

Anglican Church of Australia Diocese of Sydney

2nd Session of the 45th Synod **Business Paper: Tuesday 10 October 2000**

(Page references are to the Standing Committee's Report - see Standing Order 65 for ordinance procedures.)

Members of Synod are asked to identify themselves each time they speak.

1. Prayers will be read by Bishop Robert Forsyth: see attached

2. Minutes of 9 October 2000

3. Questions

(1) The Rev Dr John Bunyan to ask -

- (a) When did the Diocese cease to pay a third of a clergyman's superannuation contribution and parochial units begin to pay not one third but the total sum?
- (b) What were the reasons for this change - Biblical, theological and economic?
- (c) Were parochial units clearly informed at the time both of the fact of this change and of at least the general reasons for it?
- (d) On what grounds is the parochial payment of the full superannuation contribution or indeed any part of a superannuation contribution required during an inter-regnum if the strict principle of cost recovery is adhered to?
- (e) Is the present full superannuation contribution considered to be sufficient for those younger clergymen who will have to purchase a house on retirement and who hope to live in Sydney upon retirement, and if not, can this matter be addressed by those who have some responsibility for the welfare of the clergy?

(2) The Rev Dr John Bunyan to ask -

- (a) Was it the expressed hope of the late Mrs Mowll that the establishment of a retirement village first and foremost to provide accommodation for clergy and missionaries upon retirement?
- (b) Was it the practice to give a 50% discount in some cases to those people in the past, and in which cases, and when and why was this practice altered?
- (c) What are the precise details of any discount offered to clergy and missionaries in each of the present ARV villages, hostels and nursing homes?
- (d) In view of the sharply increasing costs of housing in much of our Diocese, will the ARV re-visit this matter and take into account the provision for retired clergy provided elsewhere such as the provision of housing and a clergy pension in the Church of England?

(3) The Rev Dr John Bunyan to ask -

What grants or other financial assistance was given by the Standing Committee, Regional Councils, Anglicare or any other official body of the Diocese to each parochial unit in each of the regions of the Diocese in 1999, and in each case for which one or more of the following purposes was that assistance given -

- (a) pastoral (other than hospital) ministry,
- (b) hospital ministry,
- (c) evangelism,
- (d) youth and children's ministry,
- (e) "ethnic" ministry?

- (4) The Rev Dr John Bunyan to ask -
- (a) Was the consultation held at St Andrew's House in 1999 to discuss people's views concerning cost recovery bills an independent investigation or was it conducted and its format determined by diocesan officials and others committed to the proposals of Standing Committee, and if not an independent investigation, why not?
 - (b) Did the appropriate diocesan staff and individuals involved in promoting the cost recovery bill afford Dr Romberg every assistance and facility requested and possible in preparing and presenting to Synod his proposed amendment?
 - (c) Under his amendment, would 137 parishes with incomes below \$167,000 have received a larger reduction in their charges than under the ordinance, particularly parishes at the low end of the scale, and would 60 parishes with incomes above \$167,000 have had their reduction in charges of up to 29% trimmed to 8%?
 - (d) Has the Standing Committee, the Social Questions Committee, or any other official diocesan body yet presented any justification of the cost recovery or user-payers policy on the grounds of the teachings of the great Hebrew prophets and of our Lord regarding the use of money, social equity, and the divine requirement that we act with justice?

- (5) The Rev Dr John Bunyan to ask -

While acknowledging the achievement, the hard work and the generosity involved in the current restoration of the Cathedral -

- (a) Was approval sought from Synod for the previous re-orientation of the cathedral whether legally required or not and was approval sought from Synod for the new re-orientation?
 - (b) Have any major furnishings or memorials been permanently removed from the cathedral now and if so which particular furnishings and memorials, and if they have been permanently removed, were the necessary faculties granted for the removal?
 - (c) Which major furnishings and memorials are still to be returned in due course to the cathedral?
 - (d) At the completion of work in the cathedral, will proper provision be made for kneeling for prayers and at the administration of Holy Communion in view of the many references to kneeling both in the New Testament and in the Book of Common Prayer?
- (6) The Rev Dr John Bunyan to ask -
- (a) Is the 1662 Communion Office the only official liturgical source of the eucharistic doctrine of the Anglican Church of Australia and, if so, could consideration be given to the use of this service before Synod at least on occasion and, if possible, at the next meeting of Synod?
 - (b) Could consideration be given to the inclusion of collects from the official standard of worship for use in our Church, the Book of Common Prayer, among the prayers used at Synod from time to time?

- (7) Dr Lindsay Stoddart to ask -

With regard to item 7.2 about the remarriage of divorced persons, referred to on page 29 of the Standing Committee's report -

- (a) Is there currently a need for legislation to be updated in relation to the remarriage of divorced persons.
- (b) Is this a priority?
- (c) What advice was received by the Standing Committee in relation to the first appointed committee's report?
- (d) Who is on the new committee?
- (e) What are the points of reference to that committee and what is the status of the first referred to report?
- (f) Are any of the original committee members on the new committee and were some or all of them considered for appointment.

- (8) Canon Peter Jensen to ask -

With reference to Synod Resolution 1/99, that the Doctrine Commission's report on the Doctrine of the Trinity "be printed and made available for distribution to members of the public at reasonable cost" -

- (a) has the report been printed and made available?
- (b) if not, why not?

- (9) Ms Kath White to ask -

- (a) Are meetings of Standing Committee open to members of Synod as observers?
- (b) If so, how do we get copies of meeting details and agenda items ahead of time?
- (c) If not, why not?
- (d) If not, how would it be possible to change this situation.

- (10) Justice Keith Mason to ask -

What were the terms of the request to the Doctrine Commission of May 1999 that initiated the Report on page 85 of the Standing Committee's report as they are recorded in the Minutes of Standing Committee?

- (11) The Rev Zac Veron to ask -

- (a) With reference to the Archbishop's comments in his Presidential address on church planting outside the Diocese and his comments on possibly finding ordination candidates in colleges other than Moore College -

- (i) Since January 1994 how many men ordained Deacon or Priest in the Sydney Diocese, are now working as ordained ministers in Anglican Dioceses in Australia other than Sydney Diocese?
- (ii) Which Dioceses are they now serving in?
- (iii) How many of these ex-Sydney men are now serving as Deacons or Priests in each of the dioceses in Question (a)(ii) above, since January 1994?

- (b) (i) Since January 1994 how many men ordained Deacon or Priest in an Australian Anglican Diocese other than Sydney are now working as ordained ministers in the Sydney Diocese?

- (ii) Which Dioceses were they ordained in?
- (iii) How many men, ordained Deacon or Priest in a diocese other than Sydney, have come to Sydney and have been licensed to work as Deacons or Priests, from each of the Dioceses in question (b)(ii) above, since January 1994?

- (12) Mr Malcom Purvis to ask -

- (a) Who is responsible for oversight of the curriculum at the Youthworks Training College at Loftus?
- (b) Who has oversight of the employment of faculty at this college?

- (13) The Rev David Ritchie to ask -

- (a) What are the suggested figures for the prevalence of sexual abuse against girls, and against boys, in our community?
- (b) Do these figures vary depending on peoples' professed religious convictions?
- (c) Do you have any reason to believe that the prevalence of sexual abuse against children is markedly different in clergy families, compared with other families?
- (d) How many allegations of sexual misconduct by clergy listed in the current yearbook have been brought to your attention?
- (e) How many of these allege sexual abuse of children?
- (f) How many have been formally investigated?
- (g) When an unprovable allegation of sexual misconduct is made against a clergyman, in what ways does our diocese provide as much ongoing support to the alleged victim, as it does to protecting the reputation of the alleged perpetrator?

- (h) What steps are you considering to ensure that our procedures are more effective in supporting those who risk coming forward with allegations of sexual misconduct by church workers?

(14) Mr Darren Mitchell to ask -

In relation to the Presentation and Exchange Ordinance 1988 -

- (a) On how many occasions have extensions of time been granted under section 36(2) or section 37(4) of that Ordinance?
- (b) What has been the average length of additional time granted?
- (c) In considering whether to grant an extension of time under this Ordinance, what criteria have been relied upon to assist in determining whether “due diligence”, as required by sections 36(2) and 37(4), has been shown by the Presentation Board in seeking to make a presentation to the Archbishop?
- (d) Has consideration been given by Standing Committee or by the Diocesan Office to the production of a guide to the Presentation process?

(15) The Rev Jim Ramsay to ask -

- (a) What is the status of the serviced used at the Institution and Induction of a new Rector?
- (b) Is such a liturgy, or Form of Service, required to be used at Institutions and Inductions?
- (c) Can an Institution and Induction take place within the context of a standard Prayer Book service?
- (d) If the answer to the last question is in the affirmative what process can be undertaken to enable this to come about?

(16) The Rev Jim Ramsay to ask -

What is the Diocesan policy regarding graduation of Moore College being required to refund their tuition fees if they are employed by a Diocese other than Sydney Diocese at the conclusion of their studies?

(17) The Rev Bart Van Den Hengel to ask -

- (a) Do the congregations that are currently being planted by certain recognised Sydney Anglican churches outside their parish boundaries have any official status under existing Anglican legislation? In particular, do Diocesan services (such as public liability insurance, for example) cover these church plants?
- (b) Do the congregations that are currently being planted by certain recognised Sydney Anglican churches outside their parish boundaries automatically come under the existing accountability structures of the Diocese, namely the authority of the Bishop of the region in which that congregation is being planted?
- (c) If either, or both, of the above questions are answered in the affirmative, then is it a legal imperative that, before any recognised Sydney Anglican church seeks to plant a congregation outside its parish boundaries, it divulges its intentions to, and enters into full consultation with, the Bishop of that region?

(18) Ms Enid Stahl to ask -

What criteria do Anglicare apply in regard to the hiring of staff for their Aged Care and Dementia Units?

(19) The Rev Peter Robinson to ask -

Would the funds used to pay out Rev Michael Corbett-Jones after his dismissal as Director of the Anglican Counselling Centre in April have otherwise been used for counselling ministry?

(20) The Rev John Cornish to ask -

In light of the matter in the Archbishop's address both this year and last year concerning the training of clergy, what is the present situation concerning the training of clergy to minister in the more catholic parishes of the Diocese.

(21) Mr Andrew Mitchell to ask -

In light of resolution 35/99 concerning the provision of a Directory of Lay Synod Members what was the outcome of investigation into the production of this directory?

(22) Mr Justice Ken Handley to ask -

What are the rate or rates of assessment on parish incomes levied by the Synod's of the Dioceses of Brisbane, Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth?

4. Petitions

5. Notices of Questions

6. Notices of Motions

7. Orders of the Day

(1) **Anglican Counselling Centre - censure of Standing Committee**

Synod censures the Standing Committee for its failure to comply with the clearly stated wishes of the whole Synod when it voted overwhelmingly in October 1999 in favour of a resolution (41/99) to have the 4 disputed resolutions of Standing Committee (resulting from the committee of enquiry into the Anglican Counselling Centre) referred back for reconsideration and revision as stated in paragraphs (f) and (g) of the resolution.

(Page 47 - to be taken at 4.30 pm)

(Dr Chris Forbes/Sr Jan Syme)

(2) **Recognised Churches Ordinance 2000: 2nd Reading**

That the bill for the Recognised Churches Ordinance 2000 be read a second time.

*(Page 249 and Supplementary Report -
to be taken at 7.00 pm)*

(The Rev Phillip Jensen/Mr Neil Cameron)

(3) **Assistant Bishops (Bishops Coadjutor) Ordinance 1947 Amendment Ordinance 2000: Introduction**

Synod grants leave for the mover to introduce the bill for the Assistant Bishops (Bishops Coadjutor) Ordinance 1947 Amendment Ordinance 2000.

(See Supplementary Report tabled on 9 October)

(Mr Philip Gerber)

(4) **Conduct of the Business of Synod Ordinance 2000: 3rd Reading**

That the bill for the Conduct of Business of Synod Ordinance 2000 be read a third time.

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(Mr Neil Cameron)

(5) **Synod Elections Ordinance 2000: 3rd reading**

That the bill for the Synod Elections Ordinance 2000 be read a third time.

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(Mr Mark Payne)

(6) **Synod 2001 (Amendment of Procedure) Ordinance 2000: 2nd Reading**

That the bill for the Synod 2001 (Amendment of Procedure) Ordinance 2000 be read a second time.

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(Mr Mark Payne)

(7) **Synod Membership Ordinance 1995 Amendment Ordinance 2000: 2nd Reading**

That the bill for the Synod Membership Ordinance 1995 Amendment Ordinance 2000 be read a second time.

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(The Rev Dr Glenn Davies)

(8) **Church Discipline Ordinance 1996 Amendment Ordinance 2000: 2nd Reading**

That the bill for the Church Discipline Ordinance 1996 Amendment Ordinance 2000 be read a second time.

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(Mr Garth Blake)

(9) **Assessment and Charges Ordinance 1975 Amendment Ordinance 2000: 2nd Reading**

That the bill for the Assessment and Charges Ordinance 1975 Amendment Ordinance 2000 be read a second time.

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(Dr Laurie Scandrett)

(10) **General Synod - Constitution of A Diocese Alteration Canon 1995 Adopting Ordinance 2000: 2nd Reading**

That the bill for the General Synod - Constitution of A Diocese Alteration Canon 1995 Adopting Ordinance 2000 be read a second time.

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(Mr Robert Tong)

(11) **Regional Councils Ordinance 2000: 2nd Reading**

That the bill for the Regional Councils Ordinance 2000 be read a second time.

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(Dr Kim Hawtrey)

(12) **Accounts, Audits and Annual Reports Ordinance 1995 Amendment Ordinance 2000: Withdrawal**

Synod grants leave for the mover to withdraw the bill for the Accounts, Audits and Annual Reports Ordinance 1995 Amendment Ordinance 2000.

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(Mr Neil Cameron)

(13) **Support for Missionary Episcopal Ministry**

Synod endorses the media release dated 22 August 2000 of Archbishop Goodhew and the assistant bishops of this Diocese, calling for a broad-based US conservative coalition, and requests that the Diocesan Secretary communicate to the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church of the United States of America, and the Primate of the Anglican Church of Australia this Synod's support for missionary episcopal ministry.

(See pages 6 to 8 of the Supplementary Report tabled on 9 October)

(The Rev Phillip Jensen)

(14) **Metropolitan Canon 1998**

Synod declines to assent to the Metropolitan Canon No. P1, 1998 on the basis that the following proposals may diminish the ability of the Archbishop of Sydney as Metropolitan to be involved in the affairs of a diocese in the Province of New South Wales so as to preserve the integrity of the Church -

- (a) the non-administration of the oath of due obedience to the Archbishop in 'The form of Ordaining or Consecrating an Archbishop or Bishop' contained in the Book of Common Prayer, as provided in section 5 of the Canon;
- (b) the deletion of words from paragraph 5 of the service entitled 'The Consecrating of a Bishop' in An Australian Prayer Book, as provided in section 6 of the Canon; or
- (c) the amendments to the service entitled 'The Ordination of Bishops' in A Prayer Book for Australia, as provided in section 7 of the Canon.

(See Supplementary Report tabled on 9 October)

(Mr Robert Tong)

(15) Ministry Ordinance 2000: 2nd Reading

That the bill for the Ministry Ordinance 2000 be read a second time.

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(Dr Barry Newman)

(16) Proposals for Reform of Anti Discrimination Act

Synod -

(a) notes with concern the New South Wales Law Reform Commission's proposals for reform of the Anti Discrimination Act; and

(b) calls on the Premier, the Attorney General and Parliament of New South Wales to uphold the principle of "freedom of religion", and reject those of the Commission's proposals which will detract from the exercise of that freedom in New South Wales.

(See pages 22-24 - to be taken at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 11th)

(Canon Peter Jensen)

(17) Parish Development Review Ordinance 2000: 2nd Reading

That the bill for the Parish Development Review Ordinance 2000 be read a second time.

(Page 234 - to be taken after 7(16))

(The Rev Hugh Cox)

(18) Parish Review (Monitoring Panel) Ordinance 2000: 2nd Reading

That the bill for the Parish Review (Monitoring Panel) Ordinance 2000 be read a second time.

(Page 247 - to be taken after 7(17))

(The Rev Bruce Southwell)

(19) Parish Relationships Ordinance 2000: 2nd Reading

That the bill for the Parish Relationships Ordinance 2000 be read a second time.

(Page 238 - to be taken after 7(18))

(Archdeacon Trevor Edwards)

(20) Assistant Ministers Ordinance 1990 Amendment Ordinance 2000: 2nd Reading

That the bill for the Assistant Ministers Ordinance 1990 Amendment Ordinance 2000 be read a second time.

(Page 130 - to be taken at 4.30 pm on Monday 16th)

(Mr Ian Miller)

(21) Incapacity Ordinance 2000: 2nd Reading

That the bill for the Incapacity Ordinance 2000 be read a second time.

(Page 205 - to be taken at 8.00 pm on Monday 16th)

(Mr Bill Nicholson/Canon Bruce Ballantine-Jones)

(22) Tribunal Ordinance 1962 Amendment Ordinance 2000: 2nd Reading

That the bill for the Tribunal Ordinance 1962 Amendment Ordinance 2000 be read a second time.

(Page 211 - to be taken after 7(21))

(Dr Ann Young/Archdeacon Geoff Huard)

(23) Doctrine and Principles of the Anglican Church

Synod supports the Sydney Standing Committee in its request to the Primates -

(a) to affirm in the face of current denials -

(i) the uniqueness of Jesus as the only name for obtaining salvation;

(ii) our redemption through his full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world whereby he reconciled his Father to us;

(iii) the resurrection of Jesus in which he took again his body with flesh, bones and all things appertaining to the perfection of human nature; and

(iv) the sufficiency and authority of Scripture; and

- (b) to reject current advocacy of -
 - (i) heterosexual immorality; and
 - (ii) homosexual practice.
 (See pages 26-28 - to be taken at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 17th) (The Rev Dr Glenn Davies/Deaconess Margaret Rodgers)

- (24) Synod respectfully requests that the Archbishop not authorise any person to preach or participate in the leadership of church services in the Diocese of Sydney who will not give assent to the doctrines and principles advocated in motion 7(23).
(See pages 26-28 - to be taken after 7(23)) (The Rev Dr John Woodhouse)

- (25) Synod respectfully requests that the Sydney representatives to the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia ask the General Synod at its 2001 meeting to ask all Australian Diocesan Bishops not to authorise any person to preach or participate in the leadership of church services in their dioceses who will not give assent to the doctrines and principles advocated in motion 7(23).
(See pages 26-28 - to be taken after 7(24)) (The Rev Dr John Woodhouse)

8. Motions

(1) Administration of confirmation by presbyters

Synod requests that the Standing Committee appoint a committee -

- (a) to examine, from a theological, historical, ecumenical, pastoral and legal point of view, the possibility of confirmation being administered by presbyters as well as bishops; and
- (b) report to the next session of Synod.

(The Rev Neil Flower/Dr M.A. Cusiter)

(2) Diocesan mission teams

Synod commends to both the present as well as the incoming Archbishop the formation of a Diocesan Mission Team or teams, such team, or teams, to be utilized as follows -

- (a) to be an evangelistic and church re-planting group comprising of at least 1 person as a team leader, along with those whose ministry is in general evangelism and pastoring;
- (b) to be used at the discretion of the Archbishop after consultation with, and request from, parishes that are finding continuing viability or even existence a problem;
- (c) the finance for such team or teams to be provided as a matter of priority from whatever funds the Standing Committee chooses to use, or with what the Synod may allocate in the next triennium budget;
- (d) such team or teams would be responsible for a fixed parish or area for, say, 3 years to rebuild such an area or parish until it would be viable, and then be moved to another area of mission.

(The Rev Neil Flower)

(3) Faculties

Having regard to the need to simplify and streamline procedures and to assist parishes to respond to changing circumstances, Synod requests that the Standing Committee appoint a committee to review the rationale for and procedures relating to faculties and related regulations and to prepare legislation for consideration by Synod in 2001 which will simplify and where practicable abolish requirements presently applying.

(Canon Bruce Ballantine-Jones OAM)

(4) **Women bishops**

Synod notes the proposal for the consecration of women as bishops in the Anglican Church of Australia, recognises its potential for further division, and requests that the Rev Dr Robert Doyle and Dr Ann Young, after consultation with the other Sydney representatives on the General Synod, prepare a report for the Synod on the theological and pastoral implications of such a development and the possible ways of meeting the needs of those who may be disaffiliated by such a move.

(Canon Peter Jensen/Canon Terry Dein)

(5) **Role and function of archdeacons**

In light of the appointment of a layman as Assistant to the Bishop of Wollongong, the Synod requests that the Standing Committee appoint a committee to investigate the role and function of archdeacons and to report to the Synod in 2001 with suggestions about how the office may best develop and how the identified roles and functions may best be carried out.

(Canon Jim Ramsay)

(6) **Diocesan files on clergy**

In keeping with contemporary understanding of fair dealing and openness, Synod requests that arrangements be made to enable a member of the clergy in the Diocese to inspect all material held on file about that member in the Diocesan records, with a view to correcting error and challenging any matters of judgement by inserting his or her own file note.

(The Rev Phillip Jensen)

(7) **Homosexual "marriage" and ordination**

Synod -

- (a) appreciates the work done by the Faculty of Moore College in publishing a volume of *Explorations* entitled *Theological and Pastoral responses to Homosexuality* (1994); and
- (b) since this matter will be frequently before the Church in the next decade - requests that the Faculty of Moore College, through the Principal, keep the Christian public informed of the matters under debate and, in particular, brief the General Synod members on the issues before the next meeting of that body.

(The Rev Stephen Gibson/The Rev Roger Kay)

(8) **Office of regional bishops**

Synod requests that the Archbishop and the Standing Committee give consideration to the appointment of Regional Bishops for a term of office of about 10 years, and thereafter subject to annual extensions, with a view to-

- (a) appointing some younger bishops to the episcopal team; and
- (b) developing a culture which facilitates the opportunity for bishops to return to parish ministry after serving their episcopal term.

(Canon Terry Dein)

(9) **General Synod - Law of the Church of England Clarification Canon 1992 Adopting Ordinance 2000 : Procedure**

Synod requests that the motion to bring in the bill for the General Synod - Law of the Church of England Clarification Canon 1992 Adopting Ordinance 2000 (motion 8(10)) be included in the motions 'by request of the Synod' in the order of business for this session of the Synod.

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(Justice Ken Handley AO)

(10) **General Synod - Law of the Church of England Clarification Canon 1992 Adopting Ordinance 2000: Introduction**

Synod grants leave for the mover to introduce the General Synod - Law of the Church of England Clarification Canon 1992 Adopting Ordinance 2000.

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(Justice Ken Handley AO)

(11) Referral of matters to the Synod

Synod requires that the Standing Committee bring to the next ordinary session of the Synod a bill -

- (a) to require that any matter, or any part of a matter, being considered by the Standing Committee be referred to the Synod by the Archbishop upon -
 - (i) the written request of the Archbishop; or
 - (ii) the written request or requests of any 5 members of the Standing Committee; or
 - (iii) the written request or requests of 100 members of the Synod; and
- (b) to require that the Standing Committee take no further action about the matter, or part thereof, referred to the Synod by the Archbishop under paragraph (a), except for the production of reports on the matter;
- (c) to require that the Standing Committee prepare a report about the matter referred to the Synod and include in that report the report of any member or members of the Standing Committee who hold a minority view.

(The Rev Paul Cohen)

(12) 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)

(13) Funding of Anglican sports ministries

Synod -

- (a) notes the 5th and final report of the Archbishop's Olympic Games Task Force,
- (b) acknowledges the need for a continuing Anglican Sports Ministry, as identified by the advisory board of the Task Force, and as supported by the Archbishop, and
- (c) supports an ongoing Anglican Sports Ministry to continue the work and witness of the Archbishop's Olympic Games Task Force, and

- (d) requests that the Standing Committee provide funding in the current 3 year Synod budget period of an extra \$40,000 for 2001 and \$80,000 in 2002.

(Bishop Brian King)

(14) Principles of the Book of Common Prayer

Synod, recognising that there may sometimes be a lack of awareness today of some of the important principles of the Book of Common Prayer (however narrowly or broadly interpreted), reminds church people -

- (a) that each infant or adult baptised is “regenerate and grafted into the body of Christ’s Church” and thereby made “a member of Christ, the child of God, and an inheritor of the kingdom of heaven”, called “to lead a godly and Christian life”, following “the example of our Saviour Christ, and ... made like unto him”;
- (b) that candidates for Baptism who are able to answer for themselves are to be “sufficiently instructed in the principles of the Christian Religion” and exhorted to “prepare themselves with Prayers and Fasting for the receiving of this holy Sacrament”;
- (c) that infant Baptism is founded upon our Lord’s command “that children be brought unto him” and “his good will toward them”, and the pre-existing “good will of our heavenly Father ... declared by his Son Jesus Christ”;
- (d) that God who has “vouchsafed to regenerate” those baptised “by Water and the Holy Ghost” and who has given them “forgiveness of all their sins” is called upon by the bishop in Confirmation to “strengthen them ... with the Holy Ghost the Comforter”;
- (e) that “the Body and Blood of Christ” are “verily and indeed taken and received by the faithful in the Lord’s Supper”, “that holy Sacrament”, God vouchsafing to feed those who duly receive “these holy mysteries” with “spiritual food”, but that none shall be admitted to the holy communion “until such time as he be confirmed or ready and desirous to be confirmed”;
- (f) that “from the Apostles’ time there have been these Orders of Ministers in Christ’s Church; Bishops, Priests and Deacons” and that no one is to execute any of these offices unless called, tried, examined and admitted by “publick Prayer, with Imposition of Hands” according to the Prayer Book Ordinal (or authorised alternative), “or hath had formerly Episcopal Consecration or Ordination”;
- (g) that the blessing of some material things of God’s creation is commanded, ie. the sanctifying of water in Baptism and the consecration of bread and wine in Communion (remaining “consecrated Elements” reverently placed on the Lord’s Table and covered after the administration), with alms “and other devotions of the people” earlier placed upon “that holy Table”, and with the church building itself consecrated as “the house of God” in which great reverence is to be shown (BCP & Homilies).

Synod also acknowledges that the Book of Common Prayer in providing the official “standard of worship” in our Church, among other things, also bears witness to -

- (i) the rightful provision of “special confession” for those troubled in conscience especially in time of sickness;
- (ii) the rightful provision for the observance of Sundays and other feast days of the Church, together with “Vigils, Fasts and Days of Abstinence”;
- (iii) the “Solemnization of Matrimony” as ordained by God and intended as the union of a man and woman so long as they both shall live.

(The Rev Dr John Bunyan)

(15) Funeral companies

Synod -

- (a) expresses its concern at reports that often some funeral companies as a matter of routine do not seek to contact the appropriate parish clergyman for the funerals of Anglicans unless specifically requested to do so by the family concerned, thus depriving the parish clergyman of the opportunity of pastoral ministry and contact in these cases;

- (b) expresses its appreciation to those funeral directors who continue to do all they can to contact parish clergyman and who seek to co-operate with them; and
- (c) asks that the major funeral corporations and as many as possible for the other funeral companies operating in the Diocese be informed both of the concern and of the appreciation expressed in this motion.

(The Rev Dr John Bunyan)

(16) **Declaration “*Dominus Iesus*”**

Synod records its appreciation of the reaffirmation recently made by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith of the Roman Catholic Church in the *Declaration “Dominus Iesus”* of the uniqueness and completeness of Christ for the salvation of all humanity, but expresses its sorrow that the declaration continues to deny that what are called in the document “ecclesial communities” which do not have “the valid episcopal order and the genuine and integral substance of the eucharistic mystery” (which would include us in the Anglican Church of Australia) are churches of Christ in the proper sense.

(Bishop Robert Forsyth)

(17) **Music for youth services**

Synod requests that Anglican Youthworks explore the possibilities of providing professional training in modern and contemporary music for use in youth orientated services in our churches.

(Canon Bruce Ballantine-Jones OAM)

(18) **ARCIC: *The Gift of Authority***

Synod receives the report from the Diocesan Doctrine Commission entitled *Review of Authority in the Church III, the Gift of Authority*, thanks the Commission for its work, and requests that the Diocesan Secretary forward a copy of the Commission’s report to ARCIC, to the Australian delegate to ARCIC, and to the Australian Primate and Bishops.

(Dr Kim Hawtrey)

(19) **Age of clergy**

For the assistance of parish nominators, Synod requests that the Registrar consider including the year of birth with each clergy entry when publishing the Diocesan Year Book.

(Mr Robert Tong)

(20) **Foundation of our Church**

Synod -

- (a) acknowledges that the constitutional foundation of our church is set forth in the fundamental declarations contained in the Constitution of the Anglican Church of Australia and that this Church takes no power to alter or add to those declarations nor to impose any new statement of faith, the fundamental declarations being as follows -
 - (i) The Anglican Church of Australia, being a part of the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church of Christ, holds the Christian Faith as professed by the Church of Christ from primitive times and in particular as set forth in the creeds known as the Nicene Creed and the Apostles’ Creed;
 - (ii) This Church receives all the canonical scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as being the ultimate rule and standard of faith given by inspiration of God and containing all things necessary for salvation.
 - (iii) This Church will ever obey the commands of Christ, teach his Doctrine, administer His sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion, follow and uphold His discipline and preserve the three orders of bishops, priests and deacons in the sacred ministry.

- (b) acknowledges that all licensed deacons, priests and bishops of this Church are to give such assent to the Scriptures, the Book of Common Prayer, and the Articles of Religion as the formularies of this Church require, without any additional doctrinal imposition.

(Associate Professor Michael Horsburgh)

(21) Children and young people

Synod noting -

- the declining attendance of children and young people in many mainline denominations and dioceses,
- the health of many congregations with an intentional ministry to the young,
- the increasing statistical evidence of the openness of children and young people to the claims of the gospel of Christ, and
- the National Church Life Survey in April 2001 and the sample data to be collected as to the age of church attendee's conversion

requests that the Standing Committee appoint a committee to report to Synod by September 2001 as to -

- the findings from the data from the proposed NCLS and its implications for future ministry,
- the current health of children's and young people's ministry in churches in the diocese, and
- ways in which we as a diocese can strengthen that ministry and ways that we can have an increasingly outward focus and intentionally gospel unchurched young people and children, appropriately and effectively,

the Committee to consist of 2 members of the Standing Committee, a member of the faculty of Moore Theological College and a theologically trained staff member of each of the Department of Evangelism and Anglican Youthworks.

(The Rev Dr Lindsay Stoddart)

(22) Encouraging young Anglicans to enter the teaching profession

In the light of the increasing number of Christian and Anglican Schools particularly, and the often difficult task of finding sufficient Christian teachers, Synod requests that the Standing Committee investigate ways of encouraging young people in the Diocese to consider teaching as a profession and report back to Synod in 2001.

(Mr Geoff Kyngdon)

(23) Anglican Counselling Centre and the Rev Michael Corbett-Jones

Synod -

- (a) gives praise to God for the outstanding work of the Anglican Counselling Centre over half a century, and for the people whose lives have been blessed through the ministry of the Centre;
- (b) thanks the Rev Michael Corbett-Jones for his leadership of the Centre over the past 20 years, and for his part in the ongoing development of the Centre's ministry;
- (c) acknowledges that many people have been hurt as a result of the recent investigation and restructuring of the Centre, and expresses sorrow at the hurt that has been experienced;
- (d) prays for God's blessing on Michael Corbett-Jones in his future ministry, and on all who have not been able to continue their counselling ministries under the new structure; and
- (e) urges *Anglicare* to strongly support the important ministry of Christian counselling which it has taken on, and to give its full encouragement to all who are involved in this important ministry.

(The Rev Paul Weaver/Bishop Robert Forsyth)

Parish Relationships Ordinance 2000: 2nd reading (Motion 7(19) - followed by committee stage, if necessary)

Monday 16 October

4.30 pm

Assistant Ministers Ordinance 1990 Amendment Ordinance 2000: 2nd reading (Motion 7(20))

7 pm

Missionary Hour.

8 pm

Incapacity Ordinance 2000: 2nd Reading (Motion 7(21) - followed by committee stage, if necessary)
Tribunal Ordinance 1962 Amendment Ordinance 2000: 2nd Reading (Motion 7(22) - followed by committee stage, if necessary)

Tuesday 17 October

7 pm

Doctrine and Principles of the Anglican Church: Motions 7(23), 7(24) and 7(25)

2. Arrangements for Meetings

The hours of meeting will be approximately 3 pm to 5.45 pm and 7 pm to 9.30 pm or 10 pm. The meeting place will be open from 2.30 pm.

Please take your belongings and papers with you each time you leave the meeting place.

3. Name Tags

Please wear your name tag to enter the Synod members' section of the meeting place.

4. Elections

The Returning Officers' table is in the Wesley Theatre Foyer. They will issue ballot papers between 2 pm and 8 pm today and the ballot box will be open between 2 pm and 9 pm. Please cast your vote as soon as possible. Today is the last day for voting.

5. Refreshments

The Wesley Restaurant will be open for meals each evening. There are several other restaurants and coffee shops in the vicinity of the Wesley Theatre.

Drinking water dispensers are located in the Theatre Foyer. The consumption of food and beverages is not permitted in the Wesley Theatre.

Hymn, Bible Reading and Prayers: Tuesday 10 October 2000

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ

Grace and peace also to you

Let us pray

God our Father,

You judge your people with wisdom and rule them with love.

Give a spirit of understanding to the Synod of this Diocese that we may make wise decisions, that will give glory to you and be a blessing to your people.

Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Hymn: Father most holy, merciful and tender

1. Father most holy, merciful and loving,
Jesus, redeemer, ever to be worshipped,
life-giving Spirit, comforter most gracious,
God everlasting:
2. Three in a gracious unity unbroken,
one perfect Godhead, bound in love unfailing,
light of the angels, helper of the needy,
hope of all living:
3. Let all creation honour its creator,
let every creature praise you without ceasing!
We too would bring our songs of true devotion:
hear in your mercy!
4. Lord God Almighty, to your name be glory,
One in Three persons, over all exalted;
to you belong all honour, praise, and blessing,
now and for ever.

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Pianist: The Rev Paul Weaver

Bible Reading (Luke 18.9-17):

⁹ Jesus also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ¹⁰ “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ ¹³ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

¹⁵ People were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them; and when the disciples saw it, they sternly ordered them not to do it. ¹⁶ But Jesus called for them and said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁷ Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.”

Surprising Texts 1 “Only for the humble?”

Prayers

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Lord, let your continual pity cleanse and defend your church, and because it cannot continue in safety without your aid, keep it evermore by your help and goodness. **Amen**

Other Prayers

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. Amen