

Anglican Church of Australia Diocese of Sydney

1st Session of the 46th Synod **Business Paper: Monday 14 October 2002**

(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 2:30 pm.

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

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

Synod -

- (a) agrees to commence its meeting forthwith in order to deal with matters 4 and 6-14 inclusive on this business paper, and
- (b) notes that the Presidential Address will be delivered from 3:15 pm, and at 4:45 pm the Synod Service will begin, and
- (c) suspends any part of the business rules which would prevent these arrangements.

(Mr Mark Payne)

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

5. The President will deliver his address.

To be taken at 3:15 pm - see item 3.

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

7. Elections

- (1) Under section 12 of the Anglican Church of Australia Trust Property Act 1917, the Synod declares 5 vacancies in the office of member of the Anglican Church Property Trust Diocese of Sydney for Mr Rodney Dredge, Mr David Nelson, Mr Peter Rusbourne, Archdeacon Peter Smart and Mr Robert Tong who have each come to the end of their term of office.

(Mr Mark Payne)

- (2) A list of the uncontested elections will be laid upon the table and the results declared.

(Archbishop Peter Jensen)

- (3) A Clerical Secretary and a Lay Secretary of the Synod will be elected.

(Mr Robert Tong)

- (4) A Chairman of Committees will be elected.

(Deaconess Margaret Rodgers)

- (5) A Deputy Chairman or Deputy Chairmen of Committees will be elected.

(Deaconess Margaret Rodgers)

- (6) A Committee of Elections and Qualifications will be elected.

(Dr Philip Selden)

- (7) A Committee for the Order of Business will be elected.
(Mr Robert Tong)
- (8) A Minute Reading Committee will be elected.
(Dr Philip Selden)
- (9) A Committee to make recommendations about matters referred to in the Presidential Address will be elected.
(Archdeacon Ernie Carnaby)

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

9. Petitions

10. Notices of questions

11. Procedural motions from members

(1) Diocesan Mission motions

Synod agrees to the following arrangements for the consideration of motions 16(1) and 16(2) on today's business paper -

- (a) the motions will be considered at 7:00 pm on Monday 14 October, and
- (b) the motions will be moved together and, after the mover has spoken, the Synod will specifically consider, in turn, the Mission, the Goal, the Fundamental Aim and the Fourfold Policy referred to in motion 16(1), before generally debating the motions, and
- (c) at the appropriate time, speeches will be made introducing the Mission, the Goal, the Fundamental Aim and the Fourfold Policy, by persons other than the mover of the motions,

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

(2) Diocesan Mission initiatives

Synod agrees that the 4 paragraphs of motion 16(3) on today's business paper will be considered separately at the times indicated on the Indicative Timetable for Synod Business, and the consideration of each paragraph will include an introductory speech or speeches, small group discussion, and then discussion by the Synod as a whole, as may be suggested by the President, and suspends so many of the business rules as would prevent these arrangements.

(Mr Mark Payne)

(3) Special arrangements for the consideration of other business

Synod -

- (a) agrees in principle to deal with its other 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) 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 Mark Payne)

(4) **Time limits for speeches during the meetings of the Synod in committee**

Synod resolves that the time limit for speeches in Committee during this Synod session be reduced from 5 minutes to 3 minutes, subject to extension and suspends so much of business rule 4.6 as would prevent this change.

(Mr Mark Payne)

(5) **Arrangements for consideration of the Synod Appropriations and Allocations Ordinance 2002**

Synod agrees the following arrangements for consideration of the bill for the Synod Appropriations and Allocations Ordinance 2002 -

- (a) the Synod will be taken to have approved the introduction of the bill, and
- (b) consideration of the motion that the bill be approved in principle is to start at 7:00 pm on Tuesday 15 October, and
- (c) the motion that the bill be approved in principle is to be taken as having been moved and seconded, but instead of making speeches, the mover and seconder may combine in a presentation lasting up to 40 minutes and including overhead images,

and suspends any part of the business rules which would prevent these arrangements.

(Mr Mark Payne)

(6) **Arrangements for consideration of the Parochial Cost Recoveries Ordinance 2002**

Synod agrees the following arrangements for consideration of the bill for the Parochial Cost Recoveries Ordinance 2002 -

- (a) the Synod will be taken to have approved the introduction of the bill, and
- (b) consideration of the motion that the bill be approved in principle is to start after consideration of the Synod Appropriations and Allocations Ordinance 2002 on Tuesday 15 October, and
- (c) the motion that the bill be approved in principle is to be taken as having been moved and seconded, but instead of making speeches, the mover and seconder may combine in a presentation lasting up to 30 minutes and including overhead images,

and suspends any part of the business rules which would prevent these arrangements.

(Mr Mark Payne)

(7) **Deferral of motions concerning the Oaths, Affirmations, Declarations and Assents Canon 1992**

Synod defers until its 2003 session consideration of motions 11(8), 16(25) and 18(8) on today's business paper.

(Mr Mark Payne)

(8) **Consideration of motions concerning the Oaths, Affirmations, Declarations and Assents Canon 1992**

Synod agrees to the following procedure for consideration of the motions 16(25) and 18(8) on today's business paper concerning the Oaths, Affirmations, Declarations and Assents Canon 1992 (the "Canon") -

- (a) when the motion that the Canon not be adopted (motion 16(25)) is considered -
 - (i) the mover will be permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes in support of the motion,

- (ii) a speaker with an alternate point of view will be permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes,
 - (iii) thereafter, a time for questions will follow and, after questions, a time for debate during which the seconder of the motion will be permitted to speak if he or she wishes to do so,
 - (iv) at the conclusion of debate, the speaker with the alternate point of view will be permitted to speak for up to 5 minutes in reply, and
 - (v) the mover will be permitted to speak for up to 5 minutes in reply,
- (b) if the motion that the Canon not be adopted is not carried then the motion for the introduction of a proposed ordinance to adopt the Canon (motion 18(8)) will be considered and, if passed, a motion that the proposed ordinance be approved in principle will be moved forthwith.

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

(Mr Garth Blake)

(9) Notice re proposed ordinances to assent to canons to amend the 1961 Constitution

Under business rule 5.2(3)(d) Synod permits, without further notice, the consideration at this session of motions for the introduction of the following ordinances -

General Synod - Constitution Alteration (Special Tribunal) Canon 2001 Assenting Ordinance 2002

General Synod - Constitution Alteration (Suspension from Duties) Canon 2001 Assenting Ordinance 2002

General Synod - Constitution Alteration (Tribunals) Canon 2001 Assenting Ordinance 2002

(The Rev Chris Moroney)

(10) Circulation of printed material

Synod authorises the Secretaries to approve the distribution to members of any other report from a Diocesan body or organisation.

(The Rev Chris Moroney)

12. The President will invite members to give written notice of other motions to a Secretary of the Synod

13. Calling of motions on the business paper

14. Tabling and reception of accounts and reports etc

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 - Annual Reports, Audited Accounts and Other Documents

- (1) Abbotsleigh, The Council of
- (2) Anglican Church Property Trust Diocese of Sydney (various accounts)
- (3) Anglican Media Council
- (4) Anglican Provident Fund (Sydney), Board of
- (5) Anglican Retirement Villages Diocese of Sydney, Board of
- (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) College of Preachers
- (13) Department of Evangelism
- (14) Georges River Regional Council
- (15) "Gilbulla" Memorial Conference Centre Board of
- (16) Glebe Administration Board
- (17) Illawarra Grammar School, Council of The
- (18) King's School (The Council of The)
- (19) Macarthur Region Anglican Church School Council (The)
- (20) Moore Theological College Council
- (21) North Sydney Regional Council
- (22) St Andrew's Cathedral Chapter
- (23) St Andrew's Cathedral School Council
- (24) St Andrew's House Corporation
- (25) St Catherine's School Waverley, Council of
- (26) St John's Provisional Cathedral Chapter Parramatta
- (27) St Michael's Provisional Cathedral Chapter Wollongong
- (28) South Sydney Regional Council
- (29) School of Pastoral Counselling, Committee of
- (30) Sydney Anglican Car and Insurance Fund, Board of
- (31) Sydney Anglican Church Investment Trust
- (32) Sydney Anglican Home Mission Society Council
- (33) Sydney Anglican Pre-School Council
- (34) Sydney Anglican Property Fund
- (35) Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation
- (36) Sydney Church of England Finance and Loans Board
- (37) Sydney Church of England Grammar School Council
- (38) Sydney Diocesan Educational and Book Committee
- (39) Sydney Diocesan Secretariat
- (40) Sydney Diocesan Superannuation Fund, Board of
- (41) Tara Anglican School for Girls, Council of
- (42) Trinity Grammar School Council
- (43) Western Sydney Regional Council
- (44) William Branwhite Clarke College Council
- (45) Wollongong Regional Council

Standing Committee and Synod-Committee Reports and Accounts etc

- (46) 2002 Annual Report
- (47) 2002 Supplementary Report
- (48) Synod Fund Audited Accounts for 2001
- (49) Archbishop's power to withhold assent to ordinances (8/01)
- (50) Crestwood - Reclassification as a Parish
- (51) Diocesan Insurances (14/01)
- (52) General Synod 2001 Legislation
- (53) Kingswood - Reclassification as a Parish
- (54) Merger of Anglican SuperFund-Sydney and Anglican Superannuation Australia
- (55) Oaths, Affirmations, Declarations and Assents Canon 1992
- (56) Ordinances passed by the Standing Committee
- (57) Parochial Cost Recoveries for 2002
- (58) Provincial Synod Session 2002
- (59) Regional council elections, Voting for (34/01)
- (60) Stipends, Allowances and Benefits (6/01)
- (61) Sydney Anglican Master Privacy Policy
- (62) Weekend Synod Meetings (9/01)
- (63) Georges River Regional Council - Annual Report for 2002
- (64) North Sydney Regional Council - Annual Report for 2002
- (65) South Sydney Regional Council - Annual Report for 2002
- (66) Western Sydney Regional Council - Annual Report for 2002
- (67) Wollongong Regional Council - Annual Report for 2002

15. Motions for proposed ordinances referred from the 3rd session of the 45th Synod

(1) Church Discipline Ordinance 1996 Amendment Ordinance 2002: withdrawal

That the Synod permits the withdrawal of the Church Discipline Ordinance 1996 Amendment Ordinance 2002.

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(Mr Garth Blake)

(2) Incapacity Ordinance 2002: withdrawal

That the Synod permits the withdrawal of the Incapacity Ordinance 2002.

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(Mr Bill Nicholson)

(3) Tribunal Ordinance 1962 Amendment Ordinance 2002: deferral

That the bill for the Tribunal Ordinance 1962 Amendment Ordinance 2002 be deferred until the 2nd session of the 46th Synod.

(See item 8.22 on page 36)

(Mr Bill Nicholson)

(4) General Synod - Constitution of A Diocese Alteration Canon 1995 Adopting Ordinance 2002: approval in principle

That the General Synod - Constitution of A Diocese Alteration Canon 1995 Adopting Ordinance 2002 be approved in principle.

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(Mr Robert Tong)

(5) Synod Membership Ordinance 1995 Amendment Ordinance 2002: approval in principle

That the Synod Membership Ordinance 1995 Amendment Ordinance 2002 be approved in principle.

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(Bishop Glenn Davies)

(6) Church Administration (Heritage Property) Amendment Ordinance 2002: introduction

Synod permits the introduction of the Church Administration (Heritage Property) Amendment Ordinance 2002.

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(Mr Mark Payne)

16. Motions by request of the Synod or Standing Committee

(1) Diocesan Mission Strategy

Synod adopts the Mission Strategy for the Diocese of Sydney with its Mission Statement, Goal, Fundamental Aim and Fourfold Policy as set out in the Draft Mission Strategy Document and explained by the Archbishop in his Presidential Address.

(Bishop Reg Piper)

(2) **Commitment to the Diocesan Mission**

Synod, having responded to the commitment and call to the Diocesan Mission, joins in the commitment and the invitation by adding thereto the words "the Synod" and the word "together" at the relevant point so that the commitment reads -

"In submission to the word of the Lord Jesus, the Archbishop and Bishops of the Diocese have committed themselves in unity of heart and spirit to give example, energy and leadership to this Mission. They are doing so in fellowship with the Archdeacons, the Synod, the Standing Committee and its Mission Taskforce, and together they invite the whole Anglican community in Sydney (with all other believers) to join them by taking the initiative to see that Christ is proclaimed to all people."

(Bishop Reg Piper)

(3) **Diocesan Mission initiatives**

Synod, having adopted the Diocesan Mission -

- (1) commends to regional councils, area deaneries, parishes, organisations and individuals the Mission, Goal, Fundamental Aim and Fourfold Policy, and
- (2) urges them to undertake the following initiatives, where relevant, and to develop their own further strategies in their situation -

- (a) In the light of the policy -

"To call upon God for such outpouring of his Spirit that his people will be assured of his love through his word, seek to please the Saviour in all things, manifest the godly life and be filled with prayerful and sacrificial compassion for the lost in all the world."

Synod requests that -

- (i) in the normal program of every level of diocesan life serious attention be given to pray for the mission and the appropriate study of God's word, and
- (ii) each level of the diocese also have such special conferences, prayer days or nights, conventions, rallies and seminars to promote prayerful dependence upon God and attention to the teaching of his word, and
- (iii) Lent in 2003 be specially marked in church gatherings as a season of corporate and urgent prayerfulness and specific preaching in line with this mission policy, and
- (iv) special prayer groups within parishes be organised to persist in the prayerful support of the mission, and
- (v) clergy commit regular time to pray with their colleagues in other parishes, and
- (vi) Christian publishers produce Bible study and discussion group material to equip adult, children and youth groups to study God's word and promote prayer, and
- (vii) Anglican Media produce materials through *Southern Cross* and the Web site to stimulate and assist those praying for the mission, and
- (viii) the Archbishop, regional bishops, archdeacons and clergy exercise continued leadership in prayerful dependence upon God in all meetings, conferences and committees in which they are engaged, as well as in public preaching and teaching of God's word, and
- (ix) a small task force be set up to promote prayerfulness for the mission.
- (x)

(b) In the light of the policy -

“To enable parish churches to expand numerically, nurture their members, and become the mother-churches of as many fellowships and congregations as possible; and also to take further initiatives to create fellowships by penetrating structures of society beyond the reach of the parish church with the gospel.”

Synod requests that -

- (i) each parish council consider how they can best contribute to this mission policy, and
- (ii) regional councils evaluate how to encourage parishes in their region to fulfill this policy, and
- (iii) incumbents re-evaluate their timetable and parish responsibilities to free up time (at least one day a fortnight) to develop new initiatives in the parish, and
- (iv) incumbents take time to rethink parish ministry and retrain in congregational planting, and
- (v) where possible, regional councils invest their resources to seed fund parish initiatives and deploy church planting evangelists, and
- (vi) any church which is not of sufficient strength to reach their parish mission field restructure their ministry and/or gain outside help for the task of the mission, and
- (vii) large churches take the initiative in planting new congregations, and
- (viii) a network of evangelists be seed funded to plant new work among specialised groups within society, especially non-Anglo Saxon migrant groups and the indigenous communities, and
- (ix) parishes try to plant at least as many congregations as there are primary schools in their parish, and
- (x) the level of sacrificial giving be raised to pay for increased activity at the parish level, and to contribute more to world mission, and
- (xi) churches in richer/older and poorer/newer parishes be twinned to directly share resources and giving directly from parish to parish, and
- (xii) a best practice code be developed for parishes with a peer group advisory service to help parishes meet the opportunities for mission, and
- (xiii) each parish have a children's and youth ministry and, where possible, both Sunday morning and evening services, and
- (xiv) research be undertaken on -
 - (1) the effectiveness of combining parishes,
 - (2) models of church planting,
 - (3) the financial development of parishes,
 - (4) the base numbers and goal numbers of the mission,
 - (5) the areas (geographical and sociological) where we are not reaching the community, and
- (xv) where we have the most effective outreach, and
- (xvi) new churches be developed with church organisations e.g. schools, hospitals, retirement villages, and
- (xvii) a strategy be developed for acquiring property for church planting, and
- (xviii) new architectural and building models be developed for multipurpose buildings.
- (xix)

(c) In the light of the policy -

“To multiply the number of well-trained persons (ordained, lay, full time, part time, voluntary) dedicated to the creation and development of such parishes, congregations and fellowships by proclaiming the gospel.”

Synod requests that -

- (i) 1,000 full-time pastoral workers and 10,000 lay pastoral workers be trained and deployed in the next 10 years, and
- (ii) Moore College be resourced to exercise the theological leadership in training our diocesan personnel for the mission, and
- (iii) training programs for lay pastoral ministry be created and published, and
- (iv) parishes recruit their most gifted members into the evangelistic task of the mission and,
- (v) people be recruited and trained for cross cultural, evangelistic and church planting ministries, and
- (vi) each parish employ at least one more catechist in 2003 than in 2002, and
- (vii) regional councils give priority to supporting seed funding to assist increasing parish staff.
- (viii)

(d) In the light of the policy -

“To reform the life of the Diocese (including its culture, ordinances, customs, use of resources, and deployment of ministry) to encourage and enable the fulfilment of the fundamental aim.”

Synod requests that -

- (i) the Archbishop reform the pattern and licensing of ministers to reflect better the current diversity of full-time and part-time ministry employees, and to consider creating a role of “pastor” for congregations, and
- (ii) the regional bishops and archdeacons, while retaining their pastoral role, become missionary bishops and archdeacons developing and assisting new work in their regions, and
- (iii) the business of Synod be reorganised to focus upon matters of principle rather than details of committee work, and
- (iv) policy task forces be created to help co-ordinate the various agencies involved in the delivery of ministries funded by the Synod, and
- (v) a ministry portfolio be established to oversee the work of recruiting, training, retraining and deploying ministers, and
- (vi) the parish system, parish boundaries and parochial status be reviewed, and
- (vii) the creation of a church membership and partnership in the mission be considered, and
- (viii) an evaluation be undertaken of the effectiveness of current programmes or organisations and their contribution to the mission, and how those programs or organisations might be made more effective, and
- (ix) the Archbishop invite the heads of other churches to join in the mission.
- (x)

(4) Merger of Anglican SuperFund-Sydney and Anglican Superannuation Australia

Synod -

- (a) consents to the merger of Anglican SuperFund-Sydney and Anglican Superannuation Australia, and
- (b) notes the proposal that the funds will be managed initially by a board of 12 from Anglican SuperFund-Sydney and 8 from Anglican Superannuation Australia, and
- (c) requests that Standing Committee consider such ordinances and resolutions as are necessary to put into effect the first and second stages of the merger, and
- (d) requests that progress reports be provided to each ordinary session of the Synod until the merger is completed.

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(Mr James Flavin/Canon Terry Dein)

(5) Definition of the term “spouse” in New South Wales legislation

Synod -

- (a) expresses its dismay at the recent decision of NSW Parliament to redefine the term “spouse” in certain legislation to include parties to a de facto relationship, and
- (b) expresses its strong concern about the redefinition of the meaning of “spouse” beyond the ordinary meaning of the term as party to a marriage, and
- (c) argues that this shift in terms has happened over a period of time without adequate community consultation, and
- (d) while acknowledging the existence of alternative living arrangements and the justice, which should be accorded to people who live in the context of such relationships, continues to uphold the Bible’s teaching on marriage as a monogamous, lifelong commitment between a male and female which should therefore receive special recognition by the state, and
- (e) calls on the NSW Government in future, to legislate in a manner which retains terminology distinguishing between spouses and parties to a de facto relationship.

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(Bishop Robert Forsyth/Dr Karin Sowada)

(6) Reappointment of the Stipends and Allowances Committee

Synod hereby reappoints the Stipends and Allowances Committee, with power to co-opt and directs that it report its findings and recommendations to the Standing Committee for action.

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(Mr Philip Gerber)

(7) Reclassification of Crestwood as a parish

Synod assents to the reclassification of Crestwood as a parish with effect from 1 January 2003.

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(Archdeacon Ken Allen)

(8) Reclassification of Gerringong as a parish

Synod assents to the reclassification of Gerringong as a parish with effect from 1 January 2003.

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(Mr Bruce Parker/Mr Geoff Kyngdon)

- (9) **Reclassification of Kingswood as a parish**
- Synod assents to the reclassification of Kingswood as a parish with effect from 1 January 2003.
(Page 104) (Archdeacon Ken Allen)
- (10) **Synod Appropriations and Allocations Ordinance 2002: approval in principle**
- That the Synod Appropriations and Allocations Ordinance 2002 be approved in principle.
(Page 13 of the Further Materials) (Bishop Peter Tasker/Mr Peter Kell)
- (11) **Parochial Cost Recoveries Ordinance 2002: approval in principle**
- That the Parochial Cost Recoveries Ordinance 2002 be approved in principle.
(Page 1 of the Further Materials) (Bishop Peter Tasker/Mr Peter Kell)
- (12) **Church Discipline Ordinance 2002: introduction**
- Synod permits the introduction of the Church Discipline Ordinance 2002.
(Page 6 of the Supplementary Materials) (Mr Garth Blake)
- (13) **General Synod - Long Service Leave (Amendment) Canon 2001 Adopting Ordinance 2002: introduction**
- Synod permits the introduction of the General Synod - Long Service Leave (Amendment) Canon 2001 Adopting Ordinance 2002
(Page 168) (Mr Mark Payne)
- (14) **General Synod - Constitution Alteration (Special Tribunal) Canon 2001 Assenting Ordinance 2002: introduction**
- Synod permits the introduction of the General Synod - Constitution Alteration (Special Tribunal) Canon 2001 Assenting Ordinance 2002
(Page 143) (Mr Philip Gerber)
- (15) **General Synod - Special Tribunal Procedure Amendment and Repeal Canon 2001 Adopting Ordinance 2002: introduction**
- Synod permits the introduction of the General Synod - Special Tribunal Procedure Amendment and Repeal Canon 2001 Adopting Ordinance 2002
(Page 177) (Mr Philip Gerber)
- (16) **General Synod - Constitution Alteration (Suspension from Duties) Canon 2001 Assenting Ordinance 2002: introduction**
- Synod permits the introduction of the General Synod - Constitution Alteration (Suspension from Duties) Canon 2001 Assenting Ordinance 2002
(Page 148) (Mr Neil Cameron)
- (17) **General Synod - Constitution Alteration (Tribunals) Amendment Canon 2001 Assenting Ordinance 2002: introduction**
- Synod permits the introduction of the General Synod - Constitution Alteration (Tribunals) Amendment Canon 2001 Assenting Ordinance 2002
(Page 154) (Mr Neil Cameron)

(18) Administrator Ordinance 2002: introduction

Synod permits the introduction of the Administrator Ordinance 2002.
(Page 111) (Mr Mark Payne)

(19) Conduct of the Business of Synod Amendment Ordinance 2002: introduction

Synod permits the introduction of the Conduct of the Business of Synod Amendment Ordinance 2002
(Page 133) (Mr Mark Payne)

(20) Synod Elections Amendment Ordinance 2002: introduction

Synod permits the introduction of the Synod Elections Amendment Ordinance 2002
(Page 68 and 196) (Mr Mark Payne)

(21) General Synod - Chancellors Canon 2001 Adopting Ordinance 2002: introduction

Synod permits the introduction of the General Synod - Chancellors Canon 2001 Adopting Ordinance 2002.
(Page 138) (The Rev Chris Moroney)

(22) General Synod - Holy Communion Canon 2001 Adopting Ordinance 2002: introduction

Synod permits the introduction of the General Synod - Holy Communion Canon 2001 Adopting Ordinance 2002.
(Page 162) (Bishop Glenn Davies)

(23) Relinquishment of Holy Orders Amendment Ordinance 2002: introduction

Synod permits the introduction of the Relinquishment of Holy Orders Amendment Ordinance 2002
(Page 188) (Mr Philip Gerber)

(24) Synod and Standing Committee (Membership) Amendment Ordinance 2002: introduction

Synod permits the introduction of the Synod and Standing Committee (Membership) Amendment Ordinance 2002
(Page 192) (TBA)

(25) Oaths, Affirmations, Declarations and Assents Canon 1992

Synod declines to adopt the Oaths, Affirmations, Declarations and Assents Canon 1992 (Canon No. 15 of 1998).
(Page 58) (Mr Neil Cameron)

17. Motions by request of a regional council

There are no motions under this heading.

18. Motions received by the Standing Committee

(1) Support for churches and parishes without a minister

Synod respectfully requests that the Archbishop set up a committee to review the effectiveness of the Diocese in supporting parishes and churches during times when they are without a minister taking into account the following principles -

- (a) The committee should review, amongst other things, the experiences of churches and ministers who have recently been involved in this process.
- (b) Matters to be investigated should include
 - The opportunity for parishes and churches to consider options for new directions for ministry, growth and change.
 - The timing of presentation board process, especially when long service leave is taken after a minister finishes.
 - The accuracy of advice from Diocesan Presentation board members to parish nominators.
 - The accuracy of advice from parishes to prospective ministers.
 - Tenure of other parish staff and the effect this can have in the parish.
 - The availability and level of episcopal support for churches without a minister.
 - Processes to deal with and resolve problems in churches and parishes.
 - The availability and level of parish administration support.
- (c) The committee should comprise both laity and clergy but exclude those that are (or have been recently) diocesan presentation board representatives.
- (d) The committee should provide a report to the next session of the Synod outlining the problems and making recommendations as to any changes that would improve our processes and support our church people at a time when they may most need it.

(Mr Ross Mitchell)

(2) Open meetings of the Standing Committee

Synod requests that the Standing Committee -

- (a) open its meetings to members of the Synod as observers subject to the Standing Committee's right in the case of a matter which is commercially or personally sensitive or otherwise affects the interests of the Diocese to restrict access while that matter is dealt with, and
- (b) make its agenda and supporting papers for its meetings available to members of the Synod upon request, except in relation to any matter which the Diocesan Secretary, the Archbishop or 5 members of the Standing Committee considers is likely to be regarded by the Standing Committee as being commercially or personally sensitive or as otherwise affecting the interests of the Diocese.

(Ms Kath White)

(3) Funding for indigenous peoples' ministry

Synod recommends to the Standing Committee that 5% of income from all sales of the Property Trust per annum be added to the Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Trust Fund for Indigenous ministry within the Diocese.

(Mr Tom Mayne/the Rev John McIntyre)

(4) **Assistance to other dioceses**

Considering the difficult and even parlous states of some of the dioceses of the Anglican Church of Australia and especially in the Province of New South Wales, Synod agrees to set up a Commission under the leadership of the Archbishop which would report to the Mission Taskforce to investigate ways by which this Diocese can bring help to another Diocese that may request it. Such help could include the possibility of sending clergy and other pastoral workers along with pastoral "tools" to that Diocese for the specific furtherance of Gospel ministry and outreach.

And

That such Commission be empowered to contact selected diocesan bishops to discuss this proposal and/or possibilities of sending help.

The Commission is to consist of the Archbishop (ex officio as President/Chairman), Mr Warwick Olson, the Rev John Cornford and Bishop Glenn Davies, the Chief Executive Officer of Anglican Youthworks, Deaconess Margaret Rodgers and the mover, with power to co-opt.

(The Rev Neil Flower/Canon John Cornford)

(5) **Home Mission Society**

Synod requests that the Standing Committee set up a committee to investigate the present ways in which our Diocese is fulfilling the original intentions of the Home Mission Society, and to report back to Synod.

(The Rev Dr Robert Doyle)

(6) **Training and recruiting teachers for Church schools**

Synod asks that the Standing Committee investigate the ways in which our church schools are, or are not, seeking to train and recruit Christian teachers.

(The Rev Phillip Jensen)

(7) **Church schools**

Synod asks that the Standing Committee complete their task of reviewing and enacting new legislation for the church schools which are set up by ordinance.

(The Rev Bruce Hall)

(8) **General Synod - Oaths, Affirmations, Declarations and Assents Canon 1992 Adopting Ordinance 2002: introduction**

Synod permits the introduction of the General Synod - Oaths, Affirmations, Declarations and Assents Canon 1992 Adopting Ordinance 2002.

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(Mr Garth Blake)

(9) **Embryonic stem cell research**

Synod -

- (a) congratulates the House of Representatives on their decision to ban human cloning, and
- (b) gives thanks for the many members of the Diocese who have prayed and taken action on the issue of embryonic stem cell research, including writing to their Federal MPs, and

- (c) expresses its thanks and support to community and political leaders who have spoken out of their Christian conviction against the commodification and destruction of human life, and
 - (d) continues to recognise the uniqueness of each individual as a being created by God in his own image and that any proposed starting point for life, other than conception, is arbitrary, and
 - (e) rejects the philosophical shift in our society towards utilitarianism rather than the once commonly held Judeo-Christian values that seek to protect life. As the Apostle Paul writes in Romans, we are never justified in doing evil so that good may result, and
 - (f) asks the Social Issues Executive to continue its work on this issue.
- (Dr Karin Sowada/Deaconess Margaret Rodgers)

(10) Embryonic stem cell research

Synod calls on members of the Australian Senate to say no to research on human embryos and to do all it can to prevent -

- (a) the creation of human embryos specifically for experimentation, and
- (b) the use of IVF embryos created after April 5th 2002.

(Dr Karin Sowada/Deaconess Margaret Rodgers)

(11) Anglicare chaplains

Pursuant to resolution 24/01 in which Synod acknowledged the important core ministry being undertaken by Anglican Chaplains in general and psychiatric hospitals, prisons and Juvenile Justice Centres and the Life After Prison Ministry,

and noted with concern the financial difficulties facing the Sydney Anglican Home Mission Society Council by the end of 2004,

and, given the decision to defer consideration of the triennium budget and the immediate consequences for Anglicare,

Synod requests that investments of \$10,000,000 be quarantined within the Diocese's investments and the income produced therefrom be directed to the Sydney Anglican Home Mission Society Council to maintain this specific ministry on an ongoing basis.

(Canon Howard Dillon)

(12) Detention of children seeking asylum

Synod respectfully requests that the Archbishop convey to the Prime Minister, the Minister for Immigration and Ethnic Affairs and whoever else the Archbishop deems appropriate, a clear indication of the Synod's view on current practice involving the compulsory detention of children seeking asylum in Australia. Notwithstanding the complexity of the issues relating to asylum-seekers generally, and recognizing that a range of aspects of current practice may be cause for concern, the Synod is acutely conscious on the needs of asylum-seeker children as a singular matter meriting urgent change. Synod, in annual assembly, is of the view that some of present practice for the detention of these children cannot be reconciled with Christian values as set forth in the Bible, to the extent of being repugnant to the love of God for all children, and the obligations of those charged with their care, as taught by Jesus Christ.

(Professor Bernard Stewart)



Indicative Timetable for Synod Business

References to items and motions are references to items and motions in the business paper for Monday 14 October 2002.

Monday 14 October 2002	
2:30 - 4:45 pm	Formal matters (items 1-14)
4:45 - 5:45 pm	Synod Service
7:00 pm	Diocesan Mission Strategy: Motions 16(1) and 16(2)

Tuesday 15 October 2002	
3:00 - 4:00 pm	Bible Study/prayer Formal Matters
4:00 - 5:45 pm	Diocesan Mission Initiatives: Motion 16(3)(a)
7:00 pm	Synod Appropriations and Allocations Ordinance 2002: Motion 16(10) Parochial Cost Recoveries Ordinance 2002: Motion 16(11)

Wednesday 16 October 2002	
3:00 - 4:00 pm	Bible study/prayer Formal matters Thereafter, motions submitted by Synod members (item 18)
4:00 - 4:15 pm	Reclassification of Crestwood as a parish: Motion 16(8) Reclassification of Gerringong as a parish: Motion 16(9) Reclassification of Kingswood as a parish: Motion 16(10)
4:15 - 5:45 pm	Church Discipline Ordinance 2002: Motion 15(12)
7:00 pm	Diocesan Mission Initiatives: Motion 16(3)(b)

Monday 21 October 2002	
3:00 - 4:00 pm	Bible study/prayer Formal matters Thereafter, motions submitted by Synod members (item 18)
4:00 - 5:45 pm	Diocesan Mission Initiatives: Motion 16(3)(c)
7:00 - 8:00 pm	Missionary Hour
8:00 pm	Any unfinished business listed in this Timetable from earlier in the session. Administrator Ordinance 2002: Motion 16(18) Conduct of the Business of Synod Amendment Ordinance 2002: Motion 16(19) Synod Elections Amendment Ordinance 2002: Motion 16(20)

Tuesday 22 October 2002	
3:00 pm	Bible study/prayer Formal matters Thereafter, motions submitted by Synod members (item 18)
4:30 - 5:45 pm	General Synod - Long Service Leave (Amendment) Canon 2001 Adopting Ordinance 2002: Motion 16(13) General Synod - Constitution Alteration (Special Tribunal) Canon 2001 Assenting Ordinance 2002: Motion 16(14) General Synod - Special Tribunal Procedure Amendment and Repeal Canon 2001 Adopting Ordinance 2002: Motion 16(15) General Synod - Constitution Alteration (Suspension from Duties) Canon 2001 Assenting Ordinance 2002: Motion 16(16) General Synod - Constitution Alteration (Tribunals) Amendment Canon 2001 Assenting Ordinance 2002: Motion 16(17)
7:00 pm	Diocesan Mission Initiatives: Motion 16(3)(d)