

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 17 February 2014

The Rev Stephen Semenchuk and Mr Stephen Hodgkinson led in prayer.

Extension of retirement age of Bishop Robert Forsyth

Standing Committee, pursuant to clause 5 of the *Retirements Ordinance 1993*, agreed to extend the retirement age of the Rt Rev Robert Forsyth as Bishop of South Sydney until 31 December 2015.

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 Peter Achterstraat (AM), a member of the Warrawee Anglican Church (parish of Turramurra), for significant service to public administration through financial management and governance roles, and to the community.

Mr Allan Ezzy APM (AM), a member of the parish of St John's Cathedral Parramatta, for significant service to local government in New South Wales, and to the community through law enforcement, church and service organisations.

Deaconess Margaret Rodgers (AM), a member of the parish of St Stephen's Newtown with Erskineville, for significant service to the Anglican Church of Australia through governance and representational roles, and to ecumenical affairs.

Mr Philip Cooper (OAM), a member of St John's Beecroft, for service to the insurance industry, and to the Scouting movement.

Dr Janis Milburn (OAM), former Chairman of Roseville College and Deputy Chairman of Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation, for service to education, and to veterans and their families.

Mrs Margaret Spinks (OAM), a member of St Mark's Hunters Hill, for service to the community of Hunters Hill.

Death of Mrs Marie Robinson

Standing Committee noted with sadness the death of Mrs Marie Robinson on 7 January 2014 and sent its condolences to Bishop Donald Robinson and their children.

Minutes of 9 December 2013

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 9 December 2013.

Ordinances

Cabramatta Trust Ordinance 2014

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

Cabramatta Land Sale Ordinance 2014

The purpose of this ordinance is to permit the sale of certain land at Cabramatta and to authorise application of the proceeds of sale.

Castlereagh (Vesting of Property) Ordinance 2014

The purpose of this ordinance is to consent to the vesting of certain land in the Anglican Church Property Trust Diocese of Sydney and matters incidental thereto.

Jamberoo Trust Ordinance 2014

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

Jamberoo Land Sale Ordinance 2014

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

Parish Administration (Inaugural General Meetings) Amendment Ordinance 2014

The purpose of this ordinance is to make provision for the inaugural general meeting of a church of a parish or a recognised church.

Parochial Cost Recoveries and Church Land Acquisitions Levy Ordinance 2013 Amendment Ordinance 2014

The purpose of this ordinance is to amend the Parochial Cost Recoveries and Church Land Acquisitions Levy Ordinance 2013.

Georges River Region (Belfield Proceeds) Ordinance 1998 Amendment Ordinance 2014

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

Elections

Election of members of the 50th Synod under Part 8 of the Synod Membership Ordinance 1995

Standing Committee agreed to consider appointing 25 members under Part 8 at the meeting on 28 April 2014.

General Synod, Diocesan Representative on

Standing Committee –

- (a) agreed to consider filling vacancies on the General Synod for 5 lay persons and 4 members of the clergy at the meeting on 24 March 2014, and
- (b) agreed to declare and consider filling as a matter of urgency at the meeting on 24 March 2014 any further vacancies on the General Synod arising as a consequence of further resignations or any increase in the total number of representatives that this Diocese is entitled to appoint to the General Synod.

Parramatta Endowment Fund, Trustees of

Standing Committee –

- (a) pursuant section 14 of the Anglican Church of Australia Trust Property Act 1917, declared a vacancy in the office of trustee of the St John's Parramatta Endowment Fund with effect from 31 March 2014 by reason of the expiry of Mr Tony Woodland's term of office pursuant to the St John's Parramatta Endowment Fund Ordinance 1930 Amendment Ordinance 2013, and

(b) agreed to consider electing a person to fill this vacancy at the meeting on 24 March 2014.

Sydney Church of England Grammar School Council (Shore)

Mr Lyndon Tam was elected.

Tara Anglican Girls' School Council

Ms Margaret Stuart was elected.

Trinity Grammar School, Council of

The Rev Alan Lukabyo 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
The Illawarra Grammar School, Council of
William Branwhite Clarke College Council**

These matters were deferred.

Casual Vacancies

- (a) Arden School Council – Mrs Rachel Greenwood had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.
- (b) St Catherine's School Waverley, Council of – Mrs Margaret Forsyth had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.
- (c) General Synod Relations Committee – Mr Mark Payne had resigned. In view of the recently expanded membership of the Committee, no vacancy was declared.
- (d) NSW Council of Churches, Diocesan Representatives on – The Rev Dr Margaret Powell had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.

Sydney Diocesan Secretariat and Glebe Administration Board

Diocesan Endowment – Investment Performance September 2013

Standing Committee received a report.

Services provided by the Secretariat to the Synod and Standing Committee

Standing Committee –

- (a) confirmed that 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 October 2013, and
- (b) agreed to the revised form of Service Level Standards document for the Synod and Standing Committee for services provided by SDS during 2014.

Financial Matters

Actions by the Finance Committee under delegated authority

Standing Committee noted that, acting under delegated powers, the Finance Committee had approved the application of \$5,500 from the funds held under the Rosemeadow Trust Ordinance 2001 to meet the cost of replacing worn sandstone flooring in the Appin church.

Declaration of view of polity of the Diocese

Standing Committee declared its view that the polity of this Diocese generally gives precedence to parishes over the affairs of the Diocese, including in relation to the management of property held for a parish and the benefit of income from such property.

Standing Committee's policies concerning parish property

Procedures for assessing strategic value

Standing Committee agreed to an amended form of procedures for assessing the strategic value of retaining parish property.

Policy on application of sale proceeds

Standing Committee agreed as a matter of policy that other than in exceptional circumstances land should not be sold in order to finance depreciating assets such as buildings.

Opinion of those responsible for ministry within the parish

Standing Committee agrees as a matter of policy that provided a parish complies with the requirements of any policy of the Standing Committee in respect to property held for the parish, the Standing Committee will consider the opinion of those responsible for ministry within the parish, particularly the Rector, the Parish Council and the Regional Bishop or Archdeacon, in determining the wisdom of dealings with such property from a ministry perspective.

Sydney Anglican Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Committee

Standing Committee declined to request the ACPT to adjust its management fee for the SAIPM Fund.

Parish of Concord West and Provisional Parish of Concord North

Standing Committee received a report.

Synod

Governance Policy for Diocesan Organisations

Standing Committee requested the remaining members of the Governance Policy drafting committee, being Dr Laurie Scandrett, Dr Robert Tong, Mr Bruce York and the Diocesan Secretary, Mr Robert Wicks together with Dr Rob Mackay and Emeritus Professor John Clark –

- (a) to draft a suitable question (for approval by the Standing Committee) regarding whether alumni representatives on school councils should, as a matter of policy, be professing Christians to be considered in a set-piece debate at the first session of the next Synod, and
- (b) to draft (for approval by the Standing Committee) a possible transition timetable for existing alumni representatives on school councils to be considered as part of this debate, and
- (c) to provide any other advice to facilitate the adoption by the Synod of a 'Governance Policy for Diocesan Organisations.

8/13 General Synod Assessments and Consultation

Standing Committee noted a letter from the General Secretary and the response to this letter sent with the approval of the General Synod Relations Committee.

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

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

Other Matters

Religious Freedom Reference Group – terms of reference

Standing Committee approved of the revised terms of reference for the Religious Freedom Reference Group.

General Synod Relations Committee – terms of reference

Standing Committee approved of the revised terms of reference for the General Synod Relations Committee.

Use of Church Names Canon 1989 Amendment Canon 2014

Standing Committee, subject to modifications to the drafting of the bill made in response to comments from other dioceses in the Province of New South Wales and any additional bodies which must be removed from the list in the Schedule to the bill, requested that the bill be promoted to the next session of the General Synod by request of the Standing Committee of the General Synod or alternately by request of the Standing Committee of this Diocese.

Structure and governance arrangements for the Standing Committee

Induction program

Standing Committee asked the Diocesan Secretary to arrange for an induction program to be run every 3 years following the election of members of the Standing Committee at the first session of each Synod.

Quorum

Standing Committee agreed that the quorum required for its meetings should be not less than half of its members.

Circular resolutions

Standing Committee asked the Diocesan Secretary to prepare a bill to amend the *Standing Committee Ordinance 1897* to incorporate a provision for circular resolutions.

Community Chaplains

Standing Committee –

- (a) gave its positive endorsement to the concept of Community Chaplaincy, and
- (b) supported Community Chaplains operating from a separately identifiable unit within the organisational structure of Evangelism and New Churches.

Governance Oversight Committee

Receipt of report

Standing Committee agreed to discontinue the requirement for SDS, GAB, ACPT, EOS and SAHC to produce enhanced reporting.

Governance Oversight Committee placed into abeyance

Standing Committee resolved to place the Governance Oversight Committee into abeyance until its role can be redefined in accordance with any Synod approved Governance Policy for Diocesan Organisations.

Establishment of the school councils for Macquarie Anglican Grammar School and Orange Anglican Grammar School

Standing Committee noted, pursuant to clause 25(2)(a) of the Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation Ordinance 1947, that School Councils have been established for Macquarie Anglican Grammar Schools and Orange Anglican Grammar School.

Working with Children Check

Standing Committee, noting that 1,067 WWCC numbers or exemptions have been processed, thanked the staff of the Registry, the PSU and all others who have been involved in ensuring all licensed clergy of the Diocese have complied with the requirements of the WWCC.

Date of next meeting

Monday 24 March 2014.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 24 March 2014

Following a reading of Psalm 5, Archdeacon Terry Dein and Mr Lyall Wood led in prayer.

Minutes of 17 February 2014

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 17 February 2014.

Ordinances

Standing Committee Amendment Ordinance 2014

The purpose of this ordinance is to amend the *Standing Committee Ordinance 1897* in relation to the rules by which the Standing Committee conducts its business and related matters.

Sydney Anglican Pre-School Council (Vesting of Property and Amendment) Ordinance 2014

The purpose of this ordinance is to consent to the vesting of certain land in the Anglican Church Property Trust Diocese of Sydney and matters incidental thereto.

Anglican Church Property Trust Diocese of Sydney (Financial Reporting) Amendment Ordinance 2014

The purpose of this ordinance is to make provision for the financial and other reporting requirements of the Property Trust to the Synod.

Endowment of the See Expenditure (Further Financial Reporting) Amendment Ordinance 2014

The purpose of this ordinance is to provide for further financial reporting of the Endowment of the See Committee.

Bowral Mortgaging Ordinance 2014

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

Georges River Region (Belfield Proceeds) Ordinance 1998 Further Amendment Ordinance 2014

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

Application of proceeds arising from the Chatswood Land Sale Ordinance 2013

Standing Committee, pursuant to clause 6(2)(d) of the Chatswood Trust Ordinance 2008, directed that that part of the capital of the trust fund arising from the balance of proceeds from the sale of the property known as 18/4 Peckham Avenue, Chatswood may be applied in and towards the costs and expenses of and incidental to redevelopment of the site known as St Paul's Chatswood.

Elections

Election of the Moore Theological College Council as trustee of the land known as But-Ha-Gra

Standing Committee, under section 14 of the *Anglican Church of Australia Trust Property Act 1917* –

- (a) declared a vacancy in the office of trustee of the Land, the former trustee, the ACPT, having resigned, and
- (b) elected the Moore Theological College Council to be trustee of the Land in the place of the former trustee.

Arden School Council

Mr Andrew Gibbons was elected.

General Synod, Diocesan Representative on

The following members of the clergy were elected –

The Rev Chris Edwards	The Rev Kerrie Newmarch
The Rev Dr Andrew Ford	The Rev Jason Ramsay
The Rev Kate Haggar	Bishop Peter Tasker
The Rev Tom Harricks	

The following lay persons were elected –

Mr Rowen Atkinson	Mr Philip Gerber
Mr Lachlan Bryant	Mr Craig Moore
Ms Michelle England	Ms Leanne Slade
Mr James Flavin	Ms Emma Thornett

Parramatta Endowment Fund, Trustees of

Mr Robert Meldrum was elected.

St Andrew's House Corporation, Council of

Mr Watson was appointed as a See Nominee.

Diocesan Retirements Board

Robert Menzies College

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

The Illawarra Grammar School, Council of

William Branwhite Clarke College Council

These matters were deferred.

Casual Vacancies

- (a) Parramatta Endowment Fund, Trustee of – Mr Desmond Matthews had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.

- (b) Anglican Media Council – The Rev Andrew Barry had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.
- (c) Blue Mountains Grammar School Limited – Mrs Elizabeth McClean and Mr Graham Nelson had resigned and vacancies were declared for 2 directors.

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.

Diocesan Endowment – Investment Performance December 2013

Standing Committee received a report.

Financial Matters

Actions by the Finance Committee under delegated authority

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

Actions by the Work Outside the Diocese Committee under delegated authority

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

Work Outside the Diocese Committee – terms of reference

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

Diocesan Resources Committee – terms of reference

Standing Committee noted that the Diocesan Resources Committee had advised that it does not wish to recommend any changes to its terms of reference.

NSW Council of Churches

Standing Committee authorised the payment of \$14,822 from Synod Fund Contingencies for the 2014-2015 NSWCC affiliation fee.

Attendance of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge at Easter Sunday Cathedral Service

Standing Committee agreed to provide \$12,000 out of contingencies to cover extraordinary costs to the Cathedral arising from the visit to the Cathedral on Easter Day of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge, at which service the Archbishop will be preaching.

Mission Property Committee quarterly progress report

Standing Committee received a progress report from the Mission Property Committee.

Synod

1st ordinary session of the 50th Synod

Standing Committee received a report.

Timetable for Synod funding matters

Standing Committee noted the following draft timetable for 2014 –

Mar	24	Standing Committee holds “in principle” debate to help shape the Statement of Funding Principles and Priorities for 2016-2018
Apr	28	GAB advises Standing Committee amount of distribution from DE for 2015 (and estimate for 2016)
May	26	-
Jun	23	Diocesan Resources Committee advises Standing Committee total funds available for Synod for 2015
Jul	28	Standing Committee passes Synod Appropriation & Allocation Ordinance for 2015
Jul	28	Standing Committee receives the Statement of Funding Principles and Priorities for 2016-2018
Aug	25	Standing Committee approves the Statement of Funding Principles and Priorities for 2016-2018
Sep		Synod members sent the Statement of Funding Principles and Priorities for 2016-2018 in “2nd mailing”
Oct	13-21	Synod receives the Statement of Funding Principles and Priorities for 2016-2018

Funding Principles and Priorities 2016-2018

Standing Committee received a report and conducted an in principle debate to help shape the *Statement of Funding Principles and Priorities*.

18/13 Review of the Discipline Ordinance 2006 and Relinquishment of Holy Orders Ordinance 1994

Standing Committee appointed a committee comprising Mr Michael Easton (chair), Mr Garth Blake SC and Mr Lachlan Bryant to undertake the review requested by the Synod in resolution 18/13 and to report back to the Standing Committee with any proposed amending ordinance or ordinances by its meeting in July 2014.

20/13 Church planting models for Greenfield Areas

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

Further use of the Synod venue during Synod sessions

Standing Committee agreed that since none of the Diocesan organisations contacted have expressed an interest in using the Wesley Centre outside the Synod sitting times on the days it is booked for Synod, no further action should be taken in this matter.

Large Property Receipts Policy

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and requested the committee chaired by the Rev Craig Roberts to review the current version of the proposed large property receipts policy.

Other Matters

Size, composition and frequency of meetings of the Standing Committee

Standing Committee held a free-ranging debate concerning the size, composition and frequency of meetings of the Standing Committee.

Affiliated Churches

Mr Doug Marr was appointed as a member of the Affiliated Churches Committee.

Religious freedom and private educational institutions

Standing Committee received a paper from Freedom 4 Faith.

Not-for-profit Sector Tax Concession Working Group Report

Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

General Synod Relations Committee

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

Restating special conditions for tax concession entities

Standing Committee requested the Religious Freedom Reference Group to prepare and lodge a submission on its behalf.

Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Charities Act 2013

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

Sydney Anglican Master Privacy Policy

Standing Committee –

- (a) noted that organisations which have adopted the Sydney Anglican Master Privacy Policy will –
 - (i) be informed that the Master Privacy Policy is no longer compliant with the Privacy Act, and
 - (ii) be encouraged to take responsibility for developing their own policy and documentation around privacy practices, procedures and systems, and
- (b) agreed to abolish the Master Privacy Policy with effect from 1 October 2014.

Anglican Education Commission response to the Review of the Australian Curriculum

Standing Committee noted a submission and covering letter from Dr Bryan Cowling.

Submission to the Inquiry into recommendations by ICAC regarding aspects of The Code of Conduct for Members, the interest disclosure regime and a parliamentary investigator

Standing Committee –

- (a) noted a draft submission of the Social Issues Executive, and
- (b) authorised the Archbishop to work with the Social Issues Executive to finalise the submission for lodgement.

Date of next meeting

Monday 28 April 2014.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 28 April 2014

Following a reading of Psalm 6, the Rev Craig Roberts and Dr Claire Smith led in prayer.

Bishops' Protocol 15: Ministerial Appointments

Revision to protocol

Standing Committee welcomed the following revised Bishops' Protocol 15: Ministerial Appointments –

“As we ordain, license or appoint to ministries within our dioceses we undertake to uphold ‘*Faithfulness in Service*’, the code of conduct for bishops adopted by the General Synod (59/04) and as may be amended by the General Synod from time to time.”

Meaning of “marriage” in Faithfulness in Service

Standing Committee –

- (a) recalling resolutions 33/04, 62/04, 63/04 and 64/04 from the 13th General Synod in 2004, along with the Report of the Children Protection Committee (particularly page 2A.34 in Book 3B of that Synod), noted that the General Synod recognised marriage as only occurring between a man and a woman, when it adopted the standards expressed in *Faithfulness in Service* as our national Anglican code of conduct, and
- (b) requested the Diocesan Secretary to write to the Primate to convey the terms of this resolution to him.

Strategic Research Group

Standing Committee noted a progress report.

Minutes of 24 March 2014

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 24 March 2014.

Ordinances

The Oaks Trust Ordinance 2014

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

The Oaks Land Sale Ordinance 2014

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

Endowment of the See (Chatswood) Land Sale Ordinance 2014

The purpose of this ordinance was to authorise the sale of certain property at Chatswood and for related purposes.

Anglican Education Commission and Anglican Youthworks (Special Religious Education) Amendment Ordinance 2014

The purpose of this ordinance was to amend the Anglican Education Commission Ordinance 2006 and the Anglican Youth and Education Diocese of Sydney Ordinance 1919, principally with respect to the provision of Special Religious Education.

Berrima cum Moss Vale Trust Ordinance 2014

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

Elections

Appointment of Returning officers for the 1st session of the 50th 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 1st session of the 50th Synod.

Election of members of the 50th Synod under Part 8 of the Sydney Membership Ordinance 1995

The following persons were elected –

Bryant, Mr Lachlan	Kim, Mr Francis
Cameron ,Mr Neil	Mackay, Dr Robert
Cave, Ms Kathy	Murray, Mr Graham
Collier, Dr John	Nockles, Dr David
Cowling, Dr Bryan	Paingakulam, Ms Jane
Davidson, Mrs Gillian	Smith, Dr Claire
Driver, Mr John	Sowada, Dr Karin
Earnshaw, Miss Deborah	Steel, Mrs Sylvia
Flower, Miss Jennifer	Thornett, Miss Emma
Fortescue, Mrs Nicola	Tong AM, Dr Robert
Frank, Mr Andrew	West, Mrs Melinda
Hurley, Miss Caitlin	Woof , Mrs Alison
Jones, Mrs Julianne	

Declaration of nominated organisations for the 50th Synod under Part 6 of the Synod Membership Ordinance 1995

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

Ecclesia Housing Ltd

Standing Committee authorised the Diocesan Secretary to resign and withdraw the membership of the Anglican Diocese of Sydney in Ecclesia Housing Ltd in accordance with its Constitution.

Blue Mountains Grammar School Limited

Mrs Bev Deahm was elected.

Diocesan Ordinance Review Panel

Canon Stephen Gibson was elected as an additional member of the Diocesan Ordinance Review Panel.

St Catherine's School, Waverley, Council of

Mr Mark Woodley was elected.

SCECGS Redlands Limited

Standing Committee recommended to the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat that it appoint Mr Gavin Starr.

Sydney Church of England Finance and Loans Board

Ms Myra Rosolen was elected.

Mr Robert's motion was carried.

**Anglican Media Council
Diocesan Retirements Board
Parramatta Endowment Fund, Trustees of
Robert Menzies College
Sydney Diocesan Superannuation Fund Board
Tertiary Education Ministry Oversight Committee
The Illawarra Grammar School, Council of
William Branwhite Clarke College Council**

These matters were deferred.

Casual Vacancies

- (a) General Synod, Diocesan Representative on – the Rev Tom Harricks and Canon Warwick de Jersey have resigned and vacancies were declared for 2 members of the clergy.

Declaration of urgency

Standing Committee agreed to consider filling these vacancies at this meeting as a matter of urgency.

Filling of vacancies

The Rev Dr David Höhne and the Rev Marshall Ballantine-Jones were elected.

- (b) Tara Anglican School for Girls, Council of – The Rev Naomi Ireland and Mrs Bronwyn Hubbard had resigned and vacancies were declared for a member of the clergy and a person, respectively.
- (c) Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation – Mr Vanda Gould had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.
- (d) The Kings School, Council of – The Hon Justice Lloyd Waddy had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a lay person.

Sydney Diocesan Secretariat and Glebe Administration Board

Minutes

Standing Committee noted that the minute book of the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat had been tabled.

Report of the Chief Executive Officer

Standing Committee received a report concerning the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat.

Diocesan Endowment – Provision for distribution in 2014 for spending by the Synod in 2015

Standing Committee noted that Glebe Administration Board advised that a distribution of \$4.0 million from the Diocesan Endowment in 2014 may prudently be distributed for spending by the Synod in 2015.

Financial Matters

Actions by the Finance Committee under delegated authority

Standing Committee noted a report.

Pastoral Care and Assistance Scheme

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

Synod

1st ordinary session of the 50th Synod

Standing Committee received a report.

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

Standing Committee approved of the addition of the proposed item [5] and requested the Diocesan Secretary to undertake the following action –

- (a) seek the approval of the Property Trust to the addition of the proposed item [5],
- (b) subject to the Property Trust's approval of item [5], notify each of the remaining dioceses of the Province of the proposed new item [5] and ask them to consider the bill subject to the addition of this new item, and
- (c) contact each of the Chancellors of the remaining dioceses of the Province and ask them to make direct contact with Dr Robert Tong should they feel the need to do so prior to their Diocesan Council or Bishop in Council considering its approval of the bill with the addition of the new item [5].

Printing of reports for Synod

Standing Committee received a report.

20/13 Church planting models for Greenfield Areas

This matter was deferred.

Other Matters

Regulation for the use of agendas and supplementary agendas by the Standing Committee

Standing Committee agreed to adopt regulations for the use of its agendas and supplementary agendas.

Proposal for affiliation with Flooding Creek Community Church under the Affiliated Churches Ordinance 2005

Standing Committee –

- (a) pursuant to clause 4(1) of the Affiliated Churches Ordinance 2005 (the "Ordinance"), declared Flooding Creek Community Church, Sale, Victoria to be affiliated with this Church in this Diocese, and
- (b) pursuant to clause 5(1) of the Ordinance, authorised the Diocesan Secretary on its behalf to enter into an affiliation agreement with the person or persons authorised to enter into agreements on behalf of Flooding Creek Community Church.

Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission

Standing Committee authorised the Religious Freedom Reference Group to make submissions to the Senate Inquiry on behalf of the Standing Committee in relation to the proposed abolition of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission.

Model Episcopal Standards Ordinance

Standing Committee received a report.

Christian Youth Camps Limited v Cobaw Community Health Service Limited

Standing Committee received a report.

New Exempt and Complying Development Codes

Standing Committee noted a report.

Disclosure of conflicts of interest by members of the Standing Committee

This matter was deferred.

Date of next meeting

Monday 26 May 2014.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 26 May 2014

Following a reading of Psalm 7, Mr Robert Bradfield and the Rev Gavin Poole led in prayer.

Welcome to Bishop Chris Edwards

Standing Committee congratulated Bishop Chris Edwards on his consecration at St Andrew's Cathedral on 29 March 2014 to become the Bishop of North Sydney and extends its prayers and best wishes to Chris and his wife as he commences in this ministry.

Farewell to the Rev Chris Moroney

Standing Committee noted that this was the Rev Chris Moroney's last meeting and gave thanks to God for Chris' service on the Standing Committee and in other diocesan roles over the years.

Minutes of 28 April 2014

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 28 April 2014.

Ordinances

Castlereagh (Vesting of Property) Ordinance 2014 Amendment Ordinance 2014

The purpose of this ordinance was to amend the Castlereagh (Vesting of Property) Ordinance 2014.

Engadine Trust Ordinance 2014

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

Elections

Declaration of nominated organisations for the 49th Synod under Part 6 of the Synod Membership Ordinance 1995

Standing Committee declared that the following are nominated organisations for the 50th Synod under Part 6 of the Synod Membership Ordinance 1995 –

Anglican Media
Anglican Retirement Villages Diocese of Sydney
Evangelism and New Churches, Department of
Moore Theological College
Sydney Anglican Home Mission Society (Anglicare)
Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation
Sydney Diocesan Secretariat

Appointment of members of the 50th Synod under Part 7 of the Synod Membership Ordinance 1995

Standing Committee noted that the following 25 persons have been appointed by the Archbishop as members of the 50th Synod under Part 7 –

The Rev Canon Christopher Allan	South Sydney
The Rev Dr Gregory Anderson	South Sydney
The Rev Chun Pong Au Yeung	Western Region

The Rev Dr Colin Bale	South Sydney
The Rev David Buultjens	South Sydney
The Rev Rosario (Ross) Ciano	Georges River
The Rt Rev Christopher Edwards	Northern Region
The Rev Dr Andrew Ford	Wollongong
The Rt Rev Robert Forsyth	South Sydney
The Ven Kara Hartley	Wollongong
The Rt Rev Peter Hayward	Wollongong
The Rt Rev Ivan Lee	Western Region
The Rev David Mansfield	Wollongong
The Rev Allison Muscat	Western Region
The Rev Andrew Nixon	Wollongong
The Rev Archie Poulos	South Sydney
The Rev Margaret Powell	Georges River
The Rev Mark Rundle	Northern Region
The Rev Dr Willis (Bill) Salier	South Sydney
The Rev Hayden Smith	South Sydney
The Rev Tara Stenhouse	South Sydney
The Rt Rev Peter Tasker	Georges River
The Rev Lisa Thompson	Western Region
The Rev Peter Tong	Northern Region
The Rev Dani Treweek	South Sydney

Blue Mountains Grammar School Limited

Mr Mark Hamwood was elected.

Kings School, The Council of the

Mr Mark Bradford was elected.

St Catherine's School, Waverley, Council of

Mr Gilbert van der Jagt was elected.

Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation

The Rev Peter Greenwood was elected.

Anglican Media Council
Diocesan Retirements Board
Parramatta Endowment Fund, Trustees of
Robert Menzies College
Sydney Church of England Finance and Loans Board
Sydney Diocesan Superannuation Fund Board
Tara Anglican School for Girls, Council of
Tertiary Education Ministry Oversight Committee
The Illawarra Grammar School, Council of
William Branwhite Clarke College Council

These matters were deferred.

Casual Vacancies

- (a) New College Limited – Mrs Elizabeth George had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.
- (b) William Branwhite Clarke College Council – the Rev Nathan Walter had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a member of the clergy.

- (c) Standing Committee, qualified minister elected by the whole of Synod – The Rev Chris Moroney had resigned with effect from 27 May 2014 and a vacancy was declared for a person in Holy Orders who is a member of the Synod.
- (d) Nomination Board – The Rev Chris Moroney had resigned with effect from 27 May 2014 and a vacancy was declared for a member of the clergy who is a member of the Synod.
- (e) Social Issues Executive – The Rev Dr Andrew Cameron had resigned.

Financial Matters

Actions by the Finance Committee under delegated authority

Standing Committee noted a report.

Finance Committee terms of reference

Standing Committee agreed to amend the Finance Committee's terms of reference.

Review of stipends and allowances

Standing Committee agreed that the recommended minimum stipend for a minister should continue to be set at 80% of Average Weekly Earnings.

Minimum stipend for 2015

Standing Committee agreed that the minimum stipend for 2015 should be \$62,317 based on 80% of the AWE (trend series data for ordinary time earnings for full time adult males in NSW) released by the ABS in February 2014.

Synod

1st ordinary session of the 50th Synod

Standing Committee received a report.

14/12 Special Religious Education

Standing Committee received a progress report from the Diocesan Secretary.

20/13 Church planting models for Greenfield Areas

Standing Committee received a report from the Church Planting Task Force.

Large Property Receipts Policy

Motion to Synod

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

"That the Large Property Receipts Policy be approved in principle."

Procedural motion to Synod

Standing Committee requested that the following procedural motion be moved at the forthcoming session of the Synod –

“Synod agrees, for the purposes of considering the motion appearing at item X (the “In Principle Motion”), to the following arrangements –

- (a) the In Principle Motion will be taken to have been moved and seconded, and
- (b) the mover may speak up to 15 minutes about the In Principle Motion, and
- (c) the seconder may speak up to 5 minutes about the In Principle Motion, and
- (d) the procedures for the making of ordinances under Part 5 of the business rules (from and including rule 5.5(2) but excluding rules 5.7(3)(b), 5.9 and 5.10) are to apply as if the Large Property Receipts Policy were an ordinance, and suspends so many of the business rules as would prevent these arrangements.”

Other Matters

Disclosure of conflicts of interest by members of the Standing Committee

Standing Committee made the following regulation under clause 6(5) of the *Standing Committee Ordinance 1897* concerning disclosure of conflicts of interest –

1. Subject to paragraph 2, the Standing Committee requires a member (the ‘Member’) to declare any relevant interest when speaking on a motion which deals with or which, if passed, would materially affect –
 - (a) the personal financial affairs of the Member or the Member’s immediate family, or
 - (b) an organisation or parish of which the Member is, or
 - (c) an organisation or parish of which the Member has an immediate family member who is an office holder or employee.
2. Recognising the special role of the Archbishop and certain other *ex officio* members of the Standing Committee, no declaration is required under paragraph 1(b) from –
 - (a) the Archbishop by reason of holding office in an organisation *ex officio* as Archbishop, or
 - (b) a Member by reason of holding office in a organisation which gives rise to *ex officio* membership on the Standing Committee.

Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC)

Submission of AIS for Synod

Standing Committee –

- (a) noted a draft of the information required to complete the Synod’s 2013 Annual Information Statement (AIS), together with the explanatory table for the multiple choice questions, and
- (b) approved the use of this information to enable SDS to sign and submit the 2013 AIS as agent for the Synod.

Noting of submission

Standing Committee noted a submission made on its behalf to the Senate Economics Legislative Committee.

Mission Property Committee

Strategic Report

Standing Committee, pursuant to clause 9(1)(d) of the *Mission Property Ordinance 2002*, received a strategic report prepared by the Mission Property Committee.

Amended Priority Statement

Standing Committee, pursuant to clause 5C of the *Mission Property Ordinance 2002*, approved the amended priority statement, noting the addition of Wilton Junction and Bringelly/Bringelly North as priority land acquisition projects.

Receipt of Quarterly Program Report

Standing Committee, pursuant to clause 9A(4) of the *Mission Property Ordinance 2002*, received a Q1 2014 Quarterly Report from the Mission Property Committee identifying progress in implementing prioritised projects.

Affiliation with Flooding Creek Community Church under the Affiliated Churches Ordinance 2005

Standing Committee received correspondence with the Bishop of Gippsland in relation to the affiliation of this Diocese with Flooding Creek Community Church.

Date of next meeting

Monday 23 June 2014.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 23 June 2014

Following a reading of Psalm 8, Archdeacon Kara Hartley and Dr David Nockles led in prayer.

Chairman

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

Death of Deaconess Margaret Rodgers

Standing Committee noted with sadness the death of Deaconess Margaret Rodgers AM on 31 May 2014 and gave thanks to God for her life and ministry.

Death of Bishop John McIntyre

Standing Committee noted with sadness the death on 6 June 2014 of Bishop John McIntyre, gave thanks to God for his life and ministry, and sent its condolences to his widow and their family.

Death of Mr Stephen Sawyer

Standing Committee noted with sadness the death of Mr Stephen Sawyer and expressed condolences to the Rev Kimberly Sawyer on her loss.

Strategic Research Group

Standing Committee noted a progress report.

Queen's birthday honours

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

Professor Warwick Britton – a member of St James', Croydon – an Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) for distinguished service to medical research as an academic and immunologist, to humanitarian and public health improvements for the people of Nepal, and to the community.

Mrs Catherine Barker – a member of the parish of St John the Evangelist, Gordon – a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for service to the community through literary societies.

Mr Larry Bolitho – a member of the parish of St Paul's, Carlingford – a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for service to local government, and to the community.

The Late Mrs Evelyn Byron – formerly a member of the parish of All Saints', Hunters Hill – a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for service to the community, particularly through the Anglican Parish of Hunters Hill.

Mrs Betty Robertson – a member of the parish of St Luke's, Concord and Burwood – a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for service to the community of Concord.

Chaplain Robert Sutherland – Senior Assistant Minister at St John the Evangelist, Gordon and an Anglican Army Chaplain – a Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC) for outstanding achievement as Chaplain of the 1st Intelligence Battalion. Demonstrating his professionalism and initiative, he developed resilience and measures to heal the spiritual wounds of combat soldiers, sailors and airmen.

Minutes of 26 May 2014

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 26 May 2014.

Ordinances

Regional Cathedrals (Amendment) Ordinance 2014

The purpose of this ordinance was to provide for the election at Synod of certain members of the Chapter of St Michael's Regional Cathedral, Wollongong and St John's Regional Cathedral, Parramatta and for related governance purposes.

Cost Recoveries Framework Ordinance 2008 Amendment Ordinance 2014

The purpose of this ordinance was to amend the Cost Recoveries Framework Ordinance 2008 to exclude certain amounts relating to 'ministry events' from the calculation of net operating receipts.

Elections

Standing Committee, qualified minister elected by the whole of Synod

The Rev Dr Michael Stead was elected.

Anglican Media Council

The Rev Andy Pearce was elected.

Anglican Retirement Villages Diocese of Sydney

Standing Committee recorded its appreciation for the significant contribution made by Mr Allan Fife as a member of the Board of Anglican Retirement Villages Diocese of Sydney since 1997 and as its chairman since April 2008.

Diocesan Retirements Board

Standing Committee –

- (a) noted that pursuant to clause 12(a) of the *Retirements Ordinance 1993*, Bishop Robert Forsyth ceased being a member of the Diocesan Retirements Board on 8 June 2014 upon attaining the age of 65 years, and
- (b) noted that pursuant to clause 10(a) of the *Retirements Ordinance 1993*, the Archbishop has nominated Bishop Ivan Lee to be Chairman of the Board and Bishop Chris Edwards to be Deputy Chairman of the Board.

New College Limited

Mrs Janet Simpson was elected.

Nomination Board

The Rev Mark Charleston was elected.

Parramatta Endowment Fund, Trustees of

Mr Chris Golding was elected.

Sydney Church of England Finance and Loans Board

The Rev Stephen Cook was elected.

Tertiary Education Ministry Oversight Committee

Mrs Cathy Miers was elected.

Diocesan Retirements Board
Robert Menzies College
Social Issues Executive
Sydney Diocesan Superannuation Fund Board
Tara Anglican School for Girls, Council of
The Illawarra Grammar School, Council of
William Branwhite Clarke College Council

These matters were deferred.

Casual Vacancies

- (a) Endowment of the See Committee – Mr Jonathan Rochford had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.
- (b) Anglican Media Council – the Rev Raj Gupta had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.
- (c) Nomination Board, Alternate Member – the Rev Mark Charleston had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a member of the clergy who is a member of the Synod.
- (d) St Andrew's House Corporation, Council of – Mr Robert Bradfield will retire on 31 July 2014 and a vacancy was declared from that date for a person appointed as a See Nominee on the recommendation of the Archbishop.
- (e) Anglican Retirement Villages Diocese of Sydney – Mr Allan Fife will retire on 29 July 2014 and a vacancy was declared for a person.

Sydney Diocesan Secretariat and Glebe Administration Board

Minutes

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

Report of the Chief Executive Officer

Standing Committee received a report concerning the Glebe Administration Board.

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

Noting that standards were met

Standing Committee noted that the Service Review Committee considered that SDS had satisfactorily provided services to the Synod and the Standing Committee under the current Service Level Standards for the period between November 2013 and April 2014.

Future reviews

Standing Committee noted that the Service Review Committee intends to –

- (a) undertake a yearly review of services provided by SDS to the Synod and the Standing Committee agreed under the current Service Level Standards between November 2013 and October 2014, and
- (b) consider whether the Service Level Standards need to be reviewed for the purposes of services provided by SDS to the Synod and the Standing Committee during 2015.

Diocesan Endowment – Investment Performance March 2014

Standing Committee received a report.

Financial Matters

Actions by the Finance Committee under delegated authority

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

Synod

1st ordinary session of the 50th Synod

Standing Committee received a report.

Governance Policy for Diocesan Organisations

Receipt of report

Standing Committee received a report.

Motions and printing for Synod

Standing Committee –

- (a) requested that procedural motions be moved during formalities on the first day of the forthcoming session of the Synod, and
- (b) requested that a motion be moved at the forthcoming session of the Synod “by request of the Standing Committee”, and
- (c) approved the printing of a suitable form of the report for the Synod, and
- (d) requested that the proposed report for the Synod and associated motions be circulated to all diocesan organisations at an appropriate time for their information.

40/10 Implementation of Diocesan Grievance Policy and Procedure 6/13 Amendments to the *Faithfulness in Service* definition of bullying

Standing Committee appointed a committee to conduct a review of the Grievance Policy and Procedure and the proposed amendment to the definition of "bullying" in *Faithfulness in Service* and report back with its recommendations.

Working with Children Check (Clerical Licences) Ordinance 2014

Promotion to and printing for the Synod

Standing Committee –

- (a) requested that the bill for the *Working with Children Check (Clerical Licences) Ordinance 2014* be promoted to the Synod, and
- (b) recommended the Synod pass the bill as an ordinance, and
- (c) approved the printing for Synod of a suitable form of the explanatory report.

Synod Attendances

Standing Committee –

- (a) requested that a motion be promoted to the forthcoming session of the Synod, and
- (b) approved the printing for the Synod of a suitable form of the report.

Printing of reports for Synod

Standing Committee approved of the printing of reports about the following matters for the Synod –
Georges River Regional Council: Annual Report
Wollongong Regional Council: Annual Report

Acts of the Archbishop-in-Council

Parish of St Marys

The Archbishop-in-Council determined, in the circumstances, that the parish of St Marys should have the benefits under the *Nomination Ordinance 2006*.

Other Matters

Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse

Standing Committee received a progress report.

Date of next meeting

Monday 28 July 2014.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 28 July 2014

Following a reading of Psalm 9, Canon Stephen Gibson, Ms Nicola Warwick-Mayo and Bishop Peter Hayward led in prayer.

Appointment of the Rev Dr Gregory Anderson as the Sixth Bishop of the Northern Territory

Standing Committee congratulated the Rev Dr Gregory Anderson on his appointment as the Sixth Bishop of the Northern Territory.

Archbishop's Matter

The Archbishop gave a verbal report about recent international engagements including his attendance at the international Anglican Relief and Aid Funds conference and the Lausanne Conference on Evangelism.

Welcome to the Rev Dr Michael Stead

Standing Committee welcomed the Rev Dr Michael Stead as a minister elected by the whole of Synod.

Minutes of 23 June 2014

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 23 June 2014.

Major Financial Matters

Financial sustainability of Cathedral ministries

Diocesan nature of Cathedral ministry

Standing Committee recognised the Diocesan nature of the Cathedral ministry and the implication that this has for funding the ministry.

Need for recurrent Diocesan funding

Standing Committee agreed in principle that recurrent Diocesan funding may be needed in order to adequately address the issue of the sustainability of the Cathedral's ministries.

Diocesan funding for 2016 and beyond

Standing Committee asked the Diocesan Resources Committee to bring a recommendation as to how any Diocesan contribution might best be funded in 2016 and beyond.

Synod Appropriations and Allocations Ordinance 2014

The purpose of this ordinance is to authorise financial appropriations and allocations for 2015 and for incidental matters.

Parochial Cost Recoveries and Church Land Acquisitions Levy Ordinance 2013 Further Amendment Ordinance 2014

The purpose of this ordinance is to make provision for Parochial Cost Recoveries and the Church Land Acquisitions Levy during 2015.

Other Ordinances

Concord West Land Sale and Variation of Trusts Ordinance 2014

The purpose of this ordinance is to permit the sale of certain land at Concord North, to provide for the application of the sale proceeds and to vary the trusts of certain other land at Concord North.

Randwick Trust Ordinance 2004

Standing Committee resolved under clause 8(2) of the Randwick Trust Ordinance 2004 to extend the review date until 31 December 2014.

Elections

Anglican Media Council

Bishop Chris Edwards was elected.

Nomination Board, Alternate Member

The Rev Philip Wheeler was elected.

Tara Anglican School for Girls, Council of

Dr Irmgard Pascoe was elected.

The Illawarra Grammar School, Council of

Mr Jeff Reilly was elected.

Anglican Retirement Villages Diocese of Sydney
Diocesan Retirements Board
Endowment of the See Committee
Robert Menzies College
St Andrew's House Corporation, Council of
Sydney Diocesan Superannuation Fund Board
Tara Anglican School for Girls, Council of
William Branwhite Clarke College Council

These matters were deferred.

Casual Vacancies

- (a) Council of St Catherine's School, Waverley – Mrs Jacqui Guy had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a lay person.
- (b) Council of Trinity Grammar School – Mr James Mills had retired and a vacancy was declared for a lay person.

Sydney Diocesan Secretariat and Glebe Administration Board

Minutes

Standing Committee noted that the minute book of the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat had been tabled.

Report of the Chief Executive Officer

Standing Committee received a report concerning the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat.

Other Financial Matters

Finance and Loans Board review of external borrowing proposals by parishes

Standing Committee made a regulation requiring the Finance and Loans Board to review external borrowing proposals by parishes.

Stipend sacrifice limit

Standing Committee increased the maximum level of stipend sacrifice to an MEA to 40% of the stipend allocated to the Minister from 1 January 2015.

Guidelines for Remuneration of Parish Ministry Staff for 2015

Standing Committee approved of the form of the *Guidelines for the Remuneration of Parish Ministry Staff for 2015*.

Synod

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Standing Committee received a report.

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

Receipt of Mission 2015-2020 document

Standing Committee received a *Mission 2015-2020* document.

Referral to Synod

Standing Committee requested that a motion be moved at the forthcoming session of Synod by which the Synod may adopt the *Mission 2015-2020*.

Statement of Funding Principles and Priorities for 2016-2018

Standing Committee approved of the printing of a Statement of Funding Principles and Priorities for the Synod.

Proposal to reclassify Katoomba as a parish

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

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

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

Printing of reports for Synod

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

Georges River Regional Council: Annual Report

Northern Regional Council: Annual Report

South Sydney Regional Council: Annual Report

Western Sydney Regional Council: Annual Report

Other Matters

Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC)

Standing Committee authorised the Religious Freedom Reference Group to prepare and lodge a submission on behalf of the Standing Committee in response to the Options Paper outlining proposed arrangements following the repeal of the ACNC Legislation.

Date of next meeting

Monday 25 August 2014.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 25 August 2014

Following a reading of Psalm 10, Mr Michael Meek SC and Bishop Ivan Lee led in prayer.

Minutes of 28 July 2014

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 28 July 2014.

Ordinances

Guildford with Villawood Leasing Ordinance 2014

The purpose of the ordinance is to authorise the leasing of certain land at Guildford with Villawood and to provide for the application of the income.

Guildford with Villawood Trust Ordinance 2014

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

Elections

Robert Menzies College

Bishop Chris Edwards was elected.

Anglican Retirement Villages Diocese of Sydney Diocesan Retirements Board Endowment of the See Committee St Andrew's House Corporation, Council of

These matters were deferred.

Casual Vacancies

- (a) Safe Ministry Board – Deaconess Patricia Mutton had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.
- (b) Diocesan Ordinance Review Panel – Archdeacon Ian Cox had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.

Financial Matters

Actions by the Finance Committee under delegated authority

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

Mission Property Committee quarterly progress report

Standing Committee received a progress report.

Synod

1st ordinary session of the 50th Synod

Standing Committee received a report.

Standing Committee's report to the Synod for 2014

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

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

Standing Committee requested that a motion regarding the Strategic Research Group be moved at the forthcoming session of Synod.

Conduct of the Business of Synod Ordinance 2000 Amendment Ordinance 2014

Standing Committee –

- (a) requested that a bill for the *Conduct of the Business of Synod Ordinance 2000 Amendment Ordinance 2014* be promoted to the Synod "by request of the Standing Committee", and
- (b) approved of the printing of a explanatory statement for the Synod.

General Synod 2014 Session

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

Canons made by the General Synod in 2014

Standing Committee received a report from the General Synod Relations Committee and –

- (a) recommended that the Synod assent to the *Constitution Amendment (Membership of the Diocesan Tribunal) Canon 2014*, and
- (b) recommended that the Synod assent to the *Constitution Amendment (Membership of the Provincial Tribunal) Canon 2014*, and
- (c) recommended that the Synod adopt the *Use of Church Names Canon 1989 Amendment Canon 2014*.

Resolutions passed by the General Synod in 2014

Standing Committee noted the resolutions passed by the General Synod at its 2014 meeting.

Property Trust Annual Report

Standing Committee received a report and noted that, in accordance with clause 18 of the *Anglican Church Property Trust Diocese of Sydney Ordinance 1965*, it will be tabled at the forthcoming session of the Synod.

Sale of Bishopscourt

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

Mission Property Committee

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

6/13 Amendments to the *Faithfulness in Service* definition of bullying

Standing Committee recommended to Synod that it approve the General Synod Standing Committee's proposed definition of "bullying" with additional amendments.

4/13 Review of School Chapels and Chaplains Ordinance 1975

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

Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse

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

Printing of reports for Synod

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

Ordinances passed by the Standing Committee

Parochial Cost Recoveries and Church Land Acquisitions Levy for 2015

Stipends, Allowances and Benefits for 2015

Other Matters

Social Issues Executive: Terms of Reference

Standing Committee approved of revised terms of reference for the Social Issues Executive.

Meeting dates for 2015

Standing Committee agreed to the following meeting dates for 2015 –

16 February	27 July
23 March	24 August
20 April	14 September
25 May	16 November
22 June	7 December

noting that the 2nd ordinary session of the 50th Synod is to be held on 12, 13, 14, 19 and 20 October 2015.

Date of next meeting

Monday 15 September 2015.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 15 September 2014

Following a reading of Psalm 11 by the Archbishop, the Rev Peter Lin and Mr John Driver led in prayer.

Membership of the Standing Committee

Final meeting

Standing Committee noted that this is or would be the last meeting for Mr Andrew Frank, Miss Jane Tooher and Mr Bruce York, thanked them for their dedicated service.

Dean Phillip Jensen

Standing Committee, noting that this would have been Dean Phillip Jensen's last meeting as a member of this Standing Committee, gave thanks for his service as a member since 1994 and for his significant ministry of over 40 years in which Phillip has served his King with tireless energy and unique gifts.

Strategic Research Group

Standing Committee received a progress report.

Minutes of 25 August 2014

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 25 August 2014.

Ordinances

Gladesville Trust Ordinance 2014

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

Gladesville Land Sale and Amendment Ordinance 2014

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

Mission Property (Oran Park) Variation of Trusts Ordinance 2014

The purpose of this ordinance was to vary the trusts of certain land at Oran Park held by the Property Trust as trustee of the Mission Property Fund.

Elections

Election of Committees etc

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

Diocesan Conciliators, Pool of

Standing Committee extended its approval of the current pool of diocesan conciliators under the Diocesan Grievance Policy and Procedure until the first meeting of the Standing Committee after the 2015 session of the Synod.

Anglican Retirement Villages Diocese of Sydney

Mr Richard Grellman was elected.

Endowment of the See Committee

Mr Clive Ellis was elected.

Sydney Diocesan Secretariat

Standing Committee received a report about the election of members at the November meeting.

Diocesan Ordinance Review Panel Diocesan Retirements Board Safe Ministry Board St Andrew's House Corporation, Council of

These matters were deferred.

Casual Vacancies

- (a) Ministry Training and Development, Council of – The Rev Craig Schafer had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a clergyman who is an incumbent of an ecclesiastical unit.

Sydney Diocesan Secretariat and Glebe Administration Board

Minutes

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

Report of the Chief Executive Officer

Standing Committee received a report concerning the Glebe Administration Board.

Diocesan Endowment – Investment Performance June 2014

Standing Committee received a report.

Synod

1st ordinary session of the 50th Synod

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary

Synod business paper for Monday 13 October 2014

Standing Committee approved the business paper for the meeting of the Synod on Monday 13 October 2014.

Mission 2015-2020

Standing Committee requested that a revised form of the *Mission 2015-2020* document be promoted to the Synod.

Conduct of the Business of Synod Ordinance 2000 Amendment Ordinance 2014

Standing Committee –

- (a) requested that a revised form of bill for the *Conduct of the Business of Synod Ordinance 2000 Amendment Ordinance 2014* be promoted to the Synod, and
- (b) approved of the printing for the Synod of a revised form of explanatory statement.

18/13 Review of the Discipline Ordinance 2006 and Relinquishment of Holy Orders Ordinance 1994

Promotion of ordinance to Synod

Standing Committee –

- (a) requested that a bill for the *Discipline Amendment Ordinance 2014* be promoted to the Synod, and
- (b) approved of the printing for the Synod of a explanatory report.

Motion to Synod

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

Report of the Viability and Structures Task Force

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

Delegation of Powers Ordinance 1998 Amendment Ordinance 2014

Standing Committee –

- (a) requested that a bill for the *Delegation of Powers Ordinance 1998 Amendment Ordinance 2014* be promoted to the Synod, and
- (b) approved of the printing of a explanatory statement.

Persecution of Christians and other minority groups in Iraq and Syria

Standing Committee requested that motions be moved at the Synod.

Gilbulla Memorial Conference Centre Sale Ordinance 2001

Standing Committee approved of an amended form of information about the Gilbulla Memorial Conference Centre Sale Ordinance 2001 being included in the Standing Committee's report to the Synod.

Guidelines for the Reasonable Property Needs of a Parish

Standing Committee –

- (a) noted guidelines for determining the reasonable property needs of a parish prepared for the purposes of the proposed Large Property Receipts Policy due to be considered by the Synod in October, and
- (b) agreed to consider its approval of the guidelines subject to the Synod passing the Large Property Receipts Policy as a policy of the Synod.

Motions concerning Deaconess Margaret Rodgers and Bishop John McIntyre

Standing Committee requested that motions be moved at the Synod regarding Deaconess Margaret Rodgers and Bishop John McIntyre.

***Jesusbrings* evangelistic campaign**

Standing Committee –

- (a) received an update on the *Jesusbrings* evangelistic initiative,
- (b) gave thanks to God for the our united evangelistic campaign *Jesusbrings*,
- (c) requested that a motion be moved at Synod.

35/09 Tertiary Education Ministry Oversight Committee

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

Social Issues Committee report to Synod

Standing Committee approved a report from the Social Issues Committee being included in the Standing Committee's report to the Synod.

Other Matters

Affiliation with non-Anglican churches operating within the Diocese of Sydney Licensing of Anglican church buildings

Standing Committee agreed as a matter of principle that applications for affiliation by independent churches operating within the Diocese will be considered provided that –

- (a) under the procedures for affiliation, the relevant regional bishop should be notified of the proposed affiliation instead of the bishop of the diocese in which the church is situated, and
- (b) under the procedures for affiliation, the rector of the parish in which the church is situated should also be notified of the proposed affiliation, and
- (c) the form of affiliation agreement is amended to make clear that any church which is affiliated with the Diocese and which uses or intends using Anglican parish property for the purposes of its ministry must comply with the usual requirements for the leasing or licensing of such property to non-Anglican churches notwithstanding the affiliation.

Professional Standards Unit

Standing Committee –

- (a) noted the Archbishop had received an email from a person who has had recent dealings with the Sydney Professional Standards Unit (PSU), and
- (b) recognised the complex and sensitive nature of the work done by those who work for the PSU, and
- (c) thanked and commended Mr Lachlan Bryant, the Rev Kerrie Newmarch and the other PSU staff who have been involved with this matter.

Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission

Standing Committee noted a submission made by the Religious Freedom Reference Group on behalf of the Standing Committee.

Proposed reduction in the size of Robert Menzies College Board

Standing Committee expressed no objection to the proposal.

Date of next meeting

Monday 13 October 2014.

Report of the Standing Committee special meeting held on 13 October 2014

Following a reading of Psalm 150, the Archbishop led in prayer.

Quorum

Standing Committee confirmed that a quorum exists for this meeting.

Appointment of a new assistant bishop for the Diocese of Sydney

Standing Committee –

- (a) noted that the Archbishop has given Standing Committee the necessary 25 days' notice of his intention to nominate an Assistant Bishop, and
- (b) approved of the appointment of the Rev Peter Lin as an Assistant Bishop for the Diocese of Sydney with the title of Bishop of Georges River Region.

Appointment of Director of Ministry, Training and Development

The Archbishop informed the Standing Committee about his intention to announce at Synod the appointment of the Rev Gary O'Brien as the next Director of Ministry, Training and Development.

Date of next meeting

Monday 10 November 2014.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 10 November 2014

Mrs Gillian Davidson and Bishop Robert Forsyth led in prayer which was followed by a reading of Psalm 11 by the Archbishop.

Membership of the Standing Committee

Welcome to new members

Standing Committee welcomed the following new members –

Mr Michael Easton

Ms Michelle England

Mr Jeremy Freeman

The Rev Justin Moffatt.

The Rev Dominic Steele

Standing Committee noted that the Rev Dominic Steele was not re-elected as a member at the recent Synod elections, thanked Dominic for his dedicated service on the Standing Committee and prayed for God's continued blessing on him.

Minutes of 15 September and 13 October 2014

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 15 September and 13 October 2014.

Award of research degrees to former members

Standing Committee requested the Diocesan Secretary to write suitable letters of congratulations to Mr Riley Warren AM and Canon Bruce Ballantine-Jones OAM.

Ordinances

Hunters Hill Trust Ordinance 2014

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

St James' Sydney Phillip Street Property Ordinance 1962 Amendment Ordinance 2014

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

Randwick Trust Ordinance 2004 Amendment Ordinance 2014

The purpose of this ordinance was to amend the *Randwick Trust Ordinance 2004*.

Glebe Administration Ordinance 1930 Amendment Ordinance 2014

The purpose of this ordinance was to amend the *Glebe Administration Ordinance 1930*.

Broughton Village (Thompsons Road) Land Sale Ordinance 2014

The purpose of this ordinance was to permit the sale of certain land at Thompsons Road Broughton Village and to authorise application of the proceeds of sale.

Elections

Election of Committees etc

Continuance of existing members

Standing Committee agreed that in accordance with our usual custom, the existing members on the boards and committees to be filled by the Standing Committee continue until their successors are appointed.

Anglican Media Council

The following persons were elected subject to their consent –

Bishop Chris Edwards	The Rev Richard James
Bishop Robert Forsyth	Mr Andrew Pearce
Mr Niall Henderson	Mr James Wackett

Endowment of the See Committee

The following persons were elected subject to their consent –

Mr Robert Bradfield
Mr Clive Ellis
Mrs Amanda Garlato

Mission Property Committee

The following persons were elected subject to their consent –

Mr Bruce Litchfield	Mr Trevor Ratcliff
Mr Robert Mellor	Mr John Sung
Mrs Maureen Peatman	Mr David Winley

Safe Ministry Board

The following persons were elected subject to their consent –

Dr Tim Channon	The Rev Gary O'Brien
Miss Stephanie Cole	The Rev Steven J Layson
The Rev Dr Keith Condie	Mrs Kylie Williams

Diocesan Resources Committee

The following persons were elected subject to their consent –

Canon Phillip Colgan	Mr John Pascoe
Bishop Peter Hayward	Canon Rick Smith
Bishop Ivan Lee	

Finance Committee

The following persons were elected subject to their consent –

Mr Rodney Cosier	Mr Mark Robinson
Mr James Flavin	Mr Ian Steward
Mr Doug Marr	Ms Nicola Warwick-Mayo
Mr John Pascoe	

General Synod Relations Committee

The following persons were elected subject to their consent –

Mr Neil Cameron	Dr Karin Sowada
Archbishop Glenn Davies	The Rev Dr Michael Stead
The Rev Dr Andrew Ford	The Rev Dr Mark Thompson
The Rev Nigel Fortescue	Dr Robert Tong AM
Mr Doug Marr	The Rev James Warren
The Rev Gavin Poole	Mr Robert Wicks

Minute Reading Committee

The following persons were elected subject to their consent –

Dr Bryan Cowling
Mr Clive Ellis

Miss Jennifer Flower
Mr Tony Willis

Social Issues Committee

The following persons were elected subject to their consent –

Dr Megan Best
The Rev Dr Andrew Ford
Canon Sandy Grant
The Rev Dr David Hohne

The Rev Dr Michael Jensen
Mr Darren Mitchell
Dr Karin Sowada

Strategic Research Group

The following persons were elected subject to their consent –

The Rev Peter Lin
Mr Peter Mayrick
Mr Graham Murray

The Rev Archie Poulos
The Rev Craig Schafer
Ms Nicola Warwick-Mayo

Work Outside the Diocese

The following persons were elected subject to their consent –

The Rev Alan Lukabyo
Mr Doug Marr
The Rev Justin Moffatt

The Rev Gavin Poole
Dr Karin Sowada
Mrs Kathryn Thompson

Remaining elections

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

Ministry Training and Development, Council of

The Rev John Lavender and the Rev Neil Fitzpatrick were elected.

Sydney Church of England Grammar School Council (Shore)

The Rev Eric Cheung was elected.

Sydney Diocesan Secretariat

Mr John Pascoe, Professor Peter Wolnizer, Mr Andrew Stanley and Mr Gregory Hammond were elected.

Sydney Diocesan Superannuation Fund Board

The Rev Zac Veron was elected as an Employee Representative and Mr Roger Collison was elected as an Employer Representative.

**Council of Churches in NSW, Sydney Diocesan Representatives on
Mission to Seafarers, Sydney Port Committee
Parish Relationships Ordinance, Appeal Group
Parish Relationships Ordinance, Licensing Review Group
Parish Relationships Ordinance, Panel
St Andrew's House Corporation, Council of
Tara Anglican School for Girls, Council of
William Branwhite Clarke College Council**

These matters were deferred.

Casual vacancies

- (a) New College Limited – Mr John McConville had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.
- (b) Sydney Church of England Grammar School Council (Shore) – Mr Lyndon Tam had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a lay person.
- (c) Affiliated Churches Committee – the Rev Chris Moroney had resigned.
- (d) Service Review Committee – the Rev Chris Moroney had resigned.
- (e) Social Issues Committee – Mr Angus Belling and the Rev Andrew Errington had resigned.

Sydney Diocesan Secretariat

Minutes

Standing Committee noted that the minute book of the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat had been tabled.

Report of the Chief Executive Officer

Standing Committee received a report concerning the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat.

St Andrew's House Stakeholders' report

Standing Committee noted a report.

Financial Matters

Collective insurance buying for diocesan schools and organisations

Standing Committee received a report from the Property Trust.

Actions by the Finance Committee under delegated authority

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

Synod

Summary of Proceedings of the 2014 Synod Proceedings

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

General communication of Synod decisions

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

Resolutions of the Synod

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

Synod attendances

Standing Committee noted statistics for Synod attendance.

14/12 Special Religious Education

Standing Committee received a report and for the purposes of releasing previously committed funding to support the financial cost of the SRE Office in 2015, declares it is satisfied with the structure and responsibilities of the SRE Office established within Youthworks.

30/14 Church Land Acquisitions Levy

Standing Committee noted that Synod passed resolution 30/14 and requested the Diocesan Resources Committee to prepare, in consultation with the Mission Property Committee and the Strategic Research Group, a report addressing the matter.

Large Property Receipts Policy

Standing Committee reconstituted the committee comprising the Rev Craig Roberts (chair), Bishop Robert Forsyth and Mr Geoff Kyngdon –

- (a) to undertake the consultation requested by the Synod about the Large Property Receipts Policy, and
- (b) to prepare a revised form of the Policy for consideration by the Standing Committee taking into account feedback received during the consultation together with any proposed amendments to the text of the Policy appearing on the Amendment Sheet for 21 October 2014, and
- (c) to bring advice about a more equitable means of identifying and sharing other large income receipts (beyond the reasonable property needs of a parish) not limited to rental income from leases requiring the authority of an ordinance, but excluding offertory income.

Minutes of Synod proceedings

Standing Committee authorised the publication of the minutes of Synod proceedings on a suitable website as part of the publicly available information about Synod sessions.

Acts of the Archbishop-in-Council

Parramatta '54 Free Fund

The Archbishop-in-Council agreed to the distribution of funds to pay the General Synod Office for the attendance and travel equalisation costs for 4 Sydney bishops attending the March 2014 Australian Bishops' Conference.

Parish of Leichhardt

The Archbishop-in-Council determined that the parish of Leichhardt should not have the benefits under the *Nomination Ordinance 2006*.

Other Matters

Working With Children Check Audit

Standing Committee received a report from the Registrar and thanked all those who have been involved in processing the Working With Children Check numbers and the recent audit.

Guidelines for the effective use of soft-copy agendas

Standing Committee noted Part 1 of Guidelines for effective use of soft-copy agendas.

Date of next meeting

Monday 8 December 2014.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 8 December 2014

Following a reading of Psalm 13, the Archbishop led in prayer.

Acting Dean

Standing Committee –

- (a) noted the Very Rev Phillip Jensen will retire as Dean in late December, and
- (b) noted Canon Christopher Allan has been appointed Acting Dean, and
- (c) invited Canon Allan to attend and speak, but not vote or move motions, at meetings of Standing Committee until the next Dean takes up office.

Strategic Research Group

Standing Committee received a progress report.

Archbishop's Ordination Policy

Standing Committee received a policy.

Prioritisation of Standing Committee's outstanding matters

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

Minutes of 10 November 2014

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 10 November 2014.

Death of Mr John Lambert AM

Standing Committee noted with sadness the death of Mr John Lambert AM on Tuesday 2 December 2014 and expressed its condolences to John's wife and his extended family.

Ordinances

Dundas/Telopea Land Sale Ordinance 2014

The purpose of this ordinance was to provide for sale of certain land at Dundas and Telopea and for purposes incidental thereto.

Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation Ordinance 1947 Amendment Ordinance 2014

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

Narrabeen Trust Ordinance No 2014

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

Narrabeen Mortgaging Ordinance 2014

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

Endowment of the See (Pymont) Land Sale Ordinance 2014

The purpose of this ordinance was to authorise the sale of certain property at Pymont and for related purposes.

Professional Standards Unit (Funding) Ordinance 2014

The purpose of this ordinance was to meet the cost of an unexpected increase in the non-standard expenses of the Professional Standards Unit in 2014 and to provide funding to support Safe Ministry in parishes during 2015.

Elections

Convention regarding CEOs nominating or speaking to nominations for the election of members to their boards

Standing Committee agreed to adopt as a matter of convention that a member who is the Chief Executive Officer (or equivalent) of a diocesan organisation to whose governing board or council the Standing Committee may elect members is not to nominate or speak to the nomination of any person for election as a member to such board or council.

Election of Committees etc

Professional Standards Committee

The Archbishop-in-Council appointed following persons subject to their consent –

Mrs Helen Blake
Mrs Jacqueline Dawson
The Rev Michael Kellahan
Professor Ronald Oates
Mr Peter M G Young

and appointed Mrs Jacqueline Dawson as the chair.

Sydney Anglican Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Committee

Standing Committee, having taken into account the recommendations of the Committee, approved of the Archbishop appointing the following persons –

Indigenous

Mr Brett Manton
The Rev Rick Manton
Mr Terry Manton
Mr Michael Paduch-Duckett
Mr Leon Turvey

Non-Indigenous

Archdeacon Deryck Howell
Mr Thomas Mayne
Mrs Janette Thambyrajah
Mr Anthony Willis
The Rev David Woodbridge

Camperdown Cemetery Trust

The following persons were elected subject to their consent –

Mr Hector C Abrahams
The Rev Roger Bray
Mr Graham Dowden
Mrs Miriyan Roser
Mrs Jenna Weston

Affiliated Churches Committee

The following persons were elected subject to their consent –

Mr Neil Cameron
The Rev Bruce Hall
Mr Douglas Marr
The Rev Archie Poulos

Ordinance Reviewers and Ordinance Review Panels

The following persons were elected as Ordinance Reviewers subject to their consent –

Mrs Elisabeth Boyce
Mr Clive Ellis
Ms Michelle England

Canon Andrew Grant
Mr Michael Meek SC
Dr Robert Tong AM

The following persons were to the Diocesan Ordinance Review Panel elected subject to their consent –

Mr Michael Easton
Bishop Robert Forsyth
Canon Stephen Gibson
The Rev Stephen Semenchuk

Religious Freedom Reference Group

The following persons were elected subject to their consent –

Bishop Robert Forsyth
Dr Karin Sowada
Dr Robert Tong AM
Mr Robert Wicks

Service Review Committee

The following persons were elected subject to their consent –

Mr Peter Evans
The Rev Justin Moffatt
Dr Claire Smith

New College Limited

Ms Jane Paingakulam was elected.

Sydney Church of England Grammar School Council (Shore)

Mr Martin Thomas was elected.

Tara Anglican School for Girls, Council of

Ms Nola Haig was elected.

**Parish Relationships Ordinance, Appeal Group
Parish Relationships Ordinance, Licensing Review Group
Parish Relationships Ordinance, Panel**

These matters were deferred until the first session of the 51st Synod.

**Council of Churches in NSW, Sydney Diocesan Representatives on
Mission to Seafarers, Sydney Port Committee
St Andrew's House Corporation, Council of
William Branwhite Clarke College Council**

These matters were deferred.

Casual Vacancies

- (a) Tertiary Education Ministry Oversight Committee – Dr Sara Denize had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.

Sydney Diocesan Secretariat and Glebe Administration Board

Minutes

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

Report of the Chief Executive Officer

Standing Committee received a report concerning the Glebe Administration Board.

Diocesan Endowment – Investment Performance September 2014

Standing Committee received a report.

Services provided by the Secretariat to the Synod and Standing Committee

Standing Committee –

- (a) confirmed that SDS has satisfactorily provided services to the Synod and the Standing Committee under the current Service Level Standards document for the period between November 2013 and October 2014, and
- (b) agreed to a revised form of Service Level Standards document for the Synod and Standing Committee for services provided by SDS during 2015.

Financial Matters

Actions by the Finance Committee under delegated authority

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

Finance Committee terms of reference and sub-delegations

Standing Committee –

- (a) agreed to amend the Finance Committee's terms of reference to specify the criteria to be considered and the outcomes expected when certain standard form parish trust ordinances reach their review date, and
- (b) approved specified sub-delegations proposed by the Finance Committee.

Synod Estimates Ordinance 1998 – Statement of Funding Principles and Priorities

Standing Committee noted a report from the Diocesan Resources Committee and asked the Diocesan Secretary to draft amendments to the *Synod Estimates Ordinance 1998* to require that Synod approve the Statement of Funding Principles and Priorities.

1 York Street Annual Income Beneficiaries Report

Standing Committee received a report.

Archbishop's Christmas grant distributions

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

Mission Property Committee quarterly progress report

Standing Committee received a progress report.

Synod

Synod minutes of 21 October 2014

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

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

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

9/14 Overseas aid

Standing Committee received a letter from the Hon Julie Bishop MP, Minister for Foreign Affairs.

22/14 Problem Gambling in NSW

Standing Committee received a letter from Mr David Elliott MP on behalf of the Premier.

29/14 Sydney Diocesan Doctrine Commission membership and reports

Standing Committee requested SDS to publish the membership and all available reports of the Sydney Diocesan Doctrine Commission on a dedicated publically accessible page on its website.

32/14 Medical Services (Dying with Dignity) Bill

Standing Committee received letters from Senator John Faulkner and Senator John Williams.

36/14 Further Review of the Discipline Ordinance 2006

Standing Committee appointed to the committee to review the *Discipline Ordinance 2006* –

Mr Garth Blake
Mr Lachlan Bryant
The Rev Mark Charleston

The Rev Hugh Cox
Mr Michael Easton
The Rev Michael Kellahan

subject to their consent.

47/14 Report of the Viability and Structures Task Force

Standing Committee noted the response of the Diocese of Brisbane to the Report of the Viability and Structures Task Force.

Acts of the Archbishop-in-Council

Declaration of Thomas Hassall Anglican College as extra-parochial

Standing Committee recommended to the Archbishop-in-Council that Thomas Hassall Anglican College, which is situated in the Parish of Hoxton Park, be excluded from that Parish and be declared extra-parochial.

Other Matters

Proposal for affiliation with Mackay Evangelical Church under the Affiliated Churches Ordinance 2005

Standing Committee –

- (a) declared Mackay Evangelical Church to be affiliated with the Diocese, and
- (b) authorised the Diocesan Secretary on its behalf to enter into an affiliation agreement with the person or persons authorised to enter into agreements on behalf of Mackay Evangelical Church.

Anglican Church of Australia Church Trust Property Act 1917 Section 32

Standing Committee received a letter from Dr Robert Tong.

Religious Leaders Forum – inaugural meeting

Standing Committee received a report from Bishop Robert Forsyth.

Guidelines for effective use of soft-copy agendas

Standing Committee noted Part 2 of Guidelines for effective use of soft-copy agendas.

Prayer Roster for 2015

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 16 February 2015.