

# Anglican Church of Australia Diocese of Sydney

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## Special Session of the 50<sup>th</sup> Synod : Proposed merger of Anglicare and Anglican Retirement Villages

1<sup>st</sup> circular to Synod Members

### Key points

- Archbishop's summons to a special session of 50<sup>th</sup> Synod to consider the proposed merger of Anglicare and Anglican Retirement Villages will be held in the Wesley Theatre on the evening of **Thursday 31 March 2016** commencing at **6.00 pm**.
- Deadline for giving notices of motion for inclusion in the business paper for the special session is **29 February 2016**.
- Initial information about the proposed merger will be emailed to Synod members by **11 March 2016**.
- A pre-Synod briefing on the proposed merger will be held for members in the St Andrew's Cathedral Chapter House at **6.30 pm Thursday 17 March 2016**.
- Further information about the proposed merger will be emailed to members together with the business paper and a "self-printing" name tag for the special session by **24 March 2016**.
- If any member requires a paper copy of any large document (25+ pages) emailed to members for the special session of Synod, these will be available for collection by members prior to the Synod at St Andrew's House or at the Wesley Theatre during the session of Synod.

## 1. Archbishop's summons to Synod

### **Summons to the Special Session of the 50<sup>th</sup> Synod**

Under the Article 1(2) of the Schedule to the *Anglican Church of Australia Constitutions Act 1902*, I call you to the Synod to be held in the Wesley Theatre, 220 Pitt Street, Sydney on Thursday 31 March 2016, commencing at 6.00 pm.

The purpose of the special session is to consider and, if thought fit, approve the proposed merger of Anglicare and Anglican Retirement Villages.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Glenn', with a stylized flourish at the end.

DR GLENN DAVIES  
**Archbishop of Sydney**

## 2. Meeting arrangements for this Synod session

### Meeting time, place and purpose

- 2.1 The special session will be held on the evening of Thursday 31 March 2016, commencing at 6.00 pm, in the Wesley Theatre, 220 Pitt Street Sydney.
- 2.2 The purpose of the special session is to consider and, if thought fit, approve the proposed merger of two diocesan bodies, namely the Sydney Anglican Home Mission Society (Anglicare) and Anglican Retirement Villages Diocese of Sydney (ARV).
- 2.3 As new arrangements are being trialled for name tags at the special session (see below), you are encouraged to arrive at the Wesley Centre no later than 5.30 pm. Doors to the Theatre will be open from 5.00 pm.

### Synod mailings

- 2.4 There will be 3 main mailings for this session –
  - (a) The 1<sup>st</sup> mailing comprises the Archbishop's summons to the special session provided under cover of this circular.
  - (b) A 2<sup>nd</sup> mailing will be sent by 11 March and will include a paper prepared by Anglicare and ARV providing initial information about the proposed merger.
  - (c) A 3<sup>rd</sup> mailing will be sent by 24 March 2016 and will comprise –
    - a second circular to Synod members providing additional information about the session, for example car parking arrangements,
    - further information about the proposed merger under cover of a report from the Standing Committee,
    - the Business Paper for the special session,
    - a "self-printing" name tag for the special session (see items 2.7 and 2.8 below).
- 2.5 These mailings will be communicated to Synod members by email. It is therefore important to ensure that the Registry has your current email address and other contact details. Updated email addresses and other contact details can be sent to the Registry at [registry@sydney.anglican.asn.au](mailto:registry@sydney.anglican.asn.au). Alternatively, members can update their contact details directly on the Registry's secure website under the Maintain Personal Information option. If you have not already done so, you can request access to the Registry's secure website by sending your name, date of birth and current email address to [registry@sydney.anglican.asn.au](mailto:registry@sydney.anglican.asn.au).
- 2.6 If any member requires a paper copy of any large document (25+ pages) which has been emailed to members, copies will be available for collection from the Reception at Level 2 St Andrew's House prior to the Synod and at the Wesley Theatre during the session of Synod.

### Name tags

- 2.7 The special session provides an opportunity to trial new arrangements for name tags. The new arrangements will involve a printable form of name tag (minus the plastic holder) being sent to you by email by 24 March as part of the 3<sup>rd</sup> mailing. You will be asked to print (in black and white) the sheet on which your name tag appears, cut your tag out of the sheet and bring it to the session. Plastic name tag holders will be available at the Wesley Theatre.
- 2.8 If you have no capacity to print your name tag (in black and white), please contact Nerida Paul at [nkp@sydney.anglican.asn.au](mailto:nkp@sydney.anglican.asn.au) so that suitable alternative arrangements can be made.

### Pre-Synod briefing

- 2.9 In order to ensure that as many questions about the proposed merger can be answered before the special session, a pre-Synod briefing for Synod members will be held in the St Andrew's Cathedral Chapter House at 6.30 pm on Thursday 17 March 2016.
- 2.10 Presentations will be given by the CEOs of Anglicare and ARV at the briefing followed by a time for questions and answers. The briefing will not be a time to make speeches or other comments about the merger proposal. The opportunity to do this will be at the special session.

### Synod procedures, constituting Acts and principal ordinances

- 2.11 Useful information about the Synod can be accessed on SDS's website at [www.sds.asn.au](http://www.sds.asn.au) under For Synod & Standing Committee. This includes, for example, the business rules for conducting Synod's business (being the rules set out in the Schedule to the *Conduct of the Business of Synod Ordinance*

2000) and the rules by which members may circulate printed material in relation to matters relating to the business of Synod prior to Synod.

- 2.12 The Acts of Parliament by which the Anglican Church is constituted in New South Wales and the latest version of the principal ordinances of the Synod can also be accessed on SDS's website at [www.sds.asn.au](http://www.sds.asn.au) under For Synod & Standing Committee then Acts & Ordinances.
- 2.13 You can read a summary of the proceedings of the 2015 ordinary session of Synod on SDS's website at [www.sds.asn.au](http://www.sds.asn.au) under For Synod & Standing Committee then Synod in Past Years.
- 2.14 By resolution 19/07, the Synod requested that the "Synod Survival Guide, 5<sup>th</sup> Edition" prepared by Dr Robert Tong be provided to newly elected members. Dr Tong's booklet is available from the Diocesan Secretary on request or can be downloaded from <http://acl.asn.au/guide/index.html>.

### **Membership of the Synod**

- 2.15 A list of members will be tabled in the Synod on 31 March 2016.

### **Notices of motions for the Session**

- 2.16 Under rule 4.3(3) of the business rules, members are entitled to give up to 2 notices of motion for inclusion in the business paper for the session.
- 2.17 Notices of motions to be included on the business paper are to be in writing and received by the Standing Committee **by 29 February 2016**.
- 2.18 Notices should be emailed to the Diocesan Secretary at [synodbusiness@sydney.anglican.asn.au](mailto:synodbusiness@sydney.anglican.asn.au) with the subject field stating "Notice of motion" or posted to the Diocesan Secretary at "PO Box Q190, QVB Post Office, SYDNEY NSW 1230" and endorsed "Notice of motion".

## **3. Further information**

If you have any questions about the special session, please contact Daniel Glynn on 9265 1668 or at [dmg@sydney.anglican.asn.au](mailto:dmg@sydney.anglican.asn.au).

ROBERT WICKS  
**Diocesan Secretary**