

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 25 February 2013

Canon Sandy Grant and Mr James Flavin led in prayer.

Ms Simone Sietsma

Standing Committee noted the resignation of Ms Simone Sietsma from membership on the Standing Committee.

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 Robert Brown (AM), a member of the parish of St James' King Street, for significant service to the superannuation and funds management industry.

Mr Ewen Crouch (AM), for significant service to the law as a contributor to legal professional organisations, and to the community through executive roles with Mission Australia.

Professor Jonathan Morris (AM), a member of the parish of St Thomas' North Sydney, for significant service to maternal and infant health as a clinician, educator, patient advocate and researcher.

Dr Allan Beavis (OAM), a member of the parish of St Simon and St Jude's Bowral, for service to music, and to education.

Mr Philip Bell (OAM), a member of the parish of Christ Church St Ives, for service to education, and to the community.

Mr Malcolm Kerr (OAM), for service to the Parliament of New South Wales.

Mr Brian Pennington (OAM), a member of the parish of St Philip's Eastwood, for service to people with a disability, particularly through "Wheelchairs Rule OK" Disability Camps.

Dr John Schwarz (OAM), for service to international relations, particularly through the African AIDS Foundation.

Mrs Rosalie Schwarz (OAM), for service to international relations, particularly through the African AIDS Foundation.

Mr Malcolm Weir (OAM), a member of St George's, Gerringong, for service to the community of Gerringong.

Appointment of Mr Michael Meek SC as Deputy Chancellor

Standing Committee noted the appointment of Mr Michael Meek SC as Deputy Chancellor.

Minutes of the Mission Board

Standing Committee noted the minutes of the Mission Board of 10 December 2012.

Minutes of 10 December 2013

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 10 December 2013.

Ordinances

Kurrajong Land Sale and Variation of Trusts Ordinance 2013

The purpose of this ordinance was to authorise the sale, and variation of the trusts, of certain land at North Richmond and to provide for the application of the proceeds of sale.

Berala Trust Ordinance 2013

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

Darling Point (Queen Street Newtown) Land Sale Ordinance 2013

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

Darling Point Trust Ordinance 2013

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

Mission Property Ordinance 2002 Amendment Ordinance 2013

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

Rouse Hill Trust Ordinance 2013

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

Audit (St Andrew's House Interim Arrangements) Ordinance 2013

The purpose of this ordinance was to make interim arrangements concerning the audit or review of the financial statements prepared by the St Andrew's House Corporation for 2012 and for related matters.

Elections

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

Ms Nicola Warwick-Mayo was elected.

Blue Mountains Grammar School Limited

Standing Committee –

- (a) noted that vacancies for 3 persons to be appointed as Directors on the Board of Blue Mountains Grammar School Limited will arise at the Annual General Meeting in May 2013, and
- (b) agreed to fill these vacancies at its meeting on 25 March 2013.

Governance Oversight Committee

Mr Rodney Cosier and Mr Mark Robinson were elected.

Mission Board

Archdeacon Kara Gilbert was elected.

Mission Property Committee

Mrs Maureen Peatman was elected.

New College Limited

Standing Committee –

- (a) noted that 4 vacancies will arise in the membership of New College Limited at the Annual General meeting of the company in May 2013, and
- (b) agreed to consider filling the vacancies at its meeting on 25 March 2013 with effect from the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Parish Disputes Ordinance, Synod Pool

Mrs Jennie Everist, Ms Karen Ray and Mr Andrew McLachlan were elected.

Parish Relationships Ordinance, Appeal Group

Canon Sandy Grant was elected.

Parish Relationships Ordinance, Licensing Review Group

Mrs Jennie Everist and Mr Andrew McLachlan were elected.

Parish Relationships Ordinance, Panel

Canon Sandy Grant was elected.

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 in May 2013, and
- (b) agreed to consider filling these vacancies at its meeting on 25 March 2013.

Anglican Aid
Arden Anglican School Council
Diocesan Retirements Board
NSW Council of Churches, Sydney Diocesan Representatives
St Catherine's School, Waverley
Sydney Anglican Home Mission Society (Anglicare)
Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation
Sydney Church of England Finance and Loans Board

These matters were deferred.

Casual Vacancies

- (a) Barker College, Council of – the Rev Dr Roger Chilton had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a member of the clergy of the Anglican Church in Australia.
- (b) Blue Mountains Grammar School Limited – Professor John Clark had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.

- (c) Diocesan Doctrine Commission – Dr John Woodhouse had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.
- (d) General Synod, Diocesan Representative on – Ms Simone Sietsma had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a lay person.
- (e) Mission Board – Dr John Woodhouse had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a Head of an Organisation.
- (f) SCECGS Redlands Limited – Dr Brian Holt had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person to be appointed by the Secretariat on the recommendation of the Standing Committee.
- (g) Sydney Diocesan Superannuation Board – Mr Paul Larby had resigned and a vacancy was declared for an Employer Representative.
- (h) Tara Anglican Girls' School Council – The Rev Alan Lukabyo had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.
- (i) Diocesan Retirements Board – Mr Lyall Wood had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a lay member who must be a communicant member of the Anglican Church of Australia.
- (j) Sydney Church of England Grammar School Council (Shore) – the Rev Stuart Smith had resigned effective 24 March 2013 and a vacancy was declared for 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.

Reports of the Chief Executive Officer

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

Diocesan Endowment Report on December 2012 Quarter Performance

Standing Committee received a report.

Financial Matters

Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse

Standing Committee –

- (a) received a report from the Steering Committee, and
- (b) requested the Steering Committee to provide the Standing Committee with quarterly progress reports.

Enhanced reporting from central diocesan organisations

Standing Committee received a report from the Anglican Church Property Trust Diocese of Sydney.

Governance Oversight Committee

Standing Committee referred to the Governance Oversight Committee for its consideration and report back to the Standing Committee the appropriateness of the current arrangements for the financial oversight of the Property Trust.

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 \$5,000 of the funds held under 6(2)(d) of the Rosemeadow Trust Ordinance 2001 for the purpose of replacing the hot water system in the Rosemeadow church, and
- (b) approved the application of all of the funds held under the Malabar Trust Ordinance 2001 for the purpose of undertaking renovations to the property at 17 Pozieres Avenue Matraville.

Actions by the Mission Board under delegated authority

Standing Committee noted that, acting under delegated authority, the Mission Board had determined the priority in which the personal property of the Mission Property Fund is to be applied.

Funding position of Charities Compliance Officer

Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and authorised the payment of \$17,200 from 2013 Synod Fund Contingencies to the Secretariat as the balance of its contribution to the costs of appointing the Charities Compliance Officer.

Review of the Cost Recoveries Framework Ordinance 2008

Standing Committee received a report and asked the Diocesan Secretary to prepare a bill to amend clause 8(1) of the Cost Recoveries Framework Ordinance 2008 in the manner shown in the report.

Letters from parishes

Standing Committee –

- (a) received letters from the parishes of Figtree and Mona Vale, and
- (b) noted the responses of the Diocesan Secretary to these letters.

Synod

Archbishop's Election Synod 2013

Receipt of report

Standing Committee received a report.

Filling of vacancy in the See of Sydney

Standing Committee, noting the retirement of Archbishop Peter Jensen on 11 July 2013, declared that the vacancy in the See of Sydney be filled.

Special session of Synod

Standing Committee recommended to the Archbishop that a special session of the Synod be summoned for Monday 5 August 2013 to Friday 9 August 2013 to fill the vacancy in the See of Sydney.

Appointment of returning officers

Standing Committee appointed Mr John Chapman as returning officer and Mr Martin Thearle as deputy returning officer for the purposes of the special session of the Synod.

Nominations to Diocesan Secretary

Standing Committee recommended to the Archbishop that the Diocesan Secretary be the person to whom nominations for the office of Archbishop of the See of Sydney are to be given.

Report of Endowment of the See

Standing Committee recommended to the person who will hold the office of Administrator that he commission Mr Greg Ellem and Dr Philip Selden to prepare the reports concerning the Endowment of the See Capital Fund and the Endowment of the See Expenditure Fund respectively.

Guest preacher at Synod

Standing Committee noted that Bishop Robert Forsyth had invited the Rt Rev Rennis Ponniah, the Bishop of Singapore, to preach at the Synod service to be held at St Andrew's Cathedral prior to the formal commencement of the session on Monday 5 August 2013, and that Bishop Forsyth proposed that Bishop Ponniah lead bible study and pray at the beginning of each day of the special session.

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

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

28/11 General Synod Assessments and Consultation

Receipt of report

Standing Committee received a report from the General Synod Consultation Group.

Request for submission to the Task Force

Standing Committee –

- (a) agreed in principle with the comments in the Consultation Group's report in response to the paper prepared by the Financial Principles and Policies Task Force concerning possible policies to govern the use of General Synod funds, and
- (b) requested the Consultation Group to make a submission to the Task Force in or to the effect of these comments.

Authorisation of payment

Standing Committee –

- (a) authorised payment of the amount of \$87,083 on account of the first quarterly instalment of General Synod assessments for this Diocese, and
- (b) noted that it has not been advised of the full figures on which the 2013 assessment is based and therefore reserves its position in respect of future payments.

33/12 Actions of the Bishop of Gippsland

Standing Committee noted a letter from Mr Brian Norris, Registrar of the Diocese of Gippsland.

31/12 Review of the Diocesan Mission

Standing Committee received a report and asked that copies be made available to responders to the survey, Mission Area Leaders and Southern Cross.

36/12 Department of Evangelism and New Churches

This matter was deferred.

Other Matters

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

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

Submission regarding the Development of Governance Standards for Charities Registered with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission

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

Income Tax Ruling TR 2013/2 on Gift Deductible School Building Funds

Standing Committee –

- (a) received a report,
- (b) requested the Diocesan Secretary liaise with the Property Trust and other denominational representatives about the steps that should be taken to minimise the impact of the new ruling on parishes.

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

Standing Committee noted a memorandum from the Manager, Legal Services and authorised the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat (SDS) to act as agent of the Sydney Diocesan Synod Fund (the Synod) in giving the Commissioner of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) any return, notice, statement, application or other document on behalf of the Synod.

Racial vilification inquiry

Standing Committee received report from the Manager, Legal Services.

Being Together, Statement of expectations regarding behaviour of lay persons

Standing Committee noted a statement and requested that any comments about the statement be conveyed to Bishop Glenn Davies by the end of March to enable him to raise them, as appropriate, at the meeting of the General Synod Standing Committee in April.

Employment status of clergy – McDermid v Anglican Trusts Corporation for the Diocese of Gippsland and The Right Reverend John McIntyre [2012] VCC 1406

Standing Committee received a report from the Manager, Legal Services and invited the Chancellor to appoint a committee of lawyers to examine the judgment and to report back to the Standing Committee.

Update concerning Not-for-Profit reform

Standing Committee received an update from the Diocesan Secretary.

Sixteenth Session of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia

Standing Committee noted a letter and –

- (a) noted that the Sixteenth Session of the General Synod will be held from 30 June to 4 July 2014 at St Peters' College, Adelaide, and
- (b) requested that Sydney Representatives be informed of these arrangements with the request that if they are unable to attend the session, they consider resigning to enable the appointment of a person who is able to attend.

Exposure Draft to Consolidate Commonwealth Anti-discrimination legislation

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

Date of next meeting

Monday 25 March 2013.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 25 March 2013

Mrs Janette Thambyrajah and the Rev Dominic Steele led in prayer.

Mr Stephen Mitchell

Standing Committee noted the resignation of Mr Stephen Mitchell from membership on the Standing Committee.

Welcome to Mr Robert Bradfield

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

United Mission Campaign

Standing Committee received an update on the United Mission Campaign being planned by the Mission Board for Easter 2014.

Australian Bishops' Conference

Standing Committee noted the National Bishops' Protocol 15 on Ministerial Appointments, containing a new attachment.

Minutes of the Mission Board

Standing Committee noted the minutes of the Mission Board of 25 February 2013.

Minutes of 25 February 2013

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 25 February 2013.

Death of Lady Patricia Loane

Standing Committee noted with sadness the death of Lady Patricia Loane on 20 March 2013.

Ordinances

Rouse Hill Variation of Trusts Ordinance 2013

The purpose of this ordinance is to vary the trusts of certain property at Rouse Hill.

Synod (Royal Commission) Special Application Ordinance 2013

The purpose of this ordinance is to permit the application of an amount to meet the costs and expenses of and incidental to preparing for and responding to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

Millers Point Trust Ordinance 2013

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

Endowment of the See Expenditure Amendment Ordinance 2013

The purpose of this ordinance is to confirm the separate constitution of the Expenditure Fund from the Synod.

Wilton Estate Variation of Trusts and Land Sale Ordinance 2013

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

Elections

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

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

Arden Anglican School Council

Dr Mike Swanton was elected.

Barker College, Council of

The Rev Christopher Pears was elected.

Blue Mountains Grammar School Limited

Mrs Michelle Catto, Ms Elizabeth McClean and the Rev Ray Robinson were elected.

General Synod, Diocesan Representative on

Ms Nicola Warwick-Mayo was elected.

Governance Oversight Committee

Mr Gavin Senescall and the Rev Andrew Schmidt were elected.

Mission Board

The Rev Bruce Hall was elected.

New College Limited

Mr Malcolm Boyd, Mrs Elisabeth George and Mr Andrew Boyton were elected.

Robert Menzies College Limited

Mr David Barnett, Mrs Sally Manion, Professor Boyo Ockinga and Mrs Maureen Peatman were elected.

St Catherine's School, Waverley

Mrs Kim Millar was elected.

Sydney Church of England Grammar School Council (Shore)

The Rev Michael Paget was elected.

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Parish Disputes Ordinance, Synod Pool
Parish Relationships Ordinance, Appeal Group
Parish Relationships Ordinance, Licensing Review Group
Parish Relationships Ordinance, Panel
Sydney Anglican Home Mission Society (Anglicare)
Sydney Church of England Finance and Loans Board
SCECGS Redlands Limited
Sydney Diocesan Superannuation Board
Tara Anglican Girls' School Council

These matters were deferred.

Casual Vacancies

- (a) Diocesan Ordinance Review Panel – Mr Stephen Mitchell had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.
- (b) General Synod, Diocesan Representative on – The Rev Sarie King had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a member of the clergy.
- (c) SCECGS Redlands Limited – Mr Bradley Cook will retire at the Annual General Meeting in May 2013 and a vacancy for a person appointed by the Secretariat on the recommendation of the Standing Committee was declared.

Standing Committee agreed to consider making a recommendation to the Secretariat about filling this vacancy as a matter of urgency.

Standing Committee recommended to the Secretariat that Mr Bradley Cook be reappointed to the board of SCECGS Redlands Limited.

- (d) Macarthur Anglican School – Mr Geoff Kyngdon 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.

Financial Matters

Enhanced reporting from the Endowment of the See Committee

Standing Committee received a report from the Endowment of the See Committee.

Greenoaks development

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 approved an extension of the review date of the Norwest Trust Ordinance 2002 until 31 December 2015.

Long Term Pooling Fund

Standing Committee received –

(a) 2011 audited financial statements for the Long Term Pooling Fund (LTPF), and

(b) LTPF Review 2010-2012,

and noted that the Property Trust will provide to the Standing Committee on-going 31 December audited financial statements for the LTPF.

Synod

3rd ordinary session of the 49th Synod

Standing Committee received a report.

Archbishop's Election Synod 2013

Standing Committee received a report.

19/11 Indefinite term of membership on diocesan bodies

Standing Committee received a report.

28/11 General Synod Assessments and Consultation

Standing Committee received a report.

29/11 Efficiency and transparency of Synod election process

Committee received a report.

13/12 Electronic distribution of Synod materials

Standing Committee received a report.

14/12 Special Religious Education

Standing Committee appointed a committee to commission a professional evaluation of the Diocese's SRE program in 2013.

36/12 Department of Evangelism and New Churches

Standing Committee appointed a committee to prepare redrafted amendments requested by the Synod in resolution 36/12.

Synod funding for 2014-2015

Standing Committee noted a revised timetable for preparing material for Synod funding for 2014-2015.

Other Matters

Working with Children Checks

Standing Committee received a report.

Constitution of SCEGGS Darlinghurst Ltd

Standing Committee received a report.

Governance Standards under the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act

Standing Committee received a report.

Religious Freedom Conference

Standing Committee received a report.

Royal Commission into Institutional Response to Child Sexual Abuse

Standing Committee received a progress report.

Date of next meeting

Monday 29 April 2013.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 29 April 2013

Mr Neil Cameron and Canon Rick Smith led in prayer.

The Rev Dr John Woodhouse

Standing Committee, recognising that this was the last meeting at which John Woodhouse will be an ex-officio member of the Standing Committee, thanked God for John's long and faithful service of the cause of Christ as a member of the Synod and of this Standing Committee.

Minutes of the Mission Board

Standing Committee noted the minutes of the Mission Board of 25 March 2013.

Minutes of 25 March 2013

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 25 March 2013.

Ordinances

Sylvania Variation of Trusts and Land Sale Ordinance 2010

Standing Committee, under clause 4 of the Sylvania Variation of Trusts and Land Sale Ordinance 2010, extended the period within which the Land may be sold to 14 September 2016.

St Andrew's House Ordinance 1975 Amendment Ordinance 2013

The purpose of this ordinance was to provide for a fixed term of office for members of the St Andrew's House Corporation.

Special Religious Education (Program Evaluation) Funding Ordinance 2013

The purpose of this ordinance was to fund the costs and expenses of and incidental to undertaking a professional evaluation of the Diocesan Special Religious Education Program.

Beecroft Land Sale and Variation of Trusts Ordinance 2013

Audit (Ministry Training and Development Council Interim Arrangements) Ordinance 2013

These matters were deferred.

Elections

Appointment of Returning officers for the 3rd session of the 49th Synod

The Archbishop-in-Council appointed Mr John Chapman as returning officer and Mr Martin Thearle as deputy returning officer for the purposes of the elections to be conducted at the 3rd session of the 49th Synod.

Diocesan Doctrine Commission

Standing Committee recommended to the Archbishop that he appoints the Rev Dr John Woodhouse as a member of the Diocesan Doctrine Commission.

General Synod, Diocesan Representative on

The Rev Alison Napier was elected.

Governance Oversight Committee

Mr Andrew Frank was elected.

Macarthur Anglican School Council

Dr Edward Bryant was elected.

Sydney Anglican Home Mission Society (Anglicare)

Ms Gillian Davidson was elected.

Membership of the Standing Committee: Minister elected by the whole Synod

Standing Committee, noting the commencement of the Rev Dr Mark Thompson as the Principal of Moore Theological College –

- (a) declared a vacancy for a Qualified Minister elected by the whole of the Synod with effect from 12 May 2013, and
- (b) agreed to consider filling the vacancy at the next meeting.

Sydney Anglican Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Committee

Standing Committee approved of the Archbishop appointing Mr Tony Willis as an additional person on the Sydney Anglican Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Committee.

Casual Vacancies

- (a) Sydney Anglican Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Committee – Mr Trevor Green and Mr Ashley Garlett had resigned as Indigenous members.

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SCECGS Redlands Limited
Sydney Diocesan Superannuation Board
Tara Anglican Girls' School Council

These matters were deferred.

Parish Disputes Ordinance, Synod Pool
Parish Relationships Ordinance, Appeal Group
Parish Relationships Ordinance, Licensing Review Group
Parish Relationships Ordinance, Panel

These items were deferred until after the next ordinary session of Synod.

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.

GAB – Diocesan Endowment – Review of Performance 2010-2012

Standing Committee received a presentation from the Chairman of Glebe Administration Board and the Chief Executive Officer of Sydney Diocesan Secretariat.

GAB – Diocesan Endowment – Review of Investment Objective 2013

Receipt of Presentation

Standing Committee received a presentation from the Chief Executive Officer of Sydney Diocesan Secretariat.

Receipt of Investment Policy Statement

Standing Committee noted the Investment Policy Statement for the Diocesan Endowment.

GAB – Diocesan Endowment – Provision for distribution in 2013 for spending by the Synod in 2014

Standing Committee noted that Glebe Administration Board advised that a distribution of \$3.6 million from the Diocesan Endowment in 2013 may prudently be distributed for spending by the Synod in 2014.

Financial Matters

Actions by the Finance Committee under delegated authority

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

- (a) received and adopted the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2012 of the Synod Group of Funds and the Parish Services Group of Funds, and
- (b) approved the application of \$290 from the Synod Fund Contingencies to pay for an item to appear in Southern Cross inviting anyone with firsthand experience of parish accounting to provide any comments or suggestions they think may assist the Finance Committee as it considers potential alternative solutions for parish accounting requirements.

Sale of Bishopscourt

Receipt of report

Standing Committee –

- (a) received a report from the Property Trust, and
- (b) noted that a further report will be provided to its 27 May 2013 meeting.

Progress of the sale process

Standing Committee –

- (a) requested that the Property Trust provide a report to each meeting of the Standing Committee about the progress of the proposed sale of Bishopscourt, including information about the work undertaken and the proposed timetable for future action, and
- (b) appointed a sub-committee to liaise with the Property Trust on an ongoing basis about the progress of the sale of Bishopscourt.

Parramatta '54 Free Fund

The Archbishop-in-Council agreed to distribute \$6,421 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 pay the 5 Sydney Bishops attendance at the March 2013 Australian Bishops' Conference held in Perth.

Synod

3rd ordinary session of the 49th Synod

Standing Committee received a report.

28/11 General Synod Assessments and Consultation

Standing Committee agreed to withdraw its reservation on the payment of future instalments of the 2013 assessment on the basis that the shortfall in the amount budgeted by the Synod to meet the 2013 assessment will be referred to the forthcoming ordinary session of Synod so that it can address this issue in light of the outcome of the work of the Financial Principles and Policies Task Force.

6/12 Violence against Christians in Nigeria

Standing Committee received a letter from the General Secretary of the Nigeria Fellowship of Evangelical Students.

Other Matters

Statutory definition of charity – Exposure Draft

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

Submissions made by the Social Issues Executive

Standing Committee noted recent submissions made by the Social Issues Executive to –

- (a) the NSW Legislative Council Standing Committee on Social Issues regarding the *Inquiry into Same Sex Marriage in NSW* on 1 March 2013, and
- (b) the Senate Finance and Public Administration Committee regarding the *Inquiry into the Health Insurance Amendment (Medicare Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) Bill 2013* on 24 April 2013.

Rights of the Terminally Ill Bill 2013 (NSW)

Standing Committee noted an alert concerning the introduction into the New South Wales Parliament of a bill to legalise voluntary euthanasia and requested the Social Issues Executive to prepare materials outlining our objections to this bill for distribution to parishes and Synod members to assist them in expressing these objections to their local members of Parliament.

Date of next meeting

Monday 27 May 2013.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 27 May 2013

Mrs Lis Boyce and the Rev Raj Gupta led in prayer.

Minutes of the Mission Board

Standing Committee noted the minutes of the Mission Board of 29 April 2013.

Minutes of 29 April 2013

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 29 April 2013.

Ordinances

Audit (Ministry Training and Development Council Interim Arrangements) Ordinance 2013

The purpose of this ordinance was to make interim arrangements concerning the audit or review of the financial statements prepared by the Ministry Training and Development Council for 2012.

The Sydney Anglican Home Mission Society (Vesting of Church of England Homes Property) Ordinance 1984 Amendment Ordinance 2013

The purpose of this ordinance was to amend the Sydney Anglican Home Mission Society (Vesting of Church of England Homes Property) Ordinance 1984.

Elections

Membership of the Standing Committee: Minister elected by the whole Synod

The Rev Gary Koo was elected.

Tara Anglican Girls' School Council

Mrs Catherine Yeomans was elected.

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NSW Council of Churches, Sydney Diocesan Representatives
SCECGS Redlands Limited
Sydney Church of England Finance and Loans Board
Sydney Diocesan Superannuation Board

These matters were deferred.

Casual Vacancies

- (a) Tertiary Education Ministry Oversight Committee – Miss Tracey Gowing had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.

- (b) Anglican Retirement Villages Diocese of Sydney – Dr David Lind had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.
- (c) Illawarra Grammar School, Council of – Ms Naomi Spencer had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a lay person.
- (d) William Branwhite Clarke College Council – The Rev Ross Hathway had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a member of the clergy.

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St Andrew's House Corporation – Report to Stakeholders

Standing Committee noted a report for March 2013 provided by St Andrew's House Corporation to its stakeholders.

Financial Matters

Standing Committee's policies concerning parish property

Referral of large receipts policies to Synod

Standing Committee, upon passing any new policies concerning large receipts, deferred their operation until after the Synod has endorsed them as policies of the Synod.

Provisions for the application of sale proceeds and property income

Standing Committee agreed as a matter of policy to the following principles for the purposes of considering provisions for the application of sale proceeds and property income –

- (a) sale proceeds should not be used to meet recurrent expenditure,
- (b) property income should first be used to meet property expenditure, including the maintenance of buildings and adequate provision for future capital expenditure on commercial property,
- (c) offertory income should be used to meet the stipend, allowances and benefits of the minister of the parish and, to the extent possible, other recurrent ministry expenditure of the parish,
- (d) the Biblical principles of gospel partnership, manifested in generosity and sacrifice, should guide the thinking of both the parish and the Standing Committee.

Sale of Bishopscourt

Receipt of report from the Property Trust

Standing Committee –

- (a) received a report from the Property Trust, and
- (b) noted that a further report will be provided to the Standing Committee at its next meeting.

Receipt of report from subcommittee

Standing Committee received a report from the subcommittee appointed at the last meeting to liaise with the Property Trust on an on-going basis about the progress of the sale of Bishopscourt.

Actions by the Work Outside the Diocese Committee under delegated authority

Standing Committee received a report and noted that, acting under delegated authority, the Work Outside the Diocese Committee had approved or ratified the payment of amounts totalling \$37,829 as detailed in the report 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 internal financial information from organisations listed in the Second Schedule to the Accounts, Audits and Annual Reports Ordinance 1995 as indicated in a table, and
- (b) approved the application of \$80,540 of the funds held under clause 6(2)(d) of the Rosemeadow Trust Ordinance 2001 to meet the cost of rectifying a number of urgent maintenance and compliance issues at the Rosemeadow Anglican Church and the Cleopatra Drive rectory.

NSW Council of Churches

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

Actions by the Mission Board under delegated authority

Standing Committee noted the delegated authority exercised by the Mission Board under clause 4 of the Synod Funds (Mission Areas) Variation of Trusts Ordinance 2011.

Governance Oversight Committee

Standing Committee –

- (a) received 6 monthly enhanced reports from the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat and the Glebe Administration Board, and
- (b) in accordance with the terms of reference of the Governance Oversight Committee, noted that future enhanced reports provided by the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat, Glebe Administration Board, the Property Trust, St Andrew's House Corporation and the Endowment of the See Committee will be referred directly to the Governance Oversight Committee for consideration.

Long Term Pooling Fund

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

Endowment of the See Expenditure Fund

Standing Committee noted that the subcommittee appointed at the last meeting to liaise with the EOS Committee on an on-going basis about items of expenditure proposed by the EOS Committee in 2014 has nothing to report as no liaison has taken place to date.

Synod

3rd ordinary session of the 49th Synod

Standing Committee received a report.

13/12 Electronic distribution of Synod materials

Opting out of printed materials

Standing Committee –

- (a) encouraged its members, where possible, to opt-out of receiving printed agenda papers for meetings of the Standing Committee, and
- (b) requested the Diocesan Secretary to report to the Standing Committee on an annual basis the number of members who have opted-out.

Promotion of bill to the Synod

Standing Committee –

- (a) requested that the bill for the Synod (Electronic Communications) Amendment Ordinance 2013 be promoted to the Synod “by request of the Standing Committee”, and
- (b) authorised the printing for Synod of the Explanatory Statement.

Motion to be moved at the Synod

Standing Committee requested that a motion be moved at the forthcoming session of the Synod “by request of the Standing Committee” following consideration of the bill for the Synod (Electronic Communications) Amendment Ordinance 2013.

Proposal to reclassify Robertson as a parish

Standing Committee –

- (a) approved of the printing of the 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”.

Other Matters

Amendments to Constitution of SCEGGS Darlinghurst

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

Parish names on the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Register

Standing Committee received a report and –

- (a) requested that regional councils be asked to provide their comments on the proposed naming protocols to the Manager, Diocesan Services by 31 July 2013, and
- (b) agreed to consider the adoption and implementation of the naming protocol at a meeting after 31 July 2013 in light of any comments received from the regional councils.

Statutory definition of charity – Exposure Draft

Standing Committee noted a submission made on its behalf to the Federal Treasury.

Rights of the Terminally Ill Bill 2013 (NSW)

Standing Committee received the following report from the Manager, Legal Services –

“At the last meeting Standing Committee was informed about a proposal by the NSW Greens MLC, Cate Faehrmann to introduce a euthanasia bill as a private member in the upper house of the NSW Parliament, and requested the Diocesan Secretary distribute material prepared by the Social Issues Executive to parishes and Synod members to assist them in expressing objections to the bill.

The bill was not referred to a parliamentary inquiry and was defeated in the Upper House last Thursday, 23 May 2013 with 13 votes for and 23 votes against.”

Date of next meeting

Monday 24 June 2013.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 24 June 2013

Mr Peter Evans and the Rev Craig Roberts led in prayer.

Welcome to the Rev Gary Koo

Standing Committee welcomed the Rev Gary Koo to the meeting as a member elected by the Synod.

Queen's birthday honours

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

Mrs Susan Maple-Brown – a member of the parish of St Jude's, Randwick – a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for significant service to youth through the Guiding movement, and to the community.

Mrs Betty Biffin – a member of the parish of St Mark's, Sadler – a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for service to the community of Liverpool, particularly through contributions to the care of the elderly.

Mrs Edna McGuinness – a member of the parish of St Jude's, Bowral - a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for service to the community of the Southern Highlands.

Mrs Audrey Stuart – a member of the parish of St Jude's, Bowral - a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for service to the community of the Southern Highlands.

Archdeacon Ian Cox

Standing Committee, noting that this will be the last meeting of Archdeacon Ian Cox prior to his retirement as Archdeacon of Liverpool, gave God thanks for Ian's contribution at their meetings and prayed for God's continued blessing on Ian and his wife and the ministries they will exercise in the future.

Minutes of the Mission Board

Standing Committee noted the minutes of the Mission Board of 27 May 2013.

Minutes of 27 May 2013

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 27 May 2013.

Ordinances

Bowral Land Sale Ordinance 2007

Standing Committee resolved under clause 3 of the Bowral Land Sale Ordinance 2007 to extend the period within which the land known as 82 Bowral Street, Bowral can be sold to 24 July 2016.

Ryde Trust Ordinance 2013

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

Endowment of the See Capital Ordinance 2012 Amendment Ordinance 2013

The purpose of this ordinance was to amend the Endowment of the See Capital Ordinance 2012.

Solemn Promises Ordinance 2011 Amending Ordinance 2013

The purpose of this ordinance was amend the solemn promises to be made before a person is ordained, licensed or consecrated, or elected as Archbishop.

Elections

Anglican Retirement Villages Diocese of Sydney

Mrs Laura Elder was elected.

Diocesan Retirements Board

The Rev Scott Blackwell was elected.

Sydney Church of England Finance and Loans Board

Mr Mark Boyd was elected.

Sydney Diocesan Secretariat

The Rev Ted Brush was elected.

Tertiary Education Ministry Oversight Committee

Dr Leela Cejnar was elected.

Anglican Aid
Arden Anglican School Council
Diocesan Ordinance Review Panel
Governance Oversight Committee
Illawarra Grammar School, Council of
New College Limited
NSW Council of Churches, Sydney Diocesan Representatives
SCECGS Redlands Limited
Sydney Diocesan Superannuation Board
William Branwhite Clarke College Council

These matters were deferred.

Casual Vacancies

- (a) Anglican Aid – Dr James Langridge had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.
- (b) Illawarra Grammar School, Council of – the Rev Murray Wale had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a clergyman.
- (c) Evangelism and New Churches Board – Mr Allan Dowthwaite had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a lay person.
- (d) Sydney Church of England Finance and Loans Board – The Rev David Ould had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a member of the clergy.

- (e) Stipends and Allowances Committee – Mr Barry Watson 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.

Glebe Administration Board Annual Report for 2012

Standing Committee received a report.

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

Standing Committee received a report and –

- (a) confirmed that the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat ("SDS") has satisfactorily provided services to the Synod and the Standing Committee under the current Service Level Standards document for the period between November 2012 and April 2013, and
- (b) requested SDS to prepare guidance for members of the Standing Committee and other diocesan boards and committees on the effective use of electronic agendas at meetings and to review the form and structure of the agendas it prepares to facilitate such use.

Financial Matters

Parish financial statements

Committee received a report from the Finance Committee.

Jesusbrings parish resource package

Standing Committee asked SDS to implement a system so that, where it has been given appropriate authority by a parish by 30 November 2013, it then adds 1/10th of the cost of the relevant *Jesusbrings* resource package to each instalment of that parish's PCR charge for 2014, and pays the funds collected on to the *Jesusbrings* Campaign Committee and on the basis that a suitable fee to enable SDS to recover its costs in undertaking this work may be approved by the Finance Committee.

Endowment of the See

Sale of Bishopscourt

Standing Committee –

- (a) received a report, and
- (b) noted that a further report will be provided to the Standing Committee at its next meeting.

Endowment of the See – audited financial statements

Standing Committee noted the 2012 audited financial statements for the Endowment of the See Capital Fund and Endowment of the See Expenditure Fund.

Endowment of the See –financial forecast

Standing Committee received a report and requested that a suitable form of the report be printed for members of the Synod as part of the materials being prepared for the forthcoming election Synod.

Future accommodation for the Archbishop

Standing Committee received a report.

Archbishop's remuneration

Standing Committee received a report and agreed to information about the remuneration package for the next Archbishop being provided to Synod members as part of the material being prepared for the forthcoming election Synod.

Consecration and inauguration of next Archbishop of Sydney

Standing Committee noted that the date for the consecration and inauguration of the next Archbishop of Sydney has been set as Friday 23 August 2013 at 7.00 pm in St Andrew's Cathedral.

Synod

3rd ordinary session of the 49th Synod

Standing Committee received a report.

28/11 General Synod Assessments and Consultation

Receipt of report

Standing Committee thanked Mr Neil Cameron, the Rev Nigel Fortescue, Mr Doug Marr, Canon Rick Smith and the Rev Dr Thompson for participating in unity discussions at the General Synod Standing Committee meeting in April 2013.

Request for a report concerning General Synod Funds

Standing Committee received the notes from a recent meeting between members of the Sydney Consultation Group and the Treasurer of the General Synod Mr Allan Perryman.

Review of the procedures for a vote by Houses

Receipt of report

Standing Committee received a report.

Motion and report for Synod

Standing Committee approved the printing of a suitable form the report for the Synod without recommendation.

Printing of reports for Synod

Printing of reports

Standing Committee approved of the printing of reports about the following matters for the Synod –
Northern Regional Council: Annual Report
Western Sydney Regional Council: Annual Report

Printing of GAB annual report

Standing Committee received the following report from the Diocesan Secretary –

‘The annual and audited financial reports for the Glebe Administration Board (“GAB”) and the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat (“SDS”) have been available on-line since 2010 as part of the material prepared about proceedings of the session of Synod each year. From 2012, GAB and SDS have also make these reports available on-line prior to their tabling at the Synod session.

In view of the on-line availability of these reports (and consistent with the stated desire of the Synod to reduce the amount of printed material used for Synod sessions) these reports will not be printed in the Synod Book from this year. There will however be a suitable reference in the Synod Book to their availability on-line.’

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

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

Other Matters

Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse

Standing Committee received a progress report.

Working with Children Check and other safe ministry matters

Standing Committee received a report.

Statements of faith used by New College and Robert Menzies College

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and –

- (a) agreed to amend the regulation referred to in the report by deleting the words “or university college”, and
- (b) requested the Property Trust to seek the counsel of the Standing Committee before any change to the constitution of Robert Menzies College or New College is ratified.

Advice to parishes concerning the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission

Standing Committee noted that at its meeting on 13 June 2013 the Finance Committee noted the most recent circular sent to parishes concerning the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (“ACNC”) and thanked the staff of SDS for their work in preparing advice in relation to the ACNC and asked that the Committee’s view be drawn to the attention of the Standing Committee.

Proposed restriction on religious freedom for aged-care providers

Standing Committee noted the following –

- (a) an email from Freedom 4 Faith dated 18 June 2013 and associated letter sent to all Independents and members of the Coalition in the Senate and the House of Representatives, and
- (b) an article posted on smh.com.au on 19 June 2013 concerning this matter.

Archbishop Peter Jensen

The Archbishop vacated the chair during consideration of this matter. Bishop Robert Forsyth took the chair.

Standing Committee, noting that this is the last meeting of the Archbishop as a member of the Standing Committee, recorded its thanks to God, and its gratitude, for the Archbishop's significant work and ministry over many years, including –

- (a) his ministry in the parish of Broadway between 1969 and 1976,
- (b) his ministry, from 1973 as Lecturer at Moore Theological College and as its Principal between 1985 and 2001,
- (c) from 2001, his ministry to us as Archbishop, including his chairmanship of the Standing Committee,
- (d) his leadership of the Sydney Diocese at General Synod, and
- (e) his international leadership through the Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans and the GAFCON movement.

The Standing Committee sent its best wishes to the Archbishop and Mrs Jensen, and prayed for God's continued blessing on them and the new ministries they will exercise in future.

Dr Karin Sowada spoke to the motion on behalf of the lay members of the Standing Committee.

Canon Sandy Grant seconded the motion and spoke to it on behalf of the clerical members of the Standing Committee.

Dr Sowada's motion was carried by acclamation.

Mr Peter Kell presented the Archbishop with gifts on behalf of the members of the Standing Committee.

The Archbishop responded.

Date of next meeting

Monday 22 July 2013.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 22 July 2013

Dr Bryan Cowling and the Rev Chris Moroney led in prayer.

Mr Peter Kell

Standing Committee noted the resignation of Mr Peter Kell from membership on the Standing Committee with effect from 10 August 2013 and thanked Mr Kell for his service.

Use of the title of “Archbishop” by Bishop Peter Jensen

Standing Committee noted that the Administrator, Bishop Robert Forsyth proposes that Bishop Peter Jensen be granted the courtesy title of an archbishop to be used when he judges it fit.

Minutes of the Mission Board

Standing Committee noted the minutes of the Mission Board of 24 June and 8 July 2013.

Minutes of 24 June 2013

Standing Committee approves of the minutes of 24 June 2013.

Ordinances

Beecroft Land Sale and Variation of Trusts Ordinance 2013

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

Archbishop of Sydney Election Ordinance 1982 Amendment Ordinance 2003

The purpose of this ordinance was to modify the process for compiling the Final List under the Archbishop of Sydney Election Ordinance 1982.

Baulkham Hills Mortgaging Ordinance 2003 Amendment Ordinance 2013

The purpose of this ordinance was to amend the Baulkham Hills Mortgaging Ordinance 2003 to specify further purposes for which mortgage proceeds may be applied.

Normanhurst Trust Ordinance 2013

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

Sutherland Trust Ordinance 2013

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

Sutherland Land Sale Ordinance 2013

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

Manly Leasing (Interim Management Arrangements) Ordinance 2013

The purpose of this ordinance was to put in place interim arrangements for managing certain land at Manly.

Elections

Filling of vacancies

Standing Committee agreed that if any vacancy was not filled at this meeting, the filling of the vacancy (if not filled by the Synod) be deferred until after the forthcoming ordinary session of the Synod.

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

Dr David Nockles was elected.

Anglican Aid

Canon Peter Rodgers was elected.

Camperdown Cemetery Trust

Mr Graham Dowden was appointed.

Diocesan Ordinance Review Panel

The Rev Stephen Semenchuk was elected.

Illawarra Grammar School, Council of

The Rev Peter Hutchinson was elected.

Sydney Diocesan Superannuation Board

Mr James Flavin was elected.

Arden Anglican School Council
Diocesan Retirements Board
Evangelism and New Churches Board
Governance Oversight Committee
New College Limited
NSW Council of Churches, Sydney Diocesan Representatives
SCECGS Redlands Limited
St Andrew's House Corporation Council
Stipends and Allowances Committee
Sydney Church of England Finance and Loans Board
William Branwhite Clarke College Council

These matters were deferred.

Casual Vacancies

- (a) General Synod, Diocesan Representative on – Archdeacon Narelle Jarrett had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a member of the clergy.

- (b) Mission Board – Mr Peter Kell had resigned effective from 10 August 2013 and a vacancy was declared for a person who is not a Head of an Organisation.
- (c) Ordinance Reviewer – Mr Peter Kell had resigned effective from 10 August 2013 and a vacancy was declared for a person.
- (d) Synod, Part 8 – Mr Peter Kell had resigned effective from 10 August 2013 and a vacancy was declared for a qualified lay person to be elected as a member of the Synod under Part 8 of the Synod Membership Ordinance 1990.
- (e) NSW Council of Churches, Diocesan Representative on – The Rev Roger Fitzhardinge had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.
- (f) Mission to Seafarers, Sydney Port Committee – The Rev Andrew Nixon had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.
- (g) Sydney Diocesan Superannuation Fund Board – Mr Mark Robinson had resigned and a vacancy was declared for an Employer Representative.
- (h) Tertiary Education Ministry Oversight Committee – The Rev Peter Hughes had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.
- (i) Robert Menzies College Board – Mr Peter Hicks had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.
- (j) Ordination Training Fund Committee – Canon Dr John Woodhouse had resigned.

Secretariat and Glebe Board

Minutes

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

Financial Matters

Sale of Bishopscourt

Standing Committee –

- (a) received a report, and
- (b) noted that a further report will be provided to the Standing Committee at its next meeting.

Guidelines for the Remuneration of Parish Ministry Staff for 2014

Standing Committee approved of Guidelines for the Remuneration of Parish Ministry Staff for 2014.

Actions by the Work Outside the Diocese Committee under delegated authority

Standing Committee received a report about the exercise of delegated authority by the Work Outside the Diocese Committee.

Archbishop's Election Synod

Business Paper for first day and other arrangements

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

Protocol regarding the use of social media

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and requested that a motion be moved at the forthcoming Election Synod "by request of the Standing Committee".

Ordinary session of the Synod

3rd ordinary session of the 49th Synod

Standing Committee received a report.

43/10 Governance Policy for Diocesan Organisations

Standing Committee requested that a revised draft of the governance policy be circulated to all diocesan schools and organisations on the basis that this is the version of the policy which is likely to be considered by the Synod in October this year.

19/11 Indefinite term of membership on diocesan bodies

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and agreed to appoint a committee comprising Mr Doug Marr and Dr Robert Tong to prepare a recommended response to the Trustees of the Parramatta Endowment Trust in relation to the question of moving to a fixed term of membership for the Trustees.

29/11 Efficiency and transparency of the Synod election process

Standing Committee –

- (a) requested that a bill for the Synod Elections (Efficiency and Transparency) Amendment Ordinance 2013 be promoted to the Synod "by request of the Standing Committee", and
- (b) authorised the printing for Synod of the Explanatory Report.

Regions (Mission Areas) Amendment Ordinance 2013

Standing Committee received a report and –

- (a) requested that a bill for the Regions (Mission Areas) Amendment Ordinance 2013 be promoted to the Synod "by request of the Standing Committee", and
- (b) authorised the printing for Synod of a Explanatory Report.

Printing of reports for Synod

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

- Georges River Regional Council: Annual Report
- South Sydney Regional Council: Annual Report

Other Matters

Macquarie Anglican Grammar School, Dubbo Orange Anglican Grammar School, Orange

Receipt of notification

Standing Committee, pursuant to clause 15.2(a) of the Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation Ordinance 1947, received a notification from the Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation.

Noting exchange of contracts

Standing Committee noted with pleasure the fact that Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation has exchanged contracts to purchase Macquarie Anglican Grammar School at Dubbo and Orange Anglican Grammar School, and congratulated the Corporation on this action which will help to ensure the future of the schools in the provision of Christian education.

Amendments to the constitution of Blue Mountains Grammar School

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

Date of next meeting

Monday 26 August 2013.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 26 August 2013

Archdeacon Kara Gilbert and Mr Bruce York led in prayer.

Archbishop Glenn Davies

Standing Committee congratulated Archbishop Glenn Davies on his election as the 12th Archbishop of Sydney on 6 August 2013 and assured Glenn and Dianne of our prayers.

Thanks to Bishop Robert Forsyth for his service as Administrator

Standing Committee thanked Bishop Robert Forsyth for his service as Administrator of the Diocese during the recent vacancy in the See of Sydney.

Retirement of Acting Judge Peter Johns as Chancellor of the Diocese

Standing Committee noted the retirement of Acting Judge Peter Johns as Chancellor of the Diocese on 11 July 2013 and gave thanks to God for Peter's tireless work as Chancellor.

Appointment of Chancellor and Deputy Chancellor

The Archbishop announced that he had appointed Mr Michael Meek SC as Chancellor of the Diocese and Dr Robert Tong AM as Deputy Chancellor.

Welcome to Dr David Nockles

Standing Committee welcomed Dr David Nockles to the meeting as a member elected by the Wollongong Regional Electors.

Minutes of the Mission Board

Standing Committee noted the minutes of the Mission Board of 22 July 2013.

Minutes of 22 July 2013

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 22 July 2013.

Ordinances

Macarthur Anglican School Ordinance 1982 Amendment Ordinance 2013

The purpose of this ordinance was to provide for a fixed term of office for members of the Macarthur Anglican School Council appointed by the Archbishop.

Parish Administration (Safe Ministry) Amendment Ordinance 2013

The purpose of this ordinance was to amend the Parish Administration Ordinance 2008 with respect to safe ministry.

Sydney Diocesan Secretariat Ordinance 1973 Amendment Ordinance 2013

The purpose of this ordinance was to amend the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat Ordinance 1973 with respect to the provision of information to the Standing Committee.

Elections

Vacancies following the inauguration of Archbishop Glenn Davies

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary about vacancies following the inauguration of Archbishop Glenn Davies and declared vacancies for these positions.

New College Limited

Mr Malcolm Beard was elected.

Ordination Training Fund Committee

The Rev Dr Mark Thompson was elected.

Robert Menzies College Board

Mr Russell Lee was elected.

Council of St Andrew's House Corporation

Mr Robert Freeman was appointed as a See Nominee.

Synod, Part 8

Ms Julianne Jones was elected.

Diocesan Retirements Board

Mission Board

Ordinance Reviewer

SCECGS Redlands Limited

Stipends and Allowances Committee

These matters were deferred.

Casual Vacancies

- (a) General Synod, Diocesan Representative on – Ms Michele Willsmore had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a lay person.
- (b) Sydney Anglican Home Mission Society Council (Anglicare) – Mr Alan Orr had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.
- (c) Council of St Andrew's House Corporation – Bishop Glenn Davies had resigned as a See Nominee and a vacancy was declared for a person.
- (d) Robert Menzies College – Bishop Glenn Davies had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.

Sydney Diocesan Secretariat and Glebe Administration Board

Minutes

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

Reports of the Chief Executive Officer

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

Sydney Diocesan Secretariat - Annual Report for 2012

Standing Committee noted the annual report for Sydney Diocesan Secretariat had been published on the website at www.sds.asn.au.

Diocesan Endowment – Investment Performance June 2013

Standing Committee received a report.

Financial Matters

Sale of Bishopscourt

Standing Committee –

- (a) received a report, and
- (b) noted that a further report will be provided to the Standing Committee at its next meeting.

Actions by the Finance Committee under delegated authority

Standing Committee noted that, acting under delegated powers, the Finance Committee had approved the application of the whole of the balance of the funds held under the *Chatswood Trust Ordinance 2008*.

Parish financial statements for 2012

Standing Committee noted that, as of 14 August 2012, the wardens of each of the following parochial units had not forwarded a copy of their audited Financial Statements for 2012 to the Diocesan Secretary –

- Brighton/Rockdale (Georges River)
- Cranebrook with Castlereagh (Western Sydney)
- Denham Court (Wollongong)
- Harbour Church (Wollongong)
- Picton (Wollongong)
- Putney (Northern)

Archbishop Election Synod

Synod minutes of 6 August 2013

Standing Committee noted that 2 members of the Minute Reading Committee have signed the minutes, and that the President of the session had also signed them.

Summary of Proceedings of the 2013 Archbishop Election Synod

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

Tallying of votes at the recent Archbishop Election Synod

Standing Committee received a report from the Chief Executive Officer of Sydney Diocesan Secretariat and requested that a copy of the report be sent to Synod members.

Inauguration of the Archbishop of Sydney

Standing Committee authorised the application of up to \$6,000 from the Synod fund allocation for the Archbishop Election Synod for the purpose of the recent inauguration of the Archbishop of Sydney.

Ordinary session of the Synod

3rd ordinary session of the 49th Synod

Standing Committee received a report.

5/12 Reduced number of days for Synod in 2013

Suspension of business rules to facilitate the 3rd Ordinary Session of the 49th Synod in 2013

Standing Committee requested that a motion be moved at the forthcoming session of the Synod "by request of the Standing Committee".

Standing Committee's report to the Synod for 2013

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

Synod Appropriations and Allocations Ordinance 2013

Parochial Cost Recoveries and Church Land Acquisitions Levy Ordinance 2013

Standing Committee –

- (a) requested that bills for the *Synod Appropriations and Allocations Ordinance 2013* and the *Parochial Cost Recoveries and Church Land Acquisitions Levy Ordinance 2013* be promoted to the Synod "by request of the Standing Committee", and
- (b) authorised the printing for the Synod of a suitable form of the Explanatory Report and worksheets.

27/12 Amendments to *Faithfulness in Service*: definition of bullying

Standing Committee requested that a motion be moved at the forthcoming ordinary session of Synod "by the request of the Standing Committee".

28/12 Towards 2050

31/12 Review of the Diocesan Mission and the next phase of Mission

Standing Committee approved the printing of a report for Synod and requested that a motion be moved at the forthcoming ordinary session of the Synod "by request of the Standing Committee".

Safe Ministry Board and Professional Standards Unit - Annual Report to Synod

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

22/12 Church Planting Models for Greenfields Areas

Strategy for ministry in Greenfield and Brownfield areas of the Diocese

Recommendation for continuation of parish levy for Greenfield areas

Standing Committee recommended a parish levy of \$2,000,000 per year continue and be used to acquire land for new church sites in the Greenfield areas of the Diocese.

Recommendation for adoption of a holistic strategy

Standing Committee recommended that the Diocese adopt a holistic strategy for promoting ministry in Greenfield and Brownfield areas of the Diocese which includes –

- (a) in Greenfield areas: provision of land for churches; land and house for a minister, including in developing suburbs where a church site has not yet been acquired; seed funding for new ministries; and
- (b) in Brownfield areas: seed funding for new ministries.

Appointment of Church Planting Task Force

Standing Committee agreed to appoint a Church Planting Task Force (CPTF) by December 2013 to develop by March 2014 for Standing Committee's approval a detailed Diocesan strategy for the development of ministry in Greenfield and Brownfield areas of the Diocese.

Comments from Synod members

Standing Committee asked that a report be printed for Synod in 2013, and that a motion be moved at Synod in 2013 "by request of the Standing Committee" inviting Synod members to submit comments to the CPTF on the holistic strategy for promoting ministry in Greenfield and Brownfield areas of the Diocese.

1/12 Review of School Chapels and Chaplains Ordinance 1975

Standing Committee authorised the printing of a suitable form of a report for the next ordinary session of Synod and requested that a motion be moved at Synod "by the request of Standing Committee".

Governance Policy for Diocesan Organisations

Standing Committee –

- (a) received the revised draft of the Governance Policy for Diocesan Organisations and the accompanying explanatory statement, and
- (b) approved the printing of the revised Policy and the explanatory statement for the Synod, and
- (c) requested that motions to consider the Policy be moved at the Synod "by request of the Standing Committee".

35/09 Tertiary Education Ministry Oversight Committee

Approval for printing

Standing Committee approved of the printing of a report for the Synod and requested that a motion be moved at the Synod "by request of the Standing Committee".

Proposal to reclassify Clovelly 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".

Royal Commission into Institutional Response to Child Sexual Abuse

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

Printing of reports for Synod

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

Ordinances passed by the Standing Committee

Stipends, Allowances and Benefits for 2014

Wollongong Regional Council: Annual Report

Other Matters

Parish names on the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Register

Standing Committee –

- (a) agreed to a naming protocol being adopted for the legal name of each parish on the ACNC Register,
- (b) agreed that the former legal name of each parish be added to the 'other names' field, and
- (c) asked SDS to notify the ACNC, and the ATO if necessary, of both these changes for each parish, by November 2013.

Use of a rectory for family day care

Notification to the Property Trust

Standing Committee requested the Diocesan Secretary to notify the Property Trust that pursuant to clause 3.20(1) of the Parish Administration Ordinance 2008, the minister has free use of the rectory subject to any dispute concerning such use being resolved in the minister's favour by the Archbishop.

Referral to the Archbishop

Standing Committee referred a request that a rectory be used for family day care to the Archbishop for his consideration.

Date of next meeting

Monday 16 September 2013.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 16 September 2013

Mr Geoff Kyngdon and Canon Phil Colgan led in prayer.

Minutes of the Mission Board

Standing Committee noted the minutes of the Mission Board of 26 August 2013.

Minutes of 26 August 2013

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 26 August 2013.

Appointment of Mr Doug Marr as the next Diocesan Registrar

The Archbishop announced to the Standing Committee the retirement of Dr Philip Selden as Diocesan Registrar on 1 November 2013 and the appointment of Mr Doug Marr in his place from that date.

Death of Mr Warren Gotley

Standing Committee noted with sadness the news of the death of the former Diocesan Secretary, Mr Warren Gotley.

Election of Bishop Greg Thompson as the next Bishop of the Diocese of Newcastle

Standing Committee congratulated Bishop Greg Thompson, Bishop of the Northern Territory, on his appointment as the next Bishop of Newcastle.

Death of Bishop Dudley Foord

Standing Committee noted with sadness the death of Bishop Dudley Foord and gave thanks to God for his significant ministry both in the Diocese of Sydney and the Church of England in South Africa.

Ordinances

Manly Leasing (Interim Management Arrangements) Ordinance 2013

Standing Committee, pursuant to clause 5 of the Manly Leasing (Interim Management Arrangements) Ordinance 2013, extended the sunset date for the operation of the interim management arrangements established under the Ordinance from 30 September 2013 to 31 December 2013.

St John's Parramatta Endowment Fund Ordinance 1930 Amendment Ordinance 2013

The purpose of this ordinance was to provide for a fixed term of office for trustees of the St John's Parramatta Endowment Fund.

Pastoral Care and Assistance Application Ordinance 2013

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

Berry Trust Ordinance 2013

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

Kangaroo Valley Trust Ordinance 2013

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

Broadway Mortgaging Ordinance 2013

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

Broadway Trust Ordinance 2013

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

Hornsby Heights Mortgaging Ordinance 2013

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

Hornsby Heights Trust Ordinance 2013

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

Dapto Trust Ordinance 2013

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

South Sydney Variation of Trusts Ordinance 1997 Amendment Ordinance 2013

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

Elections

Membership of the Synod: Appointment of Nominated Ministers under Part 7

Standing Committee received a notice given by the Archbishop about the appointment of Archdeacon Terry Dein as a Synod member under Part 7 of the Synod Membership Ordinance 1995.

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

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

General Synod Canons Committee

Archbishop Glenn Davies was elected.

Sydney Anglican Home Mission Society Council (Anglicare)

Mr Trevor Ratcliff was elected.

Sydney Diocesan Secretariat

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

Diocesan Retirements Board
Endowment of the See Committee
General Synod, Diocesan Representative on
Mission Board
NSW Ecumenical Council (Churches Together NSW)
Ordinance Reviewer
Robert Menzies College
St Andrew's House Corporation, Council of
Stipends and Allowances Committee
SCECGS Redlands Limited

These matters were deferred.

Casual Vacancies

- (a) Sydney Church of England Finance and Loans Board – Mr Jonathan Rochford had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a lay person.
- (b) Provincial Synod, Diocesan representative on – Dr Philip Selden had resigned effective from 31 October 2013 and a vacancy was declared for a lay person.

Mr Doug Marr was elected as a matter of urgency.
- (c) Sydney Diocesan Superannuation Fund Board – Mr Doug Marr had resigned and a vacancy was declared for an Employee Representative.

Financial Matters

Financial resources of the Endowment of the See

Standing Committee –

- (a) received a report together with a revised seven year cash flow forecast 2013-2019 for the Endowment of the See Expenditure Fund, and
- (b) approved of the report and revised cash flow forecast being printed for the Synod.

Parish of Forestville property development proposal

Standing Committee –

- (a) noted that the parish of Forestville is considering the development a property, and
- (b) agreed in principle with the development of the property, and
- (c) noted that the giving of this in principle agreement is solely to enable the parish to take the next step in exploring the practicality of the project and especially its financial viability.

Manly Income Beneficiaries Reports No 1 - 5

Standing Committee –

- (a) noted a Manly Income Beneficiaries Report No 5 and requested the Property Trust to reissue a revised version of this report after consulting with the parish about its content, and
- (b) received a response from the parish of Manly to the ACPT's request in the Manly Income Beneficiaries Report No 5 that the ACPT be reimbursed a further amount for its legal costs.

1 York Street Income Beneficiaries Report No 14

Standing Committee received a report.

Sale of Bishopscourt

Standing Committee –

- (a) received a report, and
- (b) noted that a further report will be provided to the Standing Committee at its next meeting.

Synod

3rd Ordinary session of the 49th Synod

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

Synod business paper for Monday 14 October 2013

Standing Committee approved the business paper for the meeting of the Synod on Monday 14 October 2013.

Synod in 2014

Standing Committee requested that a motion be moved at the Synod.

***Jesusbrings* mission campaign**

Standing Committee requested that a motion be moved at the Synod.

35/09 Tertiary Education Ministry Oversight Committee

Standing Committee received a letter.

43/10 Governance Policy for Diocesan Organisations

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

28/11 General Synod Assessments and Consultation

Standing Committee –

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

36/12 Review of the Department of Evangelism and New Churches

Standing Committee –

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

Discipline Ordinance 2006 Amendment Ordinance 2013

Standing Committee –

- (a) requested that a bill for the Discipline Ordinance 2006 Amendment Ordinance 2013 be promoted to the Synod, and
- (b) approved of the printing for the Synod of an explanatory report for the bill.

Mission Property Committee Report to Synod

Standing Committee –

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

Minutes tabled at the Synod

Standing Committee, noting the particular need for confidentiality associated with certain matters under its consideration, authorised the Diocesan Secretary to omit certain material from the minutes tabled at the Synod.

Freedom of religion and anti-discrimination laws

Standing Committee –

- (a) received a report from the Diocesan Secretary, and
- (b) requested that a motion be moved at the Synod.

Retirement of Dr Philip Selden

Standing Committee requested that a motion be moved at the Synod.

Other Matters

Royal Commission into Institutional Response to Child Sexual Abuse

Standing Committee received a progress report.

Exposure draft for a Cemeteries and Crematoria Bill 2013 (NSW)

Standing Committee –

- (a) received a report, and
- (b) approved the lodgement of a submission in respect of the exposure draft.

Meeting dates for 2014

Standing Committee agreed to the following meeting dates for 2014 –

17 February

24 March

28 April

26 May

23 June

28 July

25 August

15 September

10 November

8 December

noting that the 16th Session of the General Synod will be held from 30 June to 4 July 2014 and the 1st ordinary session of the 50th Synod, if held over 5 days, is to be held on 13, 14, 15, 20 and 21 October 2014.

SCEGGS Darlinghurst Limited, membership transition to fixed terms

Standing Committee received a report from the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat.

Date of next meeting

Monday 11 November 2013.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 11 November 2013

The Rev Andrew Katay and Mr Grant Millard opened in prayer.

Welcome to Mr Doug Marr

Standing Committee welcomed Mr Doug Marr to the meeting as the Diocesan Registrar and *ex-officio* member.

Welcome to Mr John Driver

Standing Committee welcomed Mr John Driver to the meeting as a member elected by the Northern Regional Electors.

Welcome to Canon Stephen Gibson

Standing Committee welcomed Canon Stephen Gibson to the meeting as a member elected by the whole Synod.

Bishop Peter Tasker and Archdeacon Ian Cox

The Archbishop informed the Standing Committee that, with the goodwill of the Georges River Regional Council, Bishop Peter Tasker and Archdeacon Ian Cox have accepted the Archbishop's invitation to continue to exercise unpaid episcopal and archdiaconal ministry within the region throughout 2014.

Appointment of Mr Michael Easton as Deputy Chancellor

The Archbishop informed the Standing Committee that he had appointed Mr Michael Easton as a second Deputy Chancellor to assist the Chancellor Mr Michael Meek SC and to work with the Deputy Chancellor Dr Robert Tong AM.

GAFCON

The Archbishop and Bishop Peter Tasker gave verbal reports to the Standing Committee on the recent meeting of GAFCON in Nairobi.

Appointment of a new assistant bishop for the Diocese of Sydney

Preliminary

The Archbishop made a statement about his intention to appoint the Rev Chris Edwards as the next Bishop of North Sydney.

Approval of nominee

Under clause 5 of the Assistant Bishops Ordinance 1947, the Standing Committee approved the appointment of the Rev Christopher Edwards as an Assistant Bishop, to be the next Bishop of North Sydney to succeed Bishop Glenn Davies in April 2014.

Motion of congratulations and prayer

Standing Committee congratulated the Rev Chris Edwards on his appointment as Bishop of North Sydney.

Mr Doug Marr led the Standing Committee in prayer for Mr Edwards.

Minutes of 16 September 2013

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 16 September 2013.

Death of Mr David Woodrow

Standing Committee noted the recent passing of David Woodrow aged 91, a member of St Peter's East Lindfield and Financial Administrator of the Diocese during the 1970s. Standing Committee sends its condolences to his family and thanked God for his life of Christian service and witness.

Ordinances

Parish Declarations and Qualifications Amendment Ordinance 2013

The purpose of this ordinance was to amend the *Parish Administration Ordinance 2008* and the *Nomination Ordinance 2006* with respect to the declarations and qualifications required to hold certain offices.

Parochial Cost Recoveries and Church Acquisitions Levy (Exemption of St Andrew's Cathedral) Ordinance 2013

The purpose of this ordinance was to exempt St Andrew's Cathedral from the obligation to pay the variable charge for parochial network costs and the obligation to pay the levy for church land acquisitions projects.

Synod (General Synod Assessment) Special Application Ordinance 2013

The purpose of this ordinance was to vary the trusts on which certain property of the Synod is held to permit the application of an amount for the purposes of the General Synod assessment in 2013.

Granville Trust Ordinance 2013

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

Elections

Changes in the rules for Standing Committee filling casual vacancies in Synod elected positions

Standing Committee noted a memorandum from the Diocesan Secretary.

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

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

Endowment of the See Committee

Mrs Amanda Garlato was elected.

General Synod, Diocesan Representative on

Ms Nicola Ramsay was elected.

Sydney Church of England Finance and Loans Board

Associate Professor Alan Kilgore was elected.

Sydney Diocesan Secretariat

Mr Andrew McLoughlin, Mr Ian Miller and Mr Ross Smith were elected.

Sydney Diocesan Superannuation Fund Board

Mr James Flavin was elected as an Employer Representative.

Diocesan Retirements Board

Mission to Seafarers, Synod Port Committee

NSW Council of Churches, Diocesan Representatives on

NSW Ecumenical Council (Churches Together NSW)

Ordinance Reviewer

Parish Relationships Ordinance, Licensing Review Group

Parish Relationships Ordinance, Panel

Robert Menzies College

St Andrew's House Corporation, Council of

St Catherine's School, Waverley, Council of

Stipends and Allowances Committee

SCECGS Redlands Limited

William Branwhite Clarke College Council

These vacancies were deferred.

Casual Vacancies

- (a) Tertiary Education Ministry Oversight Committee – Dr Leela Cejnar had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.
- (b) The Council of Kings School – Mrs Barbara Gordon had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a lay person.
- (c) Ordination Training Fund Committee – Dr Philip Selden had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person, although there is no fixed number of members for the Committee.
- (d) Work Outside the Diocese Committee – Dr Philip Selden had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person, although there is no fixed number of members for the Committee.
- (e) Moore Theological College Council – Canon Stephen Gibson had resigned and vacancy was declared for a member of the clergy.

Sydney Diocesan Secretariat and Glebe Administration Board

Minutes

Standing Committee noted that the minute books of the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat and Glebe Administration 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 Work Outside the Diocese Committee under delegated authority

Standing Committee received a report about the exercise of delegated authority by the Work Outside the Diocese Committee.

Financial sustainability of the Cathedral ministries

Standing Committee received a report from the working group.

Special distribution from St James Hall

Standing Committee received a report from the Finance Committee.

Mission Property Committee quarterly report

Standing Committee received a report from the Mission Property Committee.

***Jesusbrings* mission campaign**

Standing Committee received a progress report from the *Jesusbrings* Campaign Committee.

Archbishop's Christmas grant distributions

The Archbishop-in-Council agreed that up to \$27,650 be applied from the Grant (Sisters) Endowment Fund for distribution at the discretion of the Archbishop for the purpose of Christmas grants.

Membership of the Finance Committee

Standing Committee received a report from the Finance Committee.

Synod

Synod minutes of 16 October 2013

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 2013 Synod Proceedings

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

General communication of Synod decisions

Standing Committee noted that the Diocesan Secretary had sent 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 that Synod attendance has averaged around 60% of Synod members for the last 5 years and requested SDS to –

- (a) survey Synod members to determine issues that hinder their attendance at Synod sessions, and
- (b) recommend appropriate actions that may be taken to increase attendance by members of Synod.

14/13 Goal of a paperless Synod

Standing Committee –

- (a) received a report from the Diocesan Secretary, and
- (b) made regulations under clause 6B(4) of the *Synod Membership Ordinance 1995*.

19/13 Review of the Diocesan Mission and the next phase of mission

Standing Committee commenced an initial discussion on the purpose, nature and content of a Diocesan Mission.

20/13 Church planting models for Greenfield Areas

Standing Committee established a Church Planting Task Force, comprising –

The Rev Jonathan Squire	Mr Robert Mellor
The Rev Paul Davey	The Rev Peter Lin
Bishop Peter Hayward	The Rev Bruce Hall
The Rev Nigel Fortescue	The Rev Craig Schafer

to be responsible for developing the detail of a proposed holistic strategy for promoting ministry in Greenfield and Brownfield areas of the Diocese for approval by the Standing Committee.

Other Matters

Future of the Mission Board

Discontinuance of the Mission Board

Standing Committee agreed to discontinue the current Mission Board.

Diocesan Strategic Research Group

Standing Committee agreed to constitute as a subcommittee of the Standing Committee a “Diocesan Strategic Research Group” (“DSRG”) as follows –

- (a) the terms of reference of the DSRG are –
 - (i) to be an advisory group for the Archbishop and the Standing Committee in their formulation of missional goals for consideration and adoption by the Synod, and
 - (ii) to identify, research, evaluate and develop for Standing Committee’s consideration high level vision, strategy and structure which optimise the capacity of the diocesan network to achieve missional goals adopted by the Synod, and
 - (iii) to oversee the objective measurement of and reporting to the Standing Committee on progress toward achieving those missional goals, and

- (b) the membership of the DSRG is to comprise –
- (i) the Archbishop (chair),
 - (ii) 3 persons appointed by the Archbishop, at least one of whom must be a member of the Standing Committee,
 - (iii) 3 lay persons elected by the Standing Committee, at least one of whom must be a member of the Standing Committee, and
 - (iv) 3 clergy elected by the Standing Committee, at least one of whom must be a member of the Standing Committee.

Diocesan Resources Committee

Standing Committee agreed to reconstitute the existing members of the Mission Board Strategy Committee as a subcommittee of the Standing Committee to be known as the “Diocesan Resources Committee” (“DRC”).

Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse

Standing Committee appointed Mr Doug Marr as a member of the Royal Commission Steering Committee, noting the resignation of Dr Philip Selden as a member of that Committee.

Government announcements concerning certain tax reforms affecting the Charities and Not-for-profits sector

Standing Committee received a report from the Manager Legal Services.

Date of next meeting

Monday 9 December 2013.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 9 December 2013

The Archbishop led in prayer.

Prioritisation of Standing Committee's outstanding matters

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

Archdeacon Terry Dein

Standing Committee extended Archdeacon Terry Dein's invitation to attend meetings of the Standing Committee until April 2014 as if he were a member but without the right to move or vote on any motion.

Minutes of 11 November 2013

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 11 November 2013.

Acting Secretary

Standing Committee appointed Mr Steve Lucas as Acting Secretary of the Standing Committee for the purpose of certifying the passing of any ordinances at the meeting.

Bishop Peter Chiswell

Standing Committee noted with sadness the death of Bishop Peter Chiswell, gave thanks to God for his ministry in the diocese of Armidale over 55 years, and extended its condolences to his wife and family.

Ordinances

Shellharbour City Centre Land Sale Ordinance 2010

Standing Committee extended to 21 December 2016 the date by which land under the Ordinance may be sold.

Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation Ordinance 1947 Amendment Ordinance 2013

The purpose of this ordinance is to amend the Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation Ordinance 1947.

Accounts, Audits and Annual Reports Ordinance 1995 Amendment Ordinance 2013

The purpose of this ordinance is to align the financial reporting to the Synod and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission and for related matters.

Parish Financial Statements Amendment Ordinance 2013

The purpose of this ordinance is to amend the Cost Recoveries Framework Ordinance 2008 and the Parish Administration Ordinance 2008 with respect to parish prescribed financial statements.

Synod (ACPT Legal Costs) Special Application Ordinance 2013

The purpose of this ordinance is to permit the application of an amount for the purposes of reimbursing the Anglican Church Property Trust Diocese of Sydney for legal costs incurred in relation to the leasing of certain land at Manly.

Manly Corso Property Ordinance 2013

The purpose of this ordinance is to declare the trusts of certain property at Manly, to provide for the management and control of that property, and for other purposes related thereto.

Narellan Trust Ordinance 2013

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

Cobbitty Trust Ordinance 2013

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

Dundas/Telopea Mortgaging Ordinance 2013

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

Bowral Land Sale Ordinance 2013

The purpose of this ordinance is to permit the sale of certain land at Bowral.

Concord North (Special Arrangements) Ordinance 2013

The purpose of this ordinance is to provide for special arrangements to transition to administration under the Parish Administration Ordinance 2008 upon the creation of the new provisional parish of Concord North.

Church Hill Trust Ordinance 2013

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

St Phillip's York Street Leasing Ordinance 2011 Amendment Ordinance 2013

The purpose of this ordinance is to amend the St Phillip's York Street Leasing Ordinance 2011.

Cabramatta Trust Ordinance 2013

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

Bondi Trust Ordinance 2013

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

Chatswood Land Sale Ordinance 2013

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

Dapto (Byamee Street) Land Sale Ordinance 2013

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

Anglican Retirement Villages Diocese of Sydney Constitution Ordinance 1961 Amendment Ordinance 2013

Cabramatta Land Sale Ordinance 2013

These matters were deferred.

Elections

Finance Committee

Ms Nicola Warwick-Mayo was appointed.

Kings School, The Council of the

Mrs Rosemary Abrahams was elected.

Moore Theological College Council

The Rev Gary Koo was elected.

Ordinance Reviewers

Mr Clive Ellis and Canon Sandy Grant were elected.

Ordination Training Fund Committee

Mr Doug Marr was elected.

Strategic Research Group

The following persons were elected –

Clergy

The Rev Peter Lin
The Rev Archie Poulos
The Rev Craig Schafer

Lay

Mr Peter Mayrick
Mr Graham Murray
Ms Nicola Warwick-Mayo

Work Outside the Diocese Committee

Mr Doug Marr was elected.

Diocesan Retirements Board

Mission to Seafarers, Synod Port Committee

NSW Council of Churches, Diocesan Representatives on NSW Ecumenical Council (Churches Together NSW)

Parish Relationships Ordinance, Licensing Review Group

Parish Relationships Ordinance, Panel

Robert Menzies College

**St Andrew's House Corporation, Council of
St Catherine's School, Waverley, Council of
Stipends and Allowances Committee
SCECGS Redlands Limited
Sydney Church of England Finance and Loans Board
Sydney Diocesan Superannuation Fund Board
Tertiary Education Ministry Oversight Committee**

These matters were deferred.

Casual Vacancies

- (a) Sydney Church of England Grammar School Council (Shore) – Mr Adrian Blake had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a lay person.
- (b) Tara Anglican Girls' School Council – Mr Gavin Starr had resigned effective from 31 December 2013 and a vacancy was declared for a person.
- (c) The Illawarra Grammar School – Mr Robert McIntosh had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a lay person.
- (d) General Synod, Diocesan representative on – Miss Jennifer Flower had resigned and vacancy was declared for a lay person.
- (e) Trinity Grammar School, Council of – The Rev Hugh Scott had resigned effective from 31 December 2013 and a vacancy was declared for a clergyman.

Sydney Diocesan Secretariat and Glebe Administration Board

Services provided by the Secretariat to the Synod and Standing Committee

Standing Committee recommended that, as an interim step in addressing the goal of a paperless Synod by 2017 as contemplated in Synod resolution 14/13, consideration be given to making printed forms of the Synod Book and other large documents available for collection at St Andrew's House or at the venue for sessions of the Synod from 2015 for those Synod members who opt to continue receiving such documents in printed form.

Glebe Administration Board – Withdrawal from the business of making new loans

Standing Committee noted a report.

Financial Matters

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 received a report.

Financial oversight of the Anglican Church Property Trust

Standing Committee agreed in principle to changes being made to the financial and other reporting requirements of the ACPT and requested the Diocesan Secretary bring to a future meeting the necessary amending ordinance(s) to effect these changes.

Anglican Church Property Trust Loan and Mortgaging Policy

Standing Committee noted that from the date of this policy, when a mortgaging ordinance is considered and approved by the Standing Committee and the Property Trust (ACPT) subsequently accepts a loan offer from the Glebe Administration Board (GAB), the Finance and Loans Board (FLB) or a third party lender as debtor/mortgagor on behalf of a parish or diocesan organisation –

- (a) neither SDS management nor ACPT will undertake any credit risk due diligence to demonstrate that the loan is able to be serviced, other than the standard credit risk analysis that might be undertaken by the SDS lending manager on behalf of GAB or FLB as lender, and
- (b) ACPT's acceptance of the loan offer will rely on the originating financier's internal credit risk analysis.

1 York Street Annual Income Beneficiaries Report

Standing Committee received a report.

Anglican Media Council

Standing Committee received a letter.

Synod

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

Standing Committee –

- (a) received a report, and
- (b) gave its approval for the *Anglican Church of Australia Trust Property Amendment Bill 2013* (the "Bill") to be promoted to the New South Wales Parliament, and
- (c) noted that similar approvals are being sought from the Anglican Church Property Trust Diocese of Sydney (as joint sponsor of the Bill) and each of the diocesan or bishop in council of the other dioceses of the Province of New South Wales.

4/13 Review of School Chapels and Chaplains Ordinance 1975

Standing Committee appointed a committee comprising Mr Tony Willis, Dr Bryan Cowling, Dr David Nockles, Mrs Sue Middlebrook, the Rev Nick Foord and Mrs Jodi Crain, subject to their consent and with power to co-opt, to undertake the work referred to in Synod resolution 4/13.

8/13 General Synod Assessments and Consultation

Noting of email correspondence and approval of payment

Standing Committee –

- (a) noted email correspondence between the General Synod's Finance Manager, Mr Michael Nicholls, and the Diocesan Secretary, and
- (b) approved the payment of up to \$13,000 from 2014 Synod Fund Contingencies to meet the anticipated budget shortfall for the General Synod assessment in 2014.

Receipt of report

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and –

- (a) agreed that it is no longer necessary for a personal reflections document to be sent to the General Synod Design Group or the General Synod National Unity Task Force, and
- (b) noted that prior to the 2014 session of the General Synod, Sydney representatives on the General Synod will be briefed on proposed unity discussions to be held at that session.

9/13 Protecting, strengthening and promoting freedom of religion and related freedoms

Standing Committee –

- (a) received a letter from the General Secretary, and
- (b) requested Bishop Robert Forsyth and Dr Karin Sowada to move and second the motion referred to in the letter at the forthcoming session of the General Synod.

15/13 Upholding the classical definition of marriage

Standing Committee noted a letter from Senator George Brandis, Attorney General.

Review of Standing Committee policies and procedures

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

Other Matters

Working with Children Check

Annual certification

Standing Committee agreed that a suitable form of a Working with Children Check certification is to be provided by the Rector and Wardens of each parish each year in conjunction with the provision of prescribed financial statements for the parish.

Extension of compliance period

Standing Committee noted that on 6 December 2013 the NSW Government extended the first transitional compliance period for Working with Children Check clearances, including for licensed clergy and lay ministers, from 31 December 2013 to 31 March 2014.

Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse

Standing Committee authorised the Royal Commission Steering Committee, in consultation with the General Synod Standing Committee's Royal Commission Working Group, to make submissions to the Royal Commission on behalf of the Standing Committee in response to the matters arising from the Anglican Diocese of Grafton, noting that such submissions must be made by 20 January 2014.

Structure and Governance Arrangements of the Standing Committee

Receipt of report

Standing Committee received a report.

Participation in subcommittee work

Standing Committee –

- (a) indicated a general expectation that all members of the Standing Committee should be willing to serve on one or more of its subcommittees, and

- (b) requested that during the process of nominating persons for appointment or election as members of the Standing Committee, consideration be given to ensuring that the membership of the Standing Committee retains an appropriate number of persons with the relevant skills and experience for service on its permanent subcommittees, and
- (c) expressed a desire to make greater use of its subcommittees, particularly in the exercise of the Standing Committee's functions under executive delegations where possible and appropriate.

Amend terms of reference

Standing Committee agreed to amend the terms of reference of the Finance Committee to provide that –

- (a) a meeting quorum requires at least one Standing Committee member, and
- (b) each Standing Committee member on the Finance Committee has the power to refer any matter to the Standing Committee.

Requirement for non-executive delegations

Standing Committee agreed that the terms of reference for subcommittees which exercise non-executive delegations should require that at least one-third of the subcommittee's members also be Standing Committee members.

Finance Committee

Standing Committee agreed that the Finance Committee should –

- (a) exercise the executive delegations previously exercised by the Mission Board in respect to payments made from the Mission Areas Fund, and
- (b) exercise the executive delegations which are exercised by the Ordination Training Fund Committee in respect to payments made from the Ordination Training Fund,

and agreed that the Ordination Training Fund Committee be discontinued.

Minute Reading Committee

Standing Committee requested that the minutes of Standing Committee meetings be posted on SDS's secure website in draft form as soon as the relevant minute reader has indicated to the Diocesan Secretary satisfaction with the draft minutes (rather than after the minutes have been signed).

Stipends and Allowances Committee

Standing Committee agreed –

- (a) that the membership of the Stipends and Allowances Committee should be expressed to include at least one clergy wife but that clergy spouses should be treated as clergy for the purposes of the current requirement that a majority of members of the Committee be lay persons, and
- (b) for the purpose of transition the membership of the Stipends and Allowances Committee should remain unchanged until elections are held for this subcommittee at the Standing Committee meeting in November 2014.

General Synod Canons and Consultation

Standing Committee agreed that –

- (a) the General Synod Consultation Group should be merged with the General Synod Canons Committee to form a "General Synod Relations Committee" with the existing terms of reference of the General Synod Canons Committee modified accordingly, and
- (b) for the purpose of transition, the membership of the General Synod Relations Committee should comprise the existing members of both General Synod Canons Committee and the General Synod Consultation Group until elections are held for this subcommittee at the Standing Committee meeting in November 2014.

Public Policy

Standing Committee –

- (a) agreed that the committee constituted by the Standing Committee in April 2009 to consider human rights, religious freedom and anti-discrimination law reform comprising Bishop Robert Forsyth (chair), Dr Robert Tong AM, Dr Karin Sowada and Mr Robert Wicks be treated as a permanent subcommittee of the Standing Committee with the appointment by the Archbishop of an additional member who shall have formal theological training, and

- (b) requested the subcommittee to prepare and recommend to the Standing Committee suitable terms of reference for the subcommittee and comment on whether “Public Policy Reference Group” would be an appropriate name for the subcommittee.

Service Review

Standing Committee –

- (a) agreed that the committee constituted by the Standing Committee in August 2011 to review the services provided by SDS to the Synod and the Standing Committee on a yearly and half-yearly basis comprising Mr Peter Evans (chair), Dr Claire Smith and the Rev Chris Moroney be treated as a permanent subcommittee of the Standing Committee, and
- (b) requested the subcommittee to prepare and recommend to the Standing Committee suitable terms of reference for the subcommittee and comment on whether “Service Review Committee” would be an appropriate name for the subcommittee.

Royal Commission Steering Committee

Standing Committee agreed that the Royal Commission Steering Committee constituted by the Standing Committee in December 2012 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 comprising Mr Doug Marr, Mr Lachlan Bryant, Dr Robert Tong AM, Mr Russell Powell, the Rev Dr Andrew Ford, Mr Steve Lucas, the Rev Craig Roberts, Dr David Nockles and the Rev Zac Veron with power to co-opt, be treated as a permanent subcommittee of the Standing Committee.

Review of Terms of Reference of permanent subcommittees

Standing Committee requested each of its permanent subcommittees to review their terms of reference and bring back to the Standing Committee by August 2014 any recommendations for change.

Church Planting Task Force

Standing Committee agreed that for the time being the Church Planting Task Force be regarded as an ad hoc subcommittee of the Standing Committee.

Support of ad hoc subcommittees

Standing Committee agreed that, unless an ad hoc subcommittee indicates that it does not require any secretarial support from SDS, an amount of \$1,500 be paid from Contingencies to SDS upon the establishment of any ad hoc subcommittee by the Standing Committee.

Use of supplementary agendas

Standing Committee requested the Diocesan Secretary to draft for its consideration regulations for the use of supplementary agendas which include limiting the use of supplementary agendas to –

- (a) material arising directly from items of business on the main agenda, and
- (b) new items of business if they have to be dealt with at the meeting as a matter of urgency.

Use of Church Names Canon 1989

Standing Committee received –

- (a) a letter from the General Secretary, and.
- (b) a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

Prayer Roster for 2014

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.

Date of next meeting

Monday 17 February 2014