the Archbishop please advise the results to date of the recent survey accompanying the 2010 'Stipends, Allowances and Benefits' recommendations?

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 on today from 4.30 pm

9.1 Archbishop of Sydney Appointment Amendment Ordinance 2009

That the Archbishop of Sydney Appointment Ordinance 2009 pass as an ordinance of the Synod.

(Supplementary Report page 4)

(Mr Robert Tong/Mr Peter Kell)

9.2 Moore Theological College Ordinance 1984 Amendment Ordinance 2009

That the Moore Theological College Ordinance 1984 Amendment Ordinance 2009 pass as an ordinance of the Synod.

(Supplementary Report page 11)

(Bishop Glenn Davies/Mr Robert Tong)

9.3 Discipline Amendment Ordinance 2009

Synod permits the introduction of the Discipline Amendment Ordinance 2009.

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(Mr Glenn Murray/Mr Robert Wicks)

9.4 General Synod – Special Tribunal Canon 2007 Declarations Ordinance 2009

Synod permits the introduction of the General Synod – Special Tribunal Canon 2007 Declarations Ordinance 2009.

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(Mr Robert Tong/The Rev Dr Mark Thompson)

9.5 General Synod – Offences Canon Amendment Canon 2007 Adopting Ordinance 2009

Synod permits the introduction of the General Synod – Offences Canon Amendment Canon 2007 Adopting Ordinance 2009.

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(Mr Neil Cameron/Dr Karin Sowada)

9.6 General Synod – Constitution Amendment (Suspension of Bishops) Canon 2007 Assenting Ordinance 2009

Synod permits the introduction of the General Synod – Constitution Amendment (Suspension of Bishops) Canon 2007 Assenting Ordinance 2009.

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(Mr Neil Cameron/Mr Robert Wicks)

To be taken on today from 7.00 pm

9.7 Synod Appropriations and Allocations Ordinance 2009

That the Synod Appropriations and Allocations Ordinance 2009 be approved in principle.

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(Mr Peter Kell/The Rev Stephen Semenchuk)

9.8 Parochial Cost Recoveries Ordinance 2009

Synod permits the introduction of the Parochial Cost Recoveries Ordinance 2009.

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(Mr Peter Kell/The Rev Stephen Semenchuk)

To be taken on Monday 26 October 2009 from 4.30 pm

9.9 Synod Membership (Nominated Indigenous Representatives) Ordinance 2009

Synod permits the introduction of the Synod Membership (Nominated Indigenous Representatives) Ordinance 2009.

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(Archdeacon Deryck Howell/Archdeacon Ken Allen)

9.10 Tertiary Ministry Oversight Committee

Synod agrees to form a Tertiary Ministry Oversight Committee (TMOC), consisting of 6 persons elected by Synod for a 3 year term and one person appointed by the Archbishop. The committee to be charged with coordinating and developing ministry to tertiary students throughout the Diocese, including responsibility for –

- (a) recruiting, training and supporting tertiary chaplains and promoting their ministries,
- (b) recommending the allocation of resources in accordance with strategic priorities,
- (c) in consultation with appropriate bodies, preparing for Synod's consideration a diocesan policy on ministry in TAFE institutes, and
- (d) exploring the possibility of further creative partnerships with Anglican University colleges, AFES, Anglican Education Commission and other relevant bodies.

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(Mr Andrew Frank/Canon Sandy Grant)

9.11 People affected by disability

Synod, mindful that meeting together in Christ, we learn of receiving our bodies as given by God; we continue to discover practices of love towards all people in their particular circumstances; we discern with them how to 'carry each other's burdens' (Gal. 6:2); and we each learn together how to 'carry our own load' (Gal 6:5), therefore –

- (a) recognises that for people with disabilities, their families and carers, daily life can be practically, financially, socially and emotionally more difficult than it is for most people,

- (b) notes that there are many obstacles for people with disabilities, their families and carers, which prevent them hearing the gospel and sharing in Christian fellowship, which we have not always considered,
- (c) requests that all parishes and organisations in the Sydney Diocese of the Anglican Church develop and implement a plan to remove those obstacles that currently prevent people affected by disability from hearing the gospel and sharing in Christian fellowship, and
- (d) requests Sydney Anglicans and the Diocese in particular to continue to advocate for Government policy that promotes the wellbeing and interests of people with disabilities and their families and carers.

(Deaconess Margaret Rodgers/Mr Darren Mitchell)

To be taken on Monday 26 October 2009 from 8.00 pm

9.12 Grievance policy and procedure

Synod receives the report on procedures and sanctions for all standards in *Faithfulness in Service* and, noting the proposed Grievance Policy and Procedure and Parish Relationships Amendment Ordinance 2009 attached to the report –

- (a) requests that members provide comments on the proposed Grievance Policy and Procedure and Parish Relationships Amendment Ordinance 2009 to the Diocesan Secretary by 31 March 2010, and
- (b) requests that a form of the Grievance Policy and Procedure and Parish Relationships Amendment Ordinance 2009 be brought to the Synod in 2010 incorporating, as appropriate, comments made by members.

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(Archdeacon Ken Allen/Canon Sandy Grant)

9.13 Parish Review Repeal Ordinance 2009

Synod permits the introduction of the Parish Review Repeal Ordinance 2009.

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(The Rev Stephen Semenchuk)

9.14 Regions (Transitional Provisions and Miscellaneous Amendments) Amending Ordinance 2009

Synod permits the introduction of the Regions (Transitional Provisions and Miscellaneous Amendments) Amending Ordinance 2009.

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(Bishop Ivan Lee/Canon Sandy Grant)

To be taken on Tuesday 27 October 2009 immediately after the formal matters

9.15 Artarmon: Reclassification as a Parish

Synod assents to the reclassification of Artarmon as a parish with effect from 1 January 2010.

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(The Rev Ernest Chau/Ms Kitty Ho)

9.16 North Ryde: Reclassification as a Parish

Synod assents to the reclassification of North Ryde as a parish with effect from 1 January 2010.

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(The Rev John Chappell/Mr Peter Bliss)

To be taken on Tuesday 27 October 2009 from 7.00 pm

9.17 Policy on consumption of alcohol in the parish context

Synod receives the report on the consumption of alcohol in the parish context and, recognising that alcohol is a gift from God to be enjoyed in moderation but also recognising that alcohol abuse has caused significant damage in our community, requests that the minister and parish council of each parish –

- (a) study the information in the report, and
- (b) determine the parish's own policy on the consumption of alcohol having regard to the report's recommendation –

“Except for –

- services of public worship where wine is provided as part of the Lord's Supper,
- private activities in ministry residences, and
- activities undertaken pursuant to a commercial lease of church trust property signed by the Property Trust,

no alcohol should be consumed or made available in the context of any ministry activity of the parish or any private activity held on church trust property, without the approval of the parish council.”

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(Archdeacon Deryck Howell/Dr Barry Newman)

Motions for which no particular time has been specified for consideration

9.18 Support of Regional Councils

Synod requests that Standing Committee adopts policies whereby regional councils can be supported to continue their important role of funding ministry strategies in their regions. In particular, Synod requests a change in the large receipts policy for sale and leasing ordinances to be modified so that the portion usually added to the capital of the Diocesan Endowment may be allocated to a regional council instead.

(Bishop Glenn Davies)

9.19 Nowra Anglican College (Bomaderry)

Synod –

gives thanks and praise to God for the ministry of the College and for the many families reached with the Gospel of Christ since its foundation in 2000;

recognises the significant contribution of the full time Staff and Student Chaplain, the Rev Graham Thomas, and expresses its thanks for his ministry noting his decision to move to the parish of All Saints Nowra in 2010;

notes that in November 2008 a request was lodged by the College Council asking for the Archbishop-in-Council to declare the College extra-parochial to reflect the nature of its ministries across the Shoalhaven. The request carried the unanimous support of the Council;

notes the request was supported by the Wollongong Regional Council and, in line with the provisions of the associated Ordinance, the opposition of Bomaderry Parish to the change was first taken into consideration by both the College and Regional Councils;

notes that processing the request was initially delayed, for a number of reasons, and discussed at the September 2009 meeting of the Standing Committee, having been deferred in August due to agenda pressure, and a decision taken to defer it until the associated Ordinance is subjected to a major review; and

recognising the support of the Wollongong Regional and College Councils for the change, respectfully asks the Standing Committee not to defer its decision pending

the Ordinance review, but consider the matter now and allow the College to join the other 21 Anglican Schools already declared extra-parochial as listed on page 143 of the 2008 Year Book.

(Mr Geoff Kyngdon/Mr Andrew Guile)

9.20 **Response to The Episcopal Church 76th General Convention's Resolution D025**

Synod notes The Episcopal Church 76th General Convention's Resolution D025 that recognises the inclusion of gay and lesbian persons in the baptised membership, various ministries and ordained ministries of The Episcopal Church.

Synod requests that The Episcopal Church Ministers and Bishops not baptise, ordain or consecrate any person who has made it known that they are practising homosexuality until they have sincerely repented. This should be done lest the fabric of the Anglican Communion be further torn by The Episcopal Church continuing to ignore the plain teaching of the Scriptures in matters concerning human sexuality.

Furthermore Synod requests the Diocesan Secretary to write to The Episcopal Church Standing Committee and Presiding Bishop informing them of this motion.

(The Rev Gavin Poole)

9.21 **Partnerships in evangelism**

Synod welcomes the appointment of Bishop Al Stewart as the Director of Evangelism Ministries from February 2010 and gives thanks for his service as Bishop of Wollongong. Given the fact that, unlike in the past, grants to the Regional Councils used to seed-fund ministries in so-called "desert" areas and to "lost tribes" are unlikely to be available, Synod –

- (1) encourages Bishop Stewart to focus particularly on the raising up of church planters for those areas where Anglican ministry is currently struggling and has a limited impact on the community, most notably in the Georges River and Western Sydney regions,
- (2) encourages Bishop Stewart to look to organisations such as CMS and AFES for models for raising the funding for this task,
- (3) calls upon churches throughout the Diocese to partner in mission together with these church plants to support them prayerfully, financially and in the work of evangelism to reach these areas for Christ.

(The Rev Phillip Colgan/Mr Garry Allen)

9.22 **Essential Jesus at Easter Show**

That the Synod sponsors a display "The Essential Jesus" at the Sydney Royal Agricultural Show next Easter. This would give us the opportunity of spreading The Word of God to about 1 million people that pass through the gates over the 14 days of exhibition. The stand to be organized by Connect09 (10)(11).

(Mr Brian Flower/The Rev Jeremy Tonks)

9.23 **Moore College Campus Development**

Synod welcomes the news that Moore College has lodged a Concept Plan for a major redevelopment of its campus with the NSW Department of Planning.

Synod notes that –

- (a) the Concept Plan has been developed after a detailed review of the expected property needs of the College and will give considerable flexibility for changing circumstances;

- (b) an approved Concept Plan will give certainty of long term planning approval and enable implementation of the property development proposals over a period of decades if necessary;
- (c) a Project Application has also been lodged for the construction of a major building to house a Resource and Research Centre incorporating a new library and other modern facilities;
- (d) the Concept Plan and the Project Application will be considered under the processes set out in the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act* and it is expected that these processes will be completed in the first half of 2010;
- (e) subject to available funding, the College will seek to start construction of the new building for the library as soon as practicable after planning approval;
- (f) a display about the Concept Plan and Project Application, including a model of the site, is available for inspection in the foyer of Synod for the first three days of this session.

Synod encourages parishes and individuals to provide whatever financial support they can for this important project.

(Mr Robert Tong/Mr Doug Marr)

9.24 **Amendments to Anglican Church of Australia Trust Property Act 1917**

Given the increasing responsibilities in managing church trust property Synod requests Standing Committee to confer with the Anglican Church Property Trust Diocese of Sydney about seeking amendments to the Anglican Church of Australia Trust Property Act 1917 to enable the Trust to discharge its responsibilities more efficiently and expeditiously.

(Mr Robert Tong)

9.25 **Endorsement of Statement made on behalf of past Care Providers**

Synod –

1. notes that –

- (a) on 19 September 2009 a Healing Service organised by the State Government in conjunction with Care providers and Care Leavers was held for those who grew up in institutional care - the service coincided with the unveiling of a memorial in the Royal Botanic Gardens in Sydney to acknowledge the difficulties that many care leavers experienced in their childhood and
- (b) a statement on behalf of non-government past providers of institutional care, was read by the Bishop Robert Forsyth representing the following organisations –

Anglicare
 Baptist Churches of NSW & ACT
 Barnardos Australia
 The Benevolent Society
 CatholicCare
 MacKillop Family Services (Christian Brothers, Sisters of St Joseph, Sisters of Mercy)
 The Salvation Army
 The Infants Home Child & Family Services
 Uniting Church in Australia – NSW Synod, representing Wesley Mission and Uniting Care NSW & ACT
 United Protestant Association of NSW

- 2. acknowledges with appreciation the role of Stephen Quinn a member of the parish of Lower Blue Mountains in instigating the idea for this service and memorial and the support of Peter Kell and Anglicare staff and Jenni Woodhouse of the Diocesan PSU and Leonie Sheedy of CLAN in gaining

the participation of the Government and other care providers to enable this important event to happen.

3. adds its endorsement to the statement made publicly on behalf of past care providers by Bishop Forsyth which read:

On behalf of the non-government service providers represented here today, I acknowledge that many children placed in our care until 1990 did not receive the consistent and loving care that they needed and deserved.

It is now recognised that caring for children and young people who cannot live with their family must include regular and meaningful family contact, placement with siblings, consistent care givers and support for them to understand their experience of being in care. We acknowledge that for many children and young people, this was not the case.

For the children and young people who did not receive the consistent love and care that they needed and deserved, we are sorry.

For the children and young people who were neglected, mistreated and abused, we are sorry.

For the families who entrusted their children to us and whose expectations were not met, we are sorry.

To the Forgotten Australians, we stand committed to responding promptly, compassionately and respectfully to those who wish to approach us about their care experiences.

I, on behalf of the non-government service providers represented here am privileged to be part of this Healing Service and commemoration for the Forgotten Australians.

(The Rev Chris Albany/Bishop Robert Forsyth)

9.26 Inter-Church Commission of Religious Education in Schools

That the Archbishop and the AEC (Anglican Education Commission) be asked, respectfully, to reconsider their decision to remove the Diocese of Sydney from ICCOREIS (the Inter-Church Commission of Religious Education in Schools).

(The Rev Martin Robinson)

9.27 Province of the Anglican Church in North America

Synod welcomes the creation of the Province of the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA) and notes the GAFCON Primates' Council recognition of the ACNA as genuinely Anglican and its recommendation that Anglican Provinces affirm full communion with the ACNA.

Synod therefore expresses its full communion with the ACNA.

Furthermore, Synod requests that Standing Committee seek to have a motion brought to the General Synod affirming that the Anglican Church of Australia be in full communion with the ACNA.

(The Rev Gavin Poole)

9.28 Governance review of diocesan organisations

Synod requests that Standing Committee undertake a review of the constitutional documents and relevant ordinances governing the operation at Diocesan organisations considering –

- (1) the scope of the restrictions on the power of diocesan organisations to incur financial indebtedness and ensuring that those restrictions cover all forms of

financial indebtedness (not just restricting the ability to borrow money) and impose appropriate limits on the total amount of financial indebtedness able to be incurred at any time; and

- (2) the scope of each diocesan organisation's investment powers, having regard to the objective of capital preservation, particularly considering –
- (a) whether restrictions should be imposed on the ability of an organisation to make investments where there is a material risk of loss of capital invested, including investments in ASX listed securities, managed investment schemes and structured products, and
 - (b) whether more detailed investment guidelines should be introduced, including regularly published lists of approved investments.

Having undertaken the review, Synod requests Standing Committee to ensure that amendments are drawn up and brought forward as necessary to reflect the findings of such review.

(The Rev Nigel Fortescue/Mr Martin Thomas)



Indicative Timetable for Synod Business

References to items and motions are references to items and motions in the business paper for Wednesday 21 October 2009.

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8.00 pm +	9.12 Grievance policy and procedure 9.13 Parish Review Repeal Ordinance 2009 9.14 Regions (Transitional Provisions and Miscellaneous Amendments) Amending Ordinance 2009 Thereafter, other business as per business paper

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