

Anglican Church of Australia Diocese of Sydney

1st Session of the 49th Synod Business Paper: Tuesday 11 October 2011

(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 Canon Rick Smith

2. Minutes of 10 October 2011

3. Answers to questions

3.1 The Rev Craig Roberts asked –

Is the Archbishop aware of –

- (a) Any ministries or ministry positions that have been curtailed as a result of the 1.14% levy placed on parishes in 2011?
- (b) What, if any, gospel good his assistant bishops have done in 2011?

3.2 Mrs Susan Hooke asked –

How much money is held in the balance sheets of the entities (whether, Committees, councils, colleges or other organisations) in receipt of funds from Synod Appropriations in 2010 and 2011 described as surplus, accumulated surplus, accumulated funds or reserves, as at 31 December 2010?

3.3 Canon Warwick de Jersey asked –

The surrender of St Andrew's Cathedral property to allow the development of St Andrew's House to go ahead provided guaranteed parking. Will that be affected by the current restructuring?

3.4 Ms Lyn Bannerman asked –

Concerning access by Synod members to Diocesan organisations' Annual Reports –

- (a) Why do some diocesan organisations, required to report under the AAAR Ordinance, not make publicly available their annual reports, which include their full audited financial accounts, (eg, Moore College and Anglican Retirement Villages) while others do (eg, Anglicare)? (In this context, it is noted that the Annual Reviews, or so-called Annual Report from Moore College, do not constitute an "annual report" as commonly accepted by that term, due particularly to the lack of the audited accounts.)
- (b) Given all diocesan organisations have access to either their own website, or that run by SDS, why cannot all diocesan annual reports be published on the web providing free public access (as does Anglicare, for example)?
- (c) Why is Sydney Standing Committee insisting to General Synod that audited financial statements of bodies subject to its ultimate control should be published on General Synod's website "promptly after the signing of the relevant audited reports" (Standing Committee's Report, Attachment 3, page 84) but it continues to make accessibility of similar documents so difficult in Sydney, even to Sydney Synod members?

- (d) Will the governance review by the Chairman's Committee, as proposed at paragraph 3.2.7 in the Report of the Archbishop's Commission, or the current Governance Review Group, reconsider the current arrangements, whereby some diocesan organisations refuse to make their Annual Reports publicly accessible, particularly noting the established best practice for Australian corporations, as reflected in the Corporations Act 2001?

3.5 Ms Lyn Bannerman asked –

This question seeks a costed breakdown of certain Synod Appropriations and advice on surpluses and acquittal processes –

- (a) Could Synod please be provided with a costed breakdown for items in the funding lines for 2012 (actual column on pages 71 and 72 of the Document "Reports and Papers for the pre-Synod briefings and the Synod session") – specifically for –
 - (i) policy 1(b) (Gospel Work Outside the Diocese); and
 - (ii) all items listed under policies 2 and 3.
- (b) Where such a breakdown cannot be provided, please explain on what basis the size of the allocations have been determined?
- (c) Are recipients of the monies for the line items specified in part (a) of this question allowed to keep as surplus any unspent funds from year to year? If so, please provide for each item a statement of expected surplus held by the recipients for 2011 and 2012.
- (d) What is the acquittal process in place for expenditure under Synod's Appropriations and Allocations? Will a formal acquittal be sought for each of the above items and, if not for some items, how will Synod know –
 - (i) that the funds were spent for the purposes given and
 - (ii) how much surplus is being retained each year?

3.6 Ms Lyn Bannerman asked –

Relating to Synod members' access to Standing Committee minutes –

- (a) In what way is Standing Committee's need (identified in May this year) to access the minutes of the Mission Board different from Synod's need, as owner, for access to Standing Committee minutes?
- (b) Why is access by Synod members to Standing Committee minutes on an ongoing basis not now granted in view of –
 - (i) the example of adequate precautions regarding confidential matters having been made in Standing Committee's access to Mission Board minutes,
 - (ii) we now know that Perth Diocese has led the way with a policy granting such access in their diocese, also with relevant precautions (Policy dated 14 April 2011).

3.7 The Rev Philip Griffin asked –

What percentage of parishes and provisional parishes store their archival material in the Diocesan Archives?

3.8 The Rev Philip Griffin asked –

- (a) How many of the originally appointed Mission Area Leaders have now resigned?
- (b) Have any or all of them been replaced?
- (c) If any or all of them have not been replaced, when is it expected new appointments will be made?

- (d) Is there any consultation with those in the mission area before new appointments are made?

3.9 The Rev Philip Griffin asked –

In light of the diocesan finances –

- (a) Has Standing Committee and/or the relevant councils entered into any discussions regarding ways in which Moore Theological College and Youthworks College might partner with each other in order to reduce the costs associated with operating these two colleges?
- (b) If so, have any conclusions been drawn?
- (c) If no, why not?

3.10 Dr Robert Mackay asked –

Further to the Final Report of the Archbishop's Strategic Commission on Structure, Funding and Governance and with reference to the Standing Committee report on the work of the Archbishop's Strategic Commission/Financial Sustainability of the Endowment of the See –

- (a) What is the known value/most recent valuation of the retail assets comprising the St Andrew's House Arcade?
- (b) What is the current yield of this asset group?
- (c) What percentage of the tenancies is church related?
- (d) What strategies are intended to enhance these retail spaces, the leases and yield return?

3.11 The Rev David Clarke asked –

In response to the 2010-2012 Strategic Directions document, in 2009 the Synod agreed to allocate \$300,000 for Mission Area training 'to work together in mission'. How much of this allocated funding has been spent so far, and can an itemised list of how it has been spent please be provided?

3.12 Miss Jennifer Flower asked –

As the Archbishop from time to time has emphasised how important he regards the employment and ministry of Christian teachers in our Government, Anglican and other Christian schools –

- (a) Does he know approximately how many of the current Christian teachers are likely to retire from the teaching profession in the next 3 years?
- (b) What steps is the Diocese or any other Christian organisation taking to ensure that there is a sizeable pool of applicants who are academically well qualified and strongly committed to Christ from which principals can appoint appropriate replacements?

3.13 Canon Sandy Grant asked –

- (a) For each of the years 2008, 2009 and 2010, please advise the total amounts listed as Parish Donations for the following categories –
 - (i) To Christian organisations outside the parish from general parish funds (Item No 6-2310);
 - (ii) Passing on donations designated for organisations outside the parish (Item No 6-2320);
 - (iii) To another Parish from general parish funds (Item No 6-2330).
- (b) In addition, please express the combined donations from general funds (the combined totals under 6-2310 and 6-2330) as a percentage of Net Operating Receipts for each year?

- (c) Please also express designated donations passed on to outside organisations (Item No 6-2320) as a percentage of Offertories and Donations (Item No 4-1000) for each year?
- (d) Please also list the total amount being directed to the capital or working funds under the control of Synod or its committees, Regional Councils or other diocesan organisations such as Youthworks or SAIPMC, arising from the operation of parish property ordinances (principally from the large receipts provision) for the years 2008, 2009 and 2010.

3.14 Archdeacon Deryck Howell asked –

Noting the purposes of ‘New Fellowships’ as defined in last year’s explanatory report for the Department of Evangelism (New Churches) Reconstitution Ordinance 2010, namely –

“to reach a particular ethnic group, affinity group, or to begin new gospel work in some geographic area where local churches do not have the resources or people to begin such a new fellowship”,

- (a) Is it true that ‘New Churches’ will enable the commencement of a ‘New Fellowship’ in Oran Park town?
- (b) If so, why is it deemed appropriate and necessary that ‘New Churches’ be used to commence this work given that Oran Park Town is within the existing and recently reclassified full Parish of South Creek, a 9 year old church-planting ministry which has well-developed plans for church-planting in Oran Park Town, and has, for example, recently raised funds and appointed a second full-time minister to enable expansion of ministry within the Parish?

3.15 The Rev Gary Haddon asked –

How many parishes received the benefit of having another parish, known or anonymous, making payment to the SDS on their behalf, amounts to cover in part or in full, the cost of their levy for the purposes of contributing towards the EOS?

3.16 Mr Andrew Frank asked –

Has Standing Committee or Synod in the last 10 years considered any reports regarding principles of restorative justice with an emphasis on restitution and reconciliation with regard to the workings of the Diocesan Tribunal? If yes please identify the reports considered.

4. Petitions

5. Questions

6. Procedural motions from members

6.1 Titles used for licensed clerical and lay ministry

Synod agrees to the motion at item 9.25 on today’s business paper being withdrawn.

(Mr Robert Wicks)

6.2 English Bible Translation Options

Synod agrees to substitute the motion appearing at item 9.29 on today’s business paper with the following revised form of the motion –

“This Synod notes –

- (i) that the 1984 edition of the NIV Bible translation has been the preferred 'pew Bible' in a majority of our churches, and
- (ii) the publisher's stated intention to withdraw from publication the 1984 edition of the NIV ~~in favour of a new 2011 edition of the NIV.~~

Synod therefore thanks God for several more recently published English versions (both revised and fresh translations) of the Bible and encourages their careful study by those Ministers and other church leaders who will need to make a decision about which option to select as their preferred Bible translation for the public reading and preaching of Scripture.”

(Canon Sandy Grant)

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 from 4.30 pm

9.1 Solemn Promises Ordinance 2011

Synod permits the introduction of the Solemn Promises Ordinance 2011.

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(Dr Philip Selden/Dean Phillip Jensen)

9.2 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)

9.3 Authorised Services Ordinance 2011

Synod permits the introduction of the Authorised Services Ordinance 2011.

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(Bishop Glenn Davies/Dr Philip Selden)

To be taken today from 7.00 pm

9.4 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)

To be taken on Wednesday 12 October 2011 from 4.30 pm

9.5 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)

9.6 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)

9.7 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)

9.8 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)

To be taken on Wednesday 12 October 2011 from 7.00 pm

9.9 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)

9.10 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)

Call-over to be deferred until Monday 17 October 2011

9.11 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)

9.12 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)

9.13 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)

9.14 Mr Steve McKerihan

Synod learns with sadness of the death of Steve McKerihan, former CEO of the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat and the Glebe Administration Board. It places on record its deep appreciation of the dedicated and expert contribution he made to the work of the SDS, the GAB and the Diocese as a whole, especially in the events surrounding the recent financial crisis.

We recall with gratitude his deep commitment to Jesus Christ, demonstrated by a life of humble and dedicated service to his family and friends, his local church and in recent years, to our churches.

Synod extends its deep sympathy to his wife, Margaret and their family at their loss and prays that they will be comforted by the promise of eternal life for all who believe in Christ, the sure and certain hope of the resurrection of the dead and the joyful reunion in his presence of all who believe.

(Canon Bruce Ballantine-Jones/Mr Phillip Shirriff)

To be taken on Monday 17 October 2011 from 4.30 pm

9.15 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.

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(Mr Robert Tong/Mr Robert Wicks)

9.16 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/Mr Robert Tong)

9.17 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/Mr Robert Tong)

9.18 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)

To be taken on Monday 17 October 2011 from 8.00 pm

9.19 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)

9.20 General Synod assessments and consultation

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)

To be taken on Tuesday 18 October 2011 immediately after the formal matters

9.21 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)

9.22 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)

To be taken on Tuesday 18 October 2011 from 7.00 pm

9.23 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, 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)

Motions for which no particular time has been specified for consideration

9.24 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)

9.25 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)

9.26 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 49th 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)

9.27 Priscilla and Aquila Centre

Synod –

- (a) welcomes the establishment of the Priscilla and Aquila Centre, an initiative of Moore College promoting the ministry of men and women in partnership,

- (b) encourages Ms Jane Tooher, Centre Director, to continue publishing resources and arranging conferences to help the Diocese explore and understand such ministry, and
- (c) assures those involved of its continued prayerful support.

(The Rev Nigel Fortescue)

9.28 **Gambling in Australia**

This Synod again notes the Productivity Commission's report into gambling which reports that –

- (i) there are between 80,000 – 160,000 problem gamblers in Australia, with another 230,000 – 350,000 vulnerable to problem gambling;
- (ii) poker machine users are disproportionately represented among the ranks of Australia's problem gamblers;
- (iii) 41% of the \$11.9 billion that Australians lose annually on poker machines comes from problem gamblers.

Therefore Synod again endorses efforts being proposed in Australia's Federal Parliament to reduce the impact and incidence of problem gambling, for example, by the introduction of a compulsory pre-commitment system for poker machine use.

In addition, Synod calls on the NSW Government to reduce its reliance on taxation on gambling.

Synod encourages ministers, synod representatives and other church members to continue to write to their parliamentary representatives in support of such harm minimisation measures.

(Canon Sandy Grant)

9.29 **English Bible Translation Options**

This Synod notes –

- (i) that the 1984 edition of the NIV Bible translation has been the preferred “pew Bible” in a majority of our churches, and
- (ii) the publisher's stated intention to withdraw from publication the 1984 edition of the NIV in favour of a new 2011 edition of the NIV.

Synod therefore thanks God for several more recently published English versions of the Bible and encourages their careful study by those Ministers and other church leaders who will need to make a decision about which option to select as their preferred Bible translation for the public reading and preaching of Scripture.

(Canon Sandy Grant)

9.30 **Restorative justice**

Synod requests that Standing Committee prepare a report for consideration at the Second Session of Synod –

- (i) identifying and commenting upon by reference to the workings of the Diocesan Tribunal the biblical and practical principles of restorative justice with an emphasis on restitution and reconciliation,
- (ii) promoting recommendations for change if any, by bringing to Synod for consideration suggested amendments to existing ordinances.

(Mr Andrew Frank)



Indicative Timetable for Synod Business

References to items and motions are references to items and motions in the business paper for Tuesday 11 October 2011.

| Tuesday 11 October 2011 | |
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| 3.15 – 4.30 pm | Bible Study/prayer Formal Matters Thereafter, other business as per the business paper |
| 4.30 – 5.45 pm | 9.1 Solemn Promises Ordinance 2011 9.2 Archbishop of Sydney (Solemn Promises) Amendment Ordinance 2011 9.3 Authorised Services Ordinance 2011 Thereafter, other business as per the business paper |
| 7.00 pm + | Mission Property Committee projects question time (15 minutes) 9.4 Archbishop's Strategic Commission on Structure, Funding and Governance Thereafter, other business as per the business paper |

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| 7.00 pm + | 9.9 Funding Principles and Priorities 9.10 Parochial Cost Recoveries Ordinance 2009 Amendment Ordinance 2011 Thereafter, other business as per business paper |

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| 7.00 – 8.00 pm | Missionary Hour |
| 8.00 pm + | 9.19 Kirribilli: Reclassification as a parish 9.20 General Synod assessments and consultation Thereafter, other business as per business paper |

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| 7.00 pm + | 9.23 Common Prayer: Resources for Gospel-Shaped Gatherings Thereafter, other business as per the business paper |

Motions passed without notice on Monday 10 October 2011**Federal Government support of Anglican Aid**

Synod welcomes the decision by the Federal Government and Foreign Affairs Minister, the Hon Kevin Rudd to match dollar for dollar the gifts of Australian people to famine relief in the most severe crisis to hit the Horn of Africa in 60 years.

And further that Synod expresses its thanks to the Federal Government through AusAID for including The Archbishop of Sydney's Anglican Aid in the NGO's who are able to participate in the dollar matching programme for October and November.

Threatened execution of Yousef Nadarkhani

This Synod –

- (i) requests that the Diocesan Secretary ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Shadow Minister for Foreign Affairs to express publicly and privately to the Iranian Government, our nation's opposition to the imprisonment and threatened execution of the evangelical pastor: Yousef Nadarkhani;
- (ii) asks that clergy make this a matter of public prayer, especially praying for pastor Nadarkhani, his wife Fatemah, their sons Daniel and Joel, and their church as well as praying for all Christians in Iran, and
- (iii) calls upon the representatives of the media to bring the plight of this man who refuses to recant his conversion to Christ to the attention of our nation.