

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 15 February 2010

The Rev Dr Mark Thompson and Mr Tony Willis led in prayer.

Mr Steve McKerihan

The Archbishop made an announcement about Mr Steve McKerihan.

Bishop Robert Forsyth led the Standing Committee in prayer for Mr McKerihan and his wife, Margaret.

Australia Day Honours

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

Mr James Fairfax AO (AC), Cranbrook School, donations to the school building fund and, specifically, in the new Science and Technology facility, for eminent service to the community through support and philanthropy for the visual arts, conservation organisations and building programs for medial research and educational facilities.

Mr Stephen Lawrence (AO), member of the parish of Hunters Hill, formerly Darlinghurst and Malabar, for service to the community through leadership roles in the development and implementation of not-for-profit ventures to create social change, particularly for youth and the long-term unemployed.

Mr Robert Maple-Brown (AO), member of the parish of St Jude's Randwick, for service to the community through leadership and executive roles with a range of charitable organisations in the areas of the arts, health, welfare, medical research and education, and through philanthropy.

Dr William (Bill) Andersen (AM), former lecturer, Moore Anglican Theological College, for service to religious education through a range of academic and professional roles, and to the Scripture Union movement.

The Hon Bruce Baird (AM), member of the parish of St Matthew's Manly, for service to the Parliament of Australia, and to the community of New South Wales through a range of business, tourism and welfare organisations.

Mr Mark Compton (AM), Chief Executive Officer of St Luke's Care, for service to the community, particularly through St John Ambulance Australia and through executive and volunteer roles with a range of hospital, health care and medical research organisations.

The Rev Dr Geoffrey Glassock (AM), Authority to Officiate, Diocese of Sydney, for service to the community through the development of programs and services to assist people experiencing grief and bereavement, and to the Anglican Church of Australia.

Dr Peter Jones (AM), member of the parish of St Clement's Mosman, for service to the information technology industry, to the promotion of internet-based communication networks, and to science education.

Mr Robert Tong (AM), member of the parish of Christ Church St Ives, for service to the Anglican Church of Australia through a range of diocesan and national executive and administrative roles, and to the law as a practitioner and as an academic.

The Hon Justice Lloyd Waddy RFD (AM), member of the Kings School Council, for service to the law, the constitutional debate, and to the community through a range of educational and arts organisations.

Mr Bruce Bunn (OAM), member of the parish of St Barnabas Ingleburn, for service to the community of Camden through a range of service and church organisations.

Mrs Jenny Cross (OAM), foster parent through Anglicare, for service to the community as a foster carer of babies and children with special needs.

Mr Robert Cross (OAM), foster parent through Anglicare, for service to the community as a foster carer of babies and children with special needs.

Mr William (Bruce) Kirkpatrick (OAM), member of the parish of St Mark's Darling Point, for service to the community, particularly through the Meniere's Research Fund.

Mrs Susan Scarcella (OAM), for service to overseas humanitarian aid projects, particularly through the Protestant Christian Church, Bali.

The Rev Graeme Marks and the Rev Ted Brush

Standing Committee noted that the Rev Graeme Marks and the Rev Ted Brush had concluded their membership on the Standing Committee.

Welcome to the Rev Peter Lin

Standing Committee welcomed the Rev Peter Lin to the meeting as a member elected by the Georges River Regional Electors.

Mr Ian Miller

Standing Committee received a letter of resignation for Mr Ian Miller and thanked Mr Miller for his dedicated service for 25 years on the Standing Committee.

Minutes of the Mission Board

Standing Committee noted the minutes of the Mission Board of 7 December 2009

Minutes of 7 December 2009

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 7 December 2009.

Elections

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

Standing Committee received a report about a postal ballot being conducted to fill a vacancy on the Standing Committee arising from the Rev Graeme Marks ceasing to be a member.

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

Standing Committee received a report about an election to fill a vacancy on the Standing Committee arising from the Rev Ted Brush ceasing to be a member and noted a report to the Archbishop about the outcome of the election.

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

Standing Committee received a report about a postal ballot to be conducted to fill a vacancy on the Standing Committee arising from the resignation of Mr Ian Miller.

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

Mrs Nicky Fortescue and Mr Michael Meek SC were elected.

Council of Churches in NSW, Diocesan Representatives on

The Rev Roger Fitzhardinge was elected.

Diocesan Tribunal

Archdeacon Narelle Jarrett, Mr Tim Breakspear, the Rev Dr Bill Salier and Dr Cassandra Sharp were elected.

Mission Board

Bishop Al Stewart was elected.

Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation

Dr Tim Roberts was elected.

The Illawarra Grammar School Council

The Rev Barry Lee was elected.

Arden Anglican School Council

Minute Reading Committee

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) Robert Menzies College Limited – Dr Brian Rosner had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.
- (b) General Synod, Diocesan representatives on – Professor Chris Bellenger, Mr Graeme Marks and the Rev Stephen Semenchuk had resigned and vacancies were declared for 2 lay persons and a member of clergy.
- (c) Sydney Anglican Home Mission Society Council (Anglicare) – Archdeacon Ken Allen had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a member of the clergy.
- (d) Synod Pool, Parish Disputes Ordinance – Mr Graeme Marks had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a lay person.
- (e) Endowment of the See Committee – Mr Warwick Olson had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.
- (f) St Andrew's House Corporation, Council of – Mr John Pascoe had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person whom the Archbishop has recommended as being suitable to be an EOS nominee.

- (g) NSW Ecumenical Council – Sister Frances Murphy had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.
- (h) Ordinance Reviewers – Mr Ian Miller had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a 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

Review of policy for determining minimum stipends

Standing Committee –

- (a) adopted Average Weekly Earnings (AWE) as the simplest measure of a parish's capacity to pay which also aligns the minister's stipend with the average income of wage earners, and
- (b) adopted 80% of the AWE as the benchmark for the minimum rector's stipend, using the latest confirmed statistics available to the August meeting of the Standing Committee in each year.

General Synod Statutory Assessments for 2010

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and authorised the payment of \$227,684 to the General Synod in 4 instalments in respect to this Diocese's share of the 2010 Statutory Assessment.

Action by the Mission Board under delegated authority

Standing Committee noted that, acting under delegated powers, the Mission Board has applied the \$300,000 allocated by the Synod Appropriations and Allocations Ordinance 2008 under Policy 3 for strategic capital works/infrastructure at Moore Theological College and Youthworks College as follows –

- (a) \$100,000 to Moore Theological College for the new library project at Newtown, and
- (b) \$200,000 to Youthworks College for development of the site at Loftus.

Actions by the Finance Committee under delegated authority

Standing Committee noted that, acting under delegated powers, the Finance Committee has resolved, in accordance with clause 4 of the Naremburn (Sale of Rectory) Ordinance 1985-1986, to direct that up to \$68,000 of the personal property forming part of the Naremburn Trust may be applied for the purpose of repaying part of the loan over the parish property at 39 Market Street Naremburn.

Parish cost recovery charges

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

Synod

Referral of remaining motions on the Synod business paper

Standing Committee agreed not to proceed with the item concerning the referral of remaining motions on the Synod business paper.

4/09 Clarification and revision of rules relating to Alterations, Ornaments and Monuments

Standing Committee requested that the Diocesan Registrar prepare for the meeting on 3 May 2010 a report in response to the request in resolution 4/09 incorporating the views of the Bishops.

5/09 Clergy retirement age

Standing Committee appointed a committee comprising Bishop Robert Forsyth (chair), the Rev Bob Cameron, Mr James Flavin, Mr John Pascoe and Mr Steve Lucas to undertake the work in resolution 5/09 and also the question of appointing senior and/or long term rectors to a position of Rector Emeritus and to report back to the Standing Committee in due course.

24/09 Support of Regional Councils Policy on distributions to regional councils

Standing Committee agreed to hold at a future date a policy discussion to determine whether distributions from parish ordinances under the "large receipts policy" should go –

- (a) to the Diocesan Endowment/Synod, or
- (b) to the Mission Property Committee for new Greenfield purchases, or
- (c) to a regional council or other Diocesan body.

16/09 Questions of principle relevant to electing the Archbishop

This matter was deferred.

Acts of the Archbishop-in-Council

Extra-parochial declaration for Nowra Anglican College

The Archbishop-in-Council declared, for the purposes of clause 7(1) of the School Chapels and Chaplains Ordinance 1975, that Nowra Anglican College is to be excluded from the parish of St Stephen's Bomaderry and is to be extra-parochial.

Other Matters

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

Standing Committee noted the reference to the Appellate Tribunal concerning the National Register Canon 2007, the Special Tribunal Canon 2007 and the Offences Canon Amendment Canon 2007.

Proposed reduction in the membership of the NSW Council of Churches

Standing Committee received a report from Deaconess Margaret Rodgers.

Youthworks College

Standing Committee congratulated Youthworks College on their celebration of ten years of training for children's and youth ministry and gave thanks to God for the leadership of the Rev Graham Stanton, founding Dean and first Principal of the College. His vision, passion and commitment to youth and children's ministry have seen the faculty grow to five permanent lecturers and a total of 492 students enrolled in various courses over ten years, including 126 Diploma graduates and 23 Advanced Diploma graduates. Standing Committee prayed that God will continue to bless the College, its faculty, staff and students, so that more people might be properly equipped to minister the Word of God to children and youth in the Diocese, around Australia and overseas.

Stipend of Assistant Bishops

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Registrar and requested that the Diocesan Secretary bring amendments to the next meeting to give effect to the proposals in the report.

Archdeacon's role on the Standing Committee

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Registrar and requested an amending Ordinance to be brought to the next meeting of the Standing Committee.

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

Policy debate on participating in proceedings of the Appellate Tribunal

These matters were deferred.

Date of next meeting

29 March 2010

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 29 March 2010

Mr Bruce York and Bishop Robert Forsyth led in prayer.

Mr Steve McKerihan and the Rev Dominic Steele

The Archbishop made a brief statement about Mr Steve McKerihan's illness.

Bishop Robert Forsyth made a brief statement about defamation litigation in which the Rev Dominic Steele is currently involved in the Supreme Court.

Bishop Forsyth prayed for Mr McKerihan and Mr Steele.

Welcome to Mr Lyall Wood and Mr Michael Meek SC

Standing Committee welcomed Mr Lyall Wood and Mr Michael Meek SC to the meeting as members elected by the Western Sydney and Northern Regional Electors respectively.

Minutes of the Mission Board

Standing Committee noted the minutes of the Mission Board of 15 February and 1 March 2010.

Minutes of 15 February 2010

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 15 February 2010.

Archbishop's Strategic Commission on Structure, Funding and Governance

The Archbishop made an announcement concerning the creation of an Archbishop's Strategic Commission on Structure, Funding and Governance.

Ordinances

Mission Property Ordinance 2002 Amendment Ordinance 2010

The purpose of this ordinance was to amend the Mission Property Ordinance 2002.

Oakhurst Subdivision Leasing and Variation of Trusts Ordinance 2010

The purpose of this ordinance was to permit the subdivision, leasing and variation of trusts of certain land at Oakhurst.

Kellyville Variation of Trusts Ordinance 2010

The purpose of this ordinance was to vary the trusts and authorise the consolidation of certain land at Kellyville.

Abbotsleigh Ordinance 1924 Amendment Ordinance 2010

The purpose of this ordinance was to amend provisions of the Abbotsleigh Ordinance 1924 concerning the election of the chairman of the Council.

Campbelltown Anglican Schools Ordinance 1985 Amendment Ordinance 2010

This matter was deferred.

Elections

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

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

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

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

Arden Anglican School Council

Mrs Rachel Greenwood was elected.

Blue Mountains Grammar School Limited

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

Minute Reading Committee

Dr Bryan Cowling was elected.

Robert Menzies College Limited

Ms Nicola Warwick-Mayo was elected.

Stipends and Allowances Committee

The Rev Andrew Katay was elected.

St Andrew's House Corporation, Council of

Bishop Glenn Davies was elected.

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

Mr Jonathon Rochford was elected.

Tertiary Education Ministry Oversight Committee

Professor Chris Bellenger was elected.

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Safe Ministry Board
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Sydney Anglican Home Mission Society Council (Anglicare)
Synod Pool, Parish Disputes Ordinance
Tara Anglican Girls' School Council**

These matters were deferred.

Casual Vacancies

- (a) Anglican Church Property Trust Diocese of Sydney – The Rev Phil Colgan had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a member of the clergy.
- (b) Diocesan Retirements Board – Mr Mark Payne had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a lay person to be appointed by the Archbishop-in-Council.
- (c) General Synod, Diocesan Representatives on – Bishop Al Stewart and Bishop Peter Tasker had resigned and vacancies were declared for 2 members of the clergy.
- (d) Mission Property Committee – Mr John Lambert had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.
- (e) Safe Ministry Board – The Rev Mark Charleston had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a licensed minister.
- (f) St Catherine's School, Waverley – Dr Ian Walker had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a lay person.
- (g) Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation – The Rev Ian Mears had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a 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 Acting Chief Executive Officer

Standing Committee received a report.

Financial Matters

Extension of sale period under the Bowral Land Sale Ordinance 2007

Standing Committee received a report from the Manager, Legal Services and under clause 3 of the Bowral Land Sale Ordinance 2007 consented to sale of the land by the Property Trust on or before 24 July 2013.

Extension of sale period under the Belmore with McCallums Hill and Clemton Park Land Sale and Variation of Trusts Ordinance 2007

Standing Committee received a report from the Manager, Legal Services and under clause 4 of the Belmore with McCallums Hill and Clemton Park Land Sale and Variation of Trust Ordinance 2007 consented to sale of the land by the Property Trust on or before 27 March 2011.

Action by the Mission Board under delegated authority

Standing Committee noted that, acting under delegated powers, the Mission Board has confirmed the agreement reached by the 5 Regional Bishops and Councils to apply the \$700,000 allocated under the Synod Appropriations and Allocations Ordinance 2009 for "Regional Councils – general allocation (including support of ethnic and cross cultural ministry, and administration support)".

Principles for the development of ministry centres in new greenfield residential areas

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

Actions by the Finance Committee under delegated authority

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

- (a) approved the application of \$2,000 from the 2010 Synod Fund Contingencies to reimburse The Australian Church Record for the cost of sending a copy of *Lord's Supper in Human Hands* to all bishops who attended GAFCON (in accordance with the request in Synod resolution 27/08),
- (b) in accordance with clause 6 of the Sydney Diocesan Sickness and Accident Fund Ordinance 1969, fixed the Determined Rate of Benefit for the period 01 January 2010 to 31 December 2010 at \$65,875 per annum (\$211.14 per day, based on a six day week), and
- (c) approved the application of \$2,000 from the 2010 Synod Fund Contingencies to reimburse the Endowment of the See for the cost of catering provided at the Mission Board conference at Bishops court on 26-27 November 2009.

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.

Review of policy for determining minimum stipends

Standing Committee, noting that the recommended minimum stipend flows through to senior clergy stipends, agreed to hold a policy debate on the basis of senior clergy stipends and the other elements which make up the total stipend package after the Archbishop's Commission on Structure, Funding and Governance has delivered its final report.

Licences granted by wardens under the Parish Administration Ordinance 2008

Standing Committee received a report and asked the Diocesan Secretary to prepare an amendment to the Parish Administration Ordinance 2008 –

- (a) to require all licences for businesses such as pre-schools, kindergartens, child care centres, long day care centres and the like operating on parish property to be signed by the Property Trust, and
- (b) to increase the maximum amount for which the wardens may grant a licence to permit a person or organisation to use real property of the church or parish for purposes not connected with the church or parish to \$50,000 per annum (including GST).

Synod

3rd ordinary session of the 48th Synod

Standing Committee received a report.

16/09 Questions of principle relevant to electing the Archbishop

Receipt of revised report

Standing Committee received a report.

Timing for declaration of vacancy

Standing Committee endorsed an amendment to the Archbishop of Sydney Election Ordinance 1982 which would require a vacancy arising on retirement (or resignation, if known sufficiently in advance) to be declared under clause 2(2) no sooner than 20 weeks and no later than 14 weeks before such retirement or resignation.

Timing for filling of vacancy

Standing Committee endorsed an amendment to the Archbishop of Sydney Election Ordinance 1982 which would require the Synod session to fill a vacancy declared under clause 2(2) to commence no sooner than 3 weeks and no later than 6 weeks after the retirement or resignation.

Provision for extension of retirement age

Standing Committee endorsed an amendment to the Retirements Ordinance 1993 which would change the date of retirement of the archbishop from 65 to 68 years, but would allow Standing Committee by resolution with a 3/4 majority vote to extend the archbishop's retirement age up to 70 years, where the resolution is passed following the archbishop's 65th birthday.

40/09 Gospel work outside the Diocese

Standing Committee received a report from the Manager, Diocesan and Policy Services and agreed that the proportion of the available Synod funds allocated to Gospel work outside the Diocese (through specific applications of funds determined by the Work Outside the Diocese Committee) should remain at 4% during the current triennium and be reviewed again in 2012 as part of the preparation for the Appropriations and Allocations Ordinance to be considered by Synod in 2012 covering allocations during the period 2013-2015.

Other Matters

Consultation with the General Synod Standing Committee

Standing Committee noted a letter sent by the consultation group to the General Secretary.

Proposed bills to amend the Constitution and the Rules of the General Synod

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and supported the referral of the proposed bills to the General Synod Standing Committee for promotion to the General Synod, regarded the making of the amendments to sections 30 and 32 proposed by representatives of this Standing Committee and the re-constitution of the Standing Committee of the General Synod as critical to future harmonious relationships within the Anglican Church of Australia, and requested the Diocesan Secretary to make the members of the Standing Committee of the General Synod aware of this view.

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

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

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

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

Policy debate on participating in proceedings of the Appellate Tribunal

Standing Committee received a letter from Bishop Robert Forsyth and agreed to hold a policy discussion on the matters raised in the letter at a future meeting to be held after the current references before the Tribunal are concluded.

Time limit on Abbotsleigh School Council membership

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

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

Standing Committee received a report and asked the group to maintain a close watch on each of the matters raised in this report, with a particular focus on any policy announcements or legislative changes coming from the Government's response to either the Productivity Commission's Research Report or the Henry Tax Review regarding –

- (a) any alteration to the scope for income tax deductible gifts,
- (b) any alteration to eligibility for payroll tax and fringe benefits tax concessions,
- (c) the adoption of a statutory definition of charities, or
- (d) the establishment of a not for profit regulator.

Declaration of Philadelphia Anglican Church as a Provisional Recognised Church

Standing Committee –

- (a) for the purposes of clause 8(2)(a)(iv) of the Recognised Churches Ordinance 2000, received a notification that Philadelphia Anglican Church had been declared to be a Provisional Recognised Church under clause 12C of the Recognised Churches Ordinance 2000, and
- (b) extended its prayers and best wishes to the Rev Peter Chung and the members of the church as they continue their ministry in the fellowship of the Diocese.

Anglican Media Council

Standing Committee recorded its thankfulness to Almighty God for the ministry and leadership of Allan Douthwaite as Chief Executive Officer of the Anglican Media Sydney from February 2004 until this year and wished him all the best in his new ministry with the Centre for Public Christianity, and under clause 14 of the Anglican Media Council Ordinance 1993 approved the appointment of Mr Russell Powell as Chief Executive Officer by that Council for an initial term of 5 years on such terms and conditions as the Council may determine.

Date of next meeting

Monday 3 May 2010.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 3 May 2010

Bishop Peter Hayward and Dr Maryanne Golding led in prayer.

Welcome to the Rev Phillip Colgan

Standing Committee welcomed the Rev Phillip Colgan to the meeting as a member elected by the Georges River Regional Electors.

Bishop Peter Hayward

Standing Committee congratulated Bishop Peter Hayward on his consecration at St Andrew's Cathedral on 13 April 2010 to become the Bishop of Wollongong and extended its prayers and best wishes to Peter and his wife as he commences in this ministry.

Meetings of the FCA Council and Provinces of the Global South

The Archbishop gave a report on recent meetings of the Council of the Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans and a meeting of leaders from Provinces of the Global South.

Minutes of the Mission Board

Standing Committee noted the minutes of the Mission Board of 29 March 2010.

Minutes of 29 March 2010

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 29 March 2010.

Resignation of Mr Steve McKerihan as CEO of the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat and Glebe Administration Board

Standing Committee noted with great sadness and regret the resignation of Mr Steve McKerihan as the Chief Executive Officer of the Glebe Administration Board and the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat and gave thanks to God for his overtly Christian leadership of those organisations from 2007 to 2010. Standing Committee appreciated that Steve led these organisations during a time of extreme difficulty arising out of the Global Financial Crisis and through all this he sought to honour God and the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ in all he did. His humble determination and strength of character will be greatly missed. Standing Committee thanked God for Steve's fellowship in the Gospel and prayed for a complete recovery for him from his illness. Standing Committee particularly wished him and his wife God's richest blessings.

Ordinances

Assistant Bishops Ordinance 1947 Amendment Ordinance 2010

The purpose of this ordinance was to amend the Assistant Bishop's Ordinance 1947.

Standing Committee Ordinance 1897 Amendment Ordinance 2010

The purpose of this ordinance was to amend the Standing Committee Ordinance 1897.

Nomination Ordinance 2006 Amendment Ordinance 2010

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

Elections

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

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

Anglican Church Property Trust Diocese of Sydney

The Rev Chris Allan was elected.

Blue Mountains Grammar School Limited

Mr Graham Nelson and Mrs Christine Olliffe were elected.

General Synod, Diocesan Representatives on

Clerical representatives

The following persons were elected as clerical representatives –

Bishop Peter Hayward
The Rev Peter Lin
The Rev Kara Gilbert
The Rev Raj Gupta
The Rev David Ould
The Rev Gavin Parsons

Lay representatives

The following persons were elected as lay representatives –

Miss Caitlin Hurley
Mr Glenn Murray
Mr Luke Scandrett
Mrs Fiona Smark

Mission Property Committee

Mr Robert Mellor was elected.

Safe Ministry Board

The Rev Chris Moroney and Mrs Sarah Clancy were elected.

SCECGS Redlands Ltd, Board of

Standing Committee recommended to the Secretariat that it appoint Mr Bradley Cook as a member of the SCECGS Redlands Board.

Tara Anglican Girls' School Council

The Rev Ruth Mahaffey was elected.

Casual Vacancies

- (a) Mission Property Committee – Mr Greg Nelson had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.
- (b) Continuing Education for Ministers, Council for – Bishop Peter Hayward had ceased being a clergyman who is the incumbent of an ecclesiastical unit and a vacancy was declared for a clergyman who is the incumbent of an ecclesiastical unit.
- (c) Anglican Youth and Education Division Diocese of Sydney (Youthworks) – the Rev Mathew Yeo had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a member of the clergy.
- (d) NSW Ecumenical Council – The Rev John McDonald had resigned with effect from the Annual General Meeting of the Council in June 2010 and a vacancy was declared for a person.
- (e) Mission Board – Mr Steve McKerihan had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a Head of an Organisation.
- (f) New College Limited – Dr Armon Hicks and Mrs Sue Gooley had resigned and vacancies were declared for 2 persons.

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These matters were deferred.

Secretariat and Glebe Board

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

Report of the Acting Chief Executive Officer

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Financial Matters

Actions by the Finance Committee under delegated authority

Standing Committee noted that, acting under delegated powers, the Finance Committee had adopted and signed the 2009 financial statements for the Sydney Diocesan Synod Fund (Fund 129 group), the Standing Committee of Synod – Sydney Diocesan Account (Fund 150 group) and the Clergy Removals Fund (Fund 955).

Mission Board terms of reference

Standing Committee agreed –

- (a) to delegate to the Mission Board the exercise of the Standing Committee's function under clause 9(3) of the Mission Property Ordinance 2002, and

- (b) to determine that the principles noted in the Mission Board's report to the Standing Committee on 29 March 2010 are to be treated as a policy of the Standing Committee for the purposes of clause 9(3) of the Mission Property Ordinance 2002.

Support for ministry on Lord Howe Island

This matter was deferred.

Synod

3rd ordinary session of the 48th Synod

Standing Committee received a report.

4/09 Clarification and revision of rules relating to Alterations, Ornaments and Monuments

The Archbishop-in-Council adopted the Regulations re Alterations under the Parish Administration Ordinance 2008 set out in Appendix C to the report as regulations made under rule 5.6 of Schedule 1 and rule 5.5 of Schedule 2 of the Parish Administration Ordinance 2008.

16/09 Questions of principle relevant to electing the Archbishop

Standing Committee –

- (a) requested that the bill for the Archbishop of Sydney (Election and Retirement) Amendment Ordinance 2010 be promoted to the Synod “by request of the Standing Committee”, and
- (b) approved of the printing for Synod of the explanatory report.

35/08 Human rights framework for Australia

44/09 Human rights framework for Australia

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary about the Federal Government's response to the National Human Rights Consultation.

17/09 Diocesan Endowment investment losses

Receipt of supplementary information

Standing Committee received supplementary information from the Glebe Administration Board concerning the transition of investment management.

Progress report

Standing Committee approved of a progress report being sent to Synod members in response to Synod's request in resolution 17/09.

Other Matters

Review of the Council of the College of Preachers

Standing Committee received a report and –

- (a) agreed in principle to discontinue the Council of the College of Preachers, and
- (b) requested the Diocesan Secretary to bring to the next meeting an ordinance to give effect to this discontinuance, including the transfer of funds held for the Council to Ministry Training & Development (MT&D), and

- (c) encouraged MT&D to continue its current program of preacher training and to initiate new networks of in-service preacher training across all stages of ministry.

Social Issues Executive

Standing Committee received a report.

Appellate Tribunal references concerning the Special Tribunal Canon 2007 and the Offences Canon Amendment Canon 2007

Standing Committee –

- (a) received a letter from the General Secretary, and
- (b) noted that the letter has been referred to the General Synod Canons Committee for its views on the determination in due course.

Date of next meeting

Monday 31 May 2010.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 31 May 2010

Bishop Glenn Davies and Dr Philip Selden led in prayer.

Minutes of the Mission Board

Standing Committee noted the minutes of the Mission Board of 3 May 2010.

Minutes of 3 May 2010

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 3 May 2010.

Ordinances

Council of the College of Preachers (Variation of Trusts and Dissolution) Ordinance 2010

The purpose of this ordinance was to provide for the dissolution of the Council of the College of Preachers and the transfer of its funds to the Council for Continuing Education for Ministers.

Parish Administration Amendment Ordinance 2010

The purpose of this ordinance was to make a number of miscellaneous amendments to the Parish Administration Ordinance 2008.

Endowment of the See (Wollongong and Parramatta Endowments) Variation of Trusts Ordinance 2010

The purpose of this ordinance was to vary the trusts on which certain funds are held and to add these funds to the Endowment of the See.

Cooks River Land Sale Ordinance 2010

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

Georges River Region (Belfield Proceeds) Ordinance 1998 Amendment Ordinance 2010

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

Leichhardt Variation of Trusts and Mortgaging Ordinance 2004 Amendment Ordinance 2010

The purpose of this ordinance was to amend the Leichhardt Variation of Trusts and Mortgaging Ordinance 2004.

Menai Mortgaging Ordinance 2010

The purpose of this ordinance was to provide for the mortgaging of certain land at Illawong.

Eagle Vale Land Sale and Variation of Trusts Ordinance 2010

The purpose of this ordinance was to vary the trusts of certain land at Eagle Vale, to authorise the sale of that land and to provide for the application of the proceeds of sale.

Broadway (Electricity Substation) Leasing Ordinance 2010

The purpose of this ordinance was to authorise the leasing of certain land at Broadway and to provide for the application of the income.

Elections

Appointment of Returning officers for the 3rd session of the 48th Synod

The Archbishop-in-Council appointed Mr John Chapman as returning officer and Mr Martin Thearle as deputy returning officer for the purposes of the elections to be conducted at the 3rd session of the 48th Synod.

Anglican Youth and Education Division Diocese of Sydney (Youthworks)

The Rev Chris Braga was elected.

Diocesan Retirements Board

The Archbishop-in-Council appointed Mr Lyall Wood

Mission Property Committee

Mr David Winley was elected.

New College Limited

A note was received from the chairman of New College Limited about the skills sought to fill the vacancies for 2 persons.

Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation

The Rev John Chappell was elected.

Casual Vacancies

- (a) General Synod, Diocesan representatives on – Deaconess Margaret Rodgers and the Rev Dr Bill Salier had resigned and vacancies were declared for a lay person and a member of the clergy.

Dr Claire Smith and the Rev Dr Michael Stead were elected as a matter of urgency.
- (b) Department of Evangelism – Mr John Barnes, the Rev Nathan Killick, Bishop Ivan Lee, the Rev Ian Powell and the Rev Peter Tong had resigned and vacancies were declared for 5 persons.
- (c) Synod Membership, Part 8 – Mr Russell Powell, having been appointed under Part 6 of the Synod Membership Ordinance 1995, had retired as a nominated lay person under Part 8 and a vacancy was declared for a lay person.
- (d) Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation – Mrs Elizabeth Selleck had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.
- (e) Sydney Anglican Home Mission Society Council (Anglicare) – The Rev Colin Sheehan had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a member of the clergy.

**Continuing Education for Ministers, Council for
Council of Churches in NSW, Diocesan Representatives on
Mission Board
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Ordinance Reviewers
St Catherine's School, Waverley
Sydney Anglican Home Mission Society Council (Anglicare)
Sydney Diocesan Secretariat**

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 Acting Chief Executive Officer

Standing Committee received a report.

Financial Matters

Archbishop's Strategic Commission on Structure, Funding and Governance

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary about an extension of the Commission's terms of reference.

Special Religious Education (SRE)

Standing Committee authorised the application of up to \$20,000 from Synod Fund Contingencies to meet such costs for the purpose of defending SRE as are approved by the Archbishop.

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.

Support for ministry on Lord Howe Island

Standing Committee received a report from the Manager, Diocesan & Policy Services and agreed that from 2013 (the first year of the next funding triennium) support of the church on Lord Howe Island should be seen as a matter for the whole Diocese, perhaps funded through the Synod Appropriations and Allocations Ordinance, rather than as a particular ministry of the South Sydney Region.

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

Standing Committee received a report from the Finance Committee.

Synod

3rd Ordinary session of the 48th Synod

Standing Committee received a report.

36/09 Grievance policy and procedure

Receipt of Report

Standing Committee received a report.

Motion for Synod

Standing Committee 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.”

Procedural motion for Synod

Standing Committee requested that a procedural motion to consider the Grievance policy and procedure be moved at Synod “by request of the Standing Committee”.

Promotion of ordinance to Synod

Standing Committee requested that the bill for the Parish Relationships Amendment Ordinance 2010 be promoted to the Synod “by request of the Standing Committee”.

Printing of report for Synod

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

Culture of review among parishes and clergy – interim report

Standing Committee received an interim report from Canon Sandy Grant and –

- (a) agreed to the taskforce preparing an email and web-based survey of rectors in consultation with Mission Leaders as outlined in the above report, and
- (b) supported the training of Mission Leaders including –
 - (i) familiarity with these resources, and
 - (ii) encouragement to facilitate a culture of review among clergy and parishes, and
- (c) requested that, in light of the survey results, the taskforce prepare a suitable report for the Synod.

Other Matters

Diocesan Ministers’ Assistance Scheme

Standing Committee –

- (a) agreed in principle to establish a Diocesan Ministers’ Assistance Scheme along the lines described in the report for clergy and lay ministers in parishes of the Diocese, and
- (b) requested the Secretariat to bring to the next meeting a report about the cost implications of funding this Scheme through parish cost recoveries as part of the sickness and accident fund contribution, including any amendments that may need to be made to the Sydney Diocesan Sickness and Accident Fund Ordinance 1969 to facilitate the Scheme,

and agreed to consider the remaining recommendations concerning the establishment of the Scheme upon receiving the Secretariat’s report.

Appellate Tribunal references concerning the Special Tribunal Canon 2007 and Offences Canon Amendment Canon 2007

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

Public benefit test for charitable and religious institutions

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and agreed to a submission being made on behalf of the Standing Committee to the Senate Inquiry along the lines referred to in the report which also should clearly state that Standing Committee recommends to the Inquiry that the Bill be rejected in principle.

Diocesan Ethics Committee

Standing Committee received a report and requested that the Social Issues Executive continue to pursue the feasibility of establishing a Diocesan Human Research Ethics Committee and bring a report and recommendation to a later meeting of the Standing Committee.

Report concerning the establishment of a Relationships Register in NSW

Standing Committee received a report.

Report on the Henry Tax Review

Standing Committee received a report and asked the group to maintain a close watch on each of the matters raised, with a particular focus on any policy announcements or legislative changes regarding –

- (a) any alteration to the scope for income tax deductible gifts,
- (b) any alteration to eligibility for payroll tax and fringe benefits tax concessions or exemptions,
- (c) the adoption of a statutory definition of charities,
- (d) the establishment of a not for profit regulator, or
- (e) any moves to replace the presumption of public benefit with a 'public benefits test' for religious organisations.

Matters arising from the April 2010 meeting of the General Synod Standing Committee

This matter was deferred.

Chairmanship of next meeting

The Archbishop informed the Standing Committee that he will not be present at the next meeting and that Bishop Robert Forsyth had agreed to chair the meeting in his absence.

Date of next meeting

Monday 28 June 2010.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 28 June 2010

His Honour Acting Judge Peter Johns and the Rev Andrew Katay led in prayer.

Chairman

Bishop Robert Forsyth, being the senior assistant bishop of the Diocese, chaired the meeting in the absence of the Archbishop.

Minutes of the Mission Board

Standing Committee noted the minutes of the Mission Board of 31 May 2010.

Minutes of 31 May 2010

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 31 May 2010.

Ordinances

Miranda Leasing Ordinance 1995 Amendment Ordinance 2010

The purpose of this ordinance was to amend the Miranda Leasing Ordinance 1995.

North Sydney Mortgaging Ordinance 2010

The purpose of this ordinance was to permit the mortgaging of certain land at North Sydney and the application of the proceeds of the mortgage.

South Sydney Variation of Trusts Ordinance 1997 Amendment Ordinance 2010

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

Elections

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

Mr Kieran Smark SC was elected.

Department of Evangelism

This matter was deferred pending a review of the size of the Board of the Department of Evangelism at the next meeting.

Mission Board

Vacancy for a Head of an Organisation was deferred for a period of 3 months.

St John's Parramatta Endowment Fund

Standing Committee –

- (a) received a report, and
- (b) under section 14 of the Anglican Church of Australia Trust Property Act 1917 declares vacancies in the office of trustee of the St John's Parramatta Endowment Fund for 2 persons.

Casual Vacancies

Macarthur Anglican School Council – Mrs Michele Thomas had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.

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Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation**

These matters were deferred.

Secretariat and Glebe Board

Minutes

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

Reports of the Acting Chief Executive Officer

Standing Committee received report concerning the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat and a report concerning the Glebe Administration Board.

Financial Matters

Synod and Clergy Services Funds – Capital Requirements

Standing Committee received a report from the Finance Committee and referred the report to the Mission Board for its consideration and recommendation concerning the appropriate application of the funds identified in the report.

Financial Reporting and Auditing Practices – Diocesan Organisations

Amendments to Accounts, Audits and Annual Reports Ordinance

Standing Committee received a report and requested the Diocesan Secretary to prepare amendments to the Accounts, Audits and Annual Reports Ordinance 1995 (the Ordinance) –

- (a) to make Special Purpose Financial Reports (SPFR) the default standard for the financial statements required to be submitted to the Standing Committee under clause 14 of the Ordinance,
- (b) to require any organisation that produces General Purpose Financial Reporting (GPFR) for its own or other purposes, to submit a copy of those GPFR to the Standing Committee,
- (c) to allow an organisation that produces SPFR to determine whether it requires a 'full audit' as defined in clause 10 of the Ordinance, or whether it only requires an 'audit review', and if so to determine the scope of that 'audit review', and
- (d) to allow organisations to submit the financial reports required under clauses 12 and 13 of the Ordinance, provided they have been audited, as their SPFR for the purpose of clause 14 of the Ordinance,

with the proposed amendments to include appropriate transition provisions so that the changes come into effect for reporting periods commencing on or after 1 January 2011, but which permit organisations to adopt the amended requirements for earlier reporting periods.

Permission to produce Special Purpose Financial Statements

Standing Committee permitted each of the sub-funds of the Synod Fund to produce Special Purpose Financial Statements (SPFR), provided that those SPFRs –

- (a) comply with any accounting standards determined by the Finance Committee,
- (b) are submitted to the Finance Committee at least quarterly, and
- (c) are subject to an annual 'audit review', with a scope to be defined by the Finance Committee.

NSW Council of Churches – Affiliation fee

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

Archbishop's Strategic Commission on Structure, Funding and Governance

Standing Committee received a report from the Chairman of the Archbishop's Strategic Commission on Structure, Funding and Governance.

Diocesan Ministers' Assistance Scheme

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

Synod

3rd Ordinary session of the 48th Synod

Standing Committee received a report.

Diocesan Corporate Governance Policy

Standing Committee –

- (a) received a report and draft Diocesan Corporate Governance Policy, and
- (b) agreed to consider the recommendations in the report about the draft policy at its meeting on 26 July 2010, and
- (c) requested the Diocesan Secretary to send a copy of the report and draft policy to all diocesan organisations after the Standing Committee has determined the form in which it will be presented to the Synod."

Printing of reports for Synod

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

- Northern Regional Council: Annual Report
- Ordinance passed since the last report
- Synod Fund audited accounts for 2009

46/09 Anglican Communion

Standing Committee received a report from the Rev Gavin Poole.

Solemn Promises Ordinance 2010

This matter was deferred.

Other Matters

Matters arising from the April 2010 meeting of the General Synod Standing Committee

Standing Committee –

- (a) noted that at the request of the General Synod Canons Committee, Mr Robert Tong has withdrawn his version of the bill to vary the composition of the General Synod Standing Committee by amending Rule II (Option 1), and
- (b) nominated Canon Bruce Ballantine-Jones as the additional member to join the working group formed to consider the composition of the General Synod Standing Committee.

Public benefit test for charitable and religious institutions

Standing Committee noted the submission made to the Inquiry of the Senate Standing Committee on Economics.

Mission Area Leaders

Standing Committee received a report from Bishop Ivan Lee.

Adoption Amendment (Same Sex Couples) Bill 2010

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and requested the Diocesan Secretary to work with the Social Issues Executive to support Anglicare in addressing the issues raised by the recently introduced bill for same sex adoption.

Date of next meeting

Monday 26 July 2010.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 26 July 2010

Mr John Creelman and Canon Sandy Grant led in prayer.

Minutes of the Mission Board

Standing Committee noted the minutes of the Mission Board of 28 June 2010.

Minutes of 28 June 2010

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 28 June 2010.

Ordinances

Bowral Land Sale Ordinance 2010

The purpose of this ordinance was to vary the trusts of certain land in the parish of Bowral, permit the subdivision and sale of such land and to provide for the application of the proceeds of sale.

Accounts, Audits and Annual Reports Ordinance 1995 Amendment Ordinance 2010

The purpose of this ordinance was to modify the financial reporting and audit requirements of Synod for Organisations of the Diocese of Sydney.

Elections

Continuing Education for Ministers, Council for

The Rev Craig Schafer was elected.

Macarthur Anglican School Council

The Rev Jenni Stoddart was elected.

NSW Ecumenical Council

Canon Bruce McAteer was elected.

St Catherine's School, Waverley

Mr Roger Collison was elected.

Sydney Anglican Home Mission Society Council (Anglicare)

The Rev Luther Symons was elected.

Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation

Mr Greg Catto was elected.

Casual Vacancies

- (a) General Synod, Diocesan representatives on – the Rev Raj Gupta and the Rev Glenn Farrell had resigned and vacancies were declared for two members of the clergy.

The Rev John Chappell and the Rev James Warren were elected as a matter of urgency.

- (b) Moore Theological College Council – Dr Barry Newman had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a lay person.
- (c) Anglican Media Council – Mr Adrian McComb had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.
- (d) Council for Continuing Education for Ministers – Mr Stephen Brissenden and the Rev Bruce Hall had resigned and vacancies were declared for a lay person and an incumbent of an ecclesiastical unit.

Department of Evangelism New College Limited NSW Council of Churches, Diocesan Representatives on Ordinance Reviewers St John's Parramatta Endowment Fund, Trustees of

These matters were deferred.

Secretariat and Glebe Board

Minutes

Standing Committee noted that the minute books for the Secretariat and Glebe Board have been tabled.

Reports of the Acting Chief Executive Officer

Standing Committee received reports concerning the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat and the Glebe Administration Board.

Financial Matters

National Church Life Survey 2011

Standing Committee received a report from the Mission Board and approved the payment of \$90,000, being the cost of this Diocese's participation in the NCLS 2011 survey, from Synod Fund Contingencies.

Finance Committee terms of reference

Standing Committee received a report from the Finance Committee and agreed to extend the Finance Committee's terms of reference.

Diocesan Ministers' Assistance Scheme

This matter was deferred.

Synod

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Standing Committee received a report.

Diocesan Corporate Governance Policy

Receipt of report and draft policy and printing for Synod

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

Motions for Synod

Standing Committee requested that a motion and a procedural motion be moved at Synod “by request of the Standing Committee” to facilitate consideration of the draft policy.

Solemn Promises Ordinance 2010

Standing Committee received –

- (a) requested that the bill for the Solemn Promises Ordinance be promoted to the Synod “by request of the Standing Committee”, and
- (b) approved of the printing of the explanatory statement for the Synod.

16/09 Questions of principle relevant to electing the Archbishop

Standing Committee –

- (a) requested that the revised bill for the Archbishop of Sydney (Election and Retirement) Amendment Ordinance 2010 be promoted to the Synod “by request of the Standing Committee”, and
- (b) approved of the printing of the revised explanatory report for the Synod.

Review of the status of St John’s Provisional Cathedral and St Michael’s Provisional Cathedral

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and requested that Bishop Ivan Lee prepare a paper on the change of the status of the Provisional Cathedrals to regional cathedrals for consideration at the February 2011 meeting of the Standing Committee with a view to suitable amending legislation being promoted to the Synod in 2011 “by request of the Standing Committee”.

5/09 Clergy Retirement Age

Standing Committee received a report and requested amending legislation be prepared to give effect to the recommendations in the report with a view to the amending legislation being promoted to the Synod “by request of the Standing Committee” at its August meeting.

Environmental initiatives in the Diocese

Standing Committee received a report and –

- (a) approved of a suitable form of the report being printed for Synod, and
- (b) requested that suitable “user-friendly” extracts of the report be published on the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat website to assist parishes and organisations in improving their environmental stewardship.

Printing of reports for Synod

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

Glebe Administration Board: Annual Report
Sydney Diocesan Secretariat: Annual Report
Georges River Regional Council: Annual Report
South Sydney Regional Council: Annual Report
Wollongong Regional Council: Annual Report

Other Matters

Matters arising from the April 2010 meeting of the General Synod Standing Committee

Receipt of reports

Standing Committee received –

- (a) a report from the Secretariat comparing telephonic services available to parishes in the Diocese, and
- (b) a letter from the General Secretary about the participation of Sydney parishes and organisations in the General Synod's Telstra Plan.

Payments in relation to Primate's Assistant

Standing Committee refused to pay the balance of the funds sought for the Primate's Assistant as no Primate needs a research assistant to perform the duties required of him by the Constitution.

Review of Anglican Church of Australia Trust Property Act 1917

Standing Committee received a report and endorsed the promotion of proposed amendments to the 1917 Act to the NSW Parliament.

Date of next meeting

Monday 23 August 2010.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 23 August 2010

Dr Claire Smith and Bishop Ivan Lee led in prayer.

Minutes of the Mission Board

Standing Committee noted the minutes of the Mission Board of 26 July 2010.

Minutes of 26 July 2010

Standing Committee approves of the minutes of 26 July 2010.

Elections

Anglican Media Council

Ms Margaret Stuart was elected.

St John's Parramatta Endowment Fund, Trustees of

Mr Des Matthews and Mr Mark Pearce were elected.

Casual Vacancies

- (a) Moore Theological College Council – The Rev Bruce Hall had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a member of the clergy.
- (b) Nomination Board – The Rev Bruce Hall had resigned effective 1 September 2010 and a vacancy was declared for a member of the clergy.
- (c) Stipends and Allowances Committee – Mr Doug Marr had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a lay person.

New College Limited NSW Ecumenical Council Ordinance Reviewers

These matters were deferred.

Secretariat and Glebe Board

Minutes

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

Reports of the Acting Chief Executive Officer

Standing Committee received reports concerning the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat and Glebe Administration Board.

Financial Matters

Diocesan Ministers' Assistance Scheme

Standing Committee requested the Director of Professional Standards Unit to bring a report to the meeting of the Standing Committee in December about identifying a suitable pool of Christian counsellors for a pilot Scheme and an agency that is prepared to manage this pool of counsellors at a reasonable cost.

Minimum stipends and travel allowance for 2011

Standing Committee agreed to the following minimum stipends for the years 2011 to 2013 –

2011 - \$53,207

2012 - \$55,867

2013 - the lesser of \$58,659 or 80% of AWE (as confirmed for February 2012).

Guidelines for the Remuneration of Parish Ministry Staff for 2011

Standing Committee approved a form of the Guidelines for the Remuneration of Parish Ministry Staff for 2011.

Long Term Pooling Fund – Ethical Investment Policy

Standing Committee received a report.

Synod

3rd Ordinary session of the 48th Synod

Standing Committee received a report.

Standing Committee's report to the Synod for 2010

Standing Committee approved the printing of the Standing Committee's report to the Synod.

5/09 Clergy Retirement Age

Standing Committee –

- (a) requested that the bill for the Clergy Retirements Amendment Ordinance 2010 be promoted to the Synod "by request of the Standing Committee", and
- (b) approved of the printing for Synod of a suitable form of the report received at the last meeting about this matter.

35/09 Tertiary Education Ministry Oversight Committee

Standing Committee –

- (a) noted that pursuant to Synod resolution 35/09, the Tertiary Education Ministry Oversight Committee (TEMOC) is responsible for the allocation of resources in accordance with strategic priorities, which it should report to the Synod via the Standing Committee once formulated, and
- (b) received a report from TEMOC, and
- (c) approved the printing of a suitable form of the report for Synod.

Supplementary amendments to Parish Relationships Ordinance 2001

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and agreed to the bill for the Parish Relationships Amendment Ordinance 2010 being amended to enable the Synod to consider the amendments referred to in the report at its forthcoming session.

Proposal to reclassify South Creek 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”.

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.

11/07 Church Membership

Standing Committee received a report and determined that there are no compelling reasons to further explore changes in our ordinances and structures regarding church membership at this time.

36/07 Penal substitutionary atonement

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

Archbishop of Sydney’s Appeals Unit

Standing Committee requested that a motion about this matter prepared by the Archbishop of Sydney’s Appeals Unit be moved at the Synod “by request of the Standing Committee”.

Long Service Leave Canon 2010

Standing Committee –

- (a) requested that the bill for the General Synod – Long Service Leave Canon 2010 Assenting Ordinance 2010 be promoted to the Synod “by request of the Standing Committee”, and
- (b) approved of the printing of the explanatory statement for the Synod.

The Solemnization of Matrimony Canon 1981 Amendment Canon 2010

Standing Committee –

- (a) requested that the bill for the General Synod – The Solemnization of Matrimony Amendment Canon 2010 Adopting Ordinance 2010 be promoted to the Synod “by request of the Standing Committee”, and
- (b) approved of the printing of the explanatory statement for the Synod.

Printing of reports for Synod

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

Stipends and Allowances for 2011

Western Sydney Regional Council: Annual Report

Department of Evangelism (New Churches) Reconstitution Ordinance 2010

Standing Committee –

- (a) requested that the bill for the Department of Evangelism (New Churches) Reconstitution Ordinance 2010 be promoted to the Synod “by request of the Standing Committee”, and
- (b) approved of the printing of the explanatory statement for the Synod.

Parochial Cost Recoveries for 2011

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and –

- (a) approved of the ministry and property costs for 2011 and the estimate of the amounts payable specified in the report, and
- (b) approved of the printing of the report for the Synod.

Other Matters

Special Religious Education (SRE) and Ethics classes

Standing Committee noted a submission.

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

Standing Committee noted the report of the Appellate Tribunal to the Primate concerning the administration of Holy Communion by persons other than a presbyter.

Exemption for religious bodies under the Anti-discrimination Act 1977

Standing Committee received a report.

Disciplinary Decisions Database

Standing Committee received a report and declined to contribute to a database of decisions of disciplinary tribunals to be held by the General Synod.

Meeting dates for 2011

Standing Committee agreed to the following meeting dates for 2011 –

21 February	25 July
28 March	22 August
2 May	19 September
30 May	14 November
27 June	5 December

and noted that the 1st session of the 49th Synod is to be held on 10, 11, 12, 17 and 18 October 2011.

Date of next meeting

Monday 13 September 2010.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 13 September 2010

Mr James Jack and the Rev Zac Veron led in prayer.

Minutes of the Mission Board

Standing Committee noted the minutes of the Mission Board of 23 August 2010.

Minutes of 23 August 2010

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 23 August 2010.

Ordinances

Synod Appropriations and Allocations Ordinance 2010

The purpose of this ordinance was to authorise financial appropriations and allocations for 2011 and for incidental matters.

Narellan Ordinance 2002 Amendment Ordinance 2010

The purpose of this ordinance was to amend the Narellan Ordinance 2002.

Sylvania Variation of Trusts and Land Sale Ordinance 2010

The purpose of this ordinance was to authorise the sale of certain land at Sylvania Heights and to provide for the application of the proceeds of sale.

Elections

Casual Vacancies

- (a) Anglican Church Property Trust Diocese of Sydney – Mr Ian Pike had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a lay person.
- (b) NSW Council of Churches, Sydney Diocesan Representatives – The Rev Silas Horton had died and a vacancy was declared for a person.
- (c) General Synod, Diocesan representatives on – the Rev Neil Flower had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a member of the clergy.

The Rev Scott Blackwell was elected as a matter of urgency.

**Mission Board
New College Limited
NSW Ecumenical Council
Ordinance Reviewers
Stipends and Allowances Committee**

These matters were deferred.

Secretariat and Glebe Board

Minutes

Standing Committee noted that the minute books for the Secretariat and Glebe Board have been tabled.

Reports of the Acting Chief Executive Officer

Standing Committee received reports concerning the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat and the Glebe Administration Board.

Financial Matters

Actions by the Finance Committee under delegated authority

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

Reporting under the Accounts, Audits and Annual Reports Ordinance 1995

Standing committee received a report and noted that as of 1 September 2010 the Finance Committee had received 2009 annual reports from all of the Diocesan organisations listed in the schedules to the Accounts, Audits and Annual Reports Ordinance 1995 (with the exception of 2 organisations with 30 June financial year ends).

Synod

3rd Ordinary session of the 48th Synod

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

Synod business paper for Monday 11 October 2010

Standing Committee approved the business paper for the meeting of the Synod on Monday 11 October 2010, subject to the decisions made at this meeting.

Archbishop's Strategic Commission on Structure, Funding and Governance

Standing Committee –

- (a) approved of the printing of a progress report on the work of the Archbishop's Commission for the Synod, and
- (b) requested that a motion about this matter be moved at the Synod "by request of the Standing Committee".

3/09 Administrative burden on parishes

37/09 Business managers for parishes

Standing Committee received a report and agreed that in view of the available resources and current priorities available, that further work on the parish business managers reference pursuant to Synod resolutions 25/08 and 37/09 should not be pursued.

17/09 Diocesan Endowment investment losses

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

34/09 People affected by disability

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

Connect09

Standing Committee –

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

Mission Areas

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

Asbestos Inspection Program

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

Special Religious Education (SRE) and Ethics classes

Standing Committee approved of the printing of the submission from the Diocese.

Printing of reports for Synod

Standing Committee approved of the printing of a report for the Synod about Synod Appropriations and Allocations for 2011.

Other Matters

Adoption Amendment (Same Sex Couples) Bill 2010

Standing Committee received a report from Anglicare.

Public benefit test for charitable and religious institutions

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

Date of next meeting

Monday 15 November 2010.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 15 November 2010

Archdeacon Narelle Jarrett and Mr John Pascoe led in prayer.

Minutes of the Mission Board

Standing Committee noted the minutes of the Mission Board of 13 September 2010.

Minutes of 13 September 2010

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 13 September 2010.

Ordinances

Parish Cost Recoveries (Return of Capital) Ordinance 2010

The purpose of this ordinance was to authorise the transfer of \$1 million from the Parish Cost Recoveries Fund 951 to the Diocesan Endowment as an addition to the capital of that fund.

Cathedral Ordinance 1969 Amendment Ordinance 2010

The purpose of this ordinance was to amend the Cathedral Ordinance 1969.

East Sydney (Darlinghurst) Sale Proceeds and Distribution and Variation of Trusts Ordinance 2005 Amendment Ordinance 2010

The purpose of this ordinance was to amend the East Sydney (Darlinghurst) Sale Proceeds and Distribution and Variation of Trusts Ordinance 2005.

Hurlstone Park Sale Ordinance 1983 Amendment Ordinance No 32, 2010

The purpose of this ordinance was to amend the Hurlstone Park Sale Ordinance 1983.

Elections

Moore Theological College

Canon Stephen Gibson was elected.

New College Limited

The Rev Dr Andrew Shead was elected.

Nomination Board

The Rev Philip Wheeler was elected.

NSW Council of Churches, Sydney Diocesan Representatives

The Rev Dr Andrew Ford was elected.

Ordinance Reviewers

Mr Michael Meek SC was elected.

Sydney Diocesan Secretariat

Bishop Robert Forsyth and Mr Ian Miller were elected.

William Branwhite Clarke College Council

Mrs Cathy Knudsen was elected.

Casual Vacancies

- (a) Anglican Church Property Trust Diocese of Sydney – the Rev Nigel Fortescue had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a member of the clergy.
- (b) Provincial Synod, Diocesan Representative on – The Rev Glenn Farrell had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a member of the clergy.
- (c) Barker College, The Council of – The Rev Vanessa Bennett had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a member of the clergy of the Anglican Church in Australia.

**Anglican Church Property Trust Diocese of Sydney
Council for Continuing Education for Ministers
Department of Evangelism and New Churches, Board of
Endowment of the See Committee
Licensing Review Group, Parish Relationships Ordinance
Mission Board
NSW Ecumenical Council
Stipends and Allowances Committee
Synod Pool, Parish Disputes Ordinance**

These matters were deferred.

Secretariat and Glebe Board

Minutes

Standing Committee noted that the minute books of the Secretariat and Glebe Board have been tabled.

Reports of the Acting Chief Executive Officer

Standing Committee received reports concerning the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat and the Glebe Administration Board.

Services provided by the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat

Standing Committee received a report and –

- (a) approved in-principle the service level standards document for services provided by the Secretariat to the Synod and the Standing Committee, and
- (b) requested the Secretariat to provide to the meeting in December a costing for the provision of such services.

Financial Matters

Archbishop's Strategic Commission on Structure, Funding and Governance

Standing Committee received a report from the Chairman of the Archbishop's Strategic Commission on Structure, Funding and Governance and –

- (a) noted that recommendations in relation to an overall restructuring of the Diocese's financial affairs (including the future funding of assistant bishops) will form a significant part of the Commission's report which is due early next year, and
- (b) agreed that any review of the role and number of regional and assistant bishops by the year 2020 is properly a matter for the Archbishop in consultation with the Mission Board.

Actions by the Work Outside the Diocese Committee under delegated authority

Standing Committee received a report from the Chairman of the Work Outside the Diocese Committee.

Clergy, Clergy Widows and Orphans Fund

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

Access to annual reports and financial statements of diocesan organisations

Standing Committee resolved with immediate effect –

- (a) that a copy of the annual report and annual audited financial statements of each diocesan organisation be made available for a reasonable fee to any member of Synod on request made to the Diocesan Secretary, after review by the Finance Committee, on condition that the member of Synod agrees to treat all such information as confidential unless the relevant diocesan organisation has itself made the information publicly available, and
- (b) that this resolution be transmitted at an appropriate time and in an appropriate form to the members of Synod.

Synod

Synod minutes of 19 October 2010

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 2010 Synod Proceedings

Standing Committee noted the summary of the Synod Proceedings have 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 has sent a circular to parishes on matters arising from the Synod session, including a copy of the resolutions passed and highlighting the matters of particular interest.

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.

Synod attendances

Standing Committee noted some statistics concerning Synod attendances.

12/10 General Synod Assessments

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and –

- (a) reappointed Mr Neil Cameron, Mr Robert Tong, the Rev Gavin Poole, Canon Rick Smith and the Rev Dr Mark Thompson, together with Mr Doug Marr, to undertake the consultation referred to in resolution 12/10 and to continue the discussions on the matters previously raised in earlier correspondence in relation to which the General Synod Standing Committee has, as yet, not responded, and
- (b) requested that a progress report on the consultation with the General Synod Standing Committee be provided after each meeting with the General Synod Standing Committee and in any event after the first invoice for the 2011 statutory assessment is received from the General Synod office, and
- (c) requested the above group to consult with the General Synod representatives with goodwill with the aim of achieving a result that is both fair and equitable to this Diocese and the other dioceses of the Church.

14/10 Scepticism with respect to the gospel

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and agreed to appoint the committee referred to in resolution 14/10 at its meeting on 6 December 2010.

15/10 Regulation of Holy Matrimony

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and appointed a committee comprising Bishop Glenn Davies and Mr Justice Peter Young, with power to co-opt, to undertake the work referred to in resolution 15/10.

17/10 The Lord's Supper in Human Hands Epilogue

Standing Committee agreed to forward to all members of the 2010 General Synod, a copy of the resolution concerning the Appellate Tribunal opinion on administration of Holy Communion by persons other than a presbyter and a copy of *The Lord's Supper in Human Hands Epilogue*.

19/10 Anglican Communion Covenant

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and agreed to appoint a committee at its meeting on 6 December 2010 to bring recommendations to the Standing Committee about how the Synod can consider the question referred to in resolution 19/10.

37/10 Parish assessment towards the funding needs of the Endowment of the See

Receipt of report

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and –

- (a) noted that the Diocesan Secretary has conveyed the terms of resolution 37/10 to the Endowment of the See Committee and the Archbishop's Strategic Commission with the request that those bodies jointly form a view about the action referred to in paragraph (a) of the resolution, and
- (b) requested that an ordinance be brought to the meeting on 6 December 2010 to give effect to the assessment referred to in paragraph (b)(i) of the resolution, such ordinance to have effect only if the Endowment of the See Committee and the Archbishop's Strategic Commission jointly confirm the actions contemplated under paragraph (a) of the resolution are not by 1 January 2011 reasonably expected to inject adequate and long term cash into the EOS while maintaining the real value of the investment when completed, and
- (c) subject to the approval of the Archbishop, requested the Archbishop's Strategic Commission to prepare a report on the options that exist to place the EOS on a financially sustainable footing, and

- (d) requested that this report be sent to the Endowment of the See Committee and the Property Trust for comment before the Standing Committee finalises its report to Synod about this matter in 2011 in accordance with paragraph (c) of the resolution.

Request for a report from parish councils

Standing Committee requested all Parish Council's to report the impact, if any, of the 1.14% assessment levy on their 2011 budgets following their 2011 annual general meeting.

40/10 Implementation of the Grievance Policy and Procedure

Receipt of report and amendment to Grievance Procedure

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and agreed to amend the grievance procedure by –

- (a) deleting paragraph 3.3, and
- (b) reversing the order of paragraphs 2.6(e) and (f).

Appointment of committee

Standing Committee –

- (a) appoints a committee comprising Bishop Glenn Davies (chair), Canon Sandy Grant, Dr Maryanne Golding and the Rev Chris Moroney to undertake the work of implementing the grievance policy and procedure contemplated by resolution 40/10, and
- (b) authorises an amount of up to \$4,000 from 2010 Synod Fund Contingencies for the purposes of meeting the costs of implementing the grievance policy and procedure.

41/10 Amendments to the Anglican Church of Australia Trust Property Act 1917

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

43/10 Diocesan Corporate Governance

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

Solemn Promises Ordinance 2010

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and requested the committee responsible for preparing the Solemn Promises Ordinance 2010 to undertake the review requested by the Synod and bring its recommendations to the Standing Committee in due course.

1/10 Gambling in Australia

18/10 Affirming Biblical marriage

33/10 Late-term abortions

38/10 Euthanasia

Standing Committee noted that responses to resolutions 1/10, 33/10 and 38/10 have been received from members of the NSW Parliament.

Standing Committee also noted that responses to resolutions 1/10, 18/10 and 38/10 have been received from members of the Federal Parliament.

Other Matters

Discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and sex/gender identity

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and requested a group comprising Bishop Robert Forsyth, Mr Robert Tong, Dr Karin Sowada and Mr Robert Wicks to prepare a brief submission on behalf of the Standing Committee in response to the consultation being undertaken by the Australian Human Rights Commission in relation to the protection from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and sex/gender identity.

Election of Bishop Hector “Tito” Zavala of Chile as Primate of the Southern Cone

Standing Committee offered its congratulations to Bishop Hector “Tito” Zavala of Chile on his election as Primate of the Southern Cone and assured him of their prayers as he continues to serve Christ and his people in this new capacity and at this crucial time in the life of the Anglican Communion.

Euthanasia

Standing Committee received a report from Dr Karin Sowada on behalf of the Social Issues Executive.

Date of next meeting

Monday 6 December 2010.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 6 December 2010

Archbishop Peter Jensen led in prayer.

Appointment of Mr Mark Payne as Chief Executive Officer of the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat and Glebe Administration Board

Standing Committee congratulated Mr Mark Payne on his appointment as Chief Executive Officer of the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat and Glebe Administration Board and extended their prayers and best wishes to Mark as he commences in this role.

Prioritisation of Standing Committee's outstanding matters

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and agreed to the recommended priority classification for each of the Standing Committee's outstanding matters.

Minutes of the Mission Board

Standing Committee noted the minutes of the Mission Board of 15 November 2010.

Minutes of 15 November 2010

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 15 November 2010.

Ordinances

Endowment of the See (Funding) Ordinance 2010

The purpose of this ordinance was to levy an assessment of 1.14% on parochial units in 2011 for the purpose of contributing to the funding needs of the Endowment of the See.

Solemn Promises Ordinance 2010

The purpose of this ordinance was to provide for the solemn promises to be made before a person is ordained, licensed or consecrated and for related matters.

Hunters Hill (Woolwich) Ordinance 1994 Amendment Ordinance 2010

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

Manly Leasing and Variation of Trusts Ordinance 2006 Amendment Ordinance 2010

The purpose of this ordinance was to amend the Manly Leasing and Variation of Trusts Ordinance 2006.

Austinmer (55 Moore Street) Land Sale Ordinance 2010

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

Cronulla Variation of Trusts Ordinance 2010

The purpose of this ordinance was to vary the trusts of certain personal property held by the wardens of St Andrew's Cronulla.

Shellharbour City Centre Land Sale Ordinance 2010

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

Merrylands Land Sale Ordinance 2010

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

Elections

Barker College, The Council of

The Rev Kara Gilbert was elected.

Mission Board

Mr Mark Payne was elected.

New College Limited

Mr Malcolm Boyd was elected.

Professional Standards Committee

Standing Committee agreed to consider recommending to the Archbishop the appointment of 2 additional persons as members of the Professional Standards Committee.

Sydney Diocesan Secretariat

Mr Ross Smith was elected.

Casual Vacancies

- (a) Finance Committee – Mr Mark Payne had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.
- (b) Nomination Board, alternate member – The Rev Philip Wheeler had ceased being an alternate member upon being elected as a member of the Nomination Board and a vacancy was declared for a member of the clergy.
- (c) Anglican Youth and Education Diocese of Sydney (Youthworks) – The Rev Tim Bowden had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a member of the clergy.

**Anglican Church Property Trust Diocese of Sydney
Council for Continuing Education for Ministers
Department of Evangelism and New Churches, Board of
Endowment of the See Committee**

**NSW Council of Churches, Sydney Diocesan Representatives
NSW Ecumenical Council
Provincial Synod, Diocesan Representative on
William Branwhite Clarke College Council**

These matters were deferred.

Secretariat and Glebe Board

Minutes

Standing Committee noted that the minute books for the Secretariat and Glebe Board have been tabled.

Reports of the Chief Executive Officer

Standing Committee noted that the reports of the Chief Executive Officer will be circulated to members of Standing Committee as soon as they become available.

Diocesan Endowment Report on September 2010 Quarter Performance

Standing Committee received a report.

Diocesan Endowment Budget for 2011

Standing Committee received a report.

Activities, funding and structure of Sydney Diocesan Secretariat in 2011

Standing Committee endorsed the principle that the Secretariat should recover from each diocesan organisation it serves, including the Synod and the Standing Committee but excluding parishes, the cost of serving that organisation.

Financial Matters

Actions by the Work Outside the Diocese Committee under delegated authority

Standing Committee noted the actions of the Work Outside the Diocese Committee acting under delegated authority.

Actions by the Finance Committee under delegated authority

Standing Committee noted the actions of the Finance Committee acting under delegated powers.

Stipends and Allowances Review

Standing Committee received a report from the Stipends & Allowances Committee.

Payment from 2011 Synod Fund Contingencies

Standing Committee approved up to \$5,000 to complete and distribute the revised Employment Relations Guidelines being paid from 2011 Synod Fund Contingencies.

Parramatta '54 Free Fund

The Archbishop-in-Council agreed that \$3,039 be distributed 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 reimburse the EOS for the cost of airfares for the 3 Sydney Bishops to attend the March 2010 Australian Bishops' Conference held in Perth.

St Andrew's House Income Ordinance 1999

Standing Committee received a report from the St Andrew's House Corporation.

Synod

11/10 General Synod Financial Statements

Standing Committee received letters from the General Secretary.

17/10 The Lord's Supper in Human Hands Epilogue

Standing Committee requested the Executive of the General Synod Standing Committee to consider an appropriate means by which the views of General Synod members, including the views expressed in Synod resolution 17/10 and in *The Lord's Supper in Human Hands Epilogue*, can be exchanged with other members of the General Synod.

19/10 Anglican Communion Covenant

Standing Committee appointed a committee to bring recommendations to the Standing Committee about how the Synod can consider the question referred to in resolution 19/10.

26/10 Environmental initiatives in the Diocese

Standing Committee received a report from the Manager, Property Trust and noted that due to the short period of time between Synod and the recalibration of State Government policy on 26 October 2010 it was not possible for the Property Trust to serve the parishes in the way envisioned by Synod resolution 26/10.

40/10 Implementation of the Grievance Policy and Procedure

Standing Committee agreed to consider at its meeting on 21 February 2011 approving persons as regional conciliators for the purposes of Synod's grievance policy and procedure.

43/10 Diocesan Corporate Governance

This matter was deferred.

Other Matters

Discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and sex/gender identity

Standing Committee noted a submission made on its behalf to the Australian Human Rights Commission.

Special Religious Education (SRE) and Ethics classes

Standing Committee noted 2 press releases.

Restructure of regions and area deaneries in light of Mission Areas

Standing Committee requested the Ordinance Reform Group to consider what legislative changes are needed to implement the decommissioning of Area Deans and Deaneries in the Diocese of Sydney.

Prayer Roster for 2011

Standing Committee noted a roster.

Expression of appreciation

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

Date of next meeting

Monday 21 February 2011.