

Anglican Church of Australia Diocese of Sydney

2nd Session of the 49th Synod

Business Paper: Wednesday 10 October 2012

(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 Michael Stead

2. Minutes of 9 October 2012

3. Answers to questions

3.1 Mr Peter Young asked the following question –

How many times in the past year has the Standing Committee called for the provision of information from organisations seeking diocesan funds (in accordance with Annexure 1 of the Statement of Funding Principles and Priorities for 2013) and how many times in the past year has the Standing Committee failed to call for such information?

3.2 Mrs Susan Hooke asked the following question –

- (a) Does FeeHelp cover all costs of providing courses at Moore College? If not, what costs are not covered?
- (b) What is the amount of FeeHelp debt of students completing four years study at Moore?
- (c) Is the grant from Synod being used to subsidise the fees of all students or only those from Sydney Diocese?
- (d) What is the amount of subsidy for each student that the Synod grant covers?
- (e) What is the replacement cost of the full delivery of the BD degree at Moore?

3.3 The Rev Ian Millican asked the following question –

- (a) Could the Archbishop please advise summary details of the income and expenses of the St Andrew's House Corporation ("SAHC") for the most recent financial year, together with comparatives for the previous financial year, and the details of the assets and liabilities of SAHC at its most recent balance sheet date, together with comparative figures as at the previous balance sheet date?
- (b) Note 14 of the accounts of the GAB as trustee for the DE for the year ended 31 December 2011 show (on page 208 of the purple Synod book) a share of profit for the year from SAHC of \$9,319,239, which in turn is included in the income of the GAB for the year (page 188 of the purple book). Can the Archbishop please advise how much of this income represents cash income and how much represents a non-cash increase in the value of St Andrew's House?

3.4 The Rev Ian Millican asked the following question –

Can the Archbishop please advise where the funds from the sale of Gilbulla, set aside for a Youthworks Conference Centre (as per item 4.23 of the Standing Committee Report on page 8 of the Synod purple book), are currently held, and how much they are?

3.5 The Rev Ian Millican asked the following question –

Can the Archbishop please advise how much money is currently held in the Sydney Anglican Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Committee trust fund, and what the movements in that fund were during the past 12 months?

3.6 Mr Norman Smith asked the following question –

What action is the Diocese taking to have women seated at the Executive table at the front of Synod?

3.7 Ms Caroline Bowyer asked the following question –

Relating to Diocesan expenditure outside the Diocese –

- (a) Please identify the beneficiaries of the \$158,180 applied for work outside the Diocese referred to in paragraph 4.13 of the Report of Standing Committee.
- (b) How much was spent by the Diocese, including the EOS, in sending people to the FCA Leadership Conference in London in April 2012? What was the source of those funds?
- (c) How much is allocated by the Diocese, including the EOS, to pay the travel expenses of representatives of Sydney Diocese to GAFCON2 in 2013? Please identify the fund from which these payments will be made.

3.8 Mr Tom Mayne asked the following question –

Understanding that the current management of Kingsdene School at Telopea for disabled children formerly operated by Anglicare will cease operation at the end of the year –

- (a) What provision is the Diocese making for the care of these children once the current management ceases operations?
- (b) What provision is the Diocese making for future disabled children?
- (c) If such provision is being made but which is not residential, what provision is being made for respite for parents/carers of such children?
- (d) If the Diocese is relying on the proposed National Disability Insurance Scheme to take care of such children and their parents/carers, what is the future of these children and their parents/carers in the interim, given that the NDIS is only being trialled in 2013 in the Hunter Region, that its funding is not yet assured and that its implementation is not expected to be completed before 2018?

3.9 Ms Jan Liddiard asked the following question –

Could it be suggested to organisations sending glossy brochures to all Synod members that reports could go on a website instead?

3.10 The Rev Michael Williamson asked the following question –

Are there any hindrances in the ordinances governing the expenditure of the Diocesan Endowment (or any other relevant ordinances) that would stop annual appropriations from being expended on acquisition of land for future church sites or for development of existing church sites?

3.11 The Rev Michael Williamson asked the following question –

In the recently published Schedule to the Clergy Removals Fund Ordinance 2003, in paragraph 2, point (b) on page 3, it is reported that a Regional Bishop may determine that a parish is “under financial hardship” and therefore may receive a reimbursement from the Clergy Removals Fund.

In regards to this determination by a Regional Bishop –

- (a) what are the criteria the Bishop is to utilise to determine financial hardship in a parish?
- (b) where are these criteria published?
- (c) what is/will be required in reports by the parish in question to establish such hardship?
- (d) who is charged to assist/counsel/keep accountable, the Regional Bishop in making this determination?
- (e) is such a hardship determination by a Regional Bishop applicable to any other aspects of the financial affairs of the parish in question, in its wider dealings with the Diocese?

3.12 The Rev Michael Williamson asked the following question –

- (a) For each calendar year for the period 2002-2012 what was –
 - (i) the annual budgeted provision for PCR remission?
 - (ii) the annual expenditure on PCR remission?
 - (iii) the number of applications made for PCR remission annually?
 - (iv) the number of applications paid out for PCR remission annually?
 - (v) done each year with any non-expended funds from this budget line item?
- (b) What Ordinances currently provide for the application by Parishes (of all types) for PCR remission?

3.13 The Rev Mark Gilbert asked the following question –

It is noted with joy that the words of administration, first used by Archbishop Thomas Cranmer in the Protestant 1552 version of *The Book of Common Prayer* are published exclusively in Form 3 and 4 of the Lord's Supper Service in *Common Prayer*, and as a second option in Forms 1 and 2.

Given this change, will the Archbishop consider sending a copy of *Common Prayer* with a letter outlining these changes to other Evangelical Anglican Dioceses as an encouragement for them to make similar changes?

3.14 The Rev David Zhang asked the following question –

A question to the Liturgical Commission through the Archbishop –

- (a) Is the Commission aware of the fact that there are at least 20 parishes in the diocese where services are conducted each Sunday in languages other than English using various forms of liturgy from sources other than the authorised and recommended liturgy of this Diocese?
- (b) What provisions have been made to serve the needs of these congregations whose common languages in worship are not English?
- (c) How will the Commission take into account in its future work the liturgical needs of the increasing number of Anglican people of this Diocese as predicted by all kinds of good and reliable authorities?

4. Petitions

5. Questions

6. Procedural motions from members

6.1 Arrangements for considering motion on Archbishop Peter Jensen

Synod agrees to the following arrangements for considering the motion at item 9.19 on today's business paper concerning Archbishop Peter Jensen –

- (a) the motion will be taken at 8.30 pm on Tuesday 16 October 2012,

- (b) the Archbishop will be invited to vacate the chair and Bishop Robert Forsyth will be invited to preside during consideration of the motion,
 - (c) except for any speech given by the mover, speeches given by members will be limited to 3 minutes,
 - (d) the mover will not have a right of reply before the motion and any amendments to the motion are put,
 - (e) after the motion has been considered, the Archbishop will be invited to respond,
 - (f) after the Archbishop's response, Canon Rick Smith will lead the Synod in prayer for the Archbishop,
- and suspends so many of the business rules as would prevent these arrangements.

(Mr Robert Wicks)

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 Bishops court Sale Ordinance 2012

That the Bishops court Sale Ordinance 2012 be approved in principle.

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(Dr Philip Selden/The Rev Raj Gupta)

9.2 Discipline Ordinance 2006 Amendment Ordinance 2012

That the Discipline Ordinance 2006 Amendment Ordinance 2012 be approved in principle.

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(Dr Philip Selden/Mr Lachlan Bryant)

9.3 Amendments to *Faithfulness in Service*

Synod, noting the report on amendments to *Faithfulness in Service* –

- (a) defers consideration of the amendment to the definition “bullying” until the next ordinary session of the Synod, and
- (b) approves the remaining amendments referred to in the report for the purposes of this Diocese.

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(Mr Lachlan Bryant/Bishop Glenn Davies)

9.4 Special Religious Education

Synod, noting the report on *Special Religious Education in Government Primary Schools – the Challenge over the next Ten Years* –

- (a) affirms its commitment to the sustaining of high quality Special Religious Education within all Government primary schools within the Diocese, and
- (b) requests the Standing Committee to address the need for sufficient funds for this ministry in its 2014-2015 budget.

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(Canon Phil Colgan/Bishop Glenn Davies)

9.5 Diocesan Policy Statement on Education

Synod agrees to amend its Diocesan Policy Statement on Education by inserting a new paragraph 2.6.5 as follows (with consequential renumbering of existing paragraph 2.6.5) –

“2.6.5 Requires that the council of each Anglican school governed by an ordinance of the Synod, the board of each Anglican university college and the board of the Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation observe the following protocol in selecting or appointing a person as head –

Prior to the beginning of the selection process, the chair of the council or board is to inform the Archbishop of the process and the Archbishop, or a Regional Bishop nominated by him, is to be invited to be a part of the interview process, and the Archbishop is to be informed of the names on the final list prior to any offer being made for the position of head.”

(Dr Bryan Cowling/Bishop Glenn Davies)

To be taken on today from 7.00 pm

9.6 Synod Appropriations and Allocations Ordinance 2012

Synod permits the introduction of the Synod Appropriations and Allocations Ordinance 2012.

(pre-Synod Briefing Materials page 1) (Mr Peter Kell/Bishop Peter Hayward)

9.7 Parochial Cost Recoveries and Church Land Acquisitions Levy Ordinance 2012

Synod permits the introduction of the Parochial Cost Recoveries and Church Land Acquisitions Levy Ordinance 2012.

(pre-Synod Briefing Materials page 14) (Mr Peter Kell/Bishop Peter Hayward)

To be taken on Monday 15 October 2012 from 4.30 pm

9.8 Towards 2050

Synod, noting the terms of resolution 2/10 and the further report of the Standing Committee provided to the Synod in response to its request in resolution 3/11 –

- (a) thanks the Standing Committee for its further report which clearly and helpfully sets out the significant challenges to our Diocesan network of churches and ministries in meeting the growth in population and ethnic mix in Sydney and the Illawarra over the next 40 years,
- (b) requests that resolution 2/10 and the further report of the Standing Committee be referred to the Mission Board for consideration and incorporation into the next phase of the mission of the Diocese, and
- (c) requests that on behalf of the Standing Committee and the Mission Board bring to Synod in 2013 the suggested shape of the next phase of the mission of the Diocese and its response to the recommendations in the Towards 2050 report.

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(Bishop Peter Hayward/The Rev Andrew Katay)

9.9 Department of Evangelism and New Churches Ordinance 2010 Amendment Ordinance 2012

Synod permits the introduction of the Department of Evangelism and New Churches Ordinance 2010 Amendment Ordinance 2012.

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(Archdeacon Ian Cox/Mr Malcolm Purvis)

To be taken on Monday 15 October 2012 from 8.00 pm

9.10 Thanksgiving for leadership of the Diocesan Mission

Synod –

- (a) gives thanks to Almighty God for our Archbishop and his leadership of our 2002-2012 Diocesan Mission,
- (b) rejoices in God's blessing that he has enabled us to proclaim our Saviour the Lord Jesus Christ in prayerful dependence on the Holy Spirit, in order that people would hear his call to repent, trust and serve Christ in love, and be established in the fellowship of his disciples while they await his return,
- (c) thanks God for the increase in the number of people in Bible-based Churches in the Diocese, and
- (d) thanks God for the increase in Bible-based Christian fellowships, congregations and churches, equipping and nurturing their members both in the Diocese and throughout the world.

(Bishop Peter Hayward/The Rev Dominic Steele)

9.11 Review of the Diocesan Mission and the next phase of mission

Synod –

- (a) asks the Standing Committee, through its Mission Board, to survey Synod Members, Parish Councils and other Diocesan Organisations to review and assess what has been achieved and what lessons have been learned in the ten years of our Diocesan Mission,
- (b) asks the Standing Committee, through its Mission Board, to bring to Synod 2013 a detailed report on the work of this review, including specific recommendations as to what policies, structures and implementation strategies should be adopted for the next phase of mission in the Diocese to seek and to save the lost, and
- (c) following feedback from Parishes and Diocesan Organisations, bring to Synod 2014 for its approval the suggested shape of the next phase of mission within the Diocese.

(Bishop Peter Hayward/The Rev Dominic Steele)

9.12 United Mission Campaign in 2014

Synod asks the Standing Committee, through its Mission Board to work with Evangelism and New Churches to coordinate a united mission campaign throughout the Diocese around Easter 2014 so that we can be encouraged and enabled to share Christ with our friends and neighbours.

(The Rev Dominic Steele/Bishop Peter Hayward)

9.13 Actions of the Bishop of Gippsland

Synod –

- (a) notes with grave concern the Bishop of Gippsland's appointment in December 2011 of a clergyman with a male partner to be the minister of a parish in the Diocese of Gippsland,

- (b) welcomes the following protocol unanimously adopted by the Australian Bishops' Conference in March 2012 –
- As bishops in the Australian Church we accept the weight of 1998 Lambeth Resolution 1.10 and the 2004 General Synod resolutions 33, 59 and 61-64 as expressing the mind of this church on issues of human sexuality.*
- We undertake to uphold the position of our Church in regard to human sexuality as we ordain, license, authorise or appoint to ministries within our dioceses.*
- We understand that the issues of sexuality are subject to ongoing conversation within our Church and we undertake to support these conversations, while seeking to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*
- (c) joins with the Standing Committee in expressing its dismay at the Bishop of Gippsland's May 18, 2012 Presidential address to the Anglican Diocese of Gippsland which appears to espouse actions that would constitute –
- (i) a departure from the teaching of Scripture,
 - (ii) a departure from Lambeth Resolution 1.10 of 1998,
 - (iii) a departure from *Faithfulness in Service* §7.4, and
 - (iv) a breach of the Australian Bishops' Protocol agreed to by all Australian bishops (including the Bishop of Gippsland) in March this year,
- (d) declares that such actions would breach trust and fellowship at a profound level and deeply grieve us, and
- (e) prayerfully and respectfully requests the Australian Bishops to appoint clergy and church workers in line with the expectations for elders as set forth in Scripture and in accordance with –
- (i) Lambeth Resolution 1.10 of 1998,
 - (ii) *Faithfulness in Service* §7.4, and
 - (iii) the Australian Bishops' Protocol, and
- (f) requests the Standing Committee, in light of the Bishop of Gippsland's actions, to look for ways to recognise, encourage and support those faithful Anglicans who are disenfranchised by such actions, and to reach those elements of society denied a faithful presentation of the gospel.

(The Rev Dominic Steele/Mr Geoff Kyngdon)

To be taken on Tuesday 16 October 2012 from 4.30 pm

9.14 Shoalhaven Heads: Reclassification as a Parish

Synod assents to the reclassification of Shoalhaven Heads as a parish with effect from 1 January 2013.

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(The Rev Anthony Douglas/Mr Tony Willis)

9.15 Minchinbury: Reclassification as a Parish

Synod assents to the reclassification of Minchinbury as a parish with effect from 1 January 2013.

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(The Rev David Mears/Bishop Ivan Lee)

To be taken on Tuesday 16 October 2012 from 7.00 pm

9.16 Common Prayer: Resources for Gospel-Shaped Gatherings

Synod declares its opinion that the services in the revised form of *Common Prayer: Resources for Gospel-Shaped Gatherings* conform to the doctrine of the Anglican Church of Australia and encourages the churches of the Diocese to use such services in accordance with the *General Synod – Canon Concerning Services 1992 Adopting Ordinance 1998*.

(Bishop Robert Forsyth/Canon Sandy Grant)

9.17 Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission

Synod, noting the report about the reforms to the charities and not-for-profits sector, encourages –

- (a) all parishes and other diocesan bodies to ensure they understand and comply with their obligations under the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission legislation, and
- (b) the Standing Committee to continue making representations to the Government about achieving reforms which add genuine value to both the sector and the broader community.

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(Mr Robert Wicks/Dr Karin Sowada)

To be taken on Tuesday 16 October 2012 from 8.30 pm

9.18 Archbishop Peter Jensen

This Synod notes that this is the last session of Synod before the retirement of our President Archbishop Peter Jensen in July 2013.

Synod takes this opportunity to express its admiration for the way in which Dr Jensen has presided over this and preceding Synods during the 10 years of his term of office. The skill and patience with which he has guided debates will long be remembered by those who have sat under his Presidency.

Synod gives thanks to Almighty God for the life and work of the President, his evangelical faith, his sharp mind, his wise counsel, his leadership of us in reaching the lost of Sydney and Wollongong through the Diocesan Mission, his representation of the Christian gospel to the secular world and the huge increase in the number of gospel workers who have been raised up during his episcopacy.

His leadership of this Diocese and the national and global Anglican Church has been of incalculable value, and Synod acknowledges its debt to him.

Synod gratefully wishes Dr and Mrs Jensen every happiness and prosperity in the years to come.

(Canon Rick Smith)

Motions for which no particular time has been specified for consideration

9.19 20th Anniversary of the Ordination of Women

Synod, noting that this year marks the 20th anniversary of the Ordination of women as priests in the Anglican Church of Australia, gives thanks for the ministry of women both ordained and lay in all areas of the Church's life.

(The Rev Philip Bradford/Professor Bernard Stewart)

9.20 Consideration of Synod resolutions 19/11 and 29/11

Synod notes the comments in the Standing Committee Report paragraphs 8.14 and 8.18 and asks Standing Committee to give due consideration to Synod motions 19/11 and 29/11.

(Mr Doug Marr)

9.21 Prayer for the 2013 Special Session of Synod

That this Synod, believing that the next Archbishop of Sydney is already known to God, calls upon all parishes to conduct at least one special day of prayer ~~and quiet contemplation~~ before the Special Session of Synod in August 2013, praying that –

- (a) all Synod representatives will approach the Special Session of Synod in a spirit of humility, prayerfulness and unity of purpose;
- (b) all debate and election processes will be conducted to the glory of God; and
- (c) that God will guide Synod members towards the person of His choice.

(Ms Lyn Bannerman/The Rev Phillip Bradford)

9.22 Responding to cases of abuse

Synod –

- ~~(a) agrees that the protocols of *Faithfulness in Service* should be adhered to by Sydney Anglicans,~~
- (a) affirms that the protocols of *Faithfulness in Service* approved by the Synod for the purposes of this Diocese should be adhered to by all clergy and church workers of the Diocese,
- (b) supports transparency and accountability in all dealings with the past failures of any organisation which has, or had, a duty of care toward children to prevent and appropriately respond to cases of abuse,
- (c) grieves with the victims of abuse (and their families) over any form of suffering caused by the actions of ministers or other leaders in any church, and
- (d) is grateful for the ministry and leadership of the Archbishop in responding to instances of abuse within our Diocese.

(The Rev Craig Roberts)

9.23 The Rev Kara Gilbert

Synod –

- (a) rejoices in God's kindness to us seen in the growth in the ministry of women in parishes, fellowships, specialist training ministries, Anglican Deaconess Ministries, Moore College, the Priscilla and Aquila Centre, Youthworks College and our other organisations,
- ~~(a)~~(b) gives thanks for the appointment of Rev Kara Gilbert as the Archdeacon for Women in our Diocese; and
- ~~(b)~~(c) commits to praying for Ms Gilbert as she seeks to equip, encourage, recruit and train women for ministry throughout the Diocese.

(The Rev Nigel Fortescue/Miss Jane Tooher)

9.24 The Rev Paul Francis Mostyn

Synod gives thanks to God for the life and ministry of the Rev Paul Francis Mostyn who died suddenly at the age of 54 on Tuesday 25 September 2012.

We acknowledge his varied ministry at the parishes of Springwood, Kingsgrove and Berala, and most recently as a chaplain working amongst those suffering from mental illness and until his death as chaplain of Lithgow Prison.

Synod expresses its condolences to his wife Deb, his children Naomi, Ben and Katie, and his father Frank.

We commit ourselves to pray for them and those who are grieving his loss and look forward to being reunited with him at the resurrection on the last day.

(The Rev Barry Macalister/Archdeacon Geoff Huard)



Indicative Timetable for Synod Business

References to items and motions are references to items and motions in the business paper for Wednesday 10 October 2012.

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4.30 – 5.45 pm	9.1 Bishops court Sale Ordinance 2012 9.2 Discipline Ordinance 2006 Amendment Ordinance 2012 9.3 Amendments to <i>Faithfulness in Service</i> 9.4 Special Religious Education 9.5 Diocesan Policy Statement on Education Thereafter, other business as per the business paper
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4.30 – 5.45 pm	9.8 Towards 2050 9.9 Department of Evangelism and New Churches Ordinance 2010 Amendment Ordinance 2012 Thereafter, other business as per business paper
7.00 – 8.00 pm	Missionary Hour
8.00 pm +	9.10 Thanksgiving for leadership of the Diocesan Mission 9.11 Review of the Diocesan Mission and the next phase of mission 9.12 United Mission Campaign in 2014 9.13 Actions of the Bishop of Gippsland Thereafter, other business as per business paper

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