

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 16 February 2009

Bishop Peter Tasker and Dr Barry Newman led in prayer.

Australia Day Honours

Standing Committee congratulated the following members of the Church in the Diocese who were named in the Australia Day Honours list –

The Rev Stuart Abrahams (AM), member of the parish of Turramurra, for service to international humanitarian aid through the establishment and administration of the Hamlin Fistula Relief and Aid Fund, and to the Anglican Church of Australia.

Professor Jocelyn Chey (AM), member of the parish of St Luke's Mosman, for service to education, particularly in the field of Chinese studies and to fostering the development and promotion of academic and cultural links between Australia and China.

Mr William Killinger (AM), member of the parish of Gordon, for service to railway engineering through the construction and development of passenger and freight transport systems in Australia and internationally, to professional organisations, to the mining sector, and to the community.

Dr Neil McEwan (AM), member of the parish of Christ Church St Laurence, for service to music and to the community as an educator, researcher, musicologist and choral conductor and as Director of Music at Christ Church St Laurence in Sydney.

Mrs Marion Peters (AM), member of the parish of Wentworth Falls, for service to palliative care nursing through the adoption and promotion of advancements in pain and symptom management, through professional associations, and to the community.

Dr Graham and Mrs Wendy Toulmin (AM), members of the parish of Springwood, for service to international humanitarian aid, particularly through the provision of dental health services and pastoral care to the people of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and to the community.

Mr Edward (Ted) Bramble (OAM), member of the parish of Gymea, for service to the law, and to the community of the Sutherland Shire.

Mr Garry Brown (OAM), member of the parish of Roseville, Headmaster of Mosman Church of England Preparatory School, for service to education, particularly as Headmaster of Mosman Church of England Preparatory School, and through a range of professional associations.

Mrs Patricia Geidans (OAM), a member of the parish of Lane Cove, for service to education and to the community, particularly through the Society for the Study of Early Christianity.

Mrs Evelyn Hill (OAM), a member of the parish of West Pennant Hills, for service to the community, particularly through the Castle Hill Art Society and St Matthew's Anglican Church at West Pennant Hills.

Ms Robyn Hobbs (OAM), a member of the parish of Darling Point, for service to the community as the founder of Carols in the Domain, to the Salvation Army through fundraising, and to the Anglican Church of Australia.

Dr Marsden Hordern (OAM), a member of the parish of Turramurra, for service to the recording of Australian maritime history, particularly early exploration and naval history during World War Two.

Mr Gordon Lewis (OAM), a member of the parish of Bowral, for service to the community of the Southern Highlands region through a range of local government, sporting and service organisations.

Mr Robin McKay (OAM), member of the parish of Emu Plains, for service to the community of Penrith and the Nepean district, particularly through business, religious, educational and service organisations and significant contributions to the architecture of the area.

Mrs Joy Yeo (OAM), member of the parish of Lavender Bay, former Principal of Roseville College, for service to education through executive and administrative roles, to professional associations, and to the community.

Welcome to the Rev Dominic Steele

Standing Committee welcomed the Rev Dominic Steele to the meeting as a new member.

Policy on the consumption of alcohol

Circulation of draft policy to parishes

Standing Committee asked the Diocesan Secretary to send a copy of the report, the suggested guideline and amendments thereto to each parish council and Synod representative for consideration and comment by 31 May 2009.

Comment from insurance brokers and health institutes

Standing Committee requested that the Diocesan Secretary, in consultation with Archdeacon Deryck Howell and Bishop Glenn Davies, seek comment on the proposed alcohol policy and amendments to the policy from –

- (a) the diocesan insurance brokers,
- (b) one or more reputable health institutes which deal with alcohol in the community and including advice from the Chief Executive Officer of the NSW Cancer Council.

Minutes of the Mission Board

Standing Committee noted the minutes of the Mission Board of 8 December 2008.

Minutes of 8 December 2008

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 8 December 2009, having been certified by Mr Clive Ellis as minute reader, being signed as a correct record.

Resignation of Mr Les Gray as the Diocesan Mission Executive

Standing Committee noted that Mr Les Gray had resigned as the Diocesan Mission Executive with effect from 3 April 2009, gave thanks to God for Les' contribution to the Diocesan Mission over the last 3 years and extended its best wishes to Les for his future work and ministry.

Appointment of Mr James Flavin as Business Manager of the General Synod Office

Standing Committee congratulated Mr James Flavin on his appointment as Business Manager of the General Synod office.

Victorian bushfires

Standing Committee expressed its horror at the loss of life and destruction of property and livelihood arising from the bushfires in Victoria, joined with the rest of Australia in praying for those who have been affected by this tragedy, and encouraged all Sydney Anglicans to give generously in response to this tragedy, particularly through the Archbishop's Emergency Bushfire Appeal.

Connect09's Big Day In

Standing Committee congratulated all those involved in organising Connect09's Big Day In on Sunday 8 February and, in particular, Mr Russell Powell and the Rev Andrew Nixon for their tireless work in contributing to the success of the broadcast, and encouraged the Connect09 Management Committee to continue building on the momentum generated in the parishes by the Big Day In.

Ordinances

Nomination Ordinance 2006 Amendment Ordinance 2009

The purpose of this ordinance was to amend the Nomination Ordinance 2006.

Sydney Anglican Home Mission Society Ordinance 1981 Amendment Ordinance 2009

The purpose of this ordinance was to amend the Sydney Anglican Home Mission Society Ordinance 1981.

Elections

Membership of the Standing Committee: Qualified Minister elected by the Regional Electors of the South Sydney Region

Standing Committee noted a report to the President of the Synod.

Arden Anglican School Council

Mr Robert Whitson was elected.

Blue Mountains Grammar School Limited

Filling vacancy deferred

Vacancy for a person as declared 10 November 2008 – deferred.

Receipt of report

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and –

- (a) noted that a vacancy for a person to be appointed as a Director on the Board of Blue Mountains Grammar School Limited will arise on 8 May 2009, and
- (b) agreed to fill the vacancy at its meeting on 30 March 2009.

Department of Evangelism, Board of Management

The Rev Baden Stace was elected.

Illawarra Grammar School Council, The

The Rev Ian Barnett was elected.

New College Limited

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and –

- (a) noted that 4 vacancies will arise in the membership of New College Limited at the Annual General meeting of the company on 6 May 2009, and
- (b) agreed to fill these vacancies at its meeting on 30 March 2009.

Robert Menzies College Limited

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and –

- (a) noted that 4 vacancies will arise in the membership of Robert Menzies College Limited at the Annual General meeting of the company on 18 May 2009, and
- (b) agreed to fill these vacancies at its meeting on 30 March 2009.

St Andrew's House Corporation, Council of

Mr Doug Marr was elected.

SCEGGS Darlinghurst Limited

The Rev Ross Weaver was recommended for appointment.

SCEGGS Redlands Limited

Standing Committee deferred filling the vacancy until after the AGM of SCEGGS Redlands Ltd.

St Catherine's School Council

Diocesan Retirements Board

Safe Ministry Board

Sydney Anglican Car and Insurance Fund, Sydney Church of England Finance and Loans Board

Sydney Anglican Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Committee

Tara Anglican Girls' School Council

Trinity Grammar School Council

William Branwhite Clarke College Council

These matters were deferred.

Casual Vacancies

- (a) St Catherine's School Council – Mr Mark Wormell had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a lay person.
- (b) Stipends and Allowances Committee – Mr Graeme Marks had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a lay person.
- (c) Sydney Anglican Home Mission Society Council (Anglicare) – Ms Alicia Watson had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.
- (d) Archbishop's Overseas Relief and Aid Fund, Management Committee – Professor Michael Lawrence had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person to be appointed by the Archbishop-in-Council.

Secretariat and Glebe Board

Minutes

Standing Committee noted that the minute book of the Glebe Board and the Secretariat had been tabled.

Report of the Chief Executive Officer

Standing Committee received a report.

Future meeting room for the Standing Committee

Standing Committee agreed to maintain the present arrangements for its meetings in the Chapter House and determined that its future meeting room is not required to be located in St Andrew's House.

Financial Matters

Actions by the Finance Committee under delegated authority

Standing Committee noted that, acting under delegated authority, the Finance Committee had –

- (a) approved the application under clause 6(2)(d) of the Peshurst Trust Ordinance 2002 of up to \$250,000 for the purposes of extending the existing hall and upgrading facilities at the parish of Peshurst, and
- (b) approved the application under clause 6(2)(d) of the Dulwich Hill Trust Ordinance 2002 of up to \$75,000 for the purposes of repairing the rectory and church building in the parish of Dulwich Hill, and
- (c) approved the “determined rate of benefit” for the period 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2009 under clause 6 of the Sydney Diocesan Sickness and Accident Fund Ordinance 1969.

Reduction in parish cost recovery charge

Standing Committee received a report from the Manager, Diocesan and Policy Services.

Amendments to the delegated authority of the Work Outside the Diocese Committee

Standing Committee agreed to revised delegations.

Amendments to the Mission Board’s delegated authority

Standing Committee agreed to revised delegations.

Synod

28/08 Statement on the Global Anglican Future and Jerusalem Declaration

Standing Committee received a report.

32/08 Report on procedures and sanctions for all standards in *Faithfulness in Service*

Standing Committee –

- (a) established a working group comprising Archdeacon Ken Allen, Mrs Claire Smith, Mrs Nicky Fortescue, Canon Sandy Grant and Mr Clive Ellis to develop a diocesan grievance policy and procedure in consultation with the Safe Ministry Board, and
- (b) asked the working group to bring a proposed form of policy and procedure to the Standing Committee meeting on 29 June 2009 under cover of a report suitable for printing for the Synod in response to the Synod’s request for a report in resolution 32/08, and
- (c) revoked the reference made to the Safe Ministry Board at its meeting on 15 October 2007 on the adequacy of grievance procedures.

35/08 Human rights framework for Australia

Standing Committee, in accordance with Synod resolution 35/08, requested that the Diocesan Doctrine Commission, in consultation with the Social Issues Executive, prepare for the Standing Committee meeting on 27 April 2009 a paper clarifying our theological understanding of human rights, along with a draft position paper for discussion that could form the basis of a submission from the Diocese to the Human Rights Inquiry.

Acts of the Archbishop-in-Council

Authorisation to use the Anglican Name

This matter was deferred.

Other Matters

Disclosure regimes for charities and not-for-profit organisations

Standing Committee requested that –

- (a) the Diocesan Secretary convey to Senator the Hon Ursula Stephens its in principle support for appropriate levels of transparency and accountability for all not-for-profit organisations but its uneasiness with the “one-size-fits-all” approach that appears to have been taken by the Inquiry Committee in a number of its recommendations, and
- (b) the Secretariat keep a watching brief on the Government’s response to the Inquiry Committee’s recommendations and report to the Standing Committee on any significant developments.

Circular resolutions of committees and boards etc without a meeting

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and requested the Diocesan Secretary to prepare an amending ordinance to give effect to the changes outlined in the report.

Disestablishment of School Council for Edmondson Park Anglican College

Standing Committee received a letter.

Inquiry into the effectiveness of the Sex Discrimination Act 1984 in eliminating discrimination and promoting gender equality

Request for the SIE to write to the Attorney-General

Standing Committee requested that the Social Issues Executive in consultation with the Archbishop and the Secretariat, write to the Federal Attorney-General, as he considers his response to the Senate Inquiry’s recommendations, to urge him to make no change to the current system of exemptions and express support for some of the positive recommendations.

Preparation of submissions

Standing Committee requested that, if there is to be a further consultation phase, the Social Issues Executive prepare submissions, in consultation with Anglicare, the Anglican Education Commission and other affected Anglican organisations in Sydney.

SIE to monitor Standing Committee of Attorneys-General

Standing Committee requested that the Social Issues Executive monitor the Standing Committee of Attorneys-General (SCAG) process, as they consider short, medium and long term options for harmonisation of discrimination laws across Federal, State and Territory jurisdictions.

Inquiry of the Legislative Council of NSW into the adoption of children by same sex couples

Standing Committee noted the submission made by the Social Issues Executive.

Freedom of Religion and Belief Project

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

Report on activities of the Social Issues Executive

Standing Committee noted a report from the Social Issues Executive.

Date of next meeting

Monday 30 March 2009.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 30 March 2009

The Rev Chris Moroney and Dr Bryan Cowling led in prayer

Minutes of the Mission Board

Standing Committee noted the minutes of the Mission Board of 16 February 2009.

Minutes of 16 February 2009

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 16 February 2009.

Ordinances

Georges River Region (Belfield Proceeds) Ordinance 1998 Amendment Ordinance 2009

The purpose of this ordinance was to amend the Georges River Region (Belfield Proceeds) Ordinance 1998.

Moore Theological College Amendment Ordinance 2009

The purpose of this ordinance was to add an additional member to the Governing Board of Moore Theological College.

Annual Leave Ordinance 1983 Amendment Ordinance 2009

Purpose of ordinance

The purpose of this ordinance was to amend the Annual Leave Ordinance 1983.

Preparation of guidelines under the ordinance

Standing Committee requested that the Stipends and Allowances Committee draft guidelines for the Standing Committee's consideration under clause 3(6) of the Annual Leave Ordinance 1983.

Pastoral Care and Assistance Appropriation Ordinance 2009

The purpose of this ordinance was to provide for the application of certain property for the purposes of Pastoral Care and Assistance.

Extension of sale authority under the Robertson (Burrawang) Sale Ordinance 2003

Standing Committee resolved to extend the period within which the Land (as defined in the Ordinance) may be sold.

Extension of sale authority under the Beacon Hill Sale Ordinance 2004

Standing Committee resolved to extend the period in which the Property (as defined in the Ordinance) may be sold.

Elections

Archbishop's Overseas Relief and Aid Fund, Management Committee

The Rev Peter Rodgers was appointed.

Arden Anglican School Council

Mr Ross Lamb was elected.

Blue Mountains Grammar School Limited

Mr John Lambert was elected.

Council of Churches in NSW, Diocesan Representatives on

The Rev Robin Kinstead was elected.

Diocesan Retirements Board

The Rev Patrick Collins, the Rev Stephen Fifer and the Rev Ray Vassallo were appointed.

New College Limited

Dr Lucinda Chubb, the Rev Canon Bruce Morrison and Mr Matthew Todd were elected.

Robert Menzies College Limited

Mr Peter Hicks, Mrs Colleen Loo, Mr Ian McGilvray and Dr Rob McKay were elected.

St Catherine's School Council

Mr Ken Patteson and Dr Jenny Matthei were elected.

Stipends and Allowances Committee

Mr Barry Watson was elected.

Tara Anglican Girls' School Council

Mr Glenn Wilkins was elected.

Safe Ministry Board

Sydney Anglican Car and Insurance Fund, Sydney Church of England Finance and Loans Board

Sydney Anglican Home Mission Society Council (Anglicare)

Sydney Anglican Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Committee

Trinity Grammar School Council

William Branwhite Clarke College Council

These matters were deferred.

Casual Vacancies

- (a) General Synod, Diocesan Representative – Bishop Reg Piper had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a member of clergy.
- (b) Sydney Church of England Grammar School Council (Shore) – the Rev Mark Calder had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a licensed clergyman of the Anglican Church of Australia.

- (c) Diocesan Representative on Council of Churches in NSW – Mrs Rosemary Kurrle had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.
- (d) Sydney Anglican Car and Insurance Fund, Sydney Church of England Finance and Loans Board – Mr Phillip Burgess had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a lay person.
- (e) Robert Menzies College Limited – Dr Marcia Cameron had resigned with effect from the conclusion of the company's 2009 AGM on 18 May 2009 and a vacancy was declared for a person.

Secretariat and Glebe Board

Minutes

Standing Committee noted that the minute book had been tabled.

Report of the Chief Executive Officer

Standing Committee received a report.

Annual reports for the Glebe Board and the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat

Standing Committee received annual reports for the Secretariat and the Glebe Board

Diocesan Endowment recommended distribution amount

Standing Committee –

- (a) agreed that the operation of the formula under clause 5(2) of the Diocesan Endowment Ordinance 1984 in respect of the payments to be made by the Board to the Standing Committee under clause 5(3) during the years 2010, 2011 and 2012 should be suspended, and
- (b) agreed that \$5.3 million should instead be paid by the Board to the Standing Committee during each of those years, and
- (c) requested that an ordinance be brought to the next meeting to give effect to these changes.

Financial Matters

Actions by the Work Outside the Diocese Committee under delegated authority

Standing Committee noted actions taken by the Work Outside the Diocese Committee under delegated authority.

St Paul's Multicultural Filipino Anglican Ministry

Standing Committee received a report from the Manager, Legal Services.

General Synod Statutory Assessment

Standing Committee received a report from the Manager, Diocesan and Policy Services and requested that the Diocesan Secretary include with the papers for the next meeting any correspondence with the General Synod concerning this matter.

Synod

2nd ordinary session of the 48th Synod

Standing Committee received a report.

12/07 Parish Development Reviews

33/08 Anglican chaplains

Indigenous representation on the Synod

These matters were deferred.

Acts of the Archbishop-in-Council

Authorisation to use the Anglican Name

Standing Committee received a letter from the Rev Neil Flower and agreed to Dr Philip Selden withdrawing the motion he moved at the last meeting on this matter.

Parish of Picton

The Archbishop-in-Council determined that, in all the circumstances, the parish of Picton should not have the benefits under the Nomination Ordinance 2006.

Other Matters

Anti-discrimination provisions in the Fair Work Bill 2008

Standing Committee received a report.

Productivity Commission review of the contribution of the Not-for-Profit sector

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and agreed to the Diocesan Secretary convening the group referred to in the report to maintain a watching brief on the Productivity Commission review and, if thought necessary, to make submissions to the Productivity Commission about the review.

Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans

Standing Committee received a report and authorised the Diocesan Secretary to submit an application for the Diocese to become a member of the Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans.

General Synod in 2010

Standing Committee received a letter from the General Secretary and noted that the 15th ordinary session of the General Synod will be held at Melbourne Grammar School during the period 18 to 24 September 2010.

Connect09 quarterly progress report

Standing Committee received a report.

2009 Australian Bishops' Conference

Standing Committee noted a media release.

Date of next meeting

Monday 27 April 2009.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 27 April 2009

The Rev Rick Smith and Mr Philip Gerber led in prayer.

GAFCON Primates' Council meeting

The Archbishop gave a verbal report on the recent GAFCON Primates' Council meeting in London.

The Rev Dr Peter Toon

Standing Committee respectfully requested the Archbishop to write to Mrs Vita Toon, widow of the late Rev Dr Peter Toon, conveying our sympathy and condolences on Dr Toon's death.

Death of Sir Marcus Loane KBE

Standing Committee noted with great sadness the death of the former Archbishop of Sydney Sir Marcus Loane KBE and gave grateful thanks to God for Sir Marcus' long and fruitful ministry of the gospel in Sydney, in Australia and beyond. Standing Committee noted in particular his service as Principal of Moore Theological College and as Archbishop of this Diocese, and the fact that he was the first Australian-born Archbishop and Primate.

Regulation on asking questions concerning a motion

Standing Committee agreed to adopt the following regulation on a trial basis for three months, commencing 25 May 2009 –

- (a) Any member may ask a question of clarification of a person moving a motion, during the debate on that motion.
- (b) During the callover of motions, a member may seek clarification by calling "Question", whereupon the chairman shall invite the member to ask a question of the mover. After a response is provided, the chairman shall call the motion again. If there are any further questions raised by any member concerning the motion, the motion shall not pass formally.
- (c) The chairman may, at his discretion, disallow any question if it contravenes rule 6.3(4) of the Schedule to the Conduct of the Business of Synod Ordinance 2000.

Minutes of the Mission Board

Standing Committee noted the minutes of the Mission Board of 30 March 2009.

Minutes of 30 March 2009

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 30 March 2009, having been certified by Mr Tony Willis as minute reader, being signed as a correct record.

Ordinances

Diocesan Endowment (Special Distribution) Ordinance 2009

The purpose of this ordinance was to make special provision for the amounts to be paid by the Glebe Administration Board to the Standing Committee from the property held under the Diocesan Endowment Ordinance 1984 during the years 2010, 2011 and 2012.

Elections

Membership of the Standing Committee: Lay person elected by the Regional Electors of the Georges River Region

Standing Committee received a report about a postal ballot being conducted to fill a vacancy on the Standing Committee arising from the resignation of Mr Greg Nelson.

Arden Anglican School Council

The Rev Adam Taylor was elected.

Blue Mountains Grammar School Limited

Mr Graham Nelson was elected.

Camperdown Cemetery Trust

Ms Jenna Weston was appointed.

General Synod, Diocesan Representative

The Rev Rick Lewers was elected.

Robert Menzies College Limited

Mr Mark Wormell was elected.

Sydney Anglican Home Mission Society Council (Anglicare)

Mrs Carolyn Bower was elected.

Sydney Anglican Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Committee

Standing Committee approved of the Archbishop appointing Mr Lindsay Roberts.

Sydney Church of England Grammar School (Shore)

The Rev Michael Kellahan was elected.

William Branwhite Clarke College Council

The Rev Nathan Walter was elected.

Casual Vacancies

- (a) Stipends and Allowances Committee – Mr Greg Nelson had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a lay person.
- (b) Sydney Anglican Home Mission Society Council (Anglicare) – Mr Michael Sheedy had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a member of the clergy.

**Elections of Committees etc
Council of Churches in NSW, Diocesan Representatives on
Safe Ministry Board
Sydney Anglican Car and Insurance Fund, Sydney Church of England Finance and Loans Board**

These matters were deferred.

Secretariat and Glebe Board

Minutes

Standing Committee noted that the minute book of the Secretariat and Glebe Board had been tabled.

Report of the Chief Executive Officer

Standing Committee received a report.

Financial Matters

Actions by the Finance Committee under delegated authority

Standing Committee noted the actions taken by the Finance Committee under delegated authority.

Statement of priority under Mission Property Ordinance 2002

Standing Committee noted a priority statement made under clause 5C of the Mission Property Ordinance 2002.

Synod

2nd ordinary session of the 48th Synod

Standing Committee received a report.

Publication of Acts and Ordinances and the Yearbook

Standing Committee received reports from the Diocesan Secretary and the Diocesan Registrar.

33/08 Anglican chaplains

Standing Committee received a report from Mr Andrew Frank.

35/08 Human rights framework for Australia

Receipt of paper

Standing Committee received a paper from the Diocesan Doctrine Commission and approved of the printing of the paper for Synod.

Receipt of position paper

Standing Committee received a position paper from the Social Issues Executive.

Appointment of ad hoc committee

Standing Committee –

- (a) appointed an ad hoc committee consisting of Mr Robert Tong, Bishop Robert Forsyth, Mr Robert Wicks and Dr Karin Sowada, with power to coopt, to undertake on behalf of the Standing Committee the consultation with the Federal Government referred to in Synod resolution 35/08, and
- (b) requested that the committee keep the Standing Committee informed of the action it takes.

Indigenous representation on the Synod

Standing Committee received a report from Archdeacon Deryck Howell and requested the Diocesan Secretary to draft amendments to the Synod Membership Ordinance 1995 to allow a temporary, that is 3 year, relaxation of the requirement of one representative being a qualified minister, with a view to such amendments being promoted to the Synod by request of the Standing Committee at the next meeting.

12/07 Parish Development Reviews

This matter was deferred.

Other Matters

Review of the NSW Council of Churches

This matter was deferred.

Pastoral Guidelines on private confession

Standing Committee received a letter from the Primate.

Proposal for the establishment of a Diocesan Ethics Committee

Standing Committee received a report and agreed to consider at a future meeting the formation of a Diocesan Ethics Committee.

Date of next meeting

Monday 25 May 2009.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 25 May 2009

The Rev Andrew Katay and Dr Laurie Scandrett led in prayer.

Welcome to Mr James Jack

Standing Committee welcomed Mr James Jack to the meeting as a new member.

Archbishop of Sydney's Bishop for International Relations

The Archbishop informed the Standing Committee about the on-going role of Bishop Peter Tasker as the Archbishop of Sydney's Bishop for International Relations.

Bishop Peter Tasker

Standing Committee, noted that this was Bishop Peter Tasker's last Standing Committee meeting, gave grateful thanks to God for Peter's significant contribution to the life of our Diocese as Bishop of Liverpool and through the Synod and Standing Committee, noted with pleasure that he will continue to represent the Archbishop overseas, and prayed for God's blessing upon Peter and his wife in their next stage of ministry.

Minutes of the Mission Board

Standing Committee noted the minutes of the Mission Board of 27 April 2009.

Minutes of 27 April 2009

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 27 April 2009.

Ordinances

Pastoral Care and Assistance Further Appropriation Ordinance 2009

The purpose of this ordinance was provide for the application of certain property for the purposes of Pastoral Care and Assistance.

Mulgoa (Silverdale) Land Sale Ordinance 2009

The purpose of this ordinance was to permit the subdivision and sale of certain land in the parish of Mulgoa and to provide for the application of the proceeds of sale.

Elections

Membership of the Standing Committee: Lay person elected by the Regional Electors of the Georges River Region

Standing Committee noted a report to the President of the Synod.

Appointment of Returning officers for the 2nd session of the 48th Synod

Mr John Chapman was appointed as returning officer and Mr Martin Thearle as deputy returning officer.

Anglican Church Property Trust Diocese of Sydney

Standing Committee declared a vacancy in the office of member of the Anglican Church Property Trust Diocese of Sydney for a member of the clergy by reason of the resignation of Archdeacon Peter Smart.

Sydney Anglican Car and Insurance Fund, Sydney Church of England Finance and Loans Board

The Rev David Ould was elected.

Sydney Anglican Home Mission Society Council (Anglicare)

The Rev Dr Andrew Ford was elected.

Council of Churches in NSW, Diocesan Representatives on Safe Ministry Board Stipends and Allowances Committee

These matters were deferred.

Casual Vacancies

- (a) Anglican Retirement Villages Diocese of Sydney – Mr Phillip Driscoll had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.
- (b) Sydney Diocesan Educational and Book Committee – Mrs Debbie Gilhooly and Mrs Rhonda Watson had resigned and vacancies were declared for 2 persons including a person who is associated with the book or publishing industry and a person who is a staff or council member of Anglican Youthworks.

Secretariat and Glebe Board

Minutes

Standing Committee noted that the minute book of the Secretariat and Glebe Board had been tabled.

Report of the Chief Executive Officer

Standing Committee received a report.

Financial Matters

Federal Budget implications for the Diocese

Standing Committee received a report.

Publishing Reserve

This matter was deferred.

Synod

2nd ordinary session of the 48th Synod

Standing Committee received a report.

Proposed response to feedback from 2008 Synod survey

Receipt of report

Standing Committee received a report and approved of a suitable form of the report being printed for the Synod.

Distribution of promotional material

Standing Committee agreed to discontinue the practice of distributing all extraneous material not directly relevant to the business of Synod on the seats of Synod and instead to provide organisations with the space to make approved promotional material available for collection in the foyer area.

33/08 Anglican chaplains

Receipt of report

Standing Committee received a report.

Formation of Tertiary Oversight Committee

Standing Committee agreed to promote a motion to the Synod "by request of the Standing Committee" to form a Tertiary Ministry Oversight Committee (TMOC), consisting of 6 persons elected by Synod for a 3 year term and one person appointed by the Archbishop. The committee to be charged with coordinating and developing ministry to tertiary students throughout the Diocese.

Discipline Amendment Ordinance 2009

Standing Committee –

- (a) requested that the bill for the Discipline Amendment Ordinance 2009 be promoted to the Synod "by request of the Standing Committee", and
- (b) approved of the printing of a suitable form of the report and explanatory statement for members of the Synod.

Synod Membership (Nominated Indigenous Representatives) Ordinance 2009

This matter was deferred.

Other Matters

Memorandum and Articles of Association of SCECGS Redlands Ltd

Standing Committee received the following report from the Corporate Secretary –

"At the 2009 annual general meeting of SCECGS Redlands Ltd held on 29 April 2009, the company amended the Memorandum and Articles of Association. The amendments accord with those supported by the Standing Committee at its meeting on 8 December 2008 and as formally agreed by the Secretariat at its meeting on 3 December 2008. The main change was to reduce the maximum number of directors from 15 to 12 while maintaining the same ratio of directors appointed by the Secretariat."

Changes to the Retirements Ordinance 1993

Standing Committee requested the Ordinance Reform Group to prepare a report on proposed changes to pension and superannuation arrangements in Australia and make recommendations for changes, if any, to the Retirements Ordinance 1993 that may flow from them.

Freedom of Religion and Belief Project

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and requested the Oversight Committee to report to the Standing Committee about the final report of the Human Rights Commission on the Freedom of Religion and Belief Project once it is released in early 2010.

Swine Flu

Standing Committee received a report from the Manager, Legal Services and requested the Secretariat to update parishes about this matter and prepare a suggested response plan for parishes to manage the risk of the Government suspending public gatherings including church groups in response to the Swine Flu.

Appointment of the Rev David Short and the Rev Dr Jim Packer as Honorary Clerical Canons at St Andrew's Cathedral

Standing Committee received a letter.

Date of next meeting

Monday 29 June 2009.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 29 June 2009

Archdeacon Ian Cox and Mr Tony Willis led in prayer.

Resignation of Mr Philip Gerber

Standing Committee noted that this was Mr Philip Gerber's last meeting and acknowledged with thanks to God his great contribution to the life of our Synod and, for the last 16 years, Standing Committee.

Appointment of Mr Robert Tong as Deputy Chancellor

Standing Committee noted that the Archbishop has appointed Mr Robert Tong as Deputy Chancellor with the encouragement and goodwill of the Chancellor.

Retirement of Mr Ken Barber as Chief Executive Officer of Anglican Retirement Villages

Standing Committee noted the retirement of Mr Ken Barber as Chief Executive of the Anglican Retirement Villages effective at the end of August this year after 13 years of dedicated service with ARV.

Queen's birthday honours

Standing Committee congratulated the following members of the Church in this Diocese who were recently awarded Queen's birthday honours –

Mr Peter King, a member of the parish of Christ Church St Ives – an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) for service to international development and humanitarian aid organisations, and to the community.

The Rev Glenn Gardner, a member of the parish of St Philip's South Turrumurra – a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for service to people with disabilities through executive roles, particularly with the Northcott Society, and to the community.

Associate Professor Michael Horsburgh, a member of the parish of St James' King Street – a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for service to the community, particularly through the Anglican Church of Australia and through theological and social welfare education.

Mrs Janis Duffy, current Manager, Sisson Clinic, Anglican Retirement Villages – a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for service to the community of Baulkham Hills through aged care, service and sporting organisations.

Dr Ian Francis, a member of the parish of St Paul's Chatswood – a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for service to medicine as an ophthalmologist.

Mr Philip Handel, a member of the parish of Holy Trinity Beacon Hill – a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for service to the visual arts using the medium of stained glass, and to the community.

Mrs Judith Lewis a member of the parish of St Paul's Riverstone, a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for service to the community through educational roles, and to the Riverstone and District Historical Society.

Mr Bruce Ruston, a member of the parish of St Anne's Strathfield, a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for service to the community, particularly through Rotary International, and to the sign writing industry.

Mrs Anne Smith, a member of the parish of All Saint's Balgowlah, a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for service to youth through the Guiding movement.

Additional meeting in August

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary about an additional meeting in August.

Minutes of the Mission Board

Standing Committee noted the minutes of the Mission Board of 25 May 2009.

Minutes of 25 May 2009

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 25 May 2009, having been certified by Mr Clive Ellis as minute reader, being signed as a correct record.

Ordinances

Parish Review Repeal Ordinance 2009

Referral of ordinance to Synod

Standing Committee requested that the bill for the Parish Review Repeal Ordinance 2009 be promoted to the Synod "by request of the Standing Committee" and approved of the printing of an explanatory statement for Synod.

Appointment of taskforce

Standing Committee agreed to appoint a taskforce to recommend alternative approaches for encouraging a culture of review among our parishes and clergy, and for facilitating actual review mechanisms where parishes and clergy wish to request a review.

South Sydney Variation of Trusts Ordinance 1997 Amendment Ordinance 2009

The purpose of this ordinance was to amend the South Sydney Variation of Trusts Ordinance 1997.

Baulkham Hills Land Sale Ordinance 2009

The purpose of this ordinance was to permit the sale of certain land Baulkham Hills and to provide for the application of proceeds of sale.

Camden Vesting of Land Ordinance 2009

The purpose of this ordinance was to consent to the vesting of certain land in the Anglican Church Property Trust Diocese of Sydney.

Elections

Membership of the Standing Committee: Lay person elected by the Regional Electors of the Western Sydney Region

Standing Committee agreed to a timetable to conduct a postal ballot to fill a vacancy on the Standing Committee arising from the resignation of Mr Philip Gerber.

Anglican Church Property Trust Diocese of Sydney

The Rev Nigel Fortescue was elected.

Sydney Diocesan Education and Book Committee

Mr Greg Bridge and Mrs Valerie Williams were elected.

Tertiary Ministry Oversight Committee (interim)

Mr Andrew Frank (chair), the Rev Dr Rowan Kemp, the Rev Carl Matthei, Miss Tracey Gowing, Canon Sandy Grant and the Rev Archie Poulos were elected.

**Anglican Retirement Villages Diocese of Sydney
Council of Churches in NSW, Diocesan Representatives on
Council of the College of Preachers
Safe Ministry Board
Stipends and Allowances Committee
Sydney Anglican Car and Insurance Fund, Sydney Church of England Finance and Loans Board
Trinity Grammar School Council**

These matters were deferred.

Casual Vacancies

- (a) Anglican Media Council – The Rev Mark Calder had resigned with effect from 22 September 2009 and a vacancy was declared for a person.
- (b) Council of Churches in NSW, Diocesan Representative on – Mr Philip Gerber had resigned with effect from 3 July 2009 and a vacancy was declared for a person.
- (c) Diocesan Retirements Board – Mr Philip Gerber had resigned with effect from 3 July 2009 and a vacancy was declared for a lay person.
- (d) General Synod, Diocesan Representatives on – Mr Philip Gerber had resigned with effect from 3 July 2009 and a vacancy was declared for a lay person.
- (e) Ordinance Reviewers – Mr Philip Gerber had resigned with effect from 3 July 2009 and a vacancy was declared for a person.
- (f) Provincial Synod, Diocesan Representative on – Mr Philip Gerber had resigned with effect from 3 July 2009 and a vacancy was declared for a lay person.
- (g) Safe Ministry Board – Mr Timothy Barrett had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.
- (h) Macarthur Anglican School Council – Mr Benjamin Lim had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.
- (i) Provincial Synod, Diocesan Representatives on – The Rev Lionel Windsor had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a member of clergy.
- (j) Sydney Anglican Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Committee – Mrs Malveena Welsh had resigned and a vacancy was declared for an Indigenous person.

Secretariat and Glebe Board

Minutes

Standing Committee noted that the minute book of the Secretariat and Glebe Board had been tabled.

Report of the Chief Executive Officer

Standing Committee received a report.

Financial Matters

Actions by the Work Outside the Diocese Committee under delegated authority

Standing Committee noted the actions taken by the Work Outside the Diocese Committee under delegated authority.

Actions by the Finance Committee under delegated authority

Standing Committee noted the actions taken by the Finance Committee under delegated authority.

Publishing Reserve

Standing Committee received a report and asked the Diocesan Secretary to prepare an amending ordinance for the next meeting to vary the trusts applying to the "Publishing Reserve" in a way that would enable that fund to be used to publish liturgical and other resources in book or other electronic form, subject to the approval of the Standing Committee given by resolution.

Financial Reporting by Diocesan organisations under the Accounts, Audits and Annual Reports Ordinance 1995

Standing Committee received a report from the Finance Committee.

Synod

2nd ordinary session of the 48th Synod

Standing Committee received a report.

32/08 Report on procedures and sanctions for all standards in *Faithfulness in Service*

Standing Committee received a report and requested that the following motion be moved at the Synod "by request of the Standing Committee" –

"That the Grievance policy and procedure for dealing with allegations of unacceptable behaviour by clergy and church workers in parishes be approved in principle."

35/08 Human rights framework for Australia

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and approved of the printing of the submission for the Synod under cover of a brief progress report.

Policy on the consumption of alcohol

Receipt of comments about draft policy

Standing Committee received a report on comments received from parish councils, Synod representatives, health institutes and the diocesan insurance brokers about this matter.

Receipt of report and printing for Synod

Standing Committee –

- (a) received a report on the consumption of alcohol in the parish context, and
- (b) approved of the printing of the report for Synod.

Motion for Synod

Standing Committee requested that the following motion be moved at the Synod “by request of the Standing Committee” –

“Synod receives the report on the consumption of alcohol in the parish context and, recognising that alcohol is a gift from God to be enjoyed in moderation but also recognising that alcohol abuse has caused significant damage in our community, requests that the minister and parish council of each parish –

- (a) study the information in the report, and
- (b) determine the parish’s own policy on the consumption of alcohol having regard to the report’s recommendation –

‘Except for –

- services of public worship where wine is provided as part of the Lord’s Supper,
- private activities in ministry residences, and
- activities undertaken pursuant to a commercial lease of church trust property signed by the Property Trust,

no alcohol should be consumed or made available in the context of any ministry activity of the parish or any private activity held on church trust property, without the approval of the parish council.”

Synod Membership (Nominated Indigenous Representatives) Ordinance 2009

Standing Committee–

- (a) agreed to revoke its decision on 27 April 2009 that the arrangements in the draft bill should be temporary, and
- (b) requested that the bill be redrafted to make the arrangements permanent through an amendment to the Synod Membership Ordinance 1995.

**Canons made by the General Synod in 2007
Report of the General Synod Canons Committee**

Receipt of Report

Standing Committee received a report from the General Synod Canons Committee.

Constitution Amendment (Diocesan Council) Canon 2007

Standing Committee recommended to the Synod that it not assent to the Constitution Amendment (Diocesan Council) Canon 2007.

Constitution Alteration (Chapter IX) Canon Amendment Canon 2007

Standing Committee recommended to the Synod that it not assent to the Constitution Alteration (Chapter IX) Canon Amendment Canon 2007.

Constitution Amendment (Section 10) Canon 2007

Standing Committee recommended to the Synod that no further action in relation to the Constitution Amendment (Section 10) Canon 2007 be taken for the time being.

Constitution Amendment (Section 54A) Canon, 2007

Standing Committee recommended to the Synod that further consideration of the Constitution Amendment (Section 54A) Canon 2007 be deferred until after the structure of the Defence Force Chaplaincy has been settled.

Constitution Amendment (Suspension of Bishops) Canon 2007

Standing Committee recommended to the Synod that it assent to the Constitution Amendment (Suspension of Bishops) Canon 2007.

Constitution Amendment (Provinces and Dioceses) Canon 2007

Standing Committee recommended to the Synod that it not assent to the Constitution Amendment (Provinces and Dioceses) Canon 2007.

Protection of the Environment Canon 2007

Standing Committee –

- (a) recommended to the Synod that it not adopt the Protection of the Environment Canon 2007, and
- (b) requested that the following motion be moved at the Synod “by request of the Standing Committee” –

“Synod requests that a report be provided to its next session about the environmental initiatives being undertaken in the Diocese.”

Holy Orders (Reception into Ministry) Canon 2004

Standing Committee recommended to the Synod that it not adopt the Holy Orders (Reception into Ministry) Canon 2004.

Episcopal Standards Canon 2007

Standing Committee recommended to the Synod that it not adopt the Episcopal Standards Canon 2007.

National Register Canon 2007

Standing Committee declared its opinion that the National Register Canon 2007 affects the order and good government of the Anglican Church of Australia in the Diocese of Sydney.

Special Tribunal Canon 2007

Standing Committee declared its opinion that the Special Tribunal Canon 2007 affects the order and good government of the Anglican Church of Australia within the Diocese of Sydney.

Offences Canon Amendment Canon 2007

Standing Committee declared its opinion that the Offences Canon Amendment Canon 2007 affects the order of good government of the Anglican Church of Australia in the Diocese of Sydney.

Standing Committee recommended to the Synod that it –

- (a) declare its opinion that the Offences Canon Amendment Canon 2007 affects the order and good government of the Anglican Church of Australia in the Diocese of Sydney, and
- (b) adopt the Canon by ordinance.

The Solemnization of Matrimony Canon Amendment Canon 2007

Standing Committee recommended to the Synod that it assent to the Solemnization of Matrimony Canon Amendment Canon 2007.

Printing of report for the Synod

Standing Committee –

- (a) approved of the printing of a suitable form of the report of the General Synod Canons Committee for the Synod, and
- (b) requested that the following motion be moved at Synod “by request of the Standing Committee” –

“Synod receives the report of the General Synod Canons Committee and adopts the recommendations made in that report.”

Preparation of bills and explanatory statements for the Synod

Standing Committee requested that bills (together with explanatory statements) to give effect to the recommendations of the Standing Committee be prepared and promoted to the Synod "by request of the Standing Committee".

Printing reports for Synod

Standing Committee approved of the printing of reports about the following matters for the Synod –
Ordinances passed since last report
Synod Fund audited accounts for 2008

Review of the Archbishop of Sydney Appointment Ordinance 1982 Clergy Removals Fund Ordinance 2003 Amendment Ordinance 2008

These matters were deferred.

Other Matters

Support of respondents to the Discipline Ordinance 2006

Receipt of report

Standing Committee received a report from the Safe Ministry Board.

Respondent Support Panel and Panel of Solicitors

Standing Committee requested that –

- (a) a Respondent Support Panel for clergy and paid/licensed lay workers be appointed by the Archbishop and utilised as set out in Option B of the report, and
- (b) a panel list of Solicitors be created by the Director of Professional Standards who are prepared to act for respondents.

Lay and clergy assistance

Standing Committee requested that –

- (a) the Archdeacons and the Director of Professional Standards prepare a document setting out the principles for support of lay unpaid respondents, and
- (b) the Safe Ministry Board develop a model of a Diocesan Ministers' Assistance Scheme, including recommendations as to how it might be funded, for the Standing Committee to consider.

Productivity Commission study into the Contribution of the Not for profit sector

Standing Committee noted a submission made on behalf of the Standing Committee.

Abortion legislation

Receipt of report

Standing Committee received a report.

Request for engagement by Social Issues Executive

Standing Committee requested the Social Issues Executive –

- (a) to actively engage in the public consultation process on this matter if the Government refers the matter to the NSW Law Reform Commission or a parliamentary committee, and
- (b) to liaise, as appropriate, with other pro-life groups.

Request to Health Ministers for improve data collection, research and policies

Standing Committee requested that, at an appropriate time, the Diocese (with the support of the Social Issues Executive) write to Federal and State Health Ministers urging them to introduce improved data collection measures to better inform research and policy in this area.

Writing to members of Parliament

Standing Committee –

- (a) requested that the Diocese (with the assistance of the Social Issues Executive) write to all NSW Members of Parliament to persuade them not to support any relaxing of current abortion law in NSW, and
- (b) encouraged clergy in all parishes to make contact with their local member, if a bill to relax abortion law is introduced into State Parliament.

Reference to the Appellate Tribunal concerning diaconal administration of Holy Communion

Standing Committee received a note from the General Secretary and referred this matter to the Archbishop and respectfully requested that the Archbishop provide his views to the next meeting about the making of any submissions to these proceedings.

**Services at General Synod
Review of the NSW Council of Churches**

These matters were deferred.

Date of next meeting

Monday 27 July 2009.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 27 July 2009

Bishop Glenn Davies and Mr Graeme Marks led in prayer.

Appointment of Mr Glenn Murray as the Director of Professional Standards

Standing Committee noted that Mr Glenn Murray had accepted the Archbishop's invitation to become the new Director of Professional Standards commencing on 10 August 2009 and congratulated Mr Murray on his appointment.

Minutes of the Mission Board

Standing Committee noted the minutes of the Mission Board of 26 June and 29 June 2009.

Minutes of 29 June 2009

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 29 June 2009.

Welcome to Dr Maryanne Golding

Standing Committee welcomed Dr Maryanne Golding to the meeting as a new member.

Elections

Membership of the Standing Committee: Lay person elected by the Regional Electors of the Western Sydney Region

Standing Committee noted a report to the President of the Synod.

Anglican Media Council

The Rev Raj Gupta was elected.

Council of Churches in NSW, Diocesan Representatives on

The Rev Marshall Ballantine-Jones and the Rev Michael Robinson were elected.

General Synod, Diocesan Representatives on

Mrs Gillian Davidson was elected.

Macarthur Anglican School Council

Mrs Catherine Rich was elected.

Provincial Synod

The Rev David Ould was elected.

Safe Ministry Board

The Rev Steven Layson was elected.

Stipends and Allowances Committee

Mrs Stephanie Jefferson was elected.

Sydney Anglican Car and Insurance Fund, Sydney Church of England Finance and Loans Board

Mr Michael Jones was elected.

Sydney Anglican Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Committee

Standing Committee approved of the Archbishop appointing Ms Anne Parker.

Anglican Retirement Villages Diocese of Sydney

Diocesan Retirements Board

Ordinance Reviewers

Trinity Grammar School Council

These matters were deferred.

William Branwhite Clarke College Council

Standing Committee noted that the Rev George May will retire as a member after 15 years and gave thanks to God for his faithful service.

Casual Vacancies

- (a) Stipends and Allowances Committee – Mr Philip Gerber had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a lay person.
- (b) SCECGS Redlands Ltd, Director on – Ms Sue Hardwick had resigned with effect from 31 December 2009 and a vacancy was declared for a person to be appointed by the Secretariat on the recommendation of the Standing Committee.
- (c) The Illawarra Grammar School, The Council of – Mrs Margaret Spiers had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a lay person.
- (d) Synod Pool – Miss Michelle Philp had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a lay person.
- (e) Arden Anglican School Council - Mr Phillip Stanton had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.

Strategic Directions

Standing Committee received a report and –

- (a) adopted, for the purposes of clause 3(1) of the Synod Estimates Ordinance 1998, the Strategic Directions 2010 – 2012 document as 'the Strategic Plan' for the Diocesan Mission, and
- (b) approved of the printing for Synod of a suitable form of the document.

Secretariat and Glebe Board

Minutes

Standing Committee noted the minute book of the Secretariat and Glebe Board had been tabled.

Report of the Chief Executive Officer

Standing Committee received a report.

Financial Matters

Parramatta '54 Free Fund

The Archbishop-in-Council authorised the payment of \$14,447 from the accumulated surplus of the fund held by the Property Trust under clause 3(5) of the St John's Parramatta Sale and Variation of Trusts Ordinance 1954 (C/F 0354) to meet costs associated with the 2009 Australian Bishops' Conference.

Synod

2nd ordinary session of the 48th Synod

Standing Committee received a report.

Synod Membership (Nominated Indigenous Representatives) Ordinance 2009

Standing Committee –

- (a) requested that a bill for the Synod Membership (Nominated Indigenous Representatives) Ordinance 2009 be promoted to the Synod “by request of the Standing Committee”, and
- (b) approved of the printing for Synod of a form of explanatory statement.

Clergy Removals Fund Ordinance 2003 Amendment Ordinance 2008

Standing Committee received a report from the Finance Committee and requested that a procedural motion be moved at Synod to enable the bill for the Clergy Removals Fund Ordinance 2003 Amendment Ordinance 2008 to be withdrawn.

Printing reports for Synod

Standing Committee approved of the printing of reports about the following matters for the Synod –

- Georges River Regional Council: Annual Report
- Northern Regional Council: Annual Report
- South Sydney Regional Council: Annual Report
- Western Sydney Regional Council: Annual Report
- Wollongong Regional Council: Annual Report

Other Matters

Reference to the Appellate Tribunal concerning diaconal administration of Holy Communion

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2009

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

Inquiry into adoption by same-sex couples

Standing Committee received a report from the Social Issues Executive.

Date of next meeting

Monday 10 August 2009.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 10 August 2009

Mr Robert Tong and the Rev Zac Veron led in prayer.

Regulation on asking questions concerning a motion

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and agreed to the regulation on asking questions concerning a motion adopted on 27 April 2009 having an on-going application.

Minutes of the Mission Board

Standing Committee noted the minutes of the Mission Board of 27 July 2009.

Minutes of 27 July 2009

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 27 July 2009.

Ordinances

Chatswood Land Sale Ordinance 2009

The purpose of this ordinance was to permit the sale of certain land at Chatswood.

Minto Land Sale Ordinance 2009

The purpose of this ordinance was to permit the sale of certain land at Minto and to provide for the application of the proceeds of sale.

Marrickville Mortgage and Lease Ordinance 2009

The purpose of this ordinance was to authorise the subdivision of certain land at Marrickville, the mortgaging of the land, the application of the proceeds of the mortgage, and the leasing of the land.

Connect09 Amendment Ordinance 2009

The purpose of this ordinance was to enable amounts allocated by the Synod in a year to meet the administration costs of Connect09 to be applied to meet the administration costs in that year or a future year during Connect09.

Elections

Diocesan Retirements Board

The Archbishop-in-Council appointed Mr Warren Richards to fill the vacancy for a lay person.

Stipends and Allowances Committee

Mr James Flavin was elected.

**Ordinance Reviewers
Safe Ministry Board
SCECGS Redlands Ltd, Board of**

These matters were deferred.

Casual Vacancies

Council for Continuing Education for Ministers – Dr Grant Maple had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a lay person.

Financial Matters

Upgrade of the Chapter House

This matter was deferred.

Synod

Synod funding for 2010 – 2012

Standing Committee –

- (a) requested that the bill for the Synod Appropriations and Allocations Ordinance 2009 be promoted to the Synod “by request of the Standing Committee”, and
- (b) approved of the printing for Synod of a suitable form of explanatory report for the bill.

General Synod budget in 2010

Standing Committee requested the General Synod Standing Committee to bring a budget to General Synod 2010 which recognises the present serious constraints consequent on the state of the Australian economy and, in particular, reduces the amount to be raised by assessments by 25% of the amount payable in 2009.

Provision of car parking for St Andrew’s Cathedral staff

Standing Committee agreed in principle to the provision of the equivalent of 2 car parking spaces in St Andrew’s House for St Andrew’s Cathedral staff and requests that further recommendations about funding for this matter be considered at a future meeting of the Standing Committee.

Parochial Cost Recoveries for 2010 – 2012

Standing Committee received a report and–

- (a) requested that the bill for the Parochial Cost Recoveries Ordinance 2009 be promoted to the Synod “by request of the Standing Committee”, and
- (b) approved of the printing of a suitable form of the explanatory report.

Asbestos inspection charge for 2010

Standing Committee approved of the printing a report for Synod.

Connect09 Resource Costs charge for 2010

Standing Committee approved of the printing a report for Synod.

Safe Ministry Board Annual Report to Synod

Standing Committee received a report and approved of the printing of a suitable form of the report for the forthcoming session of the Synod.

Standing Committee's report to the Synod for 2009

32/08 Report on procedures and sanctions for all standards in *Faithfulness in Service*

Review of the Archbishop of Sydney Appointment Ordinance 1982 Canons made by the General Synod in 2007

Report of the General Synod Canons Committee

These matters were deferred.

Other Matters

Review of the NSW Council of Churches

Standing Committee received a report and –

- (a) commended the current President in her attempts to streamline the processes of the NSW Council of Churches and encourages her to continue with these efforts, and
- (b) directed its representatives on the NSW Council of Churches to raise the question of amending the Council's Constitution to significantly reduce the membership of the Council from 38 to 15 members, and
- (c) requested the Property Trust to provide the Secretary of the Standing Committee all documentation in relation to the arrangements in place with the licence holder of 2CH and for the Secretary to report back to the Standing Committee what is in place and how the broadcasting rights might be protected.

Reference to the Appellate Tribunal concerning diaconal administration of Holy Communion

Standing Committee requested the Diocesan Secretary to inform the General Secretary that the Diocese of Sydney does not wish to participate in the recent reference to the Appellate Tribunal concerning diaconal administration of Holy Communion.

Meeting dates for 2010

Standing Committee agreed to the following meeting dates for 2010 –

15 February	26 July
29 March	23 August
3 May	13 September
31 May	15 November
28 June	6 December

noting that the 3rd session of the 48th Synod is to be held on 11, 12, 13, 18 and 19 October 2010 and the General Synod is to be held 18 to 23 September 2010.

Services at General Synod

Culture of review among parishes and clergy

These matters were deferred.

Date of next meeting

Monday 31 August 2009.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 31 August 2009

Deaconess Margaret Rodgers and Canon Sandy Grant led in prayer.

Minutes of 10 August 2009

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 10 August 2009.

Ordinances

Sydney Diocesan Secretariat Ordinance 1973 Amendment Ordinance 2009

The purpose of this ordinance was to amend the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat Ordinance 1973.

Anglican Church Diocese of Sydney Christian Education Building Fund Ordinance 2009

The purpose of this ordinance was to vest the Archbishop of Sydney's Vision Christian Education Building Fund in the corporate trustee of the Diocese.

Elections

Audit Committee
Council of the College of Preachers
Ordinance Reviewers
Safe Ministry Board
SCECGS Redlands Ltd, Board of

These matters were deferred.

Casual vacancy

Sydney Diocesan Superannuation Fund Board – Mr Ken Barber had resigned and a vacancy was declared for an employee representative.

Secretariat and Glebe Board

Minutes

Standing Committee noted that the minute book for the Secretariat and Glebe Board had been tabled.

Report of the Chief Executive Officer

Standing Committee received a report.

Pre-Synod briefings on investment losses

Standing Committee received a report and thanked the CEO and Chairman of the Glebe Administration Board for providing the pre-Synod briefings.

Financial Matters

Actions by the Work Outside the Diocese Committee under delegated authority

Standing Committee noted the actions taken by the Work Outside the Diocese Committee under delegated authority.

Actions by the Finance Committee under delegated authority

Standing Committee noted the actions taken by the Finance Committee under delegated authority.

Diocesan organisations – Reporting under the Accounts, Audits and Annual Reports Ordinance 1995

Standing Committee received a report from the Finance Committee.

Local revenues test – parish of Brighton/Rockdale

Standing Committee received a report from the Secretary of the Finance Committee.

Upgrade of the Chapter House

Standing Committee received a report and a letter from the Chapter commenting in relation thereto and approved expenditure of \$74,500 from 2009 Synod Fund Contingencies to upgrade the Chapter House.

Minimum stipends and travel allowance for 2010

Receipt of documents

Standing Committee received –

- (a) a report from the Rev Dr Nick Foord, the Deputy Chairman of the Stipends and Allowances Committee, and
- (b) the Guidelines for Remuneration of Parish Ministry Staff for 2010 from the Stipends and Allowances Committee, and
- (c) letters from the Rev Graham Crew and Dean Phillip Jensen, and
- (d) a report from Bishop Glenn Davies.

Approval of minimum stipend and travel allowance

Standing Committee –

- (a) thanked the Stipends and Allowances Committee for their excellent report,
- (b) approved the minimum stipends for parish ministry staff in 2010 remaining the same as 2009,
- (c) approved the fixed component of the travel allowance/benefit of \$7,747 and the variable component of \$246 per 1,000 km (unchanged from 2009),
- (d) noted the following changes from the 2009 Guidelines –
 - (i) the addition of more links (within the document itself and to external web resources) making the Guidelines more 'interactive' and informative for the user,
 - (ii) updated information regarding the assessment criteria for certain Centrelink benefits (Section 12.2),
 - (iii) the change of nomenclature of MEA from Ministry Expense Account to Minister's Expense Account, so as to avoid confusion as to what constitutes a "ministry expense", without actually changing the limitations of eligible categories for an MEA,
 - (iv) the addition of a bicycle as an eligible item under a Minister's Expense Allowance (MEA), and
- (e) asked that the Guidelines be posted on the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat website by 4 September 2010.

Moore College property development

Standing Committee received a letter.

Synod

2nd ordinary session of the 48th Synod

Standing Committee received a report.

Standing Committee's report to the Synod for 2009

Standing Committee approved the printing of the Standing Committee's report to the Synod noting that the form of the report tabled will be amended to incorporate matters decided at that meeting, and at the meeting on 28 September.

Diocesan Endowment investment losses

Motion to be moved at Synod

Standing Committee requested that a motion be moved at Synod "by request of the Standing Committee" concerning the Diocesan Endowment investment losses.

Acceptance of respective responsibility etc

Standing Committee –

- (a) accepted its responsibility for oversight of the Diocesan Endowment (DE) investment strategies, and
- (b) expressed its regret at the losses stemming from the implementation of this strategy of gearing, and
- (c) admitted in particular that mistakes were made in risk management procedures related to this gearing.

32/08 Report on procedures and sanctions for all standards in Faithfulness in Service

Standing Committee received a report and requested that the following motion be moved at the Synod "by request of the Standing Committee" –

"Synod receives the report on procedures and sanctions for all standards in *Faithfulness in Service* and, noting the proposed Grievance Policy and Procedure and Parish Relationships Amendment Ordinance 2009 attached to the report –

- (a) requests that members provide comments on the proposed Grievance Policy and Procedure and Parish Relationships Amendment Ordinance 2009 to the Diocesan Secretary by 31 March 2010, and
- (b) requests that a form of the Grievance Policy and Procedure and Parish Relationships Amendment Ordinance 2009 be brought to the Synod in 2010 incorporating, as appropriate, comments made by members."

Canons made by the General Synod in 2007 Report of the General Synod Canons Committee

Long Service Leave Canon 2007

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and –

- (a) recommended to the Synod that it not assent to the Long Service Leave Canon 2007, and
- (b) recommended to Sydney's representatives on General Synod that they support the repeal of the Long Service Leave Canon 2007 and the re-enactment of that Canon in a form which includes the amended form of the winding-up provision.

Special Tribunal Canon 2007

Special Tribunal Canon Repeal Canon 2007

Standing Committee recommended to the Synod that –

- (a) it not adopt the Special Tribunal Canon 2007,
- (b) it declare its opinion that the Special Tribunal Canon 2007 affects the order and good government of the Anglican Church of Australia in the Diocese of Sydney,
- (c) it declare by ordinance, under section 43(2) of the Canon, that should the Special Tribunal Canon 2007 ever have force in the Diocese, section 43(1)(a) of the Canon shall have no effect in respect to the Archbishop of Sydney, and
- (d) no action be taken in relation to the Special Tribunal Canon Repeal Canon 2007 since the Special Tribunal Canon 2004 has not been adopted by the Synod,

and requested that a bill (together with a suitable explanatory statement) to give effect to the recommendations in paragraphs (b) and (c) be prepared and promoted to the Synod “by request of the Standing Committee”.

Printing of report for the Synod

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and agreed that the relevant General Synod canons should be published on the Secretariat’s website and that the Standing Committee’s report to Synod concerning General Synod canons should refer to the Secretariat’s website rather than reproduce copies of the canons as annexures.

24/08 Review of General Synod legislation

Standing Committee received a report and –

- (a) requested that the General Synod Canons Committee undertake a review of those canons identified in the report as requiring further consideration and to bring its recommendations about these canons to the Standing Committee in due course,
- (b) requested that a bill for the exclusion of those canons identified in the report as recommended for exclusion be promoted to the Synod “by request of the Standing Committee”, and
- (c) approved of the printing for Synod of a suitable form of the report.

Review of the Archbishop of Sydney Appointment Ordinance 1982

The Archbishop vacated the chair and was not present during debate on the remainder of this item.

Bishop Robert Forsyth chaired the meeting during this time.

Preparation of ordinance for Synod

Standing Committee received a report, approved in principle the changes recommended in the report and requested an amending ordinance be prepared for the next meeting with a view to the ordinance being promoted to the Synod “by request of the Standing Committee”.

Limited tenure of Archbishop

Standing Committee requested that the committee appointed to review the Archbishop of Sydney Appointment Ordinance 1982 prepare a supplementary report to enable the Standing Committee to consider whether it should recommend to Synod in 2009 that the term of office of a future Archbishop should be limited to 10 years with a possible 3 year extension.

21/08 Administrative burden on parishes

25/08 Business managers for churches

Standing Committee received a report and –

- (a) approved of the printing of a suitable form of the report for the Synod, and
- (b) requested that a motion about this matter be moved at the Synod “by request of the Standing Committee”.

Connect09 progress report

Standing Committee approved of the printing of a report for the Synod.

Printing of report on stipends and allowances for Synod

Standing Committee approved of the printing of a report for the Synod about stipends and allowances for 2010.

Proposal to reclassify Artarmon as a parish

Standing Committee –

- (a) approved of the printing of a report for Synod, and
- (b) requested that a motion by which the Synod may assent to the reclassification be moved at the forthcoming session of the Synod “by request of the Standing Committee”.

Proposal to reclassify North Ryde as a parish

Standing Committee –

- (a) approved of the printing of a report for Synod, and
- (b) requested that a motion by which the Synod may assent to the reclassification be moved at the forthcoming session of the Synod “by request of the Standing Committee”.

35/07 Architecture for buildings for contemporary church

Standing Committee approved of the printing of a suitable form of a report for the Synod.

SDS and GAB Audited Accounts for 2008

Standing Committee approved of the printing for the Synod of the SDS and GAB Audited Accounts for 2008.

Provision for car parking for St Andrew’s Cathedral staff

Standing Committee received a report from the Manager, Diocesan and Policy Services and authorised payments being made from Synod Contingencies to meet the cost of car parking for St Andrew’s Cathedral staff in the manner referred to in the report.

Synod funding for regional councils

Standing Committee agreed that –

- (a) the distribution from the Diocesan Endowment for 2010 be \$5.4 million, with a corresponding reduction in the following 2 years, and
- (b) the additional \$100,000 be added to the allocation to Regional Councils, making that allocation in 2010 \$700,000,

and requested that an ordinance to vary the distributions from the Diocesan Endowment be brought to the next meeting.

Moore Theological College Ordinance 1984 Amendment Ordinance 2009

This matter was deferred.

Other Matters

Culture of review among parishes and clergy

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and –

- (a) agreed to appoint the Rev Canon Sandy Grant, Mr James Jack, Dr Philip Selden, Mrs Claire Smith, the Rev Zac Veron, the Rev Andrew Katay and Mr Tim Hudson as members of a taskforce, with power to co-opt, to recommend alternative approaches for encouraging a culture of review among our parishes, and for facilitating actual review mechanisms where parishes and clergy wish to request a review, and
- (b) requested the taskforce to report to the Standing Committee by 31 May 2010 with a view to recommendations about this matter being provided to the Synod in 2010.

Review of the Banks and Bank Holidays Act 1912

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2009

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

2009 Australian Christian Literature Awards

Standing Committee congratulated the following recipients of the 2009 Australian Christian Literature Awards –

2009 Australian Christian Book of the Year Award

For a work by an Australian author and published by an Australian publisher.

Joint 2nd Prize

Leadership on the front foot by Zachary Veron (Anglican Press Australia)

Preach or perish: Reaching the hearts and minds of the world today by Donald Howard (ed)
(Donald and Nan Howard)

2009 Australian Christian Theological Writers' Award

Open to books by Australian writers, published anywhere.

Winner

Paul Barnett

for *After Jesus, Volume 3: Finding the Historical Christ* (William B Eerdmans, Grand Rapids)

Services at General Synod

This matter was deferred.

Date of next meeting

Monday 28 September 2009.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 28 September 2009

Dr Karin Sowada and the Rev Neil Macken led in prayer.

Minutes of the Mission Board

Standing Committee noted the minutes of the Mission Board of 31 August 2009.

Minutes of 31 August 2009

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 31 August 2009.

Ordinances

Publishing Reserve Variation of Trusts Ordinance 2009

The purpose of this ordinance was to vary the trusts of certain funds held by the Property Trust known as the Publishing Reserve.

Diocesan Endowment (Special Distribution) Amendment Ordinance 2009

The purpose of this ordinance was to amend the Diocesan Endowment (Special Distribution) Ordinance 2009.

Interpretation Ordinance 1985 Amendment Ordinance 2009

The purpose of this ordinance was to provide for the effect of repealing an ordinance or excluding a canon of the General Synod.

Hunters Hill (Woolwich) Ordinance 1994 Amendment Ordinance 2009

The purpose of this ordinance was to amend the Hunters Hill (Woolwich) Ordinance 1994.

Campbelltown Land Sale Ordinance 2009

The purpose of this ordinance was to permit the sale of certain land at 6 Radnor Place Campbelltown and to provide for the application of the proceeds of sale.

Elections

Members of the 48th Synod under Part 8 of the Synod Membership Ordinance 1995

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and declared a vacancy for a lay person under Part 8 of the Synod Membership Ordinance 1995.

Ordinance Reviewers

Mr Andrew Frank was elected.

Sydney Diocesan Education and Book Committee

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

Sydney Diocesan Secretariat

Standing Committee received a report and noted that it is proposed to hold an election to fill a minimum of 3 vacancies and a maximum of 5 vacancies in the membership of SDS at the November meeting.

Tertiary Ministry Oversight Committee (interim)

Standing Committee received a report from Bishop Ivan Lee and agreed to increase the number of members on the Interim Tertiary Ministry Oversight Committee to 9 elected by the Standing Committee and 3 appointed by the Committee.

Safe Ministry Board SCECGS Redlands Ltd, Board of

These matters were deferred.

Casual Vacancies

- (a) Council of the College of Preachers – the Rev Guy Matthews had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.
- (b) Sydney Diocesan Secretariat – Mr Peter Berkley, Mr Philip Driscoll and Mr Neil Lewis had resigned with effect from 9 November 2009 and vacancies were declared for between 1 and 3 persons (in addition to the vacancies for 2 persons arising from the retirement of Dr Laurie Scandrett and Mr Phil Shirriff).

Secretariat and Glebe Board

Minutes

Standing Committee noted that the minute book for the Secretariat and Glebe Board has been tabled.

Report of the Chief Executive Officer

Standing Committee received a report.

Financial Matters

Actions by the Finance Committee under delegated authority

Standing Committee noted that, acting under delegated powers, the Finance Committee had –

- (a) prescribed the form of the financial statements and accounts to be prepared by the wardens for the year ending 31 December 2009, and
- (b) prescribed the form to be used by the wardens in reporting their insurances for the year ending 31 December 2009.

Review of policy for determining minimum stipends

Standing Committee received a report from the Acting Chairman of the Stipends and Allowances Committee.

Financial challenges confronting the EOS and financial statements for 2008

Standing Committee received a report.

Gilbulla Memorial Conference Centre Sale Ordinance 2001

Standing Committee received a report from the CEO of Youthworks.

Interim Tertiary Ministry Oversight Committee

Standing Committee received a report from Canon Sandy Grant about allocations being recommended for tertiary ministries in 2010.

Synod

2nd ordinary session of the 48th Synod

Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

Standing Committee report to the Synod for 2009

Standing Committee agreed to the following update concerning the Mission Property Fund being included in the Standing Committee's report to the Synod for 2009 –

“The Mission Property Committee has recently negotiated the acquisition of new sites for ministry centres at Leppington and Oran Park. Contracts for the purchase of these sites have been exchanged. Negotiations for the purchase of another site in the north west development area of Sydney are proceeding, and it is hoped they will be successfully concluded in the near future.”

Synod business paper for Monday 19 October 2009

Standing Committee approved the business paper for the meeting of the Synod on Monday 19 October 2009.

Printing of GAB and SDS Annual Report for 2008

Standing Committee approved of the printing for the Synod of the GAB and SDS Annual Report for 2008.

Moore Theological College Ordinance 1984 Amendment Ordinance 2009

Standing Committee –

- (a) requested that the bill for the Moore Theological College Ordinance 1984 Ordinance 2009 be promoted to the Synod “by request of the Standing Committee”, and
- (b) approved of the printing of a suitable form of the explanatory report for the Synod.

Review of the Archbishop of Sydney Appointment Ordinance 1982

Standing Committee received a supplementary report and –

- (a) agreed in principle to the proposed change concerning the time at which the Archbishop's retirement age may be extended, and to the proposed inclusion of provisions in the Appointment Ordinance for the preparation of a report concerning the Archbishop's remuneration and emoluments, and

- (b) agreed to undertake an in-principle debate before July 2010 on the question of whether the Archbishop's tenure should be limited, and
- (c) requested that the bill for the Archbishop of Sydney Appointment Amendment Ordinance 2009 be promoted to the Synod "by request of the Standing Committee", and
- (d) approved a form of the report received by the Standing Committee about this matter at its meeting on 31 August, suitably amended to reflect the matters referred to in paragraph (a) above, being printed for the Synod.

Regions (Transitional Provisions and Miscellaneous Amendments) Ordinance 1995

Standing Committee –

- (a) requested that the bill for the Regions (Transitional Provisions and Miscellaneous Amendments) Amending Ordinance 2009 be promoted to the Synod "by request of the Standing Committee", and
- (b) approved of the printing of the explanatory report for the Synod.

Diocesan Endowment investment losses

Standing Committee requested that, for the purposes of considering at the Synod the motion approved at the last meeting concerning Diocesan Endowment investment losses, a procedural motion be moved at the Synod "by request of the Standing Committee".

Strategic Directions 2010 – 2012 document and the Synod Appropriations and Allocations Ordinance 2009

Standing Committee requested that, for the purposes of considering at the Synod the Strategic Directions 2010 – 2012 document and the Synod Appropriations and Allocations Ordinance 2009, a procedural motion be moved at the Synod "by request of the Standing Committee".

26/08 Affiliated Churches

Standing Committee –

- (a) received a report, and
- (b) approved of the printing for Synod of a suitable form of the report.

Greenoaks Apartments

Standing Committee, pursuant to clause 9 of the Bishopscourt Back Block Development and Land Sale Ordinance 2004, agrees to a report about this matter being included as part of the Standing Committee's report to Synod for 2009 –

People affected by disability

Standing Committee requested that a motion about this matter prepared by the Social Issues Executive be moved at the Synod "by request of the Standing Committee".

Other Matters

Proposed affiliation of Crossroads Christian Church Canberra

Standing Committee declared Crossroads Christian Church Canberra to be affiliated with this Church in this Diocese.

Services at General Synod

Diocesan Corporate Governance Policy

Appellate Tribunal reference on administration of Holy Communion by persons other than a presbyter

These matters were deferred.

Date of next meeting

Monday 9 November 2009.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 9 November 2009

Archdeacon Narelle Jarrett and Mr Geoff Kyngdon led in prayer.

Extension of the retirement age for Archdeacon Narelle Jarrett

Standing Committee agreed to extend the retirement age of Archdeacon Narelle Jarrett from 8 February 2010 to 8 February 2012.

Membership of the Standing Committee

Standing Committee noted that Archdeacons Ken Allen and Deryck Howell will retire as Archdeacons at the end of November 2009 and that this will therefore be their last meeting as members of this committee, gave thanks for the great contribution they have made to the Standing Committee and asked for God's blessing upon them as they embark on the next phase of their ministry.

Minutes of the Mission Board

Standing Committee noted the minutes of the Mission Board of 28 September 2009.

Minutes of 28 September 2009

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 28 September 2009.

Ordinances

Endowment of the See Ordinance No 37, 2009

The purpose of this ordinance was to authorise the sale of certain land at North Rocks, Greenacre and Concord West and to provide for the application of the proceeds of sale.

Meetings (Quorum, Attendance and Resolutions) Ordinance 2007 Amendment Ordinance 2009

This matter was deferred.

Elections

Membership of the Standing Committee: Qualified Minister elected by the members of the Synod

Standing Committee –

- (a) noted that Canon Jim Ramsay has resigned as a member of the Standing Committee with effect from 31 December 2009, and
- (b) declared a vacancy in the membership of the Standing Committee for a person who is a Qualified Minister elected by the members of Synod with effect from 31 December 2009.

Sydney Diocesan Superannuation Fund Board

Mr Paul Bradley was elected.

Tertiary Education Ministry Oversight Committee

The Rev Patrick Benn, the Rev Richard Blight, Ms Tracey Gowing and Dr Sara Denize were elected.

Members of the 48th Synod under Part 8 of the Synod Membership Ordinance 1995
Arden Anglican School Council
Council of Churches in NSW, Diocesan Representatives on
Council for Continuing Education for Ministers
Diocesan Tribunal
Licensing Review Group, Parish Relationships Ordinance
New College Limited
Safe Ministry Board
SCECGS Redlands Ltd, Board of
Sydney Anglican Car and Insurance Fund, Sydney Church of England Finance and Loans Board
Sydney Diocesan Education and Book Committee
Sydney Diocesan Secretariat
Synod Pool, Parish Disputes Ordinance
Tara Anglican Girls' School Council
William Branwhite Clarke College Council

These matters were deferred.

Casual Vacancies

- (a) Nomination Board, alternate member on – Canon Jim Ramsay had resigned with effect from 31 December 2009 and a vacancy was declared for a member of the clergy (to be filled by the Standing Committee within 2 months after the vacancy occurs).
- (b) Provincial Synod, Diocesan Representatives on – Canon Jim Ramsay had resigned with effect from 31 December 2009 and a vacancy was declared for a member of the clergy.
- (c) Stipends and Allowances Committee – The Rev Dr Nick Foord had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a member of the clergy.
- (d) Tertiary Education Ministry Oversight Committee – Canon Sandy Grant had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.

Secretariat and Glebe Board

Minutes

Standing Committee noted that the minute book for the Secretariat and Glebe Board had been tabled.

Report of the Chief Executive Officer

Standing Committee received a report.

Financial Matters

Review of policy for determining minimum stipends

Members of the Standing Committee participated in an initial policy discussion on this matter.

Statutory Assessment for 2010

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

Bettergatherings website development costs

Standing Committee approved the payment of \$8,043.83 to meet the bettergatherings website development costs.

Roseville East Land Sale Ordinance 1984

Standing Committee determined that the balance of the funds held under the Roseville East Land Sale Ordinance 1984 may be applied for the purposes of renovating the parish rectory on the site of St Barnabas Church, Roseville East.

Synod

Synod minutes of 27 October 2009

Standing Committee noted that 2 members of the Minute Reading Committee have signed the minutes, and recommended that the Archbishop also sign them.

Summary of Proceedings of the 2009 Synod Proceedings

Standing Committee noted the summary of the Synod Proceedings had been published on the Synod's home page at www.sds.asn.au.

General communication of Synod decisions

Standing Committee noted that the Diocesan Secretary will send a circular to parishes and organisations on matters arising from the Synod session, including a copy of the resolutions passed and highlighting the matters of particular interest.

Synod attendances

Standing Committee noted some statistics concerning Synod attendances.

24/09 Support of Regional Councils

Standing Committee requested that the Mission Board respond to Synod resolution 24/09 in the policy paper with recommendations requested by the Standing Committee on 28 September 2009.

47/09 Fund for planting Anglican churches

Standing Committee referred Synod resolution 47/09 to the Mission Board and the Mission Property Committee for their consideration and action as appropriate.

Resolutions of the Synod

Referral of remaining motions on the Synod business paper

These matters were deferred.

Acts of the Archbishop-in-Council

Parish of South Sydney

The Archbishop-in-Council determined that, in the circumstances, the parish of South Sydney should not have the benefits under the Nomination Ordinance 2006.

Clergy, Clergy Widows and Orphans Fund

The Archbishop-in-Council approved that \$30,000 be transferred from the Grant (Sisters) Endowment Fund for distribution through the Clergy, Clergy Widows and Orphans Fund at the discretion of the Archbishop.

Other Matters

Review of School Chapels and Chaplains Ordinance 1975

Standing Committee appointed a committee comprising Mr Tony Willis, Dr Bryan Cowling, Mrs Nicky Fortescue, Dr Laurie Scandrett, Mr Geoff Kyngdon, Mr Milton Cujes and the Rev Garry Lee-Lindsay (with power to co-opt) to review the School Chapels and Chaplains Ordinance 1975.

Dealing with abusive behaviour in parishes and parish work places

Standing Committee requested that the work referred to in the report be progressed during 2010, as far as reasonably possible, as part of the parish risk management program.

Productivity Commission's Draft Research Report on Contribution of the Not-for-Profit Sector

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and agreed to the group referred to in the report making further submissions about the draft recommendations arising from the Productivity Commission's Draft Research Report.

Concluding remarks from the Archbishop

The Archbishop made some concluding remarks about the conduct of the recent session of Synod and, in particular, expressed his appreciation for the presentations made by Mr Phil Shirriff and Mr Steve McKerihan both before and during Synod about the Diocesan Endowment investment losses and also Mr Peter Kell for sacrificially giving to the work of the Mission Strategy Committee.

Diocesan Corporate Governance Policy

Appellate Tribunal reference on administration of Holy Communion by persons other than a presbyter

These matters were deferred.

Date of next meeting

Monday 7 December 2009.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 7 December 2009

Archbishop Peter Jensen led in prayer.

Appointment of a new assistant bishop for the Diocese of Sydney

Under clause 5 of the Assistant Bishops Ordinance 1947, the Standing Committee approved the appointment of the Rev Canon Peter Lindsay Hayward as an Assistant Bishop, to be the next Bishop of Wollongong to succeed Bishop Alan Stewart upon him taking up his appointment as Director of the Department of Evangelism.

Bishop Alan Stewart

Standing Committee placed on record its gratitude to Almighty God for the faithful, enthusiastic, energetic and exemplary ministry of Alan Stewart whilst serving as Bishop of Wollongong.

Minutes of the Mission Board

Standing Committee noted the minutes of the Mission Board of 9 November 2009.

Minutes of 9 November 2009

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 9 November 2009.

Ordinances

St James' Sydney Phillip Street Property Amendment Ordinance 2009

The purpose of this ordinance was to amend the St James' Sydney Phillip Street Property Ordinance 1962.

Wollongong Leasing Ordinance 2004 Amendment Ordinance 2009

The purpose of this ordinance was to amend the Wollongong Leasing Ordinance 2004.

Meetings (Quorum, Attendance and Resolutions) Ordinance 2007 Amendment Ordinance 2009

The purpose of this ordinance was to amend the Meetings (Quorum, Attendance and Resolutions) Ordinance 2007.

Rosemeadow Trust Ordinance 2001 Amendment Ordinance 2009

The purpose of this ordinance was to amend the Rosemeadow Trust Ordinance 2001.

Elections

Membership of the Standing Committee: Qualified Minister elected by the members of the Synod

Bishop Al Stewart was elected with effect from ceasing to be an ex-officio member as the Bishop of Wollongong.

Council for Continuing Education for Ministers

Miss Jane Tooher was elected.

Licensing Review Group, Parish Relationships Ordinance

The filling of these vacancies was deferred until the 2010 Synod.

New College Limited

Mr Brian Street was elected.

Nomination Board, alternate member on

The Rev Phil Wheeler was elected, with effect from 31 December 2009.

Provincial Synod, Diocesan Representatives on

The Rev Dr Mark Thompson was elected, with effect from 31 December 2009.

Stipends and Allowances Committee

The filling of this vacancy was deferred until after the next meeting of the Stipends and Allowances Committee.

Sydney Diocesan Education and Book Committee

Standing Committee resolved that these vacancies not be filled.

Sydney Diocesan Secretariat

The following persons were elected –

Canon Bruce Ballantine-Jones
Mr Mark Ballantyne
Bishop Robert Forsyth
Mr Benjamin Koo
Mr Andrew McLoughlin
Mr Ian Miller
Mr John Pascoe
Dr Laurie Scandrett

Synod Pool, Parish Disputes Ordinance

The filling of these vacancies was deferred until the 2010 Synod.

William Branwhite Clarke College Council

The Rev Martin Kemp was elected.

Members of the 48th Synod under Part 8 of the Synod Membership Ordinance 1995
Arden Anglican School Council
Council of Churches in NSW, Diocesan Representatives on
Diocesan Tribunal

Safe Ministry Board
SCECGS Redlands Ltd, Board of
Sydney Anglican Car and Insurance Fund, Sydney Church of England Finance and Loans Board
Tara Anglican Girls' School Council
Tertiary Education Ministry Oversight Committee

These vacancies were deferred.

Casual Vacancies

- (a) General Synod, Diocesan Representatives on – The Rev Chris Moroney had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a member of clergy.
- (b) The Illawarra Grammar School Council – The Rev Dr Stephen Barrett had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a clergyman of the Anglican Church of Australia.
- (c) Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation – Mrs Lesley Ramsay had resigned and vacancy was declared for a person.
- (d) Mission Board – Canon Jim Ramsay will cease to be a member upon his retirement as Director of Evangelism Ministries on 31 December 2009 and a vacancy was declared for a Head of an Organisation.
- (e) Minute Reading Committee – Archdeacon Deryck Howell had ceased being a member of the Standing Committee upon his retirement as the Archdeacon of South Sydney and a vacancy was declared on the Minute Reading Committee for a person.
- (f) Membership of the 48th Synod Part 8 – Mrs Lesley Ramsay had resigned with effect from 31 December 2009 and a vacancy was declared for a lay person.

Secretariat and Glebe Board

Minutes

Standing Committee noted that the minute book for the Secretariat and Glebe Board has been tabled.

Report of the Chief Executive Officer

Standing Committee received a report.

Financial Matters

Review of policy for determining minimum stipends

Stipendiary principle

Standing Committee adopted the following as an expression of the “stipendiary principle” –

“Stipends, allowances and benefits are paid for the exercise of office to allow ministers to do their work effectively in the sphere to which they are called. The rate of stipend determined should generally be sufficient to allow ministers to live without undue financial worry and to maintain themselves and their families at a standard which might be described as neither poverty nor riches.”

Graduations of stipend

Standing Committee endorsed the current graduations of stipend for clergy and lay ministers reflecting differing levels of qualification, experience and responsibility.

Consideration of personal circumstances

Standing Committee does not consider that personal circumstances of the minister should be taken into account for the purposes of setting the minimum stipend but may be taken into account by individual parishes when considering whether to pay a stipend in excess of the minimum.

Deferral

Standing Committee deferred further consideration of the benchmark for determining the minimum stipend.

Actions by the Work Outside the Diocese Committee under delegated authority

Standing Committee noted the Work Outside the Diocese Committee action taken under delegated authority.

Amendment to Mission Board Terms of Reference

Standing Committee approved revised terms of reference for the Mission Board.

Amendment to Work Outside the Diocese Committee Terms of Reference

Standing Committee approved revised terms of reference for the Work Outside the Diocese Committee.

Diocesan organisations – half year reporting

Standing Committee noted a report summarising Diocesan organisation's compliance with clause 13 of the Accounts, Audits and Annual Reports Ordinance 1995.

Synod

Resolutions of the Synod

Standing Committee noted a report and the action taken or proposed to be taken in relation to each resolution made by the Synod at its recent session.

2/09 Environmental initiatives in the Diocese

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and appointed a committee comprising Dr Karin Sowada, Mr George Lymbers and Mr Bruce Cooke for the purposes of undertaking the work requested in Synod resolution 2/09.

16/09 Questions of principle relevant to electing the Archbishop

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and requested Bishop Glenn Davies and Mr Peter Kell to bring to the meeting on 15 February 2010 the key questions of principle relevant to electing a person to the office of Archbishop of Sydney together with such other material as would facilitate a policy discussion on these questions at that meeting.

32/09 Qualifications and experience of candidates and members

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and agreed with the approach to dealing with Synod resolution 32/09 outlined in the report.

46/09 Anglican Communion

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and requested that the Rev Gavin Poole move a motion at the General Synod session in September 2010 affirming that the Anglican Church of Australia be in full communion with the Anglican Church in North America.

Referral of remaining motions on the Synod business paper

This matter was deferred.

Acts of the Archbishop-in-Council

Parish of Waverley

Standing Committee received a notification from the Registrar and recommended to the Archbishop-in-Council that it be determined, in the circumstances, that the parish of Waverley should have the benefits under the Nomination Ordinance 2006.

Extra-parochial declaration for Nowra Anglican College

This matter was deferred.

Other Matters

Services at General Synod

Standing Committee, noting the guidelines for services at General Synod which were made available to Bishop Forsyth by the Executive of the General Synod Standing Committee for tabling at this meeting, requested the Diocesan Secretary to write to the Archbishop of Melbourne (who, we have been informed, has the supervision of divine worship during the meetings of the next General Synod) to the effect that –

- (a) the services within or held in connection with the meetings of the General Synod should emphasise that which we, as Anglicans, have in common and should eschew matters on which we do not agree, and
- (b) all services should follow exactly one or more of the services provided in The Book of Common Prayer 1662 or An Australian Prayer Book, these being the only service books authorised for use throughout Australia, and
- (c) all expositions of scripture should be true to the biblical text, and
- (d) no person invited to lead any part of a service should be a person whose lifestyle does not comply with the requirements of *Faithfulness in Service*, the code of conduct adopted by the General Synod.

Diocesan Corporate Governance Policy

Standing Committee appointed a committee comprising Bishop Glenn Davies, Dr Bryan Cowling, Mr Steve McKerihan, Mr Peter Kell, Dr Laurie Scandrett, Mr Robert Tong, Mr Bruce York and Mr Robert Wicks (secretary), subject to their consent, to prepare a paper on Corporate Governance for Diocesan organisations generally with the intention that the Standing Committee would propose to the 2010 Synod a "Diocesan Corporate Governance Policy" that would enable the matters contained therein to be applied consistently across all Diocesan organisations.

Application of Federal industrial relations system to all NSW employees

Standing Committee received a report from the Manager, Legal Services and requested the Manager, Legal Services to advise parishes generally about the implications of the move to the Federal industrial relations system.

Productivity Commission's Draft Research Report on Contribution of the Not-for-Profit Sector

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

Review of Marriage Equality Amendment Bill 2009

Standing Committee received a report from the Social Issues Executive.

National Church Life Survey in 2011

Standing Committee noted a media release.

Appellate Tribunal reference on administration of Holy Communion by persons other than a presbyter

Appellate Tribunal references concerning the National Register Canon 2007, the Special Tribunal Canon 2007 and the Offences Canon Amendment Canon 2007

These matters were deferred.

Expressions of appreciation

The Archbishop expressed his appreciation for the work, fellowship and commitment of members of the Standing Committee during the year, particularly the lay members.

Dr Laurie Scandrett expressed appreciation for the fellowship and contribution of the clergy members.

Date of next meeting

Monday 15 February 2010.