

# Anglican Church of Australia Diocese of Sydney

## 1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 49<sup>th</sup> Synod

### Revised Business Paper: Monday 10 October 2011

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*(Page references are to the Standing Committee's Report - see Part 5 of the Synod Business Rules for ordinance procedures.)*

**1. The Synod will assemble in the Wesley Theatre, 220 Pitt Street Sydney at 3.15 pm.**

**2. Prayers will be read by the President or a person appointed by him.**

**3. Procedural motion re start time, Presidential Address and Synod Service**

Synod –

- (a) agrees to commence its meeting forthwith in order to deal with items 4 and 6-15 inclusive on this business paper, and
- (b) notes that the Presidential Address will be delivered from 4.00 pm, and at 8.00 pm the Synod Service will begin, and
- (c) suspends any part of the business rules which would prevent these arrangements.

(Mr Robert Wicks)

**4. The President will table a list of the members of the Synod.**

**5. The President will deliver his address.**

To be taken at 4.00 pm – see item 3.

**6. The President will table a document appointing a commissary.**

**7. Elections**

7.1 Under section 12 of the Anglican Church of Australia Trust Property Act 1917, the Synod declares a vacancy in the office of member of the Anglican Church Property Trust Diocese of Sydney for the Rev Christopher Allan, the Rev Andrew Bruce, Mr Roger Collison, the Rev Craig Roberts and Mrs Melinda West each of whom have come to the end of their term of office.

(Mr Robert Wicks)

7.2 A list of the uncontested elections will be laid upon the table and the results declared.

(Archbishop Peter Jensen)

7.3 A Clerical Secretary and a Lay Secretary of the Synod will be elected.

(Mr Robert Tong)

7.4 A Chairman of Committees will be elected.

(Dr Claire Smith)

7.5 A Deputy Chairman or Deputy Chairmen of Committees will be elected.

(Dr Claire Smith)

7.6 A Committee of Elections and Qualifications will be elected.

(Dr Philip Selden)

7.7 A Committee for the Order of Business will be elected.

(Mr Robert Tong)

7.8 A Minute Reading Committee will be elected.

(Dr Philip Selden)

**8. The minute book of the Standing Committee will be tabled.**

**9. Petitions**

**10. Procedural motion re asking questions**

Synod agrees to trial the following arrangements in relation to the asking of questions –

- (a) at the time in the order of business at which members may ask questions, a member called on by the President to do so shall make a brief statement informing the Synod of the subject matter of the question rather than reading to the Synod the full text of the question, and
- (b) the full text of the question shall be handed to the Synod Secretaries and printed in the business paper for the next day of the session,
- (c) on the day the question is answered by the President, the member who has asked the question shall not ask the question again,
- (d) a written copy of the answer to the question will be handed to the member asking the question upon request made to a Secretary of the Synod,

and suspends so many of the business rules as would prevent these arrangements.

(Mr Robert Wicks)

**11. Questions**

**12. Procedural motions**

**12.1 Presentations at the session**

Synod agrees to the following –

- (a) a 15 minute report from the Mission Property Committee concerning its “brownfield” and “greenfield” projects from 7.00 pm on Monday 10 October 2011, and
- (b) a 20 minute report from the Rev Bruce Hall on Cross-Cultural Ministry in the Diocese immediately following the Mission Property Committee report, and
- (c) the Missionary Hour presentation from 7.00 pm on Monday 17 October 2011, and
- (d) any motion for reclassification as a parish may include an overhead presentation within the time limits that apply to the mover and seconder speaking to the motion,

and suspends so many of the business rules as would prevent these arrangements.

(Mr Robert Wicks)

**12.2 Special arrangements for the consideration of business**

Synod –

- (a) agrees in principle to deal with its business in accordance with the Indicative Timetable for Synod Business, and

- (b) requests that the Committee for the Order of Business bring to the Synod at the beginning of each day any recommendations about amending the Indicative Timetable for Synod Business in light of the progress of business, and
- (c) requests the Committee for the Order of Business to reserve as much time as practicable for the purposes of considering private members' motions, having regard to the need to ensure sufficient time for dealing with scheduled business, and
- (d) suspends so many of the business rules as would prevent these arrangements, or as would prevent the Synod from considering any recommendations from the Committee for the Order of Business.

(Mr Robert Wicks)

**12.3 Notice to introduce the General Synod – Constitution Amendment (Chapter V) Canon 2010 Assenting Ordinance 2011**

Synod, pursuant to rule 5.2(3)(d) of the Schedule to the Conduct of the Business of Synod Ordinance 2000, permits the General Synod – Constitution Amendment (Chapter V) Canon 2010 Assenting Ordinance 2011 to be introduced without notice, other than the notice provided for in rule 5.2(2).

(Mr Robert Wicks)

**12.4 Arrangements for considering motions in response to the report of the Archbishop's Strategic Commission on Structure, Funding and Governance**

Synod agrees to the following arrangements for the purposes of considering the motion at item 17.5 on today's business paper –

- (a) the motion shall be taken to have been moved and seconded, and
- (b) Mr Peter Kell and Bishop Glenn Davies may make a joint presentation for up to 20 minutes about the subject matter of the motion instead of separate speeches by Mr Kell and Bishop Davies as the mover and the seconder of the motion, and
- (c) following the presentation and before debate on the motion commences, members may ask questions about the subject matter of the motion which may be answered by Mr Kell or Bishop Davies or a person nominated by either of them, and
- (d) Mr Simon Pillar, a member of the Archbishop's Strategic Commission but not a member of the Synod, be permitted to be present for the purpose of answering questions if nominated,

and suspends so many of the business rules as would prevent these arrangements.

(Mr Robert Wicks)

**12.5 Circulation of printed material**

Synod authorises the Secretaries to approve any report or other material from a Diocesan or Provincial body or organisation to be made available to members in the foyer of the Wesley Theatre.

(The Rev Chris Moroney)

**12.6 Arrangements for considering the motion in respect of the Common Prayer resource**

Synod agrees to the following arrangements for the purposes of considering the motion at item 17.20 on today's business paper –

- (a) consideration of the motion to commence at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 18 October 2011, and
  - (b) the motion be taken to be moved and seconded, and
  - (c) Bishop Robert Forsyth be permitted to speak to the motion as mover for up to 15 minutes, and
  - (d) the Rev Dr David Peterson, who is not a member of the Synod, be granted leave to speak to the motion as a member of the Archbishop's Liturgical Panel for up to 5 minutes in lieu of a speech from a seconder,
- and suspends so many of the business rules as would prevent these arrangements.

(Mr Robert Wicks)

**12.7 Arrangements for motions concerning Dr Patricia Brennan, Deaconess Margaret Rodgers, the Venerable Narelle Jarrett and Mr Steve McKerihan**

Synod agrees to the following arrangements concerning motions to be moved giving thanks for Dr Patricia Brennan, Deaconess Margaret Rodgers, the Venerable Narelle Jarrett and Mr Steve McKerihan –

- (a) the calling-over of these motions will be deferred until Monday 17 October 2011, and
- (b) if, upon reaching each of those motions in the call-over, the motion will be passed formally, the mover may, before the motion is passed, speak to and/or lead the Synod in prayer in response to the motion for a period of up to 2 minutes,

and suspends so many of the business rules as would prevent these arrangements.

(Mr Robert Wicks)

**12.8 Reduction in time limits for certain speeches**

Synod agrees to the following time limits for speeches in respect of a motion that a proposed ordinance be approved in principle –

- (a) the mover may speak for up to 15 minutes, and up to 5 minutes in reply, and
- (b) other members may speak for up to 5 minutes,

and suspends so many of the business rules as would prevent these arrangements.

(Mr Robert Wicks)

**13. The President will invite members to give notice of other motions**

**14. Calling of motions on the business paper**

**15. Tabling and reception of accounts and reports etc**

- 15.1 Synod notes that the undermentioned reports etc have been tabled, receives them and resolves that they be printed at the discretion of the Standing Committee –

*Diocesan Organisations - Audited Accounts and Annual Reports*

- (1) Abbotsleigh, The Council of
- (2) Anglican Church Property Trust Diocese of Sydney
- (3) Anglican Education Commission
- (4) Anglican Media Council
- (5) Anglican Retirement Villages: Diocese of Sydney
- (6) Anglican Youth and Education Division
- (7) Arden Anglican School Council
- (8) Arundel House Council

- (9) Barker College, The Council of
- (10) Campbelltown Anglican Schools Council
- (11) Continuing Education for Ministers, Council of
- (12) Department of Evangelism and New Churches
- (13) Georges River Regional Council
- (14) Glebe Administration Board
- (15) Illawarra Grammar School, Council of The
- (16) Kings School, The Council of
- (17) Macarthur Anglican Church School Council (The)
- (18) Moore Theological College Council
- (19) Northern Regional Council
- (20) St Andrew's Cathedral Chapter
- (21) St Andrew's Cathedral School Council
- (22) St Andrew's House Corporation
- (23) St Catherine's School Waverley, Council of
- (24) St John's Provisional Cathedral Chapter, Parramatta
- (25) St Michael's Provisional Cathedral Chapter, Wollongong
- (26) South Sydney Regional Council
- (27) (26A) Sydney Anglican Home Mission Society (Anglicare) Sydney Anglican Indigenous Peoples' M
- (28) Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation
- (29) Sydney Church of England Finance and Loans Board
- (30) Sydney Church of England Grammar School Council
- (31) Sydney Diocesan Educational and Book Committee
- (32) Sydney Diocesan Secretariat
- (33) Tara Anglican School for Girls, Council of
- (34) Trinity Grammar School Grammar Council
- (35) Western Sydney Regional Council
- (36) William Branwhite Clarke College Council
- (37) Wollongong Regional Council

*Standing Committee Reports etc*

- (38) 2011 Annual Report
- (39) Synod Funds Amalgamated Annual Financial Report for 2010
- (40) Parish Funds Amalgamated Annual Financial Report for 2010
- (41) Access to Standing Committee Minutes
- (42) Anglican Communion Covenant (19/10)
- (43) Archbishop's Strategic Commission on Structure, Funding and Governance - Final Report
- (44) Draft Statement of Funding Principles and Priorities
- (45) Future requirements and roles of the Archbishop's staff and 5 year budget of EOS costs (37/10)
- (46) General Synod Assessments (12/10) / Consultation with the General Synod Standing Committee
- (47) General Synod 2010 Legislation
- (48) General Synod 2010 Session
- (49) Glebe Board Charter (3/10)
- (50) Governance Policy for Diocesan Organisations (43/10)
- (51) Mission Property Greenfield and Brownfield projects
- (52) Ordinances passed by the Standing Committee
- (53) Safe Ministry Board and Professional Standards Unit Annual Report
- (54) Stipends, Allowances and Benefits for 2012 (2/05)
- (55) Synod Appropriations and Allocations for 2012
- (56) Tertiary Education Ministry Oversight Committee (35/09)
- (57) Towards 2050 (2/10)
- (58) Work of the Archbishop's Strategic Commission (7/10) and financial sustainability for the Endowment of the See (37/10)
- (59) Georges River Regional Council – Annual Report for 2010
- (60) Northern Regional Council – Annual Report for 2010
- (61) Kirribilli, Proposal to reclassify as a parish
- (62) South Sydney Regional Council – Annual Report for 2010
- (63) Malabar, Proposal to reclassify as a parish
- (64) Western Sydney Regional Council – Annual Report for 2010

- (65) Wollongong Regional Council – Annual Report for 2010
- (66) Eagle Vale, Proposal to reclassify as a parish
- (67) Wollondilly, Proposal to reclassify as a parish
- (68) Explanatory Statements and reports on Bills

*Other reports etc*

- (69) Archbishop of Sydney's Overseas and Relief Fund (The) (ORAF)
- (70) Archbishop of Sydney's Overseas Ministry Fund (The) (OMF)
- (71) Archbishop of Sydney's Community Care and Development Program (The)

(The Rev Chris Moroney)

**16. Motions for proposed ordinances referred to the 1<sup>st</sup> session of the 49<sup>th</sup> Synod**

*There are no motions under this heading.*

**17. Motions by request of the Standing Committee**

**17.1 Eagle Vale: Reclassification as a Parish**

Synod assents to the reclassification of Eagle Vale as a parish with effect from 1 January 2012.

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(The Rev Craig Hooper/Mr Tony Willis)

**17.2 Solemn Promises Ordinance 2011**

Synod permits the introduction of the Solemn Promises Ordinance 2011.

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(Dr Philip Selden/Dean Phillip Jensen)

**17.3 Archbishop of Sydney (Solemn Promises) Amendment Ordinance 2011**

Synod permits the introduction of the Archbishop of Sydney (Solemn Promises) Amendment Ordinance 2011.

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(Dr Philip Selden/Mr Robert Wicks)

**17.4 Authorised Services Ordinance 2011**

Synod permits the introduction of the Authorised Services Ordinance 2011.

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(Bishop Glenn Davies/Dr Philip Selden)

**17.5 Archbishop's Strategic Commission on Structure, Funding and Governance**

Synod welcomes the report of the Archbishop's Strategic Commission on Structure, Funding and Governance and requests the Standing Committee to –

- (a) undertake consideration of the possible ways in which the recommendations may be implemented, and
- (b) in the light of (a), pass such legislation as may be desirable or practicable, excluding any sale ordinance, or otherwise report to the next session of the Synod on any future proposals.

*(Pre-Synod Briefing Reports page 1 and  
Supplementary Report page 29)*

(Mr Peter Kell/Bishop Glenn Davies)

**17.6 St John's (Regional Cathedral and Miscellaneous Amendments) Ordinance 2011**

Synod permits the introduction of the St John's (Regional Cathedral and Miscellaneous Amendments) Ordinance 2011.

*(Page 186)* (Bishop Ivan Lee/Canon Bruce Morrison)

**17.7 St Michael's (Regional Cathedral and Miscellaneous Amendments) Ordinance 2011**

Synod permits the introduction of the St Michael's (Regional Cathedral and Miscellaneous Amendments) Ordinance 2011.

*(Page 186)* (Canon Sandy Grant/Mr Lachlan Bryant)

**17.8 Relinquishment of Holy Orders (Exclusion and Reinstatement) Ordinance 2011**

Synod permits the introduction of the Relinquishment of Holy Orders (Exclusion and Reinstatement) Ordinance 2011.

*(Page 183)* (Dr Philip Selden/Mr Robert Tong)

**17.9 Parish Relationships Amendment Ordinance 2011**

Synod permits the introduction of the Parish Relationships Amendment Ordinance 2011.

*(Supplementary Report page 50)* (Canon Sandy Grant/Mr Clive Ellis)

**17.10 Funding Principles and Priorities**

Synod –

- (a) notes the draft Statement of Funding Principles and Priorities, and
- (b) requests that Synod members provide comments about the draft Statement to the Diocesan Secretary by 1 March 2012 with a view to the Statement being finalised by the Mission Board and the Standing Committee for the 2012 Synod session and circulated to Synod members by 1 August 2012 together with bills for Synod Appropriations and Allocations and Parochial Cost Recoveries.

*(Additional Materials page 1)* (Mr Peter Kell/Bishop Peter Hayward)

**17.11 Parochial Cost Recoveries Ordinance 2009 Amendment Ordinance 2011**

Synod permits the introduction of the Parochial Cost Recoveries Ordinance 2009 Amendment Ordinance 2011.

*(Pre-Synod Briefing Reports page 73)*  
(Bishop Peter Hayward/The Rev Stephen Semenchuk)

**17.12 General Synod – Constitution Amendment (Chapter V) Canon 2010 Assenting Ordinance 2011**

Synod permits the introduction of the General Synod – Constitution Amendment (Chapter V) Canon 2010 Assenting Ordinance 2011.

*(Page 167)* (Mr Robert Tong/Mr Robert Wicks)

**17.13 General Synod – Special Tribunal Canon 2007 Amendment (No 2) Canon 2010 Adopting Ordinance 2011**

Synod permits the introduction of the General Synod – Special Tribunal Canon 2007 Amendment (No 2) Canon 2010 Adopting Ordinance 2011.

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(Mr Neil Cameron)

**17.14 Provincial Synod Constitution Amendment Ordinance 2011 Assenting Ordinance 2011**

Synod permits the introduction of the Provincial Synod Constitution Amendment Ordinance 2011 Assenting Ordinance 2011.

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(Mr Justice Peter Young)

**17.15 Solemnisation of Marriage Ordinance 2011**

Synod permits the introduction of the Solemnisation of Marriage Ordinance 2011.

*(Supplementary Report page 52)*

(Bishop Glenn Davies/Mr Justice Peter Young)

**17.16 Kirribilli: Reclassification as a Parish**

Synod assents to the reclassification of Kirribilli as a parish with effect from 1 January 2012.

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(The Rev Dr Paul Dale/Bishop Glenn Davies)

**17.17 12/10 General Synod assessments and consultation with the General Synod Standing Committee**

Synod, noting the report on 12/10 General Synod Assessments and Consultation with the General Synod Standing Committee –

- (a) supports the adoption of the following principles in respect of the finances of the General Synod –
  - (i) surpluses from business activities undertaken by the General Synod across the whole of the Anglican Church of Australia (eg Telstra and Long Service Leave surpluses generated in the Shared Services Fund) should be used to subsidise the constitutional functions of the General Synod as funded through the general assessment,
  - (ii) existing surpluses in the Special Fund should be used to reduce the amount of special assessment payable by those dioceses who choose to pay the special assessment,
  - (iii) no surpluses should be accumulated in the Special Fund in the future,
  - (iv) income from the General Synod reserve should be used to fund the General Secretary's office,
  - (v) royalties should be paid from the sale of liturgical resources back to the General Synod reserve, and
- (b) notes that 3 bills for canons promoted by representatives of this Diocese at the last session of the General Synod with the support of the Standing Committee, namely –
  - (i) the bill to amend section 30 of the Constitution so as to make a declaration by the synod of a diocese that a canon affects the order and good government of the church within a diocese or the church trust property of the diocese conclusive, and

- (ii) the bill to amend section 32(2) of the Constitution so as to ensure a financial liability imposed on a diocese is limited to the costs, charges and expenses necessary to maintain the Constitution, and
  - (iii) the bill to amend section 63 of the Constitution so as to bring to an end the advisory opinion jurisdiction of the Appellate Tribunal, were not debated or considered by the General Synod, and
  - (iv) records its view that these amendments are critical to the maintenance of harmonious relationships within the Anglican Church of Australia, and
  - (v) requests the Diocesan Secretary to pass these views on to the Standing Committee of the General Synod and to the National Unity Task Force established by that body, and
  - (vi) further requests that these amendments, in the same or modified form be promoted to the next session of the General Synod by its representatives on that body, and
- (c) requests the Standing Committee to consider the amount for general assessment in 2012 in the light of these factors and the need for their resolution and continued consultation.

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(Mr Neil Cameron/Mr Robert Tong)

#### **17.18 Wollondilly: Reclassification as a Parish**

Synod assents to the reclassification of Wollondilly as a parish with effect from 1 January 2012.

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(The Rev Kevin Flanagan/Mr Tony Willis)

#### **17.19 Malabar: Reclassification as a Parish**

Synod assents to the reclassification of Malabar as a parish with effect from 1 January 2012.

*(Supplementary Report page 20)*

(Mr Greg Bergan/The Rev Simon Roberts)

#### **17.20 Common Prayer: Resources for Gospel-Shaped Gatherings**

Synod –

- (a) receives Common Prayer: Resources for Gospel-Shaped Gatherings development version, and
- (b) commends its use and study by the parishes of the Diocese during the next year, and
- (c) requests that comments and suggestions be made to the Archbishop's Liturgical Panel, and
- (d) notes that services can be downloaded and feedback given at [www.commonprayer.org.au](http://www.commonprayer.org.au), and
- (e) requests the Archbishop's Liturgical Panel to bring a revised form of the book to the next session of Synod with a view to considering adding its contents to the appendix of services recognised under the Authorised Services Ordinance.

(Bishop Robert Forsyth)

#### **17.21 General Synod 2010 Legislation**

Synod receives the report on General Synod 2010 Legislation and adopts the recommendations made in that report.

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(Mr Neil Cameron)

## 17.22 Towards 2050

Synod, noting the interim report in response to resolution 2/10 Towards 2050 –

- (a) encourages Synod members to consider the report and its recommendations and to provide comments on the report to the Diocesan Secretary by 31 March 2012, and
- (b) requests the Standing Committee to bring to the 2012 session of the Synod a motion to enable the Synod to consider the recommendations in the report.

*(Supplementary Report page 22)* (The Rev Andrew Katay/The Rev Peter Lin)

## 17.23 Anglican Communion Covenant

Synod, noting the report on the Anglican Communion Covenant provided in response to resolution 19/10 –

- (a) opposes the adoption of the Anglican Communion Covenant by the Anglican Church of Australia, and
- (b) adopts the report and requests that a suitable form of the report be sent to the Standing Committee of the General Synod.

*(Supplementary Report page 5)* (The Rev Dr Mark Thompson/Mr Robert Tong)

## 18. Motions by request of a regional council

*There are no motions under this heading.*

## 19. Motions received by the Standing Committee

### 19.1 Titles used for licensed clerical and lay ministry

Synod respectfully asks the Archbishop to consider expanding the current options for licensing clergy and laity to include such titles as Missioner and Evangelist.

(The Rev Keith Dalby)

### 19.2 Representation of Prison and Hospital Chaplains at Synod

This Synod –

- (a) notes that the Anglicare Assistant Director – Chaplaincy has been invited by the Archbishop to attend Synod under Part 7 of the Synod Membership Ordinance 1995 (and preceding ordinances) since 1975, thereby giving representation to the 5,000 Anglicans who come under the pastoral care of chaplains, many of whom in hospital or prison are unable to attend their local church,
- (b) notes that the Archbishop has declined to invite the Anglicare Assistant Director – Chaplaincy to the 49<sup>th</sup> Synod, and
- (c) requests the Standing Committee to bring an ordinance to the next session of Synod that would amend the Synod Membership Ordinance 1995 so as to include the Anglicare Assistant Director – Chaplaincy to be an ex-officio member of Synod.

(Mr Matthew Baines)

### 19.3 Disability Sunday

Synod, mindful of Christ's clear call in Luke 14 that those who follow Him will be socially inclusive of the vulnerable and people with a disability, and in line with Synod Resolution 34/09 which commits the Diocese to advocate to Government on behalf of people with a disability, strongly supports the establishment of a National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) and calls on parishes to participate in

Disability Sunday on October 30, 2011 as a way of encouraging social inclusion in church life of people with a disability and their carers.

Therefore Synod –

- (a) affirms Christ's teaching in Luke 14 that all believers should make every effort to care for and be socially inclusive of those who are vulnerable and have a disability;
- (b) supports the establishment of a NDIS as a key way to improve the wellbeing of people with a disability and their carers;
- (c) encourages churches to participate in Disability Sunday – to pray for people with a disability, their carers and government reforms that will improve their wellbeing, and to send letters of support for a NDIS to Government;
- (d) urges churches to ensure they are fostering an attitude of inclusion and care for people who have a disability and carers; and
- (e) calls parishes to proactively reach out to their communities in loving service to people with disabilities, noting that ANGLICARE can assist parishes to do this.

(Mr Grant Millard)

#### 19.4 **Dr Patricia Brennan**

Synod gives thanks to God for the life and work of Dr Patricia Brennan AM; medical missionary, advocate for women's ordination, commentator, breast cancer and forensic physician, sexual assault councillor and member of this Synod.

(Professor Bernard Stewart)

#### 19.5 **Deaconess Margaret Rodgers**

Synod gives thanks to God for the ministry of Deaconess Margaret Rodgers, who retired from Synod last year, and in particular –

- (a) her distinguished presence on the floor of Synod for over thirty years;
- (b) her longstanding membership of Standing Committee (since 1982);
- (c) her service to the General Synod as a diocesan representative since 1979, serving on both its Standing Committee and international committees, including her time as General Synod Research Officer (1985-1993);
- (d) her commitment to the training of women in ministry through Deaconess House, as Tutor, Vice-Principal and finally Principal from 1976-1985;
- (e) her professional expertise in media relations, becoming the first CEO of Anglican Media (1994-2003) and then the Archbishop's Media Officer (2004-07); and
- (f) her unwavering commitment to Christ in the service of others for over forty years as a Deaconess.

Synod expresses its gratitude to Margaret and wishes her God's blessing upon her future life and ministry.

(Dr Karin Sowada/Bishop Glenn Davies)

#### 19.6 **The Venerable Narelle Jarrett**

Synod gives thanks to God for the ministry of the Venerable Narelle Jarrett, who retires from the Synod at the end of this year, and in particular –

- (a) her encouragement and support of women in ministry in the Diocese for over forty years;
- (b) her faithful ministry as Archdeacon of Women's Ministry from 2002; and
- (c) her outstanding leadership as Principal of Mary Andrews College from 1985-2007 (previously known as Deaconess House until 1997);

- (d) her initiatives in providing training for laywomen in Bible knowledge and ministry skills throughout the Diocese; and
- (e) her inspiration to both men and women as a godly and humble servant of Christ.

Synod expresses its gratitude to Narelle and wishes her God's blessing upon her future life and ministry.

(Bishop Glenn Davies/Dr Karin Sowada)



# Indicative Timetable for Synod Business

*References to items and motions are references to items and motions in the business paper for Monday 10 October 2011.*

<b>Monday 10 October 2011</b>	
3.15 – 4.00 pm	Formal matters (items 1-14)
4.00 – 5.30 pm	Presidential Address
7.00 – 8.00 pm	Mission Property Report Report on Cross-Cultural Ministry in the Diocese 17.1 Eagle Vale: Reclassification as a parish Thereafter, other business as per the business paper
8.00 – 9.30 pm	Synod Service

<b>Tuesday 11 October 2011</b>	
3.15 – 4.30 pm	Bible Study/prayer Formal Matters Thereafter, other business as per the business paper
4.30 – 5.45 pm	17.2 Solemn Promises Ordinance 2011 17.3 Archbishop of Sydney (Solemn Promises) Amendment Ordinance 2011 17.4 Authorised Services Ordinance 2011 Thereafter, other business as per the business paper
7.00 pm +	17.5 Archbishop's Strategic Commission on Structure, Funding and Governance Thereafter, other business as per the business paper

<b>Wednesday 12 October 2011</b>	
3.15 – 4.30 pm	Bible Study/prayer Formal Matters Thereafter, other business as per the business paper
4.30 – 5.45 pm	17.6 St John's (Regional Cathedral and Miscellaneous Amendments) Ordinance 2011 17.7 St Michael's (Regional Cathedral and Miscellaneous Amendments) Ordinance 2011 17.8 Relinquishment of Holy Orders (Exclusion and Reinstatement) Ordinance 2011 17.9 Parish Relationships Amendment Ordinance 2011 Thereafter, other business as per the business paper
7.00 pm +	17.10 Funding Principles and Priorities 17.11 Parochial Cost Recoveries Ordinance 2009 Amendment Ordinance 2011 Thereafter, other business as per business paper

**Monday 17 October 2011**

3.15 – 4.30 pm	Bible Study/prayer Formal Matters Thereafter, other business as per the business paper
4.30 – 5.45 pm	17.12 General Synod – Constitution Amendment (Chapter V) Canon 2010 Assenting Ordinance 2011 17.13 General Synod – Special Tribunal Canon 2007 Amendment (No 2) Canon 2010 Adopting Ordinance 2011 17.14 Provincial Synod Constitution Amendment Ordinance 2011 Assenting Ordinance 2011 17.15 Solemnisation of Marriage Ordinance 2011 Thereafter, other business as per business paper
7.00 – 8.00 pm	Missionary Hour
8.00 pm +	17.16 Kirribilli: Reclassification as a parish 17.17 General Synod assessments and consultation Thereafter, other business as per business paper

**Tuesday 18 October 2011**

3.15 – 4.30 pm	Bible Study/prayer Formal Matters 17.18 Wollondilly: Reclassification as a parish 17.19 Malabar: Reclassification as a parish Thereafter, other business as per the business paper
4.30 – 5.45 pm	Business as per the business paper
7.00 pm +	17.20 Common Prayer: Resources for Gospel-Shaped Gatherings Thereafter, other business as per the business paper