

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 20 February 2012

The Rev Peter Lin and Mr Tony Willis led in prayer.

Year 13 Program

The Rev Zac Veron gave a brief verbal report to the Standing Committee about the growth in the Youthworks' Year 13 Program.

The Archbishop prayed for the Year 13 Program.

Australia Day Honours

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

Associate Professor Alan Watson (AM), a member of the parish of St Paul & St Barnabas' Gymea, for service to the international community as Founder of the Katoke Trust for Overseas Aid, to the people of Tanzania, and to education.

Miss Dorothy Phipps (OAM), a member of the parish of St Peter's Richmond, for service to the community of the Hawkesbury region, and to theatre through the Richmond Players.

Election of the Rev Gary Nelson as the next Bishop of North West Australia

Standing Committee noted with pleasure the election of the Rev Gary Nelson, Moore Theological College, to succeed Bishop David Mulready as the next Bishop of North West Australia, sent its congratulations to Mr Nelson and assured him and his wife of their prayers and good wishes for his new role.

Regional Bishops' Executive Assistants

Standing Committee agreed to allow the Regional Bishops' Executive Assistants, who are not members of Standing Committee, to attend, to speak at but not to vote at meetings of the Standing Committee when their respective Bishop is absent.

Minutes of the Mission Board

Standing Committee noted the minutes of the Mission Board of 5 December 2011.

Minutes of 5 December 2011

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 5 December 2011.

Ordinances

Broadway Land Sale Ordinance 2012

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

Synod (General Synod Assessment) Special Application Ordinance 2012

The purpose of this ordinance is to vary the trusts on which certain property held for the Synod is held to permit the application of an amount for the purposes of the General Synod assessment in 2012.

Elections

Election of Committees etc

Sydney Anglican Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Committee

Standing Committee approved of the Archbishop appointing the following persons –

Indigenous

The Rev Jonathan Lilley
The Rev Rick Manton
Mr Raymond Minniecon
Mr Michael Paduch-Duckett
Mrs Anne Parker
Mr Lindsay Roberts
Ms Janet Shillingsworth

Non-Indigenous

The Rev Dr Greg Anderson
Archdeacon Deryck Howell
Mr Thomas Mayne
Mrs Janette Thambyrajah
The Rev David Woodbridge

subject to the recommendations of the Committee with regard to Indigenous persons.

New College Limited

Mr Andrew Boyton was elected.

NSW Council of Churches, Sydney Diocesan Representatives

Mr Rohan McHugh was elected.

Nomination Board

Mr Stephen Hodgkinson was elected.

Sydney Anglican Home Mission Society, Council of (Anglicare)

The Rev Gary Koo was elected.

Consideration of the remaining vacancy for a person was deferred.

Casual Vacancies

- (a) Abbotsleigh, The Council of – Mr Doug Marr had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a layman.
- (b) Barker College, The Council of – Mr James Grainger had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a lay person.
- (c) Diocesan Tribunal – The Rev Rick Lewers had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a member of the clergy, who has been a member of the clergy for not less than 10 years.
- (d) General Synod, Diocesan Representative – The Rev Rick Lewers had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a member of the clergy.
- (e) Robert Menzies College, Board of – Dr Homer Paxton and Mr Mark Wormell had resigned and vacancies were declared for 2 persons.

Anglican Aid
Anglican Media Council
Department of Evangelism and New Churches, Board of
Diocesan Doctrine Commission
Mission Board
NSW Ecumenical Council (Churches Together NSW)
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 Diocesan Secretariat
Sydney Diocesan Superannuation Fund, Board of
Tara Anglican Girls' School 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 for November and December 2011 concerning the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat and the Glebe Administration Board.

Financial Matters

Actions by the Work Outside the Diocese Committee under delegated authority

Standing Committee received a report about payments approved or ratified under delegated authority.

Standing Committee's policies concerning parish property

Standing Committee agreed to defer the debate on this matter until after Synod this year.

Application of parochial support for the Diocese

This matter was deferred.

Synod

43/10 Diocesan Corporate Governance

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

10/11 Archbishop's Strategic Commission on Structure, Funding and Governance: Interim report of the Working Group

Standing Committee invited the Archbishop to appoint a Chairmen's Advisory Committee comprising the chairmen of the major Diocesan organisations, as a forum for organisations to discuss common matters of interest and share information.

26/11 Poverty reduction and promoting a global vision in education

Standing Committee agreed to amend the Diocesan Policy Statement on Education.

28/11 General Synod assessments and consultation

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

Parish Relationships Amendment Ordinance 2012

This matter was deferred.

Other Matters

Submissions to Treasury regarding reforms to the Not-for-profit sector

Standing Committee noted that submissions were lodged on its behalf regarding –

- *A Definition of Charity – Consultation Paper October 2011.*
- *Exposure Draft for the Australian Charities and Not-for-Profits Commission Bill 2012.*
- *Review of Not-for-profit Governance Arrangements – Consultation Paper.*

Charitable fundraising regulation reform

Standing Committee requested the NFP Reform Committee to prepare and lodge a submission on behalf of the Standing Committee in relation to proposed charitable fundraising reforms.

Transition to the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission

Standing Committee received a report.

Submission to the Attorney General's Discussion paper on the Consolidation of Commonwealth Anti-Discrimination Laws

Standing Committee noted a submission.

Date of next meeting

Monday 26 March 2012.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 26 March 2012

The Rev Gavin Poole and Dr Karin Sowada led in prayer.

Welcome to the Rev Craig Roberts

Standing Committee welcomed the Rev Craig Roberts to the meeting as a member elected by the Northern Regional Electors.

Minutes of the Mission Board

Standing Committee noted the minutes of the Mission Board of 20 February 2012.

Minutes of 20 February 2012

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 20 February 2012.

Ordinances

Campbelltown Land Sale Ordinance 2009

Standing Committee, pursuant to clause 3 of the Campbelltown Land Sale Ordinance 2009, agreed to extend the date by which the land under the Ordinance may be sold until 28 September 2014.

Elections

Anglican Aid

The Rev Rob Stewart was elected.

Barker College, The Council of

Mr David Charles was elected.

Diocesan Tribunal

Canon Stephen Gibson was elected.

General Synod, Diocesan Representative

The Rev Simon Roberts was elected.

Mission Board

The Rev David Mansfield was elected.

Nomination Board

The Rev Terry Bowers was elected.

Parish Disputes Ordinance and Parish Relationships Ordinance

Standing Committee agreed to defer filling the vacancies under these Ordinances until Synod.

Robert Menzies College, Board of

Ms Maureen Peatman and Mr Peter Spencer were elected.

Sydney Anglican Home Mission Society, Council of (Anglicare)

Miss Naomi Bradshaw was elected.

Tara Anglican Girls' School Council

The Rev Naomi Ireland was elected.

Diocesan Doctrine Commission

Abbotsleigh, The Council of

Anglican Media Council

NSW Council of Churches, Sydney Diocesan Representatives

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

Sydney Anglican Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Committee

Sydney Diocesan Superannuation Fund, Board of

These matters were deferred.

Casual Vacancies

- (a) Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation – Dr Timothy Roberts had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.
- (b) Sydney Church of England Grammar School Council (Shore) – Mrs Eve Bagnall and Mr Justice Peter Young had resigned and vacancies were declared for 2 lay persons.
- (c) Department of Evangelism and New Churches Board – The Rev Bruce Hall and the Rev Sarie King had resigned and vacancies were declared for 2 members of the clergy.
- (d) Tara Anglican Girls School Council – The Rev Ruth Mahaffey had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a member of the clergy.
- (e) Social Issues Executive – the Standing Committee noted that Deaconess Margaret Rodgers had resigned.
- (f) Diocesan Retirements Board – Canon Boak Jobbins had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a minister.

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

Funding the 2013 Archbishop's Election Synod

Standing Committee resolved to meet the cost of disbursements for the Archbishop's Election Synod in 2012 pursuant to clause 6 of the Synod Appropriations and Allocations Ordinance 2009.

Application of parochial support for the Diocese

Standing Committee directed that the funds arising from the 'parochial support for the Diocese' be applied to the capital of the Diocesan Endowment.

Synod

2nd ordinary session of the 49th Synod

Standing Committee received a report.

Parish Relationships Amendment Ordinance 2012

Standing Committee –

- (a) requested that a bill for the Parish Relationships Amendment Ordinance 2012 be promoted to the Synod "by request of the Standing Committee", and
- (b) approved the printing of the explanatory statement for the Synod.

28/11 General Synod assessments and consultation

Standing Committee supported the promotion of the bills and explanatory memoranda in respect of proposed amendments to sections 30, 32 and 63 of the Constitution to the next session of the General Synod.

Amendments to Faithfulness in Service

This matter was deferred.

Other Matters

Reforms to the charity and not-for-profit sector

Noting of submission

Standing Committee noted submission made to the ACNC Taskforce regarding the *Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Implementation and Design – Discussion Paper December 2011*.

Receipt of briefing paper

Standing Committee –

- (a) received a briefing paper, and
- (b) noted that a version of the briefing paper will be sent to all parishes, diocesan organisations and affiliated organisations."

Submission concerning Australian Taxation Office Draft Ruling on School Building Funds

Standing Committee noted a submission made by the Property Trust in response to the Australian Taxation Office Draft Ruling TR 2011/D5 on deductible gift recipient School Building Funds.

Submission concerning Marriage Amendment Bills

Standing Committee –

- (a) noted a draft submission in respect of the Marriage Amendment Bills currently before the Federal Parliament, and
- (b) requested that a final form of the submission be lodged by the due date on 5 April 2012.

Protocol from Australian Bishops' Conference

Standing Committee welcomed the Bishop's Protocol on Human Sexuality and thanked our bishops for their part in formulating this Protocol.

Affiliated Churches

Standing Committee reappointed Mr Neil Cameron, the Rev Chris Moroney, Dr Philip Selden, the Rev Archie Poulos and the Rev Bruce Hall as members of the Affiliated Churches Subcommittee.

Retirement of Mr Justice Peter Young

The Archbishop acknowledged the retirement of Mr Justice Peter Young on 23 April 2012 from his distinguished career, including most recently as an Appeal Court judge of the Supreme Court of New South Wales.

Consultation with the Sydney Anglican Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Committee Provisional Parishes

These matters were deferred.

Date of next meeting

Monday 30 April 2012.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 30 April 2012

Mr Bruce York and the Rev Zac Veron led in prayer

Chairman

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

Special meeting of the Standing Committee to consider Synod funding principles

Standing Committee noted that a booking has been made for a special meeting on 21 June 2012 so that, if necessary, the Standing Committee can consider in detail Synod funding documentation.

Minutes of the Mission Board

Standing Committee noted the minutes of the Mission Board of 26 March and 16 April 2012.

Minutes of 26 March 2012

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 26 March 2012.

Ordinances

Continuing Education for Ministers Ordinance 1989 Amendment Ordinance 2012

The purpose of this ordinance was to amend the Continuing Education for Ministers Ordinance 1989.

Sylvania Trust Ordinance 2012

The purpose of this ordinance was to vary the trusts on which certain property is held and to establish the Sylvania Trust.

Tara Anglican Girls' School Ordinance 1956 Amendment Ordinance 2012

This matter was deferred.

Elections

Appointment of Returning officers for the 2nd session of the 49th Synod

Standing Committee recommended to the Archbishop-in-Council that he appoint 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 2nd session of the 49th Synod.

Department of Evangelism and New Churches Board

The Rev Andrew Katay was elected.

Freedom4Faith, Board and Campaign Committee of

Standing Committee requested that Mr Robert Wicks be appointed to the Board of the Freedom4Faith Incorporated Association and Bishop Robert Forsyth be appointed as a member of its Campaign Committee.

Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation

Mr Scott Sloan was elected.

Sydney Church of England Grammar School Council (Shore)

Dr Elizabeth Cope was elected to fill the vacancy arising on 1 May and Mrs Kirsty Bucknell was elected to fill the vacancy arising on 1 June.

Diocesan Doctrine Commission

Abbotsleigh, The Council of

Anglican Media Council

Diocesan Retirements Board

NSW Council of Churches, Sydney Diocesan Representatives

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

Sydney Anglican Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Committee

Sydney Diocesan Superannuation Fund, Board of

These matters were deferred.

Casual Vacancies

- (a) Diocesan Retirements Board – Mr Warren Richards had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a lay person who is a communicant member of the Anglican Church of Australia.
- (b) New College Limited – Mr Matthew Todd had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.
- (c) Macarthur Anglican School Council – the Rev Jenni Stoddart had resigned and a vacancy was declared for 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 concerning the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat and the Glebe Administration Board.

Maintenance of the real value of the Diocesan Endowment

Standing Committee noted a report.

Financial Matters

Parramatta '54 Free Fund

Standing Committee recommended to the Archbishop-in-Council that amounts of \$10,254 and \$3,974.35 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) in relation to the March 2012 Australian Bishops' Conference held in Melbourne.

Synod

2nd ordinary session of the 49th Synod

Standing Committee received a report.

22/08 Electronic distribution of Synod materials 20/11 Publication of Synod proceedings in electronic form

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and approved of the proposed action outlined in the report.

Amendments to Faithfulness in Service

Standing Committee –

- (a) requested that the following motion be moved at the Synod 'by request of the Standing Committee' –
 'Synod, noting the report on amendments to *Faithfulness in Service*, approves the amendments referred to in the report, other than the definition of 'bullying', for the purposes of this Diocese.'
- (b) approved of the printing of the attached report for the Synod.

Discipline Ordinance 2006 Amendment Ordinance 2012

This matter was deferred.

Other Matters

Church of England Children's Home Burwood

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Registrar and recommended to the Archbishop-in-Council that the authority of "The Church of England Children's Home Burwood" to use the name "Church of England" be withdrawn.

Submission concerning Marriage Amendment Bills

Standing Committee noted a submission made on behalf of the Standing Committee in respect of the Marriage Amendment Bills currently before the Federal Parliament.

Reforms to the charity and not-for-profit sector

Standing Committee noted submissions made on behalf of the Standing Committee and Anglicare Sydney to the Treasury regarding the *Charitable Fundraising Reform: Discussion Paper and Draft Regulatory Impact Statement*.

Consultation with the Sydney Anglican Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Committee

Standing Committee, pursuant to clause 6(5) of the Standing Committee Ordinance 1897, adopted a regulation in respect to this matter.

Provisional Parishes

Standing Committee –

- (a) agreed in principle to rename “curates-in-charge” as “rectors”, and
- (b) requested the Diocesan Secretary to prepare and bring to a future meeting an amending ordinance to give effect to this change.

Constitution of SCEGGS Darlinghurst Ltd

This matter was deferred.

Date of next meeting

Monday 28 May 2012.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 28 May 2012

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

Youthworks

Standing Committee congratulated Youthworks for winning the Webby Award for 2012 in the category of 'Religion & Spirituality' for its website fevr.net.

Minutes of the Mission Board

Standing Committee noted the minutes of the Mission Board of 30 April 2012.

Minutes of 30 April 2012

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 30 April 2012.

Ordinances

Tara Anglican Girls' School Ordinance 1956 Amendment Ordinance 2012

Receipt of report

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

Consideration of Ordinance

The purpose of this ordinance is to amend the Tara Anglican Girls' School Ordinance 1956 with respect to the membership of the Council and generally.

Elections

Anglican Media Council

Mr James Wackett was elected.

Department of Evangelism and New Churches Board

The Rev Joe Wiltshire was elected, with the remaining vacancy for a layperson being deferred.

Macarthur Anglican School Council

Mr Tim Mackie was elected.

Diocesan Doctrine Commission

Abbotsleigh, The Council of

Diocesan Retirements Board

New College Limited

NSW Council of Churches, Sydney Diocesan Representatives

NSW Ecumenical Council (Churches Together NSW)

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

Sydney Anglican Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Committee

Sydney Diocesan Superannuation Fund, Board of

These matters were deferred.

Casual Vacancies

- (a) Sydney Anglican Car and Insurance Fund, Sydney Church of England Finance and Loans Board – Mr John Pascoe had resigned and vacancy was declared for a lay person.
- (b) Ministry Training and Development Council – Mr Neville Hatton had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a lay 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 concerning the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat and the Glebe Administration Board.

Diocesan Endowment Report on March 2012 Quarter Performance

Standing Committee received a report.

St Andrew's House Corporation – Report to Stakeholders

Standing Committee noted a report for March 2012 provided by St Andrew's House Corporation to its stakeholders, the Endowment of the See Committee and Glebe Administration Board, and further noted that copies of future stakeholders' reports will be provided to the Standing Committee.

Financial Matters

Actions by the Work Outside the Diocese Committee under delegated authority

Standing Committee received a report about payments approved or ratified under delegated authority.

Actions by the Finance Committee under delegated authority

Standing Committee noted that, acting under delegated powers, the Finance Committee had received, adopted and signed the 2011 annual financial statements for the Synod Group (Fund groups 129 & 150) and the Parish Services Group (Fund group 950).

Transition to the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and agreed to contribute 25% of the total cost of undertaking the work referred to in the report, up to an initial amount of \$10,000, from 2012 Synod Fund Contingencies.

Synod

2nd ordinary session of the 49th Synod

Standing Committee received a report.

10/11 Archbishop's Strategic Commission on Structure, Funding and Governance: Further interim report of the Working Group

Standing Committee received a report.

17/11 Funding Principles and Priorities

Standing Committee noted that the Mission Board had agreed to hold a special meeting to further consider the Statement of Funding Principles and Priorities with a view to distributing a final form of the document to members of the Standing Committee for its special meeting on 21 June 2012.

Discipline Ordinance 2006 Amendment Ordinance 2012

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and –

- (a) requested that the revised bill for the Discipline Ordinance 2006 Amendment Ordinance 2012 be promoted to the Synod "by request of the Standing Committee", and
- (b) approved the printing of the revised explanatory report for the Synod.

Amendments to Faithfulness in Service

Standing Committee approved the printing of the revised form of report for the Synod.

Printing of reports for Synod

Standing Committee approved of the printing of the Synod and Parish Funds Amalgamated Accounts for the Synod.

Other Matters

Reforms to the charity and not-for-profit sector

Noting of submission

Standing Committee noted the submission made on behalf of the Standing Committee to the Treasury regarding the Exposure Draft for the *Tax Laws Amendment (2012 Measures No.4) Bill 2012: tax exempt body "in Australia" requirements*.

Receipt of report

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and requested the Diocesan Governance Committee to consider reactivating its work on finalising a revised form of governance policy for diocesan organisations.

Statement and Commitment from the 2012 FCA Leaders' Conference

Verbal reports

Verbal reports about the Conference were given.

Receipt of Statement

Standing Committee noted the Statement and Commitment from the Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans Leaders' Conference held in London on 23 to 27 April 2012.

Constitution of SCEGGS Darlington

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

Diocesan Policy Statement on Education

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

Bishop of Gippsland

Standing Committee noted its dismay at the Bishop of Gippsland's May 18, 2012 Presidential Address to the Anglican Diocese of Gippsland from which it is reasonable to infer his intention to appoint, amongst others, practising homosexuals to ministry roles in his Diocese and support same-sex marriages.

Standing Committee considered that Bishop McIntyre's earlier appointment of a practising homosexual to a ministry office and his May 18, 2012 statement represent –

- (a) a departure from the teaching of Scripture,
- (b) a departure from the Lambeth Resolution I.10 of 1998,
- (c) a departure from *Faithfulness in Service* §7.4,
- (d) a breach of the Australian Bishops' Protocol agreed to by all Australian bishops (including the Bishop of Gippsland) in March this year,
- (e) a breach of trust and fellowship at a profound level which deeply grieves us.

Meeting dates for 2013

Standing Committee agreed to the following meeting dates for 2013 –

25 February	22 July
25 March	26 August
29 April	16 September
27 May	11 November
24 June	9 December

noting that Archbishop Election Synod is to be held on 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 August 2013 and the 3rd ordinary session of the 49th Synod is to be held on 14, 15, 16 21 and 22 October 2013.

Dates of next meetings

Thursday 21 June 2012 (Special meeting to consider Synod funding principles and priorities).

Monday 25 June 2012 (next ordinary meeting).

Report of the Standing Committee special meeting held on 21 June 2012

Mr Stephen Hodgkinson and Bishop Robert Forsyth led in prayer.

Minutes of 28 May 2012

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 28 May 2012.

Ordinances

Diocesan Endowment Amendment Ordinance 2012

The purpose of this ordinance was to amend the Diocesan Endowment Ordinance 1984.

Funding Principles and Priorities

Statement of Funding Principles and Priorities for 2013

Approval of Statement of Funding Principles and Priorities

Standing Committee approved of the Statement of Funding Principles and Priorities for 2013 for printing and distribution to all Synod members.

Approval of Worksheet

Standing Committee approved of the Worksheet accompanying the Statement of Funding Principles and Priorities for 2013.

Synod funding ordinances

Standing Committee requested that ordinances and explanatory material for Synod funding in 2013 be prepared for the meeting on 23 July 2012 in accordance with the form of Statement of Funding Principles and Priorities for 2013 and the Worksheet accompanying the Statement.

Other Matters

Date of next meeting

Monday 25 June 2012.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 25 June 2012

Miss Jennifer Flower and Canon Sandy Grant led in prayer.

Queen's birthday honours

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

Mr L Graham Lightfoot, Wahroonga, a member of the parish of St Paul's, Wahroonga – a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for service to the container shipping industry, to the development and promotion of Australia's international trade networks, as a support of the welfare of merchant mariners, and to the community.

Mr James Millar, Gordon, a member of the parish of Roseville – a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for service to business and commerce through executive roles with a range of organisations, and to the community through leadership and fundraising support for social welfare, cancer research and educational associations.

Professor Alanna Nobbs, Pymble – a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for service to education in the fields of ancient history and the classics as an educator, and through leadership roles in professional organisations, particularly the Society for the Study of Early Christianity.

The Rev Canon Dr Peter Adam, Carlton North, Victoria – a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for service to theological education, and to the Anglican Church of Australia

Mrs Noelene Beer, a member of the parish of Castle Hill – a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for service to the Anglican Church of Australia.

Professor Cairney, Master of New College, University of NSW – a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for service to education as an academic and administrator, and to business through leadership roles within professional organisations.

Minutes of the Mission Board

Standing Committee noted the minutes of the Mission Board of 28 May and 5 June 2012.

Minutes of 21 June 2012

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 21 June 2012.

Ordinances

Tara Girls' School Ordinance 1956 Further Amendment Ordinance 2012

The purpose of this ordinance was to further amend the Tara Anglican Girls' School Ordinance 1956 with respect to the membership of the Council and related matters.

Elections

Sydney Anglican Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Committee

Deferral of vacancy

Vacancies for 3 Indigenous persons not filled following the Synod was deferred.

Receipt of report

Standing Committee received a report from Archdeacon Deryck Howell about the Indigenous Committee.

Prayer for the Indigenous Committee

The Rev Nigel Fortescue led the Standing Committee in prayer for the Indigenous Committee.

**Diocesan Doctrine Commission
Abbotsleigh, The Council of
Department of Evangelism and New Churches Board
Diocesan Retirements Board
Ministry Training and Development Council
New College Limited
NSW Council of Churches, Sydney Diocesan Representatives
Sydney Anglican Car and Insurance Fund, Sydney Church of England Finance and Loans Board
Sydney Diocesan Superannuation Fund, Board of**

These matters were deferred.

Casual Vacancies

- (a) The Illawarra Grammar School, The Council of – Mrs Judith Starkey had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a lay person.
- (b) Sydney Diocesan Superannuation Fund, Board of – Mr James Flavin and Mr Paul Bradley had resigned and vacancies were declared for an employer representative and employee representative, respectively.

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.

Half-yearly review of Secretariat's services to the Synod and Standing Committee

Standing Committee received a report and 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 between November 2011 and April 2012.

Financial Matters

Action by the Mission Board under delegated authority

Standing Committee noted that –

- (a) acting under delegated powers, the Mission Board has approved the attached revised priority statement pursuant to delegated authority from the Standing Committee under clause 5C(2) of the Mission Property Ordinance 2002, and

- (b) the only change to the previous priority statement is the addition of Marsden Park as an area of rapid population growth in the Diocese listed for the purchase of land for ministry centres.

Action by the Finance Committee under delegated authority

Standing Committee noted that, acting under delegated powers, the Finance Committee has approved an extension of the review date in the Corrimal Trust Ordinance 2002 to 28 May 2017.

Synod

2nd ordinary session of the 49th Synod

Standing Committee received a report.

10/11 Archbishop's Strategic Commission on Structure, Funding and Governance: Further interim report of the Working Group

Standing Committee received a report.

17/11 Funding Principles and Priorities

Standing Committee authorised the application of up to \$3,000 for the publication of 1,000 copies of the Statement of Funding Principles and Priorities as an A5 booklet for Synod members.

28/11 General Synod assessments and consultation

Meeting to explore avenues to enhance unity

Standing Committee noted that Mr Robert Tong had accepted the invitation in the letter from the Primate to participate in a one-day preliminary meeting of church leaders "to explore avenues to enhance the unity of the Church having regard to factors beyond alteration of the Constitution".

Request for consultation group to pursue discussions

Standing Committee requested that the Consultation Group (comprising Mr Neil Cameron, the Rev Gavin Poole, Mr Robert Tong, Canon Rick Smith, the Rev Dr Mark Thompson and Mr Doug Marr) –

- (a) pursue the further discussions with the National Unity Task Force (Task Force) referred to in the General Secretary's letter, both in relation to the proposed constitutional amendments and on broader matters in relation to General Synod resolution 155/10, and
- (b) pursue discussions with the Task Force in connection with General Synod resolution 125/10 (Voting systems) with a view to progressing the drafting of suitable bill to amend Rule II (Rules for the Appointment of a Standing Committee of the General Synod) for promotion at the next session of the General Synod.

36/11 Common Prayer: Resources for Gospel-Shaped Gatherings

Standing Committee received the revised form of *Common Prayer: Resources for gospel-shaped gatherings* ("Common Prayer") and –

- (a) approved the printing of black a suitable form of *Common Prayer* for the Synod and for this purpose authorised the application of up to \$1,000 from 2012 Synod Fund Contingencies,
- (b) requested that the following motion be moved at the Synod "by request of the Standing Committee" –
"Synod declares its opinion that the services in the revised form of *Common Prayer: Resources for Gospel-Shaped Gatherings* conform to the doctrine of the Anglican Church of Australia and encourages the churches of this Diocese to use such services."

Review of School Chapels and Chaplains Ordinance 1975

Standing Committee received a report and –

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

“Synod, noting the report concerning the review of the School Chapels and Chaplains Ordinance 1975 (the Ordinance) –

- (a) encourages Synod members, school councils and the Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation to consider the report and its recommendations and to provide comments on the report to the Diocesan Secretary by 31 March 2013, and
- (b) requests the Standing Committee to bring to the 2013 session of the Synod suitable amendments to the Ordinance having regard to such comments.”

Proposal to reclassify Shoalhaven Heads 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

Other Matters

Standing Committee’s policies concerning parish property

Standing Committee –

- (a) agreed to constitute a committee comprising Bishop Robert Forsyth, Mr Geoff Kyngdon and the Rev Craig Roberts, with power to co-opt, to undertake a process review in the context of a broader review of Standing Committee’s policies concerning parish property, and
- (b) requested the committee to provide its report, together with recommendations, to the Standing Committee by the end of the year on the most appropriate way of addressing this range of related matters.

Proposed affiliation of Central Evangelical Church Canberra

Standing Committee received a report and –

- (a) pursuant to clause 4(1) of the Affiliated Churches Ordinance 2005 (the “Ordinance”), declared Central Evangelical Church Canberra to be affiliated with this Church in this Diocese, and
- (b) pursuant to clause 5(1) of the Ordinance, authorised the Diocesan Secretary on its behalf to enter into an affiliation agreement with the person or persons authorised to enter into agreements on behalf of Central Evangelical Church Canberra.

Professional Standards Unit policy concerning bullying allegations

Standing Committee received a report.

Update on religious freedom and anti-discrimination law

Standing Committee received a report.

Marriage involving same-sex couples

Standing Committee received a report.

Ethics classes

Standing Committee received a report from Dr Bryan Cowling, Executive Director of the Anglican Education Commission and noted Dr Cowling's intention to ask the Anglican Education Commission to –

- (a) endorse the recommendations arising from the Inquiry into Ethics classes, and
- (b) call on the Government to accept and implement them expeditiously.

Extension of Working with Children Checks to voluntary workers

Standing Committee received a report and appointed a committee comprising Dr Philip Selden, Mr Steve Lucas, Mr Lachlan Bryant and Mr Robert Wicks to consider how to respond to any extension of Working with Children Checks to voluntary workers in the parish context and to report back to the Standing Committee in due course with recommendations.

Diocesan Policy Statement on Education

This matter was deferred.

Date of next meeting

Monday 23 July 2012.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 23 July 2012

Canon Rick Smith and Mr Lyall Wood led in prayer.

Minutes of the Mission Board

Standing Committee noted the minutes of the Mission Board of 25 June 2012.

Minutes of 25 June 2012

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 25 June 2012.

Ordinances

Synod Estimates and Parochial Cost Recoveries (Transition) Ordinance 2012

The purpose of this ordinance was to provide transitional arrangement for the preparation of ordinances for Synod estimates and parochial cost recoveries.

1 York Street (Special Distribution) Ordinance 2012

The purpose of this ordinance was to make special provision for distribution of certain funds held by the Anglican Church Property Trust Diocese of Sydney arising from land known as 1 York Street, Sydney.

Windsor Land Sale Ordinance 2012

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

Ashfield, Five Dock and Haberfield Mortgaging and Variation of Trusts Ordinance 2012

The purpose of this ordinance was to provide for the variation of trusts and mortgaging of certain land at Five Dock.

Elections

Diocesan Doctrine Commission

The following persons were appointed –

The Rev Dr Peter G Bolt	The Rev Tony Payne
Bishop Robert C Forsyth	The Rev Gavin Perkins
The Rev Kara Gilbert	The Rev Rob Smith
The Rev Dr Ivan Head	The Rev Dr Mark D Thompson
The Rev Dr David Hohne	Canon Dr John W Woodhouse"

Abbotsleigh, The Council of

Mr John Scott was elected.

Ministry Training and Development Council

Mr Stephen Hodgkinson was elected.

Social Issues Executive

The Rev Andrew Errington was appointed.

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

Mr Bayne Carpenter was elected.

Sydney Diocesan Superannuation Fund, Board of

Mr Andrew Frankling, Ms Carolyn Talbot and Mr Michael Blaxland were elected.

Secretariat and Glebe Board

Minutes

Standing Committee noted that the minute books of the Secretariat and Glebe Board were 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, acting under delegated powers, the Finance Committee has –

- (a) received financial information from Diocesan organisations in accordance with clause 13 of the Accounts, Audits and Annual Reports Ordinance 1995, as indicated in the table, and
- (b) approved the application of the funds held under clause 4(b) of the Milson Point Sale Ordinance 1985 for the purpose of paying part of the cost of refurbishing St John the Baptist church building at 7-9 Broughton Street Kirribilli.

Minimum stipends and travel allowance for 2013

Standing Committee –

- (a) noted that the minimum stipend for a minister for 2013 will be \$58,452 (being a 4.6% increase over the 2012 minimum stipend) set in accordance with the policy agreed to by the Standing Committee on 23 August 2010.
- (b) approved the minimum stipends for 2013 for assistant ministers and lay ministers continuing to be set as the following percentages of the minimum stipend for a minister –
 - 1st and 2nd year 85%,
 - 3rd and 4th year 90%,
 - 5th and subsequent years 95%,
 - Student ministers working one full day 12.5%, and
- (c) approved the minimum stipends for 2013 for youth and children's ministers to be set as the following percentages of the minimum stipend for a minister –

Diploma –

1st to 3rd year 65%,

4th to 6th year 75%,

7th and subsequent years (Advanced Diploma only) 85%,

Student ministers working one full day 10%, and

Advanced Diploma or Theological degree –

1st and 2nd year 85%,

3rd and 4th year 90%,

5th and subsequent years 95%, and

- (d) approved the following minimum rates for 2013 for occasional services –
one service \$85 (increased by \$5 from 2012),
two or more services \$110 (increased by \$5 from 2012),
whole day \$165 (increased by \$5 from 2012), and
- (e) approved both the fixed component of the travel allowance/benefit of \$8,047 (unchanged from 2012) and the variable component of \$246 per 1,000 km (unchanged from 2012).

Guidelines for the Remuneration of Parish Ministry Staff for 2013

Standing Committee received and approved the form of the Guidelines for the Remuneration of Parish Ministry Staff for 2013 prepared by the Stipends and Allowances Committee and asked that they be posted on the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat website forthwith.

Synod

2nd ordinary session of the 49th Synod

Standing Committee received a report.

17/11 Funding Principles and Priorities

Approval of revised documents for printing

Standing Committee approved of the revised form of Statement of Funding Principles and Priorities for 2013 for printing and distribution to all Synod members.

Request for promotion of ordinance to the Synod

Standing Committee –

- (a) requested that the bill for the Synod Appropriations and Allocations Ordinance 2012 be promoted to the Synod “by request of the Standing Committee”, and
- (b) requested that the bill for the Parochial Cost Recoveries and Church Land Acquisitions Levy Ordinance 2012 be promoted to the Synod “by request of the Standing Committee”, and
- (c) approved of the printing for Synod of a suitable form of Explanatory Report for these bills.

Diocesan Policy Statement on Education

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

Mission Property Committee

Standing Committee requested the Mission Property Committee to provide a progress report to the next meeting about –

- (a) implementing the strategic priorities in the acquisition of land for church sites and the construction of ministry centres across the Diocese, and
 - (b) a statement of intention to cooperate amongst Anglican Organisations, and
 - (c) its fundraising activities,
- with a view to such a report being provided to the Synod.

Regional Councils Annual Reports to Synod

Standing Committee received the following reports and approves the printing of suitable forms of the reports for the Synod –

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

Printing of reports for Synod

Standing Committee approves of the printing of reports about the following matters for the Synod –
Sydney Diocesan Secretariat: Annual Report

Other Matters

Biblical view on human sexuality

Standing Committee noted that the Archbishop has asked the Diocesan Doctrine Commission to report to the Standing Committee on how work might be undertaken to analyse and explain in detail the Biblical view of human sexuality and its expression and on the institution of marriage.

Reform to the charities and not-for-profit sector

Standing Committee noted the submission made on its behalf to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Economics concerning the Exposure Draft Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Bill.

Ethics classes

Noting of letter to Premier

Standing Committee noted a letter to the Premier from the chair of the Anglican Education Commission, Bishop Glenn Davies.

Receipt of report

Standing Committee received a report from Dr Bryan Cowling, Executive Director of the Anglican Education Commission.

Special Religious Education (SRE)

Standing Committee –

- (a) received a report from the CEO of Anglican Youthworks in response to the report from Dr Bryan Cowling concerning the strategic importance of SRE, and
- (b) requested that the reports from Dr Cowling and Mr Veron be suitably consolidated and approves the consolidation being printed as a single report for Synod.

Current mandate of the Professional Standards Unit

Standing Committee received a report.

Date of next meeting

Monday 20 August 2012.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 20 August 2012

Bishop Peter Hayward and Mr Michael Meek SC led in prayer.

Minutes of the Mission Board

Standing Committee noted the minutes of the Mission Board of 23 July 2012.

Minutes of 23 July 2012

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 23 July 2012.

Ordinances

Clergy Removals Fund Ordinance 2003 Amendment Ordinance 2012

The purpose of this ordinance was to amend the Clergy Removals Fund Ordinance 2003.

South Sydney Variation of Trusts Ordinance 1997 Amendment Ordinance 2012

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

Ashfield, Five Dock and Haberfield Mortgaging Ordinance Amendment Ordinance 2012

The purpose of this ordinance was to amend the Ashfield, Five Dock and Haberfield Variation of Trusts and Mortgaging Ordinance 2012.

Bowral Land Sale Ordinance 2010 Amendment Ordinance 2012

The purpose of this ordinance was to amend the Bowral Land Sale Ordinance 2010.

Extension of sale period under the Lawson Land Sale and Variation of Trusts Ordinance 2007

Standing Committee resolved to extend the period in which the land under the Ordinance can be sold for a period of 3 years.

Elections

New College Limited

Mr John McConville was elected.

NSW Council of Churches, Sydney Diocesan Representatives

Standing Committee received a report.

Diocesan Retirements Board

This matter was deferred.

Secretariat and Glebe Board

Minutes

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

Reports of the Chief Executive Officer

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

Diocesan Endowment Report on June 2012 Quarter Performance

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 has –

- (a) approved the use of an estimate for Net Operating Receipts based on the figure for the previous year + 20% if the audited financial statements for a parochial unit have not been lodged, or are incomplete or inaccurate and no better estimate is available, in accordance with clause 15 of the Cost Recoveries Framework Ordinance 2008,
- (b) authorised the payment to the wardens of all the income from a residential property lease in accordance with the standard form trust ordinance, provided the weekly rental does not exceed \$2,000 in accordance with clause 7(2) of the standard form trust ordinance, and
- (c) determined the rate of benefit payable by the Sickness & Accident Fund for 2013 is \$75,988 (or \$243.55 per day) and the 'prescribed amount' of medical expenses under that Fund is \$5,000 in accordance with clauses 6 and 10(2) of the Sydney Diocesan Sickness and Accident Fund Ordinance 1969.

Lady Alison Neville Starr Trust

Standing Committee determined that the amount of \$146,787 received under the Trust Deed between Lady Alison Neville Starr and The Trust Company be distributed to Anglicare Diocese of Sydney to be used for general welfare purposes of the Diocese.

Synod

2nd ordinary session of the 49th Synod

Standing Committee received a report.

Pre-Synod briefings

Standing Committee received a report.

Standing Committee's report to the Synod for 2012

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

Bishopscourt

Standing Committee –

- (a) requested that a bill for the Bishopscourt Sale Ordinance 2012 be promoted to the Synod “by request of the Standing Committee”, and
- (b) approved of the printing of the report for Synod, and
- (c) recommended that the Synod pass the bill.

Mission Property Committee’s progress report to the Synod

Standing Committee approved of a progress report from the Mission Property Committee being printed for the Synod.

3/11 Towards 2050

Standing Committee approved of a suitable form of the report being printed for the Synod in 2012.

10/11 Archbishop’s Strategic Commission on Structure, Funding and Governance

Establishment of committee

Standing Committee agreed to establish a Governance and Audit Committee (“G&A Committee”).

Printing of report

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

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

Standing Committee –

- (a) requested that a bill for the Department of Evangelism and New Churches Ordinance 2010 Amendment Ordinance 2012 be promoted to the Synod “by request of the Standing Committee”, and
- (b) approved of a suitable form of a report being printed for the Synod.

Safe Ministry Board Annual Report to Synod

Printing of report

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

Ms Jenni Woodhouse

Standing Committee gave thanks for the tremendous contribution of Jenni Woodhouse by supporting victims of abuse and promoting safe ministry in the Diocese of Sydney and beyond.

Review of the Diocesan Mission

Standing Committee received a report from the Secretary of the Mission Board.

40/09 Gospel work beyond the Diocese

22/11 Parish contribution to the Work Outside the Diocese Fund

Standing Committee received a report from the Secretary of the Mission Board.

Tertiary Education Ministry Oversight Committee

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

Anglican Church Property Trust's report to the Synod

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

Archbishop's Election Synod in 2013

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

Printing of reports for Synod

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

Ordinances passed by the Standing Committee

Stipends, Allowances and Benefits for 2013

Special Religious Education

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

Other Matters

Notification of proposal for affiliation with South-West Chinese Christian Church, Kingsgrove under the Affiliated Churches Ordinance 2005

Standing Committee received a report.

Reform to the charities and not-for-profits sector

Standing Committee noted a supplementary submission made on its behalf to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Economics – Inquiry into the *Exposure Draft Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Bill*.

Date of next meeting

Monday 17 September 2012.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 17 September 2012

Mr Phil Shirriff and the Rev Craig Roberts led in prayer.

Minutes of the Mission Board

Standing Committee noted the minutes of the Mission Board of 20 August 2012.

Minutes of 20 August 2012

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 20 August 2012.

Ordinances

Eastgardens Mortgaging Ordinance 2012

The purpose of this ordinance is to provide for the mortgaging of certain land at Eastgardens and for purposes incidental thereto.

East Sydney (St Peter's) Sale Proceeds Ordinance 2007 Amendment Ordinance 2012

The purpose of this ordinance is to amend the East Sydney (St Peter's) Sale Proceeds Ordinance 2007.

Normanhurst Variation of Trusts and Mortgaging Ordinance 2012

The purpose of this ordinance is to provide for the variation of trusts and mortgaging of certain land at Normanhurst and for purposes incidental thereto.

South Sydney Regional Council Variation of Trusts Ordinance 2012

The purpose of this ordinance is to vary the trusts of certain land at Redfern.

Sutherland Land Sale Ordinance 2012

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

St James' King Street (Chatswood) Mortgaging and Sale Ordinance 2012

The purpose of this ordinance is to authorise the mortgaging and sale of certain land at Chatswood and to provide for the application of the mortgage and sale proceeds.

Wahroonga (St Paul's) Mortgaging Ordinance 2012

The purpose of this ordinance is to provide for the mortgaging of certain land at Wahroonga and for purposes incidental thereto.

Campbelltown Leasing Ordinance 2006 Amendment Ordinance 2012

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

St George's Paddington Leasing Ordinance 2012

The purpose of this ordinance is to authorise the leasing of certain land at Paddington, to provide for the application of the income and to repeal the St George's Glenmore Road Mortgaging and Leasing Ordinance 1930.

Long Term Pooling Fund Ordinance 2012

The purpose of this ordinance is to re-declare the trusts on which the property comprising the Long Term Pooling Fund is held, and for purposes related thereto.

Anglican Church Diocese of Sydney Community Building Partnership Grant Fund Ordinance 2012

The purpose of this ordinance is to re-declare the trusts on which a fund established for the purposes of the Community Building Partnership Grant program is held, and for purposes related thereto.

Anglican Church Diocese of Sydney Historical Buildings Fund Ordinance 2012

The purpose of this ordinance is to re-declare the trusts on which a fund established for the purposes of supporting historical building projects is held, and for purposes related thereto.

Anglican Church Diocese of Sydney Heritage Buildings Fund Ordinance 2012

The purpose of this ordinance is to re-declare the trusts on which a fund established for the purposes of supporting projects involving buildings listed on the State Heritage Register is held, and for purposes related thereto.

Church Insurances Ordinance 1981 Amendment Ordinance 2012

The purpose of this ordinance is to re-declare the trusts on which certain property used to obtain diocesan insurance is held, and for purposes related thereto.

St Andrew's House Ordinance 1975 Amendment Ordinance 2012

The purpose of this ordinance is to amend the St Andrew's House Ordinance 1975.

Sydney Church of England Finance and Loans Board and Sydney Anglican Car and Insurance Fund Amendment Ordinance 2012

The purpose of this ordinance is to amend the Sydney Church of England Finance and Loans Board Ordinance 1957 and the Sydney Anglican Car and Insurance Fund Ordinance 1978.

Sydney Diocesan Secretariat and Glebe Administration Board Miscellaneous Amendments Ordinance 2012

The purpose of this ordinance is to make a number of miscellaneous amendments to the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat Ordinance 1973 and the Glebe Administration Ordinance 1930.

Archbishop of Sydney's Discretionary Trust Ordinance 2012

The purpose of this ordinance is to vary the trusts on which certain property is held and to establish the Archbishop of Sydney's Discretionary Trust.

Provisional Parishes (Office of Rector) Ordinance 2012

The purpose of this ordinance is to name the person who has charge of a separate cure of souls in a provisional parish as rector rather than curate-in-charge.

Miscellaneous Amendments Ordinance 2012

The purpose of this ordinance is to make a number of miscellaneous amendments to ordinances of the Anglican Church in the Diocese of Sydney.

Ashfield, Five Dock and Haberfield Variation of Trusts and Mortgaging Ordinance 2012

Standing Committee, for the purposes of clause 4 of the Ashfield, Five Dock and Haberfield Variation of Trusts and Mortgaging Ordinance 2012, approved a total loan amount of \$765,000.

Elections

Appointment of members of the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

Diocesan Retirements Board Sydney Anglican Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Committee

These matters were deferred.

Casual Vacancies

Sydney Anglican Car and Insurance Fund, Sydney Church of England Finance and Loans Board – Mr Bayne Carpenter had resigned and vacancy was declared for a lay 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.

Services provided by the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat to the Synod and the Standing Committee in 2013

Standing Committee received a letter.

Resourcing compliance with obligations arising from the Australian Charities and Not-for-profit Commission

Standing Committee –

- (a) expressed its support for the creation of a new full-time position within Sydney Diocesan Secretariat for the purposes of managing further transitional and ongoing compliance work for diocesan organisations arising in relation to the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission, and
- (b) agreed in principle to fund 34% of the cost of the proposed Charities Compliance Officer.

Stakeholders' report from the St Andrew's House Corporation

Standing Committee noted a stakeholders' report.

Financial Matters

Actions by the Work Outside the Diocese Committee under delegated authority

Standing Committee received a report about payments approved or ratified under delegated authority.

Actions by the Finance Committee under delegated authority

Standing Committee noted the exercise of certain delegated powers by the Finance Committee.

Synod

2nd Ordinary session of the 49th Synod

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

Synod business paper for Monday 8 October 2012

Standing Committee approved the business paper for the meeting of the Synod on Monday 8 October 2012.

Review of the Diocesan Mission

Proposed Synod motion: giving thanks to God

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

Proposed Synod motion: survey and report

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

Proposed Synod motion: Easter Mission Campaign

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

Common Prayer: Resources for Gospel-Shaped Gathering

Standing Committee –

- (a) approved the printing for Synod of the revised form of preface, and
- (b) requested that the revised form of motion referred to in the report be moved at the Synod "by request of the Standing Committee" in place of the existing motion to be moved in respect of this matter."

Amendments to Faithfulness in Service

Standing Committee requested that a motion be moved at the Synod “by request of the Standing Committee” in place of the existing motion to be moved in respect of this matter.

Actions of the Bishop of Gippsland

Standing Committee requested that a motion about this matter be moved at the Synod “by request of the Standing Committee”.

Reforms to the charities and not-for-profits sector

Standing Committee –

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

Proposal to reclassify Minchinbury 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”.

Synod in 2013

Standing Committee received a report from Diocesan Secretary and –

- (a) agreed in principle to a 3 day ordinary session of the Synod in 2013, and
- (b) requested that a motion be moved at the Synod “by request of the Standing Committee” about this matter.

Electronic distribution of Synod materials

Standing Committee requested that a motion be moved at the Synod “by request of the Standing Committee” about this matter.

Other Matters

Transition to the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission

Standing Committee received a report from Diocesan Secretary.

Submission to the Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee concerning the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Bill 2012 and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (Consequential and Transitional) Bill 2012

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

Submission to the Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee concerning the Tax Laws Amendment (Special Conditions for Not-for-profit Concessions) Bill 2012

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

Freedom4Faith submission to NSW State Opposition on Religious Freedom

Standing Committee –

- (a) noted a submission made by Freedom4Faith to the NSW Opposition in response to a consultation about religious freedom in New South Wales, and
- (b) requested the working group comprising Bishop Robert Forsyth, Dr Karin Sowada, Mr Robert Tong and Mr Robert Wicks to review the submission and, if thought appropriate, approve a letter being sent to the NSW Opposition on behalf of the Standing Committee in support of the submission.

Archdeacon Narelle Jarrett

Dean Phillip Jensen moved a motion of thanks for Archdeacon Narelle Jarrett's service to the Standing Committee.

Dean Jensen led the Standing Committee in prayer for Archdeacon Jarrett.

Date of next meeting

Monday 12 November 2012.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 12 November 2012

The Rev Dr Mark Thompson and Miss Jane Toohar led in prayer.

Welcome to Archdeacon Kara Gilbert

Standing Committee welcomed Archdeacon Kara Gilbert as a member of the Standing Committee.

Dr Robert Tong

Standing Committee congratulated Robert Tong AM on being awarded a Doctorate in Juridical Science from the Queensland University of Technology.

Minutes of the Mission Board

Standing Committee noted the minutes of the Mission Board of 17 September 2012.

Minutes of 17 September 2012

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 17 September 2012.

Death of Acting Judge Peter Grogan

Standing Committee noted with sadness the death of Acting Judge Peter Grogan who served as Chancellor of the Diocese from 2005 to 2008.

Ordinances

Narellan Land Sale Ordinance 2012

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

Sutherland Mortgaging Ordinance 2012

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

Dundas with Telopea Mortgaging Ordinance 2012

The purpose of this ordinance was to provide for the mortgaging of certain land at Dundas with Telopea in anticipation of it becoming church trust property and for purposes incidental thereto.

Kellyville Mortgaging Ordinance 2012

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

Watsons Bay Trust Ordinance 2012

The purpose of this ordinance was to vary the trusts on which certain property is held and to establish the ACPT — Watsons Bay Trust.

St Phillip's York Street Leasing Ordinance 2011 Amendment Ordinance 2012

The purpose of this ordinance was to amend the St Philip's Sydney York Street Leasing Ordinance 2011 to make provision for the distribution of rental proceeds arising from a lease of certain property in York Street, Sydney.

Surry Hills Trust Ordinance 2002 Amendment Ordinance 2012

The purpose of this ordinance was to amend the Surry Hills Trust Ordinance 2002.

Pitt Town Land Sale Ordinance 2012

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

Elections

Abbotsleigh, The Council of

The Rev Brian Heath was elected.

Sydney Diocesan Secretariat

Filling of vacancies

Bishop Robert Forsyth and Mr Mark Ballantyne were elected.

Filling of additional vacancy

Professor Peter Wolnizer OAM was elected.

Request for update to skills matrix

Standing Committee requested an updated report as to the Skills Matrix desired for the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat.

NSW Ecumenical Council (Churches Together NSW)

This matter was deferred until the ordinary session of the Synod in 2013.

Parish Disputes Ordinance, Synod Pool

Parish Relationships Ordinance, Appeal Group

Parish Relationships Ordinance, Licensing Review Group

Parish Relationships Ordinance, Panel

These matters were deferred until the first meeting in 2013.

Arden Anglican School Council

Diocesan Retirements Board

NSW Council of Churches, Sydney Diocesan Representatives

St Catherine's School, Waverley

Sydney Anglican Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Committee

Sydney Church of England Finance and Loans Board

These matters were deferred.

Casual Vacancies

- (a) Mission Property Committee – Mr John Creelman had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.
- (b) Sydney Diocesan Secretariat – Canon Bruce Ballantine-Jones had resigned with effect from midnight on 6 December 2012.

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.

Diocesan Endowment Report on September 2012 Quarter Performance

Standing Committee received a report.

Financial Matters

Archbishop's Christmas grant distributions

The Archbishop-in-Council agreed that up to \$30,000 be applied from the Grant (Sisters) Endowment Fund for distribution at the discretion of the Archbishop for the purpose of Christmas grants.

Synod

Synod minutes of 16 October 2012

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

Summary of Proceedings of the 2012 Synod Proceedings

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

General communication of Synod decisions

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

Resolutions of the Synod

Standing Committee noted a report.

Synod attendances

Standing Committee noted statistics about attendances as Synod.

13/12 Electronic distribution of Synod materials

Standing Committee appointed a committee comprising the Rev Nigel Fortescue, Dr Robert Tong and Mr Robert Wicks (with power to co-opt) to consider Synod's request in resolution 13/12.

34/12 Consideration of Synod resolutions 19/11 and 24/11

Standing Committee –

- (a) appointed a committee comprising Mr Doug Marr, Dr Laurie Scandrett and Mr John Chapman to prepare a brief report in response to Synod resolution 29/11, and
- (b) noted that, for the purposes of Synod resolution 19/11, the Diocesan Secretary will bring to a future meeting a report.

Review of the procedures for a vote by Houses

Standing Committee requested Bishop Glenn Davies to prepare a brief report for its consideration concerning the motion.

28/11 General Synod Assessments and consultation

Standing Committee received a report about this matter.

Further funding sources for Synod

Standing Committee appointed a committee consisting of the Rev Craig Roberts (Chairman), Mrs Gillian Davidson, Mr Clive Ellis, Mr Phillip Shirriff and the Rev Zac Veron to consider further funding sources for Synod.

Request for paper on Synod resolution 21/12

Standing Committee invited the Rev Michael Williamson to write a paper in accordance with Synod resolution 21/12.

Other Matters

Transition to the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission

Policy concerning master trust ordinances

Standing Committee –

- (a) agreed, as a matter of policy, to require parishes and organisations to put in place a suitable master trust ordinance before the Standing Committee will consider an ordinance to authorise a dealing with or variation of trusts in respect of any of its property held by the Property Trust or before the Standing Committee or the Finance Committee will consider passing a resolution under such an ordinance,
- (b) approved the revised standard form of master trust ordinance for this purpose, and
- (c) agreed to increase the threshold under the large receipts policy in respect of lease and other income received by a parish from \$40,000 to \$50,000 per annum.

Implementation of policies to streamline arrangements

Standing Committee –

- (a) agreed that parishes should operate their core activities through a single ABN entity and encourages parishes to review their current arrangements with a view to revoking the registration of unnecessary ABNs,
- (b) agreed, as a matter of policy, to the circumstances in which it will exercise the legislative authority given to the Synod and the Standing Committee concerning interactions with the ACNC on behalf of parishes and diocesan bodies and authorised the Finance Committee to oversee the implementation of this policy and, if appropriate, to modify its scope.

Charities Compliance Officer

Standing Committee authorised the payment of \$10,000 from 2012 Synod Fund Contingencies to the Secretariat as an initial contribution to the costs of appointing the Charities Compliance Officer.

Not-for-profit sector Tax Concession Working Group

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and requested the committee comprising Mr James Flavin, Mr Peter Kell, Dr Karin Sowada and Mr Grant Millard to prepare draft submissions in response to the Discussion Paper for consideration at the meeting on 10 December 2012.

Blue Mountains Grammar School Constitution Reference Group

Standing Committee agreed to appoint Bishop Ivan Lee and Mr Andrew Frank as its 2 representative members on the Reference Group.

Working with Children Check

Standing Committee received a report and requested that the subcommittee prepare and lodge submissions on the draft regulations on behalf of the Standing Committee.

Confirmation as a pre-requisite for ordination

Standing Committee, noting there is some doubt as to the necessity of confirmation being a pre-requisite for those to be ordained deacon, referred the question to the Chancellor for his opinion.

Date of next meeting

Monday 10 December 2012.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 10 December 2012

Archbishop Peter Jensen led in prayer.

Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse

Standing Committee –

- (a) welcomed the Royal Commission as an opportunity to ensure that our policies and procedures to respond to and prevent child sexual abuse are appropriate and to ensure we have taken all appropriate steps in response to past complaints of child sexual abuse notified to the Diocese,
- (b) agreed in principle to the Diocese cooperating with the processes for responding to the Royal Commission proposed by the General Synod Standing Committee, including a review of all cases involving past complaints of child sexual abuse,
- (c) agreed to establish a Steering Committee to oversee the response of the Diocese to the Royal Commission and to provide the Director of Professional Standards with a point of reference for undertaking the necessary work to respond to the Royal Commission.

Prioritisation of Standing Committee's outstanding matters

Standing Committee agreed to the recommended priority classification for each of its outstanding matters.

Appointment of the Rev Dr Mark Thompson as the next Principal of Moore Theological College

Standing Committee congratulated the Rev Dr Mark Thompson on his appointment as the next Principal of Moore Theological College.

Election of the Venerable Ian Palmer as the next Bishop of Bathurst

Standing Committee noted the election of the Venerable Ian Palmer, rector of Queanbeyan in the Diocese of Canberra and Goulburn to be the next Bishop of Bathurst and extended its prayerful good wishes to Archdeacon Palmer.

Minutes of the Mission Board

Standing Committee noted the minutes of the Mission Board of 12 November 2012.

Minutes of 12 November 2012

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 12 November 2012.

Ordinances

Sydney Diocesan Secretariat Ordinance 1973 Amendment Ordinance 2012

The purpose of this ordinance was to amend the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat Ordinance 1973 with respect to the powers and functions of the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat in relation to church trust property.

Dundas/Telopea Easement Ordinance 2012

The purpose of this ordinance was to authorise the registration of an easement to drain water over certain land at Rydalmere and to provide for the application of the proceeds.

Dundas/Telopea Trust Ordinance 2012

The purpose of this ordinance was to vary the trusts on which certain property is held and to establish the ACPT – Dundas/Telopea Trust.

Lower Mountains Land Sale Ordinance 2012

The purpose of this ordinance was to to authorise the sale of certain land at Blaxland and the subdivision and sale of certain land at Mount Riverview and to provide for the application of the proceeds of sale.

Lower Mountains Mortgaging Ordinance 2012

The purpose of this ordinance was to authorise the mortgaging of land within the Parish of Lower Mountains, the application of the proceeds and the variation of the mortgage from time to time.

Lower Mountains Trust Ordinance 2012

The purpose of this ordinance was to vary the trusts on which certain property is held and to establish the ACPT – Lower Mountains Trust.

Riverstone Land Sale Ordinance 2012

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

Riverstone Trust Ordinance 2012

The purpose of this ordinance was to to vary the trusts on which certain property is held and to establish the ACPT – Riverstone Trust.

Kurrajong Land Sale Ordinance 2012

Endowment of the See Capital Ordinance 2012 Amendment Ordinance 2012

These matters were deferred.

Elections

Diocesan Retirements Board

The Archbishop-in-Council appointed Dr Katherine Bruce to the Diocesan Retirements Board.

Sydney Anglican Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Committee

Standing Committee approved of the Archbishop appointing the following Indigenous persons to the Sydney Anglican Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Committee –

- Mr Edward Coleman
- Mr Brendon Garlett
- Mr Ashley Garlett
- Mr Trevor Green
- Mr Brett Manton
- Mr Terry Manton
- Mr Leon Turvey.

**Arden Anglican School Council
Mission Property Committee
NSW Council of Churches, Sydney Diocesan Representatives
St Catherine's School, Waverley
Sydney Church of England Finance and Loans Board**

These matters were deferred.

Casual Vacancies

- (a) Mission Board – Archdeacon Narelle Jarrett had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person who is not a Head of an Organisation.
- (b) Arden Anglican School Council – Mr Richard Neal had resigned with effect from 31 December 2012 and a vacancy was declared for a person.
- (c) Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation – the Rev Michael Williamson had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.
- (d) Anglican Aid – Mrs Patricia Spencer had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.
- (e) Sydney Anglican Home Mission Society (Anglicare) – Ms Robyn Hobbs 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.

Services provided by the Secretariat to the Synod and Standing Committee

Review of services

Standing Committee –

- (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 between November 2011 and October 2012, and
- (b) agreed to the revised form of Service Level Standards document for the Synod and Standing Committee for services provided by the Secretariat during 2013.

Recovery of costs

Standing Committee –

- (a) affirmed its previously expressed principle that the Secretariat should recover from each diocesan organisation it serves, including the Synod and Standing Committee but excluding parishes, the cost of serving that organisation, and
- (b) noted that this principle has not been achieved in relation to the funding made available by the Synod for the purposes of services provided by the Secretariat to the Synod and the Standing Committee in 2013, and
- (c) requested that the Mission Board Strategy Committee consider in consultation with the Secretariat the objective of achieving full funding of the cost of the Secretariat's services to the Synod and the Standing Committee as it prepares the Synod budgets for 2014-2015 and beyond.

Financial Matters

Enhanced reporting from central diocesan organisations

Receipt of reports

Standing Committee received reports from the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat, the Glebe Administration Board and St Andrew's House Corporation.

Request for EOS Committee to provide report

Standing Committee requested the EOS Committee to provide the Standing Committee with reports each 6 months about its operations and plans for the future.

Governance Oversight Committee

Standing Committee –

- (a) agreed to constitute the Governance Oversight Committee with up to 8 members who hold office at the pleasure of the Standing Committee, but retire at the first Standing Committee meeting after the first session of each Synod,
- (b) agreed that for the purposes of exercising its function, the committee will receive, consider and respond to the enhanced reporting requested by the Standing Committee from the SDS, GAB, Property Trust, St Andrew's House Corporation and the EOS Committee.

Actions by the Work Outside the Diocese Committee under delegated authority

Standing Committee received a report.

Actions by the Finance Committee under delegated authority

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

- (a) approved the application of \$52,000 of the funds held under 6(2)(d) of the Sylvania Trust Ordinance 2012 for the purpose of contributing to the cost of a new roof and seating for the church building, and installing sound proofing and a new doorway in the church hall,
- (b) received reports from Diocesan organisations pursuant to clause 13 of the Accounts, Audits and Annual Reports Ordinance 1995 for the six months ended 30 June 2012 as summarised in the report, and
- (c) extended, in accordance with clause 8(2) of the Penshurst Trust Ordinance 2002, the review date in this Ordinance by 3 years to 21 November 2015, and
- (d) extended, in accordance with clause 8(2) of the Dulwich Hill Trust Ordinance 2002, the review date in this Ordinance by 3 years to 21 November 2015.

Support for the Diocese of North West Australia

Standing Committee received a letter from Bishop Gary Nelson.

Synod

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

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

23/12 Problem Gambling in Australia

Standing Committee noted that responses to resolution 23/12 have been received from the following members of the Federal Parliament –

The Hon Julie Bishop MP	Mr Robert Oakeshott MP
Senator John Faulkner	Senator Helen Polley
The Hon Joel Fitzgibbon MP	Senator Lee Rhiannon
Senator Sarah Hanson-Young	The Hon Philip Ruddock MP
Senator the Hon Bill Heffernan	Senator Matt Thistlewaite
Mr Stephen Jones MP	Mr Kevin Thompson MP
Senator Barnaby Joyce	The Hon Warren Truss MP
Senator Fiona Nash	

33/12 Actions of the Bishop of Gippsland

Standing Committee noted responses to resolution 33/12 had been received from the following –

Bishop Brian Farran (Newcastle)
Bishop John Harrower (Tasmania)
Archbishop Roger Herft (Perth)
Bishop John McIntyre (Gippsland)
Bishop Gary Nelson (North West Australia)

40/12 Common Prayer: Resources for Gospel-Shaped Gatherings

Standing Committee authorised the application of \$20,000 from the Publishing Reserve Fund 317 to meet the cost of purchasing the first 1,000 copies of *Common Prayer: Resources for Gospel-Shaped Gatherings*.

28/11 General Synod Assessments and Consultation

Standing Committee –

- (a) received a letter from the General Secretary, and
- (b) noted the special meeting of the General Synod Standing Committee proposed to be held in Sydney on 27 and 28 April 2013 to consider unity issues to which five nominees of this Diocese are invited to attend, and
- (c) requested that the consultation group appointed to consider this matter decide from among themselves who should attend this special meeting as the five nominees of this Diocese.

Synod funding for 2014

Standing Committee noted a timetable recommended by the Mission Board at its meeting on 10 December 2012 for the preparation of the Synod funding and PCR/Levy ordinances for Synod in 2013.

38/07 Fellowship meal for the proclamation of the Lord's death

36/12 Department of Evangelism and New Churches

Reception Canon 1981 Exclusion Ordinance 2012

These matters were deferred.

Other Matters

Transition to the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission

Standing Committee agreed to an amount of \$1,105 being paid from 2013 Synod Fund Contingencies to finalise the work during January 2013 for non-ACPT central entities to transition to the ACNC.

Consolidation of Commonwealth Anti-Discrimination Laws – Release of exposure draft legislation

Standing Committee received a report and requested the committee comprising responsible for this matter to prepare and lodge a submission.

Freedom4Faith

Standing Committee approved of an amount of \$10,000 being paid to Freedom4Faith from 2012 Synod Fund Contingencies for the 2013 Institution Affiliation Fee of this Diocese and asked to the Mission Board Strategy Committee to consider including the annual Institution Affiliation Fee payable to Freedom4Faith as budgeted Synod expenditure in future Appropriations and Allocations Ordinances.

Submission regarding Not-for-profit Sector Tax Concession Working Group Discussion Paper

Standing Committee –

- (a) noted a draft submission regarding the Not-for-profit Sector Tax Concession Working Group, and
- (b) requested the committee responsible for this submission to finalise and lodge the submission by the due date on 17 December 2012.

Submission regarding the Child Protection (Working with Children) Regulation 2012

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

Richard Johnson College Limited

Standing Committee –

- (a) received a letter from Mr Steven Nicols, Liquidator, and
- (b) received a report from the Manager, Legal Services.

Prayer Roster for 2013

Standing Committee noted a roster and requested that members swap with other members if they are unable to pray on the assigned date and advise the Diocesan Secretary of any changes.

Expression of appreciation

The Archbishop expressed appreciation to the clerical and lay members of the Standing Committee for their service during the course of the year.

Date of next meeting

Monday 25 February 2013.