

## **Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 21 February 2011**

Archdeacon Ian Cox and Mr Tony Willis 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 –

Mr Geoffrey Kells (AM), a member of the parish of Lavender Bay for service to international relations through Opportunity International China, and to aged care, charitable and church organisations.

Mrs Joyce Hayman (OAM) at Anglican Retirement Villages Castle Hill, for service to the community through the Mothers' Union of the Anglican Church.

Mr William Humphreys (OAM), a member of the parish of Kiama, for service to veterans and their families through the NSW Branch of the Returned and Services League of Australia.

Mrs Alice Oppen (OAM), a member of the parish of Hunters Hill, for service to the community through a range of roles with heritage, women's and charitable organisations.

Mr Walter Williamson (OAM), a member of the parish of Eastgardens for service to swimming, and to the community of Maroubra.

### **Minutes of the Mission Board**

Standing Committee noted the minutes of the Mission Board of 6 December 2010.

### **Minutes of 6 December 2010**

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 6 December 2010.

### **Access to Standing Committee minutes for Synod members**

This matter was deferred.

## **Ordinances**

### **Solemn Promises Ordinance 2010**

The Archbishop had declined to assent to this ordinance.

### **St Andrew's House Income Ordinance 2011**

The purpose of this ordinance was to re-declare the trusts of the land on which the building known as St Andrew's House is situated and to provide for the application of the income from the land.

### **Sydney Diocesan Educational and Book Committee Variation of Trusts and Repeal Ordinance 2011**

The purpose of this ordinance was to vary the trusts of certain funds and to repeal the Sydney Diocesan Educational and Book Committee Ordinance 1986.

### **St James' Sydney Phillip Street Property Amendment Ordinance 2011**

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

### **Avalon with Palm Beach Leasing Ordinance 2011**

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

### **St Philip's York Street Property Leasing Ordinance 1966 Amendment Ordinance 2007**

Standing Committee received a report for the purposes of clause 3(2) of the St Philip's York Street Property Leasing Ordinance 1966 Amendment Ordinance 2007.

## **Elections**

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

Standing Committee received a report about filling a vacancy on the Standing Committee arising from Mr James Jack ceasing to be a member of the Synod.

### **Anglican Youth and Education Diocese of Sydney (Youthworks)**

The Rev Stuart Crawshaw was elected.

### **Blue Mountains Grammar School Limited**

Standing Committee –

- (a) noted that a vacancy for a person to be appointed as a Director on the Board of Blue Mountains Grammar School Limited has arisen due to the resignation of Mr John Lambert on 5 July 2010, and
- (b) agreed to the possibility of filling the vacancy at its meeting on 28 March 2011 with effect from the Annual General Meeting to be held on 6 May 2011.

### **New College Limited**

Standing Committee –

- (a) declared a vacancy for a person in the membership of New College Limited, and
- (b) noted that 3 additional vacancies will arise in the membership of New College Limited at the Annual General meeting of the company on 11 May 2011, and
- (c) agreed to consider filling the vacancies referred to in (a) and (b) at its meeting on 28 March 2011 with effect from the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

### **Nomination Board, alternate member**

The Rev Mark Charleston was elected.

### **Professional Standards Committee**

The Archbishop-in-Council appointed Mr Peter M G Young and the Rev Mamie Long as members of the Professional Standards Committee.

## **Robert Menzies College Limited**

Standing Committee –

- (a) noted that 4 vacancies will arise in the membership of Robert Menzies College Limited at the Annual General meeting of the company on 16 May 2011, and
- (b) agreed to consider filling these vacancies at its meeting on 28 March 2011.

## **Social Issues Executive**

Standing Committee agreed to appoint Mr Angus Belling as a member of the Social Issues Executive.

## **Casual Vacancies**

- (a) Diocesan Ordinance Review Panel – Mr John Pascoe had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a member.
- (b) Professional Standards Committee – Archdeacon Deryck Howell had resigned with effect from 28 March 2011 and a vacancy from that date was declared for a person who has been a member of clergy for not less than 10 years.
- (c) Tara Anglican School for Girls, Council of – Mrs Sandra Allan had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a lay person.
- (d) Mission Board – Dean Phillip Jensen had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a Head of an Organisation.

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

These matters were deferred.

## **Secretariat and Glebe Board**

### **Minutes**

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

### **Reports of the Chief Executive Officer**

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

### **Activities, funding and structure of Sydney Diocesan Secretariat in 2011 Use of Sydney Square**

These matters were deferred.

## Financial Matters

### **Actions by the Work Outside the Diocese Committee under delegated authority**

Standing Committee received a report.

### **Estate of the Late Thomas Moore**

Standing Committee noted with appreciation the following resolution passed by the Trustees of the Estate of the Late Thomas Moore at their final meeting on 9 December 2010 –

“With thanksgiving to Almighty God for His manifest blessings through the munificent bequest of Thomas Moore, blessings much further multiplied over the 170 years since his death, the present Trustees of Thomas Moore’s Estate, aware that the corpus is rapidly diminishing in real value, hereby lay aside our responsibilities, confident that all reasonable efforts have been made to discharge our obligations and to discover whether there remain any further assets of the Trust, praying that the work begun by Thomas Moore, Bishop Barker and so many others, through the Anglican Church, notably through Moore College, will continue to flourish and be a blessing to untold numbers of people, and so resolve to distribute the corpus in accordance with the approved cy pres scheme and to Terminate the trusts”.

## Synod

### **12/10 General Synod Assessments**

#### **Consultation with the General Synod Standing Committee**

Standing Committee –

- (a) authorised letters to be sent to the General Secretary on behalf of the Standing Committee, and
- (b) requested that members of the Standing Committee who are also members of the General Synod Standing Committee advance the concerns raised in these letters with a view to ensuring that full and frank discussions are undertaken in relation to these concerns with the appropriate degree of good will.

### **39/10 Billboard advertising campaign for euthanasia**

Standing Committee received a report.

### **40/10 Implementation of the Grievance Policy and Procedure**

The following persons were approved as regional conciliators for the purposes of the Diocesan Grievance Policy and Procedure until 31 December 2014 –

Archdeacon Ian Cox	The Rev Dr Margaret Powell
Canon Sandy Grant	The Rev Jim Ramsay
Ms Karen Davison	Mrs Lesley Ramsay
Mrs Jennie Everist	Mrs Karen Ray
Mr Andrew McLachlan	The Rev Michael Robinson
Mrs Jill McGilvray	Mr David Wright-Smith.

### **43/10 Diocesan Corporate Governance**

Standing Committee noted that a revised draft of the policy will be provided for Standing Committee’s consideration at its meeting on 28 March 2011.

## **26/10 Environmental initiatives in the Diocese**

Standing Committee received a letter.

## **14/10 Scepticism with respect to the gospel**

This matter was deferred.

## **Other Matters**

### **Moore College Campus Development**

Standing Committee received a letter.

### **Scoping study for a National Not-for-Profit Regulator**

Standing Committee received a report.

### **Policy debate on participating in proceedings of the Appellate Tribunal**

Standing Committee confirmed that although it is unlikely that the Standing Committee will hereafter participate in the consideration of questions on the Constitution put to the Tribunal, the Standing Committee will nonetheless consider each reference to the Tribunal on its merits.

### **Review of the status of St Michael's Provisional Cathedral and St John's Provisional Cathedral**

Standing Committee received a progress report from the Diocesan Secretary.

### **Resolution of the 15<sup>th</sup> session of the General Synod**

Standing Committee –

- (a) noted the resolutions of the 15<sup>th</sup> session of the General Synod, and
- (b) noted that the General Secretary has been requested to circulate to dioceses –
  - (i) a corrected form of the text of the resolution concerning the Anglican Communion Covenant, and
  - (ii) a copy of the Jerusalem Declaration to enable dioceses and parishes in the Church to study the Declaration in accordance with the General Synod's request.

### **Notification of a proposal to recognise Harbour Church under the Recognised Churches Ordinance 2000**

This matter was deferred.

### **Date of next meeting**

Monday 28 March 2011.

## **Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 28 March 2011**

The Rev Chris Moroney and Mrs Lis Boyce led in prayer.

### **Chairman**

In the absence of the Archbishop, Bishop Robert Forsyth chaired the meeting as the senior Assistant Bishop of the Diocese.

### **Welcome to Mr Stephen Mitchell**

Standing Committee welcomed Mr Stephen Mitchell to the meeting as a member elected by the Georges River Regional Electors.

### **Minutes of the Mission Board**

Standing Committee noted the minutes of the Mission Board of 21 February 2011.

### **Minutes of 21 February 2011**

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 21 February 2011.

## **Ordinances**

### **Parish Administration Ordinance 2008 Amendment Ordinance 2011**

The purpose of this ordinance was to amend the Parish Administration Ordinance 2008 with respect to wardens granting licences for a person or organisation to use the real property of a church

## **Elections**

### **Election of members of the 49<sup>th</sup> Synod under Part 8 of the Synod Membership Ordinance 1995**

Standing Committee noted that the election would take place at the meeting on 2 May 2011.

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

Standing Committee noted a report to the Archbishop.

### **Membership of the Standing Committee: Qualified lay person elected by the members of the Synod**

Standing Committee –

- (a) noted that Mrs Nicky Fortescue had resigned as a member of the Standing Committee with effect from 28 March 2011, and
- (b) declared a vacancy in the membership of the Standing Committee for a qualified lay person elected by the members of Synod.

### **Anglican Church Property Trust Diocese of Sydney**

Mrs Melinda West was elected.

### **Council for Continuing Education for Ministers**

The Rev Antony Barraclough was elected.

### **Diocesan Ordinance Review Panel**

Dr Maryanne Golding was elected.

### **Endowment of the See Committee**

Mr Jonathan Rochford was elected.

### **New College Limited**

Professor Christine Alexander, Mr Stephen Hodgkinson and the Rev Dr Andrew Shead were elected.

### **Professional Standards Committee**

#### *Filling of vacancy*

The Rev Michael Kellahan was appointed as a member of the Professional Standards Committee.

#### *Appointment of chairman*

Mr Alan Lucas was appointed as chairman of the Professional Standards Committee.

### **Provincial Synod, Diocesan Representative on**

The Rev Peter Tong was elected.

### **Robert Menzies College Limited**

Bishop Glenn Davies, Mr Richard Hughes, Mr Homer Paxton and Ms Nicola Warwick-Mayo were elected.

### **Tara Anglican Girls' School Council**

Mr David Braga was elected.

### **Casual Vacancies**

- (a) Anglican Education Commission – the Rev Vanessa Bennett had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.
- (b) New College Limited – Mr Michael Clancy had resigned with effect from 31 March 2011 and a vacancy was declared for a person.
- (c) Finance Committee – Mr Greg Bridge had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.
- (d) NSW Council of Churches, Sydney Diocesan Representative – Deaconess Margaret Rodgers had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.
- (e) Provincial Synod, Diocesan Representatives – Deaconess Margaret Rodgers had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a lay person.

- (f) Work Outside the Diocese Committee – Deaconess Margaret Rodgers had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.
- (g) Membership of the 48<sup>th</sup> Synod under Part 8 – Mr Peter White had resigned with effect from 1 July 2011 and a vacancy was declared for a lay person.

**Blue Mountains Grammar School Limited**  
**Department of Evangelism and New Churches, Board of**  
**Finance Committee**  
**Mission Board**  
**NSW Council of Churches, Sydney Diocesan Representatives**  
**NSW Ecumenical Council**  
**Stipends and Allowances Committee**  
**Sydney Diocesan Secretariat**  
**William Branwhite Clarke College Council**

These matters were deferred.

## Secretariat and Glebe Board

### Minutes

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

### Reports of the Chief Executive Officer

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

### Activities, funding and structure of Sydney Diocesan Secretariat in 2011

Standing Committee agreed that from 2011 disbursements up to \$76,000 or an amount approved by resolution of the Standing Committee incurred on behalf of the Synod and the Standing Committee be paid directly from the Synod Fund, on the basis that the Finance Committee maintains an appropriate oversight as to the nature and quantum of such disbursements.

### Use of Sydney Square

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) approved the extension of the review date in the Lane Cove Trust Ordinance 2001 to 20 April 2014, and
- (b) directed that up to \$8,145 of the personal property held under the Port Kembla Trust Ordinance 2001 be applied for the purpose of repairing the roof of the Port Kembla Anglican Church.

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

Standing Committee received a report.

## **Actions by the Mission Board under delegated authority**

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

- (a) confirmed the application of the \$600,000 allocated under the Synod Appropriations and Allocations Ordinance 2010 for “Regional Councils – general allocation (including support of ethnic and cross cultural ministry, and administration support)” for 2011, and
- (b) confirmed the application of individual amounts from the \$200,000 allocated under the Synod Appropriations and Allocations Ordinance 2010 for “Support and assistance for Mission Areas”.

## **Synod**

### **1<sup>st</sup> ordinary session of the 49<sup>th</sup> Synod**

Standing Committee received a report.

#### **14/10 Scepticism with respect to the gospel**

Standing Committee agreed that, in view of existing priorities, no further action should be taken in relation to this matter.

#### **17/10 The Lord’s Supper in Human Hands Epilogue**

Standing Committee requested the Diocesan Secretary to use his best endeavours to send directly to members of the General Synod a copy of the Synod’s 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*.

#### **43/10 Diocesan Corporate Governance**

Standing Committee received a report and –

- (a) agreed to the proposed changes to the draft policy, and
- (b) requested that the amended draft be sent to Synod members, the boards of diocesan organisations and the Archbishop’s Strategic Commission for comment by 6 June 2011, and
- (c) requested that the Governance Committee bring a further revised form of the policy to the Standing Committee incorporating, as appropriate, changes made in response to any comments.

#### **Proposal to reclassify Wollondilly as a parish**

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

## **Other Matters**

### **Scoping study for a National Not-for-Profit Regulator**

Standing Committee noted the submission made to Treasury on behalf of the Standing Committee.

### **Resolutions of the 15<sup>th</sup> session of the General Synod**

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

**Notification of a proposal to recognise Harbour Church under the Recognised Churches Ordinance 2000**

Standing Committee –

- (a) for the purposes of clause 8(2)(a)(iv) of the Recognised Churches Ordinance 2000, noted the declaration of Harbour Church as a recognised church.
- (b) extended its prayers and best wishes to the Rev Robert Sharp and the members of the church as they continue their ministry in the fellowship of the Diocese.

**Freedom of Religion and Belief Project**

Standing Committee received a report.

**Review of the status of St Michael's Provisional Cathedral and St John's Provisional Cathedral**

This matter was deferred.

**Date of next meeting**

Monday 2 May 2011.

## **Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 2 May 2011**

Bishop Robert Forsyth and Dr Barry Newman led in prayer.

### **Minutes of the Mission Board**

#### *Noting of minutes*

Standing Committee noted the minutes of the Mission Board of 28 March 2011.

#### *Receipt of report*

Standing Committee agreed that Standing Committee members may have access to all Mission Board minutes and any attachments referred to in those minutes except for attachments which the Archbishop has identified as confidential –

- (a) by reason of commercial or pastoral sensitivity, or
- (b) because they are working or discussion papers of the Mission Board.

### **Special session of the Synod in 2013 to elect the next Archbishop of Sydney**

Standing Committee requested that members of the 49<sup>th</sup> Synod be notified of the dates for the Election Synod as part of the first mailing to be sent to Synod members in August this year.

### **Minutes of 28 March 2011**

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 28 March 2011.

### **Access to Standing Committee minutes for Synod members**

This matter was deferred.

## **Ordinances**

### **Synod Appropriations and Allocations Amendment Ordinance 2011**

The purpose of this ordinance was to enable disbursements incurred on behalf of the Synod to be paid directly from funds held for the Synod.

### **Dural (Glenorie) Land Sale Ordinance 2000 Amendment Ordinance 2011**

The purpose of this ordinance was to amend the Dural (Glenorie) Land Sale Ordinance 2000.

### **West Wollongong Land Sale Ordinance 2011**

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

### **Eastgardens Land Sale Ordinance 2011**

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

## **North Sydney Mortgaging Ordinance 2011**

The purpose of this ordinance was to provide for the mortgaging of certain land at North Sydney

## **South Sydney Land Sale Ordinance 2011**

This matter was deferred.

## **Elections**

### **Appointment of Returning officers for the 1<sup>st</sup> session of the 49<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> session of the 49<sup>th</sup> Synod.

### **Election of members of the 49<sup>th</sup> Synod under Part 8 of the Synod Membership Ordinance 1995**

The following persons were elected –

Bellenger, Professor Christopher	Jones, Mr Michael
Chee, Mr Andrew -Marcus	Kell, Mr Peter
Colquhoun, Mrs Wendy	Kim, Mr Francis
Collier, Dr John	Mackay, Dr Robert
Creelman, Mr John	Meek SC, Mr Michael
Davidson, Mrs Gillian	Murray, Mr Graham
Driver, Mr John	Smith, Dr Claire
Earnshaw, Miss Deborah	Sowada, Dr Karin
Flower, Miss Jennifer	Thomas, Mr Martin
Fortescue, Mrs Nicola	Tong, Mr Robert
Frank, Mr Andrew	Tong, Miss Sylvia
Hurley, Miss Caitlin	Wood, Ms Catriona

### **Declaration of nominated organisations for the 49<sup>th</sup> Synod under Part 6 of the Synod Membership Ordinance 1995**

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

### **Membership of the 48<sup>th</sup> Synod under Part 8 of the Synod Membership Ordinance 1995**

Mr Peter Kell was elected with effect from 1 July 2011.

### **Membership of the Standing Committee: Qualified lay person elected by the members of the Synod**

Ms Simone Sietsma was elected.

### **Anglican Church Property Trust Diocese of Sydney**

The Rev Andrew Bruce was elected.

### **Anglican Education Commission**

Miss Wendy Philpott was elected.

### **Department of Evangelism and New Churches, Board of**

Mr Allan Dowthwaite was elected.

### **NSW Ecumenical Council (Churches Together NSW)**

The vacancy for a person will not be filled by the Standing Committee.

### **Provincial Synod, Diocesan Representative on**

Mr Brett Hall was elected.

### **Work Outside the Diocese Committee**

Mrs Kathryn Thompson was elected.

### **Casual Vacancies**

- (a) Sydney Church of England Grammar School (Shore), Council of – Mr Roger Corbett AO, the Rev Ken Noakes and Archdeacon Peter Smart had resigned and vacancies were declared for a person who is a lay member of the Anglican Church of Australia and for 2 members of clergy in presbyters orders.
- (b) Professional Standards Committee – Miss Emma Collett had resigned but it was agreed not to declare a vacancy.
- (c) Trinity Grammar School, Council of – Mr Paul Meldrum had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a lay person.
- (d) Provincial Synod, Diocesan Representatives – Canon Brian Roberts had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a member of the clergy. The vacancy will not be filled by the Standing Committee.
- (e) Mission Board – Mr Peter Kell will retire as CEO of the Sydney Anglican Home Mission Society (Anglicare) on 30 June 2011 and a vacancy was declared for a Head of an Organisation from that date.

**Blue Mountains Grammar School Limited**  
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**Stipends and Allowances Committee**  
**Sydney Diocesan Secretariat**  
**William Branwhite Clarke College Council**

These matters were deferred.

## Secretariat and Glebe Board

### Minutes

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

### Reports of the Chief Executive Officer

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

## Financial Matters

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

Standing Committee received an updated report.

### Review and update of diocesan funds

Standing Committee asked the Finance Committee to review all funds that come directly under the responsibility of the Standing Committee with the object of advising the Committee on the adequacy of the relevant funds for their purpose and especially whether there are any surpluses in the funds which Standing Committee may consider using for other diocesan requirements.

## Synod

### 1<sup>st</sup> ordinary session of the 49<sup>th</sup> Synod

#### *Receipt of report*

Standing Committee received a report.

#### *Timeframes for the preparation of material*

Standing Committee received an indicative timetable for preparing material for the Synod and requested all persons involved in the preparation of this material to undertake their best endeavours to ensure that preparation of this material is progressed within the timeframes indicated.

### Review of Synod procedures

#### *Receipt of report and trial proposals*

Standing Committee agreed to trial at the 1<sup>st</sup> session of the 49<sup>th</sup> Synod in October the proposals concerning notice of questions and reserving time for non-scheduled business in the report.

#### *Discontinuance of custom*

Standing Committee requested the President of the Synod to discontinue the custom of treating a question, under clause 3.3(f) of the Conduct of the Business of Synod Ordinance 2000, as a notice of question.

### Proposal to reclassify Eagle Vale 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”.

## **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

## **2/10 Towards 2050**

This matter was deferred.

## **Other Matters**

### **Proposed amendments to the Constitution of SCEGGS Darlinghurst Limited**

Standing Committee endorsed the proposed changes to the Constitution of SCEGGS Darlinghurst Ltd.

### **Meeting dates for 2012**

Standing Committee agreed to the following meeting dates for 2012 –

20 February	23 July
26 March	20 August
30 April	17 September
28 May	12 November
25 June	10 December

noting that the 2<sup>nd</sup> session of the 49<sup>th</sup> Synod is to be held on 8, 9, 10, 15 and 16 October 2012.

### **Review of the status of St Michael's Provisional Cathedral and St John's Provisional Cathedral Decommissioning Area Deans and Area Deaneries**

These matters were deferred.

### **Date of next meeting**

Monday 30 May 2011.

## **Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 30 May 2011**

Canon Phillip Colgan and Mr Peter Kell led in prayer.

### **Access to Standing Committee minutes for Synod members**

Having regard to –

- (a) the duties exercised by the Standing Committee pursuant to clause 4 of the Standing Committee Ordinance 1897 and, in particular, the significant management responsibilities exercised under clause 4(3), and
- (b) the tabling of the minutes of the Standing Committee at the commencement of each session of the Synod pursuant to clause 7 of the Standing Committee Ordinance 1897, and
- (c) the Annual Report of the proceedings of the Standing Committee presented to the Synod pursuant to clause 8 of the Standing Committee Ordinance 1897, and
- (d) the publication of on-line monthly reports by the Diocesan Secretary about the meetings of the Standing Committee, and
- (e) the practices adopted in other dioceses concerning the availability of the minutes of diocesan council meetings,

Standing Committee considered that there is an appropriate balance between the provision of information to Synod members about the decisions made by the Standing Committee and the need for confidentiality in certain circumstances as a key requisite for effective management. Standing Committee therefore considered that there is no reason to provide Synod members with further access to Standing Committee minutes.

### **Minutes of the Mission Board**

Standing Committee noted the minutes of the Mission Board of 2 May 2011.

### **Minutes of 2 May 2011**

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 2 May 2011.

## **Ordinances**

### **Diocesan Endowment (Special Distribution) Amendment Ordinance 2011**

The purpose of this ordinance was to provide for the amount to be paid by the Glebe Administration Board to the Standing Committee from property held under the Diocesan Endowment Ordinance 1984 during the year 2012.

### **Manly Leasing and Variation of Trusts Ordinance 2006 Amendment Ordinance 2011**

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

### **Kensington Land Sale Ordinance 1999 Amendment Ordinance 2011**

The purpose of this ordinance was to amend the Kensington Land Sale Ordinance 1999 to extend the period within which investment income may be distributed from the funds held under the Ordinance.

### **North Sydney Leasing Ordinance 2011**

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

### **Moore Theological College Ordinance 2009 Amendment Ordinance 2011**

The purpose of this ordinance was to amend the Moore Theological College Ordinance 2009.

### **South Sydney Regional Council Land Sale and Variation of Trusts Ordinance 2011**

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

### **Penrith Leasing Ordinance 2011**

The purpose of this ordinance was to authorise the leasing of certain land at Penrith.

## **Elections**

### **Declaration of nominated organisations for the 49<sup>th</sup> Synod under Part 6 of the Synod Membership Ordinance 1995**

Standing Committee declared that the following are nominated organisations for the 49<sup>th</sup> Synod under Part 6 of the Synod Membership Ordinance 1995 –

- Anglican Media
- Anglican Retirement Villages Diocese of Sydney
- Anglican Youth and Education Diocese of Sydney (Youthworks)
- Moore Theological College
- Sydney Anglican Home Mission Society (Anglicare)
- Sydney Diocesan Secretariat
- Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation

### **Council for Continuing Education for Ministers**

Mr Allan Dodd was elected.

### **Mission Board**

Canon John Woodhouse was elected.

### **Stipends and Allowances Committee**

Mr Paul Willis was elected.

### **Sydney Church of England Grammar School (Shore), Council of**

Mr Robert Collison and the Rev Matthew Heazlewood were elected.

### **Trinity Grammar School, Council of**

*Filling of vacancy*

Mr Matthew Bradfield was elected.

### *Record of appreciation*

Standing Committee recorded its appreciation to God for the 30 years' ministry of James Mills as Chairman of Trinity Grammar School.

### **Casual Vacancies**

- (a) Abbotsleigh, the Council of – Professor Phillip Dolan had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a layman.
- (b) Robert Menzies College – Professor Phillip Dolan had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.
- (c) Stipends and Allowances Committee – The Rev Susan Willis had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a member of the clergy.
- (d) Arden Anglican School Council – the Rev Adam Taylor had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a member of the clergy.
- (e) Sydney Diocesan Secretariat – Dr Laurie Scandrett had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.

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### Secretariat and Glebe Board

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#### **Reports of the Chief Executive Officer**

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

#### **Diocesan Endowment Report on March 2011 Quarter Performance**

Standing Committee received a report.

### Financial Matters

#### **Actions by the Work Outside the Diocese Committee under delegated authority**

Standing Committee received a report and noted that, acting under delegated powers, the Work Outside the Diocese Committee had approved payments from the funds allocated for work outside the Diocese under Policy 1b.

## **Actions by the Finance Committee under delegated authority**

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

- (a) received and signed the 2010 audited financial statements for the Synod and parish services group of Funds,
- (b) received a report in relation to reporting by the larger Diocesan organisations under clause 13 of the Accounts, Annual Reports and Audits Ordinance 1995,
- (c) approved an extension of the review date in the Malabar Trust Ordinance 2001 to 6 May 2016,
- (d) received a report and approved disbursements under clause 6(a) of the Synod Appropriations and Allocations Ordinance 2009 of the nature and up to the amounts, exclusive of GST, indicated in the report being reimbursed or paid directly from the Synod Fund in 2011 or subsequent years, and
- (e) approved the allocation of \$1,127 from Synod Fund Contingencies to enable the full amount of the affiliation fees for the year ending 30 April 2012 to be paid to the NSW Council of Churches.

## **Financial update of the Endowment of the See**

Standing Committee received management accounts for the Endowment of the See for April 2011.

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

Standing Committee received a report from the Manager, Diocesan and Policy Services and agreed that the time in which responses can be made to the Standing Committee about the impact of the 1.14% levy on parishes is closed.

## **Synod**

### **1<sup>st</sup> ordinary session of the 49<sup>th</sup> Synod**

Standing Committee received a report.

### **2/10 Towards 2050**

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and appointed a committee comprising the Rev Peter Lin, the Rev Andrew Katay and Dr Philip Selden to oversee the review of a report for Synod in response to resolution 2/10.

### **25/10 Printing of Synod proceedings in Diocese Year Book**

In view of the current financial constraints, the Standing Committee is not in favour of recommencing hard copy printing of Synod Proceedings.

### **40/10 Implementation of the Grievance Policy and Procedure**

Standing Committee approved the amendments to the grievance procedure set out in the version of the procedure attached to that report.

## **Solemn Promises**

### *Solemn Promises Ordinance 2011*

Standing Committee –

- (a) requested that the bill for the Solemn Promises Ordinance 2011 be promoted to the Synod “by request of the Standing Committee”, and
- (b) approved of the printing of the explanatory statement for the Synod.

### *Archbishop of Sydney (Solemn Promises) Amendment Ordinance 2011*

Standing Committee –

- (a) requested that the bill for the Archbishop of Sydney (Solemn Promises) Amendment Ordinance 2011 be promoted to the Synod “by request of the Standing Committee”, and
- (b) approved of the printing of the explanatory statement for the Synod.

### *Authorised Services Ordinance 2011*

Standing Committee –

- (a) requested that the bill for the Authorised Services Ordinance 2011 be promoted to the Synod “by request of the Standing Committee”, and
- (b) approves of the printing of the explanatory statement for the Synod.

### **Printing of reports for Synod**

Standing Committee approved of the printing of a report about the following matter for the Synod –  
Northern Regional Council: Annual Report

### **Other Matters**

#### **Reforms to the not-for-profit sector**

Standing Committee established an oversight committee –

- (a) to keep a watching brief of Government announcements concerning the Unrelated Business Income Tax, the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission and the proposed statutory definition of charity, and
- (b) to review the draft taxation ruling (TR 2011/D2) recently issued by the Australian Taxation Office on “Income Tax and Fringe Benefits Tax for charities”, and

to prepare submissions to the Government and the ATO respectively on these matters at the relevant time.

#### **Public Affairs Commission Submission to the National Inquiry into Sustainable Population**

Standing Committee –

- (a) noted a letter from Canon Sandy Grant to Professor John Langmore, chair of the Public Affairs Commission of the General Synod Standing Committee, and
- (b) endorsed the views expressed in Canon Grant’s letter concerning the submission made by the Public Affairs Commission to the National Inquiry into Sustainable Population.

#### **Date of next meeting**

Monday 27 June 2011.

## **Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 27 June 2011**

Miss Jennifer Flower and Canon Sandy Grant led in prayer.

### **Archdeacon Ian Cox**

Standing Committee agreed to extend the retirement age of Archdeacon Ian Cox to 14 April 2013.

### **Queen's birthday honours**

Standing Committee congratulated members of the Church who were recently awarded Queen's birthday honours.

### **Minutes of the Mission Board**

Standing Committee noted the minutes of the Mission Board of 30 May 2011.

### **Minutes of 30 May 2011**

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 30 May 2011.

## **Ordinances**

### **Leichhardt Variation of Trusts and Mortgaging Ordinance 2004 Amendment Ordinance 2011**

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

### **Synod (National Church Life Survey) Special Application Ordinance 2011**

The purpose of this ordinance was to authorise the application of an amount for the purposes of the National Church Life Survey.

## **Elections**

### **Appointment of members of the 49<sup>th</sup> Synod under Part 7 of the Synod Membership Ordinance 1995**

Standing Committee received the following report from the Diocesan Secretary –

“The Archbishop has appointed the following persons as Nominated Ministers for the 49th Synod under Part 7 of the Synod Membership Ordinance 1995 –

The Rev Canon Christopher Allan	The Rev Andrew Lim
The Ven Ian Cox	The Rev Christopher Moroney
The Rt Rev Dr Glenn Davies	The Rev Andrew Nixon
The Rt Rev Robert Forsyth	The Rev Archie Poulos
The Rev Dr Mark Gilbert	The Rev Mark Rundle
The Rev Kara Gilbert	The Rev Dr Willis Salier
The Rt Rev Peter Hayward	The Rt Rev Alan Stewart
The Rev Cam Phong Hyuynh	The Rev Allison Street
The Ven Narelle Jarrett	The Rev Tara Thornley

The Rev Gary Koo  
The Rev Donny Kwan  
The Rt Rev Ivan Lee

The Rev Dr Mark Thompson  
The Rev Brian Tung”

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

Standing Committee received a report about filling a vacancy on the Standing Committee arising from Mr Peter White who resigned with effect from 1 July 2011.

**Department of Evangelism and New Churches, Board of**

Mr Andrew J Mitchell was elected.

**New College Limited**

Mr Stephen Cox was elected.

**Stipends and Allowances Committee**

The Rev Leanne Burns was elected.

**Sydney Church of England Grammar School (Shore), Council of**

The Rev Stuart Holman was elected.

**Abbotsleigh, The Council of  
Arden Anglican School Council  
Blue Mountains Grammar School Limited  
Diocesan Ordinance Review Panel  
Finance Committee  
Mission Board  
NSW Council of Churches, Sydney Diocesan Representatives  
Robert Menzies College  
William Branwhite Clarke College Council**

These matters were deferred.

**Casual Vacancies**

- (a) Moore Theological College Council – Mr Kenneth Chapman had resigned effective from 30 September 2011 and a vacancy was declared for a lay person.
- (b) Anglican Church Property Trust – Mr Greg Bridge had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a lay person.
- (c) Diocesan Conciliators, Diocesan Grievance Policy and Procedure – Mrs Jill McGilvray had resigned and the Standing Committee noted the resignation.
- (d) Sydney Church of England Grammar School (Shore), Council of – Mr Jim Wiseman had resigned effective from 31 July 2011 and a vacancy was declared for a lay person.
- (e) Sydney Anglican Home Mission Society (Anglicare), Council of – Mr Greg Clarke had resigned effective from 29 June 2011 and a vacancy was declared for a person.

## Secretariat and Glebe Board

### Minutes

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

### Reports of the 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 that the Finance Committee has approved the payment of \$235 to reimburse Rev Sturt Young for costs associated with website hosting and domain names for the *Better Gatherings* website.

## Synod

### 1<sup>st</sup> ordinary session of the 49<sup>th</sup> Synod

Standing Committee received a report.

### 12/10 General Synod Assessments

#### Consultation with the General Synod Standing Committee

Standing Committee requested the consultation group –

- (a) to prepare a report for the next session of Synod about the progress in consulting with the GSSC on various matters of concern, including the matters referred to in resolution 12/10, and
- (b) to prepare a form of motion to enable the Synod to appropriately engage in this matter with a view to the motion being moved “by request of the Standing Committee.

### Corporate Governance Policy for Diocesan Organisations

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and, while encouraging the Governance Committee to continue its work in preparing a final draft of the Policy for the Synod, agreed that it may be appropriate for a brief progress report to be provided to the Synod this year rather than a final draft of the Policy.

### Printing of reports for Synod

Standing Committee approved of the printing of Western Sydney Regional Council Annual Report for the Synod.

### 40/10 Implementation of Diocesan Grievance Policy and Procedure

Standing Committee noted that the Diocesan Grievance Policy and Procedure (the Policy) will commence on 1 July 2011.

## Other Matters

### **Hosting the 16<sup>th</sup> session of General Synod**

Standing Committee noted the tender documentation for hosting the 16<sup>th</sup> session of the General Synod and thanked the General Secretary for the documentation but requested the Diocesan Secretary to inform him that the Sydney Standing Committee considered that it is not able to host the next session of the General Synod in this Diocese.

### **Submission to the Inquiry into the Migration Amendment (Strengthening the Character Test and Other Provisions) Bill 2011**

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

### **Submission to the Australian Taxation Office concerning the meaning of charity in Draft Taxation Ruling TR 2011/D2**

Standing Committee noted the submission made on its behalf.

### **Date of next meeting**

Monday 25 July 2011.

## **Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 25 July 2011**

Mr Peter Evans and the Rev Dominic Steele led in prayer.

### **Welcome to Ms Simone Sietsma**

Standing Committee welcomed Ms Simone Sietsma to the meeting as a member elected by the members of Synod.

### **Procedure and scheduling of business**

Standing Committee agreed to invite the Director of Professional Standards, Mr Glenn Murray, to be present at the meeting and available to answer questions during consideration of particular matters.

### **Minutes of the Mission Board**

Standing Committee noted the minutes of the Mission Board of 27 June 2011.

### **Minutes of 27 June 2011**

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 27 June 2011.

### **Ordinances**

#### **Synod Appropriations and Allocations Ordinance 2011**

The purpose of this ordinance was to authorise Synod appropriations and allocations for 2012 and for incidental matters.

#### **Synod Estimates Ordinance 1998 Amendment Ordinance 2011**

The purpose of this ordinance was to provide for a statement of funding principles and priorities to be prepared for the 1<sup>st</sup> ordinary session of each Synod instead of a Strategic Plan.

### **Elections**

#### **Membership of the Standing Committee: Lay person elected by the Regional Electors of the Wollongong Region**

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

#### **Anglican Church Property Trust**

Mr Roger Collison was elected.

**Abbotsleigh, The Council of  
Arden Anglican School Council  
Blue Mountains Grammar School Limited  
Diocesan Ordinance Review Panel  
Finance Committee  
Mission Board  
Moore Theological College, Council of**

**New College Limited  
NSW Council of Churches, Sydney Diocesan Representatives  
Robert Menzies College  
Sydney Anglican Home Mission Society (Anglicare), Council of  
Sydney Church of England Grammar School (Shore), Council of  
Sydney Diocesan Secretariat  
William Branwhite Clarke College Council**

These matters were deferred.

### **Casual Vacancies**

- (a) Parish Relationships Panel – Mr Tim Hudson died on 18 December 2010 and a vacancy was declared for a person.
- (b) Department of Evangelism and New Churches, Board of – The Rev Archie Poulos had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a lay person.
- (c) Mission Property Committee – Mr Peter Kell had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.

Secretariat and Glebe Board

### **Minutes**

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

### **Reports of the Chief Executive Officer**

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

Financial Matters

### **Review of diocesan funds**

#### *Receipt of Report*

Standing Committee received a report from the Finance Committee.

#### *Return of balance of seed-funding*

Standing Committee asked the Diocesan Secretary to draft an ordinance to return to the Diocesan Endowment the balance of capital provided to PCR Fund 951 as seed-funding in 2005.

#### *Transfer of Social Issues Executive funds to Moore Theological College*

Standing Committee asked the Diocesan Secretary to draft an ordinance to transfer the balance of funds held in the Social Issues Executive Fund 188 to Moore Theological College for the purpose of supporting the work of the SIE.

#### *Retention of PCR funds*

Standing Committee agreed to retain amounts within the PCR group of Funds which, in the opinion of the Finance Committee, are in excess of the current requirements of such Funds, pending consideration of how these amounts can be most appropriately returned to parishes.

Synod

### **1<sup>st</sup> ordinary session of the 49<sup>th</sup> Synod**

Standing Committee received a report.

### **Parochial Cost Recoveries charges for 2012**

Standing Committee agreed that the proposed Parochial Cost Recoveries charges for 2012 be made the subject of a separate ordinance to be promoted and considered at the next session of the Synod.

### **7/10 Work of the Archbishop's Strategic Commission for Structure, Funding and Governance 37/10 Financial sustainability of the Endowment of the See**

Standing Committee received a report advising that the Archbishop's Strategic Commission does not expect its report to be provided to the Standing Committee until 22 August.

### **12/10 General Synod Assessments Consultation with the General Synod Standing Committee**

Standing Committee received a report on behalf of the General Synod consultation group and authorised a further amount of \$50,000 to be paid to the General Synod office on account of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarterly invoice for the 2011 general assessment.

### **Canons made by the General Synod in 2010**

#### *Receipt of report*

Standing Committee received an interim report from the General Synod Canons Committee.

#### *Constitution Amendment (Section 30) Canon 2010*

Standing Committee recommended that the Synod –

- (a) not assent to the Constitution Amendment (Section 30) Canon 2010, and
- (b) endorse the alternative amendment to Section 30 of the Constitution which was supported by the Standing Committee for promotion to the General Synod in 2010.

#### *Constitution Amendment (Chapter V) Canon 2010*

Standing Committee recommended that the Synod assent to the Constitution Amendment (Chapter V) Canon 2010.

#### *Special Tribunal Canon 2007 Amendment (No 2) Canon 2010*

Standing Committee recommended that the Synod adopt the Special Tribunal Canon 2007 Amendment (No 2) Canon 2010.

### **Relinquishment of Holy Orders (Exclusion and Re-instatement) Ordinance 2011**

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Registrar and requested that the bill for the Relinquishment of Holy Orders (Exclusion and Re-instatement) Ordinance 2011 be promoted to the Synod "by request of the Standing Committee".

### **Printing of reports for Synod**

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

### **Access to Standing Committee minutes**

Standing Committee –

- (a) approved of the printing for the Synod of a suitable form of a report about access to diocesan council minutes in other dioceses together with a reprint of the 1993 report of the Standing Committee to Synod concerning the Standing Committee minute book, and
- (b) noted that, pending the distribution of the Synod book, copies of these reports will be made available to any Synod member who is interested in receiving a copy.

Other Matters

### **Reforms to the not-for-profit sector**

*Submission noted*

Standing Committee noted a submission made on its behalf in response to the proposed unrelated business income tax on charities and not-for-profit entities.

*Further reforms to be considered*

Standing Committee requested the committee responsible for considering the proposed reforms to the not-for-profit sector to review, and if appropriate, to make submissions on proposed changes to the “in Australia” requirements for charities and the proposed change in trusteeship arrangements for public ancillary funds.

### **Diocesan Ministers’ Assistance Scheme**

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and agreed to defer implementing the Diocesan Ministers’ Assistance Scheme indefinitely.

### **Submissions from Social Issues Executive on gambling**

Standing Committee noted two submissions.

### **Date of next meeting**

Monday 22 August 2011.

## **Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 22 August 2011**

### **Welcome to Mr Grant Millard**

Standing Committee welcomed Mr Grant Millard to the meeting as a member.

### **Minutes of the Mission Board**

Standing Committee noted the minutes of the Mission Board of 25 July 2011.

### **Minutes of 25 July 2011**

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 25 July 2011.

## **Ordinances**

### **Cost Recoveries (Parochial Network) Amendment Ordinance 2011**

The purpose of this ordinance was to update the terminology used to describe the costs recovered from parishes through the variable component of the parochial cost recoveries charge.

### **Synod Funds (Variation of Trusts) Ordinance 2011**

The purpose of this ordinance was to vary the trusts on which certain church trust property is held.

### **Hoxton Park Land Sale Ordinance 2011**

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

### **South Sydney Land Sale Ordinance 2011**

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

### **St James King Street (East Lindfield) Land Sale Ordinance 2011**

This matter was deferred.

## **Elections**

### **Mission Board**

Mr Grant Millard was elected.

**Blue Mountains Grammar School Limited**  
**Diocesan Ordinance Review Panel**  
**Finance Committee**  
**Mission Property Committee**  
**New College Limited**  
**Robert Menzies College**  
**Sydney Diocesan Secretariat**

These matters were deferred.

## Secretariat and Glebe Board

### **Minutes**

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

### **Reports of the 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 appointed a committee to review the provision of services by the Secretariat to the Synod and Standing Committee.

### **Diocesan Endowment Report on June 2011 Quarter Performance**

Standing Committee received a report.

## Financial Matters

### **Minimum stipends and travel allowance for 2012**

Standing Committee noted that the minimum stipend for a minister for 2012 will be \$55,867 and approved corresponding minimum stipends for 2012 for assistant ministers and lay ministers.

### **Guidelines for the Remuneration of Parish Ministry Staff for 2012**

Standing Committee approved the form of the Guidelines for the Remuneration of Parish Ministry Staff for 2012 and asked that they be posted on the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat website.

### **Actions by the Finance Committee under delegated authority**

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

### **Funding for Mission Areas**

This matter was deferred.

## Archbishop's Strategic Commission for Structure, Funding and Governance

### **Pre-Synod briefings on the work of the Archbishop's Strategic Commission and related matters**

Standing Committee received a report about the pre-Synod briefings on 8 and 9 September 2011.

### **Report of the Archbishop's Strategic Commission**

Standing Committee received the report of the Archbishop's Strategic Commission.

## **Recommendations of the Archbishop's Strategic Commission**

Mr Peter Kell and Bishop Davies made a joint presentation about the report and recommendations of the Archbishop's Strategic Commission.

There was a time for questions.

Further consideration of this matter was deferred until the next meeting.

## **Standing Committee's report to the Synod about the work of the Archbishop's Strategic Commission (7/10) and options for placing the Endowment of the See on a sustainable footing (37/10)**

Standing Committee –

- (a) noted that a Working Group, comprising representatives from the Property Trust, EOS Committee and the Archbishop's Strategic Commission had been appointed to prepare specific comments on the options that exist for placing the EOS on a financially sustainable footing for the purposes of Synod resolution 37/10, and
- (b) encouraged the Working Group to provide an agreed statement on the options with a view to a suitable form of this statement being incorporated in the Standing Committee's report to the Synod on this matter.

## **Other Synod matters**

### **1<sup>st</sup> ordinary session of the 49<sup>th</sup> Synod**

Standing Committee received a report.

### **Standing Committee's report to the Synod for 2011**

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

### **3/10 Glebe Board charter**

Standing Committee received a report and approved its printing for the Synod.

### **12/10 General Synod Assessments Consultation with the General Synod Standing Committee**

Standing Committee –

- (a) received a report and approved its printing for the Synod, and
- (b) authorised a further amount of \$50,000 to be paid to the General Synod office on account of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarterly invoice for the 2011 general assessment.

### **37/10 Future requirements and roles of the Archbishop's staff and 5 year budget of Endowment of the See projected costs**

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

### **Parochial Cost Recoveries Charges for 2012**

Standing Committee requested that a bill for the Parochial Cost Recoveries Ordinance 2009 Amendment Ordinance 2011 be promoted to the Synod.

## **Synod Appropriations and Allocations for 2012**

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

## **Statement of funding principles and priorities**

Standing Committee approved of copies of an exposure draft being sent to Synod members for the purposes of the pre-Synod briefings with notification that it has not been considered or debated by the Mission Board or the Standing Committee.

## **Safe Ministry Board Annual Report to Synod**

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

## **Provincial Synod Constitution Amendment Ordinance 2011 Assenting Ordinance 2011**

Standing Committee requested that a bill be promoted to the Synod.

## **Change of status of the Provisional Cathedrals of St Michael's Wollongong and St John's Parramatta to regional cathedrals**

Standing Committee requested that bills be promoted to the Synod.

## **Reclassification of the provisional parish of Kirribilli as a parish**

Standing Committee approved of the printing of a report for Synod and requested that a motion by which the Synod may assent to the reclassification be moved at the Synod.

## **Tertiary Education Ministry Oversight Committee**

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

## **Mission Property Committee "Greenfield" and "Brownfield" projects**

Standing Committee –

- (a) approved the printing of a report for Synod, and
- (b) agreed that the Mission Property Committee be permitted to make a 15 minute presentation to the Synod about the matters raised in the report.

## **Common Prayer: Resources for Gospel-Shaped Gathering**

Standing Committee received a report from the Chairman of the Archbishop's Liturgical Panel and –

- (a) pursuant to clause 3 of the Publishing Reserve Variation of Trusts Ordinance 2009, authorised an amount of up to \$9,000 from the Publishing Reserve for the purposes of printing and distributing the development version of *Common Prayer*, and
- (b) requested that a motion be moved at Synod about this matter.

## **Printing of reports for Synod**

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

- General Synod 2010 session
- Ordinances passed by the Standing Committee
- Stipends, Allowances and Benefits for 2012

## **25/03 Freemasonry**

Standing Committee –

- (a) reaffirmed that the belief systems of Freemasonry and biblical Christianity are contrary to one another,
- (b) drew attention to the 1988 report to Synod 'Freemasonry Examined' on the Secretariat's website, and
- (c) agreed that work in producing a booklet in response to the request in resolution 25/03 should not be continued.

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

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary noting that the proposed amendments are currently with the Attorney General for his consideration.

### **Amendments to Faithfulness in Service**

#### **Parish Relationships Amendment Ordinance 2011**

#### **Email circulation of Ministry Training and Development's annual report to members of the Synod**

These matters were deferred.

## **Other Matters**

### **Reforms to the not-for-profit sector**

Standing Committee noted submissions made on behalf of the Standing Committee about –

- (a) proposed changes to the trusteeship requirements for public ancillary funds, and
- (b) proposed changes to the "in Australia" test and related requirements for income tax exempt and deductible gift recipient status.

### **Employment Relations Guidelines for parishes**

Standing Committee received a report from the Manager, Legal Services about a new edition of guidelines published for parishes.

### **Revising Marriage**

Standing Committee noted an update from the Chairman of the Social Issues Executive about developments in the area of extending marriage to same sex relationships.

### **Regional Prayer meetings**

The Archbishop drew the members' attention to the Regional Prayer meetings taking place at various locations across the Diocese.

### **Date of next meeting**

Monday 19 September 2011.

## **Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 19 September 2011**

Mr Malcolm Purvis and Canon Rick Smith led in prayer.

### **Membership of the Standing Committee**

Standing Committee noted that this was or would have been the last meeting for Mr John Creelman, Dr Maryanne Golding, the Rev Neil Macken, Dr Barry Newman, Deaconess Margaret Rodgers, and the Rt Rev Al Stewart, thanked them for their dedicated service on Standing Committee over many years and prayed for God's continued blessing on them.

The Archbishop thanked the retiring members for their dedicated service to the Standing Committee.

### **Minutes of the Mission Board**

Standing Committee notes the minutes of the Mission Board of 22 August 2011.

### **Minutes of 22 August 2011**

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 22 August 2011.

## **Ordinances**

### **St James King Street (East Lindfield) Land Sale Ordinance 2011**

The purpose of this ordinance was to vary the trusts of certain property at 6 Crete Place, East Lindfield, to authorise its sale and to provide for the application of the sale proceeds to be held on trust for the sole benefit of the Parish of St James' King Street Sydney.

### **Berrima cum Moss Vale Variation of Trusts Ordinance 2011**

The purpose of this ordinance was to vary the trusts of certain funds held by Anglican Church Property Trust Diocese of Sydney.

### **Campbelltown Leasing Ordinance 2006 Amendment Ordinance 2011**

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

### **East Sydney Land Sale and Variation of Trusts Ordinance 2011**

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

### **St Luke's Liverpool Ordinance 1976 Amendment Ordinance 2011**

The purpose of this ordinance was to amend the St Luke's Liverpool Ordinance 1976.

### **Kurrajong Land Sale Ordinance 2011**

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

### **Auditing Amendment Ordinance 2011**

The purpose of this ordinance was to amend the Parish Administration Ordinance 2008 and the Accounts, Audits and Annual Reports Ordinance 1995 with respect to auditing requirements.

### **North Sydney (Ministry Centre) Mortgaging Ordinance 2011**

The purpose of this ordinance was to provide for the mortgaging of certain land at North Sydney and for purposes incidental thereto.

### **Elections**

#### **Contested election for lay representatives of Standing Committee elected by all Synod members**

Standing Committee noted a report from the Returning Officer.

#### **Appointment of members of the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat**

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

#### **Election of Committees etc**

Standing Committee noted a document which set out the elections to take place at the November meeting.

#### **Blue Mountains Grammar School Limited**

The Rev Andrew Schmidt was elected.

#### **NSW Ecumenical Council (Churches Together NSW)**

The Rev James Collins was elected.

#### **Robert Menzies College**

Professor Boyo Ockinga was elected.

#### **Diocesan Ordinance Review Panel**

**Finance Committee**

**Mission Property Committee**

**New College Limited**

**Sydney Diocesan Secretariat**

These matters were deferred.

#### **Casual Vacancies**

Finance Committee – Standing Committee noted that the Rev Graeme Marks had resigned.

## Secretariat and Glebe Board

### Minutes

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

### Reports of the 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) confirmed that the Secretariat has satisfactorily provided services to the Synod and the Standing Committee under the current Service Level Standards document for the period November 2010 to September 2011, and
- (b) agreed to a revised form of Service Level Standards document for services provided by the Secretariat during 2012, and
- (c) agreed that the cost of the Secretariat in supporting General Synod representatives should be met as one of the costs paid from the Synod allocation for the support of General Synod representatives, subject to appropriate provision being made for the accommodation costs of General Synod representatives.

## Financial Matters

### Actions by the Work Outside the Diocese Committee under delegated authority

Standing Committee received a report and noted that, acting under delegated powers, the Work Outside the Diocese Committee had approved a payment from the funds allocated for work outside the Diocese under Policy 1b.

### Funding for Mission Areas

Standing Committee received a report from the Mission Board and agreed to –

- (a) approve a change of name of Fund 128 from Connect09 Fund to Mission Areas Fund and amend the Mission Board's delegated authorities accordingly,
- (b) ask the Diocesan Secretary to prepare an ordinance to authorise the transfer of the unspent portion of the 2010 allocation under Policy 2 to the new Mission Areas Fund and to vary the trusts of the Fund to enable the existing balance from Connect09 to be used for both the Policy 2 and Policy 3 purposes of the Mission Areas.

### Parramatta '54 Free Fund

The Archbishop-in-Council agreed that \$9,044 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 cover –

- (a) the conference costs for the 3 Sydney Bishops' attendance at the March 2010 Australian Bishops' Conference held in Perth, and
- (b) the conference and travel costs for the 5 Sydney Bishops' attendance at the March 2011 Australian Bishops' Conference held in Newcastle.

### Actions by the Finance Committee under delegated authority

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

## **Christmas Eve Service in the Cathedral**

Standing Committee approved of \$30,000 being paid from 2011 Synod Fund Contingencies for the purposes of funding the ABC recording of a Christmas Eve Service in the Cathedral.

## **Archbishop's Strategic Commission on Structure, Funding and Governance**

### **Response to the recommendations of the Archbishop's Strategic Commission**

#### *Receipt of response from GAB/SDS*

Standing Committee received an initial response from the Glebe Administration Board and the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat.

#### *Receipt of letter from the ACPT*

Standing Committee received a letter and response from the Anglican Church Property Trust.

#### *Receipt of letter from the Head of St Andrew's Cathedral School*

Standing Committee received a letter from the Head of St Andrew's Cathedral School.

#### *Sending responses to Synod members*

Standing Committee agreed to send the ACPT Response along with the GAB/SDS response and the letter from St Andrews' Cathedral School to Synod members as appendices to the original report.

#### *In principle agreement to establish a working group*

Standing Committee, subject to any decision of the Synod in relation to this matter, agreed in principle to establish a working group after the 2011 session of the Synod, including representatives of the GAB/SDS, the ACPT and the EOS Committee, to consider the implementation of the recommendations of the Archbishop's Strategic Commission.

### **Consideration of the recommendations of the Archbishop's Strategic Commission by the Synod**

Standing Committee requested that the following motion be moved at the Synod –

“Synod welcomes the report of the Archbishop's Strategic Commission on Structure, Funding and Governance and requests the Standing Committee to –

- (a) undertake consideration of the possible ways in which the recommendations may be implemented, and
- (b) in the light of (a), pass such legislation as may be desirable or practicable, or otherwise report to the next session of the Synod on any future proposals.”

### **Standing Committee's report to the Synod about the work of the Archbishop's Strategic Commission (7/10) and options for placing the Endowment of the See on a sustainable footing (37/10)**

Standing Committee approved of the printing for the Synod of a report from the Standing Committee in response to resolutions 7/10 and 37/10.

## **Synod**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Ordinary session of the 49<sup>th</sup> Synod**

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

## **Synod business paper for Monday 10 October 2011**

Standing Committee approved the business paper for the meeting of the Synod on Monday 10 October 2011.

### **2/10 Towards 2050**

Standing Committee –

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

### **12/10 General Synod Assessments Consultation with the General Synod Standing Committee**

Standing Committee received a report and requested that a motion be moved at Synod about this matter.

### **15/10 Solemnisation of Matrimony**

*Printing of report*

Standing Committee –

- (a) requested that a bill for the Solemnisation of Marriage Ordinance 2011 be promoted to the Synod, and
- (b) approved of a report being printed for the Synod.

*Request for the Archbishop to make enquiries*

Standing Committee requested the Archbishop to enquire whether a revised General Synod Canon permitting the Bishop to allow a marriage where neither party is baptised would be agreeable to the House of Bishops.

### **19/10 Anglican Communion Covenant**

Standing Committee –

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

### **Statement of funding principles and priorities**

Standing Committee –

- (a) approved of the printing for Synod of a draft Statement of Funding Principles and Priorities, and
- (b) requested that a motion be moved at the Synod about this matter.

### **43/10 Governance Policy for Diocesan Organisations**

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

### **Parish Relationships Amendment Ordinance 2011**

Standing Committee –

- (a) requested that a bill for the Parish Relationships Amendment Ordinance 2011 be promoted to the Synod, and
- (b) approved the printing of an explanatory statement for the Synod.

### **Email circulation of Ministry Training and Development's annual report to members of the Synod**

Standing Committee approved of the annual report of Ministry Training and Development being circulated to members of the Synod by email.

### **Reclassification of the provisional parish of Malabar as a parish**

Standing Committee approved of the printing of a report for Synod and requested that a motion by which the Synod may assent to the reclassification be moved at the Synod.

### **Other Matters**

#### **Consultation with the Sydney Anglican Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Committee**

Standing Committee agreed to consider a formal way of ensuring in its processes that SAIPMC is consulted at the earliest possible stage in any proposed sale of property used for Indigenous ministry.

#### **Diocesan attendance statistics for 2010**

Standing Committee noted diocesan attendance statistics for 2010.

#### **Date of next meeting**

Monday 14 November 2011.

## **Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 14 November 2011**

Canon Dr John Woodhouse and Archbishop Peter Jensen led in prayer.

### **Membership of the Standing Committee**

Standing Committee welcomed the following new members –

Mrs Gillian Davidson  
The Rev Nigel Fortescue  
The Rev Raj Gupta  
Mr Stephen Hodgkinson  
Mrs Janette Thambyrajah  
Miss Jane Tooher.

### **Mr Steve McKerihan**

Standing Committee noted with sadness the death of Steve McKerihan, former CEO of the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat and the Glebe Administration Board.

### **Election of the Rev Rick Lewers as the next Bishop of Armidale**

Standing Committee noted with pleasure that the Synod of the Diocese of Armidale last Saturday elected the Rev Rick Lewers, Rector of Engadine, to succeed Bishop Peter Brain as the next Bishop of Armidale.

### **Minutes of the Mission Board**

Standing Committee noted the minutes of the Mission Board of 19 September 2011.

### **Minutes of 19 September 2011**

Standing Committee approves of the minutes of 19 September 2011.

## **Ordinances**

### **Watsons Bay Land Sale Ordinance 2008**

Standing extended by 12 months the period within which the land the subject of the ordinance may be sold.

### **Darling Street Land Sale and Variation of Trusts Ordinance 2011**

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

### **St Philip's York Street Leasing Ordinance 2011**

The purpose of this ordinance was to authorise the granting of a new lease over certain land at Sydney and to provide for the application of the income.

## Elections

### **Election of Committees etc**

#### ***Continuance of existing members***

Standing Committee agreed that the existing members on the boards and committees to be filled by the Standing Committee continue until their successors are appointed.

#### ***Professional Standards Committee***

##### *Appointment of members*

The Archbishop-in-Council appointed the following persons as members of the Professional Standards Committee subject to their consent –

The Rev Michael Kellahan	The Rev Mamie Long
Mr Alan Lucas	Professor Kim Oates
Mrs Colette Read	Mr Peter Young
Mrs Jacqui Dawson,	

##### *Appointment of chairman*

The Archbishop-in-Council appointed Mr Alan Lucas as chairman of the Professional Standards Committee.

#### ***Safe Ministry Board***

The following persons were elected subject to their consent –

Mrs Sarah Clancy	Ms Stephanie Cole
The Rev Keith Condie	The Rev Stephen Layson
The Rev Chris Moroney	Deaconess Pattie Mutton

#### ***Remaining elections***

Elections for the remaining committees were deferred until the next meeting.

### **Arden Anglican School Council**

The Rev Colin Watson was elected.

### **Camperdown Cemetery Trust**

The Rev Roger Bray was appointed as a trustee until 30 November 2014.

The term of office of the following trustee was extended until 30 November 2014 –

Mr Frank Gehrmann  
Mr Stephen Rapley  
Mr Hector Abrahams  
Mrs Jenna Watson.

### **Sydney Diocesan Secretariat**

Mr Benjamin Koo, Mr Andrew McLoughlin and Mr John Pascoe were re-elected.

### **Department of Evangelism and New Churches, Board of Diocesan Ordinance Review Panel**

#### **New College Limited**

#### **NSW Council of Churches, Sydney Diocesan Representatives**

#### **Parish Disputes Ordinance, Synod Pool**

#### **Parish Relationships Ordinance, Appeal Group**

**Parish Relationships Ordinance, Licensing Review Group**  
**Parish Relationships Ordinance, Panel**  
**Sydney Anglican Car and Insurance Fund, Sydney Church of England Finance and Loans Board**  
**Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation**  
**Sydney Diocesan Superannuation Fund, Board of**  
**Tara Anglican Girls' School Council**  
**William Branwhite Clarke College Council**

These matters were deferred.

### **Casual Vacancies**

- (a) Professional Standards Committee – It was noted that Dr Debra Tattersall had resigned.
- (b) Anglican Education Commission – Dr Michael Anderson had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.
- (c) Diocesan Ordinance Review Panel – It was noted that Dr Maryanne Golding had resigned.
- (d) Sydney Anglican Home Mission Society, Council of (Anglicare) – The Rev Dr Andrew Ford and Mrs Carol Bower had resigned effective 31 December 2011 and 2 vacancies were declared for a member of the clergy and a person.

### **Secretariat and Glebe Board**

#### **Minutes**

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

#### **Reports of the Chief Executive Officer**

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

### **Financial Matters**

#### **Clergy, Clergy Widows and Orphans Fund**

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

### **Synod**

#### **Synod minutes of 18 October 2011**

Standing Committee recommended that the Archbishop sign the minutes.

#### **Summary of Proceedings of the 2011 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](http://www.sds.asn.au).

## **General communication of Synod decisions**

Standing Committee noted that the Diocesan Secretary will send a circular to parishes on matters arising from the Synod session.

## **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 statistics concerning Synod attendances.

## **40/10 Implementation of the Grievance Policy and Procedure**

Standing Committee–

- (a) agreed that the reasonable out of pocket expenses incurred by diocesan conciliators who are appointed by a Regional Bishop to deal with an allegation made under the Diocesan Grievance Policy and Procedure should be reimbursed from Synod funds,
- (b) agreed to certain amendments to the procedure,
- (c) noted that the work of the Implementation Committee has come to an end.

## **10/11 Archbishop's Strategic Commission on Structure, Funding and Governance**

Standing Committee constituted a Working Group of 9 members, comprising the chairman of the Archbishop's Strategic Commission, one representative from GAB/SDS, the ACPT and the EOS Committee (each appointed by their respective board or committee) together with 5 members of the Standing Committee who are not members of the above mentioned bodies.

## **28/11 General Synod assessments and consultation**

Standing authorised the payment of \$49,000 on account of the final quarterly invoice for general assessments for 2011.

Standing Committee agreed to add to the three items of legislation in resolution 28/11, a fourth item being the bill to amend Rule II so that metropolitan dioceses have a guaranteed number of places on the General Synod Standing Committee and that the representatives of the relevant diocese elect the persons to fill those positions.

## **22/11 Parish contribution to the Work Outside the Diocese fund**

Standing Committee agreed to ask each parish to pay a voluntary contribution of \$172 (or such other amount as considered appropriate) when they pay their first PCR instalment for 2012 on the basis that such contributions will be used by the Work Outside the Diocese Committee to fund bursaries for individuals from overseas Provinces to attend the GAFCON leadership conference in 2012 or the full GAFCON II gathering in 2013.

## **Authorised Services Ordinance 2011**

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Registrar and requested the Diocesan Secretary to inform Synod members and parishes of the Archbishop's decision to withhold assent.

## **Parish Relationships Amendment Ordinance 2011**

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Registrar and requested the Diocesan Secretary to inform Synod members and parishes of the Archbishop's decision to withhold assent.

## **8/11 Restorative justice 17/11 Funding Principles and Priorities**

These matters were deferred.

## **Other Matters**

### **Support of respondents to the Discipline Ordinance 2006**

Standing Committee requested that –

- (a) a Respondent Support Panel for clergy and paid/licensed lay workers be appointed by the Archbishop and utilised, and
- (b) a panel list of Solicitors be created by the Director of Professional Standards who are prepared to act for respondents, and
- (c) in consultation with the Episcopal Team, the Director of Professional Standards prepare a document setting out the principles for support of lay unpaid respondents.

### **Reforms to the charity and not for profit sector**

#### *Receipt of report*

Standing Committee –

- (a) encouraged the committee to continue its work in engaging with the Government, Treasury and, in due course, the ACNC on the shape and implementation of the reforms to the charities and not for profit sector, and
- (b) requested that the committee prepare on behalf of the Standing Committee a submission in response to the proposed statutory definition of charity or, if appropriate, contribute to the preparation of a joint submission with the General Synod Standing Committee.

#### *Management of transition to new regulatory environment*

Standing Committee requested that the Secretariat manage the action required to transition to the new regulatory environment under the Australian Charities and Not For Profit Commission.

### **Cessation of Christ Church St George as a recognised church**

Standing Committee –

- (a) determined that in recognition of Christ Church St George as a recognised church should not continue with effect from 1 January 2012, and
- (b) recommended that the Archbishop make a declaration in the same terms.

### **Submission of the Public Affairs Commission to the Inquiry into Sustainable Population**

Standing Committee noted a letter from the Chair of the Public Affairs Commission to Canon Sandy Grant and received a note from Canon Sandy Grant.

### **Date of next meeting**

Monday 5 December 2011.

## **Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 5 December 2011**

Archbishop Peter Jensen led in prayer.

### **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 14 November 2011.

### **Minutes of 14 November 2011**

Standing Committee approves of the minutes of 14 November 2011.

## **Ordinances**

### **St James' Sydney Phillip Street Property Ordinance 1962 Further Amendment Ordinance 2011**

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

### **The Archbishop of Sydney's Anglican Aid Ordinance 2011**

The purpose of this ordinance is to provide a constitution for the body known as The Archbishop of Sydney's Anglican Aid and for related purposes.

### **The Archbishop of Sydney's Anglican Aid Incorporation and Transition Ordinance 2011**

The purpose of this ordinance is to enable the members of The Archbishop of Sydney's Anglican Aid to be constituted as a body corporate pursuant to the provisions of the Anglican Church of Australia (Bodies Corporate) Act 1938.

### **Christ Church St Laurence Leasing Ordinance 2006 Amendment Ordinance 2011**

The purpose of this ordinance is to amend the Christ Church St Laurence Leasing Ordinance 2006 to extend the period within which certain lease income may be distributed.

### **Synod Fund (Mission Areas) Variation of Trusts Ordinance 2011**

The purpose of this ordinance is to vary the trusts on which certain church trust property is held to enable certain payments and applications to be made in relation to Mission Areas.

## **Elections**

### **Election of Committees etc**

#### ***Anglican Media Council***

The following persons were elected subject to their consent –

The Rev Andrew Barry  
Bishop Robert C Forsyth  
The Rev Raj Gupta

Mr Niall Henderson  
The Rev Richard James

### **Audit Committee**

#### *Agreement to abolish committee*

Standing Committee agreed to abolish the Diocesan Audit Committee.

#### *Amendment of terms of reference of the Finance Committee*

Standing Committee agreed to amend the terms of reference of the Finance Committee to liaise with the external auditors of the Synod Fund on certain matters.

### **Diocesan Retirements Board**

Standing Committee recommended to the Archbishop that the following persons be elected subject to their consent –

The Rev Patrick Collins  
The Rev Robert Denham  
The Rev Stephen Fifer  
Canon Boak A Jobbins  
The Rev Ray M P Vassallo

Dr Neale Gunning  
Mr Ross Hindmarsh  
Mr Warren Richards  
Miss Joanna K Warren  
Mr Lyall A Wood

### **Finance Committee**

The following persons were elected subject to their consent –

Mr Rodney C Cosier  
Mr James W Flavin  
Mr Doug S Marr

Mr John Pascoe  
Mr Mark Robinson  
Mr Ian Steward

### **General Synod Canons Committee**

The following persons were elected subject to their consent –

Mr Neil M Cameron  
Bishop Glenn N Davies  
Mr Mark A Payne  
Dr Karin N Sowada

The Rev Dr Mark D Thompson  
Mr Robert Tong  
Mr Robert Wicks

### **Minute Reading Committee**

The following persons were elected subject to their consent –

Dr Bryan S Cowling  
Mr Clive G Ellis

Miss Jennifer Flower  
Mr Tony Willis

### **Mission Board**

The following persons were elected subject to their consent –

#### *Heads of Organisations*

Mr Grant Millard  
Mr Mark A Payne

The Rev Bruce Hall  
Canon John W Woodhouse

#### *Persons who are not Heads of Organisations*

The Rev Ted Brush  
The Rev Stefan Bull  
Archdeacon Narelle Jarrett  
Mr Peter Kell

Mr Graham Murray  
The Rev Stephen Semenchuk  
Dr Claire Smith  
The Rev Dominic Steele

### ***Mission Property Committee***

The following persons were elected subject to their consent –

Mr John Creelman	Mr Trevor Ratcliff
Mr Bruce Litchfield	Mr John Sung
Mr Robert B Mellor	Mr David Winley

### ***NSW Ecumenical Council (Churches Together NSW)***

The following persons were elected subject to their consent –

Bishop Glenn Davies	The Rev Warren J Smith
Canon Bruce McAteer	The Rev Paul R Weaver

### ***Ordinance Reviewers and Ordinance Review Panels***

#### *Ordinance Reviewers*

The following persons were elected subject to their consent –

Mrs Elisabeth A Boyce	Mr Michael K Meek SC
Mr Andrew Frank	Mr Robert Tong
Mr Peter Kell	

#### *Diocesan Ordinance Review Panel*

The following persons were elected subject to their consent –

Archdeacon Ian Cox  
Bishop Robert C Forsyth  
Mr Stephen Mitchell

### ***Ordination Training Fund Committee***

The following persons were elected subject to their consent –

Dr Philip A Selden	Mr Robert Tong
The Rev Rob Smith	Canon John W Woodhouse
The Rev Jackie Stoneman	

### ***Social Issues Executive***

The following persons were elected subject to their consent –

Archbishop Peter F Jensen	The Rev Dr Andrew L Ford
Mr Angus Belling	Mr Darren C Mitchell
Dr Megan Best	Deaconess Margaret A Rodgers
The Rev Dr Andrew J B Cameron	Dr Karin N Sowada

### ***Stipends and Allowances Committee***

The following persons were elected subject to their consent –

<b>Clergy</b>	<b>Lay</b>
The Rev Richard J Blight	Mr Malcolm Boyd
The Rev Leanne Burns	Mr James W Flavin
The Rev Dane Courtney	Mrs Nicole Gupta
Bishop Glenn N Davies	Mrs Stephanie Jefferson
The Rev Andrew Katay	Mr Darren C Mitchell
The Rev Craig W Roberts	Mr Barry Watson
	Mr Paul Willis

### ***Work Outside the Diocese Committee***

The following persons were elected subject to their consent –

The Rev Alan Lukabyo  
The Rev Gavin Poole  
Dr Philip Selden

Dr Karin N Sowada  
Mrs Kathryn Thompson

### **Working Group, Archbishop's Strategic Commission on Structure, Funding and Governance**

Mr Neil Cameron, Mr James Flavin, the Rev Raj Gupta, Mr Geoff Kyngdon and the Rev Stephen Semenchuk were elected as members of the Working Group.

### **Anglican Education Commission**

Mrs Julie Mathews was elected.

### **William Branwhite Clarke College Council**

The Rev Ross Hathway was elected.

**Department of Evangelism and New Churches, Board of  
New College Limited  
NSW Council of Churches, Sydney Diocesan Representatives  
Parish Disputes Ordinance, Synod Pool  
Parish Relationships Ordinance, Appeal Group  
Parish Relationships Ordinance, Licensing Review Group  
Parish Relationships Ordinance, Panel  
Sydney Anglican Car and Insurance Fund, Sydney Church of England Finance and Loans Board  
Sydney Anglican Home Mission Society, Council of (Anglicare)  
Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation  
Sydney Diocesan Secretariat  
Sydney Diocesan Superannuation Fund, Board of  
Tara Anglican Girls' School Council**

These matters were deferred.

### **Casual Vacancies**

Nomination Board – Mr John Creelman and the Rev Philip Wheeler had resigned and vacancies were declared for a lay person and a member of the clergy.

### **Secretariat and Glebe Board**

#### **Minutes**

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

### **Diocesan Endowment Report on September and October 2011 Performance**

Standing Committee received a report.

### **Investment management of the Diocesan Endowment**

Standing Committee received a report.

## Financial Matters

### **Actions by the Work Outside the Diocese Committee under delegated authority**

Standing Committee received a report and 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 authority.

### **Payment from 2012 Synod Fund Contingencies**

Standing Committee –

- (a) approved up to \$11,933 less any amount applied between this meeting and 31 December 2011, for the preparation of submissions and related work in respect of reforms to the not for profit sector, and
  - (b) noted the standing authority for up to \$10,000 per annum for Cathedral staff car parking in St Andrew's House,
- being paid from 2012 Synod Fund Contingencies.

## Synod

- 4/11 Disability Sunday**
- 14/11 Humanity and rights of unborn children**
- 18/11 Gambling in Australia**
- 37/11 Legal definition of marriage**

Standing Committee noted that responses to resolutions 14/11 and 18/11 had been received from the following members of the NSW Parliament –

The Hon Graham Annesley MP	Mr Chris Holstein MP
Mr Kevin Conolly MP	The Hon Natasha Maclaren-Jones MLC
Mrs Tanya Davies MP	The Hon Anthony Roberts MP
Mr David Elliott MP	The Hon Jillian Skinner MP
The Hon Amanda Fazio MLC	The Hon Carmel Tebbutt MP
Mr John Flowers MP	The Hon Richard Torbay MP
The Hon Chris Hartcher MP	Mr Guy Zangari MP

Standing Committee also noted that responses to resolutions 4/11, 14/11, 18/11 and 37/11 had been received from the following members of the Federal Parliament –

The Hon Kevin Andrews MP	Mr Scott Morrison MP
Mr Adam Bandt MP	Mr Robert Oakeshott MP
Senator Cory Bernardi	Mrs Jane Prentice MP
The Hon Bronwyn Bishop MP	Senator the Hon Michael Ronaldson
Senator Bob Brown	The Hon Philip Ruddock MP
Senator Richard Di Natale	The Hon Peter Slipper MP
Senator the Hon John Faulkner	The Hon Wayne Swan MP
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan	Mr Tony Windsor MP
Senator Bridget McKenzie	

## **17/11 Funding Principles and Priorities**

### *Receipt of report*

Standing Committee received a report from the Mission Board.

### *Extension of deadline*

Standing Committee agreed to extend the deadline for submissions concerning the draft Statement of Funding Principles and Priorities until Wednesday 14 March 2012.

### *Exposure draft of proposals*

Noting the recent Synod resolution 17/11, Standing Committee requested that the Mission Board be asked to provide an exposure draft of proposals on future appropriation ordinances to the May 2012 meeting of the Standing Committee for its initial consideration and advice before bringing their final report to the July meeting of the Standing Committee. The Standing Committee also agreed that, if thought necessary, a special meeting of Standing Committee will be called in June or July 2012 to consider the report in detail before any decisions are made on what proposals should go to Synod.

### *Debate at Synod*

Standing Committee requested the Diocesan Secretary to consider separating the discussion of funding principles and the passing of ordinances over the two weeks of Synod.

## **28/11 General Synod assessments and consultation**

### *Authorisation of payment*

Standing Committee authorised the payment by 31 December 2011 of \$108,854.25 from 2011 Synod Fund Contingencies comprising the following amounts –

\$25,344.00	Corresponding to the amount withheld in 2010 in respect of the cost of the Primates' Research Assistant
\$83,510.25	Outstanding balance of the revised general assessment for 2011 (being \$125,107.12 less Sydney's share of Shared Services surplus of \$41,596.81).

### *Payment of quarterly instalments*

Standing Committee agreed to pay in quarterly instalments by 31 December 2012 the revised general assessment for 2012 which is expected to be \$287,582.29 (being \$332,143 less Sydney's share of Shared Services surplus of \$44,560.71).

### *Fixing amount to be applied*

Standing Committee, pursuant to clause 4(2) of the Parochial Cost Recoveries and Support for the Diocese Ordinance 2009, resolved that the amount to be applied in payment of the cost of membership of the Anglican Church of Australia in 2012 (through the payment of general assessments) is to be fixed at \$287,582.29.

### *Reply to General Secretary*

Standing Committee requested the Diocesan Secretary to reply to the letter of 24 November from the General Secretary of the Anglican Church of Australia General Synod, advising of the matters agreed under Motions 2 and 3 and thanking the members of General Synod Standing Committee for their participation in the dialogue on 18 November 2011.

### *Promotion of bills to General Synod*

Standing Committee, for the purposes of paragraph (c)(vi) of Synod resolution 28/11, requested the consultation group –

- (a) to review the form of bills referred to in paragraphs (c)(i), (ii) and (iii) of the resolution and the form of bill to amend Rule II to reconstitute the General Synod Standing Committee, and
- (b) to bring the revised forms of bills to the Standing Committee with a view to the bills being promoted to the next session of the General Synod by its representatives on that body.

### *General Synod budget*

Standing Committee, noting the meeting held on 16 November 2011 between its consultation group and the Financial Principles and Policies Task Force, requested the Task Force –

- (a) to circulate to all dioceses for comment a draft of its report before finalising the report for the General Synod Standing Committee, and
- (b) to include recommendations in its report –
  - (i) to restore the practice of circulating to all dioceses the proposed General Synod budget well in advance of the General Synod session, and
  - (ii) to enable policy issues relevant to the budget to be fully considered by members at the General Synod session before members are asked to approve the budget.

### **38/11 Review of the Department of Evangelism and New Churches**

Standing Committee appointed a committee comprising Archdeacon Ian Cox and Mr Malcolm Purvis, with power to co-opt, to undertake the review referred to in resolution 38/11 and to provide a report to the Standing Committee, including any recommendations, no later than the meeting in July 2012.

### **5/11 Threatened execution of Yousef Nadarkhani**

Standing Committee received a letter sent on behalf of the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

### **Other Matters**

#### **Prayer Roster for 2012**

Standing Committee noted a roster.

#### **Votes of thanks**

Bishop Glenn Davies moved a vote of thanks for the work of the lay members of the Standing Committee.

Mr Geoff Kyngdon moved a vote of thanks for the work of the clerical members of the Standing Committee.

#### **Anglican Education publication**

The Archbishop drew attention to “New Perspectives on Anglican Education” a publication of the Anglican Education Commission.

#### **Date of next meeting**

Monday 20 February 2012.