

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 15 February 2016

Following a reading of Psalm 25, Canon Stephen Gibson and Mr Robert Bradfield opened the meeting in prayer.

Canon Christopher Allan

Standing Committee noted with thanks the contribution of Canon Christopher Allan to Standing Committee as well as his leadership as Acting Dean for the Cathedral over the past year.

Welcome Dean Kanishka Raffel

Standing Committee welcomed Dean Kanishka Raffel following his appointment as Dean of St Andrew's Cathedral.

Welcome the Rev Craig Schafer

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

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 Kell (AM), a member of the parish of St Michael's Cathedral, Wollongong, for significant service to the Anglican Church of Australia, to social welfare programs and delivery, and to the community of the Illawarra.

Professor John Nevile OAM (AM), a member of the parish of St Luke's Mosman, for significant service to tertiary education, particularly economics, as an academic and author, and to professional organisations.

Mr Greg Hammond (OAM), a member of the parish of Macquarie, for service to the community through a range of volunteer roles.

Mrs Christine Jensen (OAM), for service to the Anglican Church community in Sydney.

Mr Terence Oakes-Ash (OAM), a member of the parish of Bowral, for service to the community, and to commerce.

Dr Paul Whiting (OAM), a member of the parish of Thornleigh – Pennant Hills, for service to the community through choral music.

Minutes of previous meeting

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 7 December 2015.

Mr Roderick West AM

Standing Committee noted with sadness the death of Mr Roderick West AM on 25 January 2016.

Strategic and Other Significant Matters

Extension of the appointment of Archbishop Glenn Davies

The Archbishop was not present during consideration of this matter.

Standing Committee –

- (a) noted that pursuant to clause 4(2) of the *Retirements Ordinance 1993*, Archbishop Glenn Davies is due to retire on attaining the age of 68 years on 26 September 2018, and
- (b) resolved that the term of office of Archbishop Davies be extended to 26 September 2020 being the date on which he attains the age of 70 years.

Proposed merger of Anglicare and Anglican Retirement Villages

Presentation and answering of questions

Mr Grant Millard and Mr Rob Freeman spoke about the proposed merger of Anglicare and Anglican Retirement Villages and responded to questions asked by members.

Agreement to hold a special session of Synod and meeting of Standing Committee

Standing Committee supported the Archbishop convening –

- (a) a special session of the Synod on 31 March 2016 to consider and, if thought fit, approve the proposed merger of ARV and Anglicare, and
- (b) a special meeting of the Standing Committee on 4 April 2016 to pass the necessary ordinances to give effect to the merger, if approved by the Synod.

Appointment of an ordinance review panel

Standing Committee appointed a special ordinance review panel to review the bills for ordinances and associated documentation being drafted by ARV's and Anglicare's legal advisors to give effect to the merger and to bring recommendations to the Standing Committee meeting on 21 March 2016 concerning the final form of draft bills and associated documentation to be provided to the Synod at its special session on 31 March 2016.

Recovery of costs from ARV and Anglicare

Standing Committee noted that ARV and Anglicare have agreed to meet or reimburse the reasonable costs incurred by or on behalf of the Standing Committee associated with the convening of the special Synod and Standing Committee meetings and of obtaining professional advice in relation to the merger.

Arrangements for the special session of Synod

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and –

- (a) amended the regulations for the purposes of communicating with Synod members by email, and
- (b) agreed that, for the special session of the Synod due to be held on 31 March 2016, Synod Communication's comprising large documents (exceeding 25 pages) do not need to be provided to Synod members by post as long as paper copies of such documents are available for collection by members from St Andrew's House during office hours prior to the special session and at the Synod venue during the special session.

Strategic Research Group

Standing Committee received a progress report.

Ordinances

Riverstone Land Sale Ordinance 2016

The purpose of this ordinance is to permit the subdivision and sale of certain land at Riverstone.

Penrith Trust Ordinance 2005 Amendment Ordinance 2016

The purpose of this ordinance is to amend the Penrith Trust Ordinance 2005.

Ulladulla Trust Ordinance 2016

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

South Creek Land Sale Ordinance 2015

Standing Committee noted that –

- (a) at its meeting held 8 February 2016 the Mission Property Committee determined to acquire the Holy Innocents Rossmore site from the Parish of South Creek,
- (b) in accordance with the provisions of the *South Creek Land Sale Ordinance 2015* a variation of trusts ordinance is required to be promoted prior to 28 February 2016, and
- (c) it is the intention of the Mission Property Committee and parish of South Creek to promote a variation of trusts ordinance to the Standing Committee meeting scheduled 21 March 2016 to allow the required drafting of the ordinance and notification to parish so that payment of the sale amount by the Mission Property Committee to the parish of South Creek may occur by 31 March 2016.

Elections

Appointment of Nominated Ministers under Part 7 of the Synod Membership Ordinance 1995

Standing Committee noted that the Archbishop had appointed Bishop Michael Stead as a nominated minister under Part 7 to fill the vacancy arising on the retirement of Bishop Robert Forsyth as a member under Part 7 following his appointment as the Acting Rector of Turramurra South on 24 January 2016.

Appointment of Returning Officers for the 3rd session of the 50th Synod

The Archbishop-in-Council appointed Mr Daniel Glynn 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 50th Synod.

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

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary indicating that the Rev Craig Schafer had been elected.

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

The Rev Philip Wheeler was elected.

Anglican Retirement Villages Diocese of Sydney

Standing Committee deferred consideration of this vacancy until after the meeting on 4 April 2016.

Blue Mountains Grammar School Limited

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and –

- (a) noted the vacancies for 2 directors each for a term of 6 years will arise at the conclusion of the Blue Mountains Grammar School AGM due to be held on 27 May 2016, and
- (b) agreed to consider filling these vacancies at its meeting on 21 March 2016.

General Synod, Diocesan Representative on

Dean Kanishka Raffel and Mr Michael Easton were elected.

New College Limited, Board of

Standing Committee deferred consideration of the vacancy declared 7 December 2015, along with the vacancy declared 16 February 2015, until the meeting on 30 May 2016.

NSW Council of Churches

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

SCEGGS Darlinghurst Ltd

Existing vacancy

Standing Committee recommended to the Secretariat that Mrs Tina Lee be appointed by the Secretariat to SCEGGS Darlinghurst Ltd.

Further vacancies

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and –

- (a) noted that vacancies for 3 persons to be appointed as directors of SCEGGS Darlinghurst will arise at the conclusion of the AGM due to be held in May 2016, and
- (b) agreed to consider making recommendations to the Secretariat to fill these vacancies at its meeting on 21 March 2016.

SCEGGS Redlands

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and –

- (a) noted that vacancies for 3 persons to be appointed as directors of SCEGGS Redlands will arise at the conclusion of the AGM on 26 April 2016, and
- (b) agreed to consider making recommendations to the Secretariat to fill these vacancies at its meeting on 21 March 2016.

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

Consideration of these vacancies were deferred until the next ordinary session of Synod.

Abbotsleigh, The Council of Anglican Media Council Safe Ministry Board Social Issues Committee Sydney Anglican Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Committee Sydney Diocesan Superannuation Fund Board

These matters were deferred.

Casual Vacancies

- (a) Barker College, The Council of – The Rev Michael Crichton had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a member of the clergy of the Anglican Church in Australia.

- (b) Religious Freedom Reference Group – Bishop Robert Forsyth had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.
- (c) Freedom For Faith Campaign Committee - Bishop Robert Forsyth had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person to be nominated for appointment to the Committee.
- (d) Social Issues Committee – the Rev Dr David Höhne had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a current member of the Moore Theological College faculty with relevant expertise.
- (e) Sydney Church of England Grammar School (SHORE) – Mrs Katharine Bayliss had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a lay person.
- (f) Mission Property Committee – Mr John Sung had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.
- (g) Department of Evangelism and New Churches Board – Mr Ryan Millar had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a lay person.
- (h) Sydney Anglican Home Mission Society Council (Anglicare) – Mrs Naomi White had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.

Standing Committee deferred consideration of this vacancy until after the meeting on 4 April 2016.

Sydney Diocesan Secretariat and Glebe Administration Board

Minutes

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

Report of the Chief Executive Officer

Standing Committee received a report concerning the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat.

Financial Matters

Actions by the Finance Committee under delegated authority

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

Clergy Assistance Program

Standing Committee received a report from the Manager, Diocesan Finance.

Synod

45/15 Nomination process for electing the Archbishop

Standing Committee agreed to constitute a committee, in consultation with the Diocesan Secretary, to undertake the work requested in resolution 45/15 and report to a future meeting of the Standing Committee.

Other Matters

Canterbury primates' gathering

Standing Committee noted –

- (a) a Communiqué from the Primates of the Anglican Communion,
- (b) the Reflections from Archbishop Anis Mouneer on the Canterbury Primates' gathering,
- (c) a letter from the Chair, Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans Australia, Archdeacon Richard Condie, and
- (d) that a video response by Bishop Peter Jensen as GAFCON General Secretary is available at <http://www.anglican.ink/article/gafcon-video-canterbury-primates-communicue>.

Regulation for the review of large receipts contributions to the Synod

Receipt of report

Standing Committee –

- (a) adopted a regulation for the review of large receipts contributions to the Synod, and
- (b) amended the terms of reference of the Diocesan Resources Committee.

Request for report

Standing Committee asked the Diocesan Secretary to present a report within the next 6 months setting out a table of the historical percentage split of lease income distributed to the parish and the Synod in relation to those parishes currently making such a contribution to the Synod under the Large Receipts Policy.

Proposed amendments to the Constitution of Blue Mountains Grammar School Ltd

Standing Committee received a report from the SDS Legal Counsel and constituted a committee comprising 3 persons jointly appointed by the Chancellor and the Chair of the Property Trust, with power to co-opt, to consider the proposed amendments to the constitution of the School and to report back to the next meetings of the Standing Committee and the Property Trust with recommendations.

Date of next meeting

Monday 21 March 2016.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 21 March 2016

Following a reading of Psalm 26, the Rev Andrew Katay and Mr John Driver opened the meeting in prayer.

Welcome to the Rev Philip Wheeler

Standing Committee welcomed the Rev Philip Wheeler to the meeting as a member elected by the whole Synod.

Minutes of previous meeting

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 15 February 2016.

Strategic and Other Significant Matters

Proposed merger of Anglicare and Anglican Retirement Villages

Noting of documents

Standing Committee noted –

- (a) the a letter from the Archbishop to Synod members of 11 March 2016 advising of the postponement to 27 April 2016 of the special session of Synod previously scheduled for 31 March 2016, and
- (b) the revised indicative timetable for the special session of Synod on 27 April, and
- (c) the latest draft of the paper jointly prepared by the CEOs of ARV and Anglicare concerning the merger proposal (received in its initial form by the Standing Committee at its last meeting), and
- (d) the report from the Archbishop and Mr Greg Hammond concerning the proposed membership of the board of the merged organisation and the process of appointing its CEO.

Receipt of report and response to report

Standing Committee received –

- (a) the report from the subcommittee appointed to report on the merger, and
- (b) the response to the subcommittee's report made on behalf of the ARV Board.

Distribution of materials to and supplementary information for Synod members

Standing Committee –

- (a) noted that a final form of the joint CEOs' paper approved by the Archbishop will be distributed to Synod members as soon as possible after this meeting,
- (b) approved of the report from the Archbishop and Mr Greg Hammond concerning the proposed membership of the board of the merged organisation and the process of appointing its CEO being distributed to Synod members with the joint CEOs' paper,
- (c) requested ARV and Anglicare to continue working with the subcommittee with a view to preparing suitable supplementary information for the Synod including appropriate financial analysis,
- (d) requested that supplementary information include additional material as to how Anglicare welfare services will be maintained and developed in the structure of the merged organisation, and
- (e) requested that this supplementary information is included with papers to be approved for distribution to the Synod by the Standing Committee at its special meeting on 4 April 2016.

Provision of further information for Synod

Standing Committee –

- (a) authorised the subcommittee to continue its discussions with ARV and Anglicare with a view to reaching a mutually acceptable position on each key issue concerning the merger, and
- (b) requested that a suitably revised form of this report be brought to the special meeting of the Standing Committee on 4 April 2016 (together with a draft business paper, draft ordinances and associated documents for the Synod) with a view to the Standing Committee approving the distribution of such documents to Synod members by 8 April for the special session to be held on 27 April, and

- (c) confirmed that papers approved for distribution to the Synod by the Standing Committee at its special meeting on 4 April, including a suitable form of this report and draft ordinances, will be presented to the Synod in a form which reflect the Standing Committee's position on each key issue.

Pre-Synod briefings

Standing Committee –

- (a) noted that the CEOs and Chair/Deputy Chair of ARV and Anglicare will be invited to make a presentation concerning the merger proposal at each of the pre-Synod briefings on 29, 30 and 31 March 2016 and be available to answer questions at these briefings, and
- (b) invited Mr Doug Marr and Mr Michael Meek SC to arrange for a presentation to be made on behalf of the Standing Committee at each of these briefings, including any decisions made at this meeting as appropriate (and for those presenting to be available to answer questions).

Provision of name tags to Synod members

Standing Committee agreed, for the purposes of the regulations concerning communications to Synod members, that name tags do not need to be provided to Synod members by post for the forthcoming session of Synod.

Clergy Assistance Program

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and, subject to the approval of the Archbishop, authorised SDS to sign the agreement for the Clergy Assistance Program on behalf of the Standing Committee.

Sale of Bishopscourt

Noting of report

Standing Committee noted that, pursuant to clause 6 of the *Bishopscourt Sale Ordinance 2012*, following any sale of Bishopscourt a report is to be provided to the next meeting of the Synod about the financial and other details of the sale.

Approval of printing for Synod

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

Strategic Research Group

Standing Committee received a progress report.

Ordinances

Campbelltown Trust Ordinance 2016

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

South Creek Variation of Trusts Ordinance 2016

The purpose of this ordinance was to vary the trusts of certain land at Rossmore, and funds held by the Anglican Church Property Trust Diocese of Sydney and for purposes incidental thereto.

Ashfield Five Dock and Haberfield Variation of Trusts and Mortgaging Ordinance 2016

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

Riverstone Land Sale Ordinance 2016 Amendment Ordinance 2016

The purpose of this ordinance was to amend the Riverstone Land Sale Ordinance 2016.

Elections

Barker College, The Council of

The Rev Adam Lamb was elected.

Blue Mountains Grammar School Limited

Mrs Christine Olliffe and Mr Mark Hamwood were elected.

Department of Evangelism and New Churches Board

Mr Peter Jones was elected.

Diocesan Doctrine Commission

The Archbishop advised that he was appointing Bishop Michael Stead as the tenth member of the Diocesan Doctrine Commission.

Freedom For Faith Board of Reference

Bishop Michael Stead was elected.

Mission Property Committee

Mr Michael Rowe was elected.

New College Limited

Receipt of letter

Standing Committee received a letter from Mr Ian Sharpe, Company Secretary of New College Ltd, outlining proposed changes to the New College Constitution.

Support for the proposed change

Standing Committee supported the proposed changes to the New College Constitution.

Parramatta Endowment Fund, Trustees of

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and, pursuant to 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 2016 by reason of the expiry of Mr Hyam's term of office pursuant to the *St John's Parramatta Endowment Fund Ordinance 1930 Amendment Ordinance 2013*.

Religious Freedom Reference Group

Bishop Michael Stead was elected.

SCEGGS Darlinghurst Ltd

Standing Committee recommended to the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat that it reappoint Mrs Judy Caldwell, Mr Peter Hicks and Dr Ruth Shatford to fill the vacancies arising at the AGM in May 2016 for 3 persons on the SCEGGS Darlinghurst Ltd Board.

SCEGGS Redlands Ltd

Standing Committee recommended to the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat ("SDS") that it reappoint Mr Bradley Cook and the Rev Craig Roberts to fill the vacancies arising at the conclusion of the AGM on 26 April 2016 for 2 directors on the board of SCEGGS Redlands Ltd.

Social Issues Committee

Dean Kanishka Raffel was elected.

**Abbotsleigh, The Council of
Anglican Media Council
Safe Ministry Board
Sydney Anglican Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Committee
Sydney Church of England Grammar School (SHORE), The Council of
Sydney Diocesan Superannuation Fund Board**

These matters were deferred.

Casual Vacancies

- (a) New College Ltd – Professor Christine Alexander had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.
- (b) The Illawarra Grammar School, The Council of – Mr Andrew Bartlett, Dr Stewart Birt and Mrs Vanessa Goodhew had resigned and vacancies were declared for 3 lay persons.
- (c) SCEGGS Redlands Ltd - Ms Jennifer Yorath had resigned with effect from 1 May 2016 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.

Glebe Administration Board – Closure of Glebe Income Accounts

Standing Committee received a report.

Financial Matters

Actions by the Finance Committee under delegated authority

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

Report from the Work Outside the Diocese Committee

Standing Committee received a report.

Synod

34/15 Diocesan Doctrine Commission report on Human Sexuality

Standing Committee received a report and constituted a committee comprising the following persons to address the request of paragraph 2 of Synod resolution 34/15 –

The Rev Jim Crowweller
Bishop Chris Edwards
Mr Mark Fairful
Mr Joel Hollier
The Rev Gavin Perkins

Mr Allan Starr
The Rev Dominic Steele
The Rev Ed Vaughn
The Rev Catherine Wynn-Jones

Other Matters

Proposed amendments to the Constitution of Blue Mountains Grammar School Ltd

Standing Committee received a progress report.

Anglican Retirement Villages half yearly report

Standing Committee received a Half Yearly Report to Standing Committee of the Board of ARV.

Date of next meeting

Monday 4 April 2016.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 4 April 2016

Following a reading of Psalm 27, Mr Doug Marr and Dean Kanishka Raffel opened the meeting in prayer.

Minutes of previous meeting

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 21 March 2016.

Strategic and Other Significant Matters

Proposed merger of Anglicare and Anglican Retirement Villages

Receipt of draft papers for Synod

Standing Committee received –

- (a) the draft report of the Standing Committee to Synod concerning the merger proposal, and
- (b) the draft business paper for the special session.

Motion to Synod

Standing Committee recommended that a motion be moved “by request of the Standing Committee” and invited Bishop Chris Edwards to move the motion at Synod and Mrs Gillian Davidson to second the motion.

Distribution of report to Synod

Standing Committee approved of the distribution to Synod members of a form of the draft report of the Standing Committee to Synod including –

- (a) supplementary information from ARV and Anglicare concerning the merger proposal,
- (b) summaries of the questions asked and the answers given at the 3 pre-Synod briefings, and
- (c) draft ordinances to give effect to the merger,

with editorial changes and suitably amended to reflect the decisions made by the Standing Committee at this meeting.

Distribution of business paper to Synod

Standing Committee approved of the distribution of the business paper to Synod members with editorial changes and suitably amended to reflect the decisions made by the Standing Committee at this meeting.

Plebiscite concerning same-sex marriage

Standing Committee –

- (a) received a report from the Archbishop concerning the plebiscite about proposed changes to the Marriage Act 1961, and
- (b) asked the Archbishop to continue acting in this matter and to keep the Standing Committee informed as appropriate.

Elections

Abbotsleigh, The Council of

Mr Ross Bowden was elected.

**Anglican Media Council
Parramatta Endowment Fund, Trustees of
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Social Issues Committee
Sydney Anglican Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Committee
Sydney Church of England Grammar School (SHORE), The Council of
Sydney Diocesan Superannuation Fund Board
The Illawarra Grammar School, The Council of**

These matters were deferred.

Casual Vacancies

- (a) Tara Anglican School for Girls, Council of – The Rev Ian Wood had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a member of the clergy.

Other Matters

Date of next meeting

Monday 2 May 2016.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 2 May 2016

Following a reading of Psalm 28, Bishop Peter Hayward and Ms Michelle England opened the meeting in prayer.

Archbishop's matter

The Archbishop gave a report indicating his intention to take leave in June which will result in Bishop Hayward as Commissary chairing the next Standing Committee meeting.

Minutes of previous meeting

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 4 April 2016.

Strategic and Other Significant Matters

Amalgamation of Anglicare and Anglican Retirement Villages

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary regarding the recent special session of Synod.

NSW Council of Churches Broadcasting Pty Limited

Standing Committee received a report from the subcommittee.

Archbishop's Task Force on the Same-Sex Marriage Plebiscite

Standing Committee received a report.

Proposed amendment to the Constitution of Blue Mountains Grammar School Ltd

Standing Committee received a report and provided a recommendation to the Anglican Church Property Trust Diocese of Sydney.

Supreme Court decision concerning the Diocese of Bathurst

Standing Committee noted a pastoral letter from the Bishop of Bathurst to members of the Bathurst Synod and to the clergy and people of the Diocese of Bathurst.

Clergy Assistance Program

Standing Committee noted –

- (a) the provision of counselling and other mental health care assistance under the Clergy Assistance Program commenced on 11 April 2016,
- (b) a letter from the Archbishop to parish clergy about the Program, and
- (c) a page from Anglicare's website outlining the assistance available.

Future Residence for the Archbishop

Standing Committee received a report from the Registrar on actions taken by the EOS Committee concerning the future residence for the Archbishop.

Ordinances

Moore Theological College Ordinance 2009 Amendment Ordinance 2016

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

Sylvania Variation of Trusts and Land Sale Ordinance 2010

Standing Committee resolved under clause 4 of the *Sylvania Variation of Trusts and Land Sale Ordinance 2010* to extend the period in which the land in folio identifier 2/209140 known as 2b Craigholm Street Sylvania can be sold by a further 3 years to 14 September 2019.

West Wollongong Trust Ordinance 2003

Standing Committee resolved under clause 8(2) of the *West Wollongong Trust Ordinance 2003* to extend the review date by a further period of 10 years to 2 May 2026.

Elections

Sydney Church of England Grammar School (SHORE), The Council of

Mrs Jennifer Lambert was elected.

Tara Anglican School for Girls, Council of

The Rev David Keun was elected.

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The Illawarra Grammar School, The Council of**

These matters were deferred.

Sydney Diocesan Secretariat and Glebe Administration Board

Diocesan Endowment – Provision for distribution in 2016 for spending by the Synod in 2017

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

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 – Report on Investment Performance December 2015

Standing Committee received the report.

Financial Matters

Actions by the Finance Committee under delegated authority

Standing Committee noted that, acting under sub-delegated authority, the Manager, Diocesan Finance has approved the following new review dates for these ordinances –

<i>Eagle Vale Trust Ordinance 2008</i>	1 January 2024
<i>Nowra Trust Ordinance 2003</i>	1 January 2024
<i>Wentworth Falls Trust Ordinance 2006</i>	28 March 2026

Girls' Friendly Society

Standing Committee noted a letter from the World President of the Girl's Friendly Society to the Archbishop, and the Archbishop's response.

Synod

3rd ordinary session of the 50th Synod

Standing Committee received a report.

Synod minutes of 27 April 2016

Standing Committee –

- (a) noted that 2 members of the Minute Reading Committee have signed the minutes, and
- (b) recommended that the Archbishop also sign them.

Summary of Proceedings of the 2016 Special Synod Proceedings

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

Synod attendances

Standing Committee noted the statistics for Synod attendance.

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 special session.

Other Matters

Submission to the Federal Government's Social Policy and Legal Affairs Inquiry into Surrogacy

Standing Committee noted a submission to the Federal Government's Social Policy and Legal Affairs Inquiry into Surrogacy by the Social Issues Committee.

Submission to the Fair Work Commission regarding penalty rates

Standing Committee noted a submission to the Fair Work Commission regarding penalty rates by the Social Issues Committee.

17th session of the General Synod in 2017

Standing Committee noted –

- (a) a circular from the General Synod Office regarding the 17th session of the General Synod to be held at the Novotel Twin Water Resort, Maroochydore, Queensland on 3 – 8 September 2017, and
- (b) that the Diocesan Secretary will, under the oversight of the General Synod Relations Committee, make suitable arrangements for Sydney representatives on the General Synod to attend this session of General Synod.

Constitution Amendment (Diocesan Council) Canon 2010

Standing Committee noted a circular letter from the General Secretary.

Proposed amendment to the Constitution of SCEGGS Darlinghurst Ltd

Standing Committee received a report from the SDS Legal Counsel and provided a recommendation to SDS regarding the proposed amendment.

Date of next meeting

Monday 30 May 2016.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 30 May 2016

Following a reading of Psalm 29, Mr Jeremy Freeman and the Rev Dr Mark Thompson opened the meeting in prayer.

Chairman

In the absence of the Archbishop, Bishop Peter Hayward chaired the meeting as Commissary.

Minutes of previous meeting

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 2 May 2016.

Ordinances

Sydney Anglican Home Mission Society Council (Merger with Anglican Retirement Villages Diocese of Sydney) Ordinance 2016

The purpose of this ordinance was to provide for the merger of Sydney Anglican Home Mission Society Council with Anglican Retirement Villages Diocese of Sydney and to provide for a variation to the *Sydney Anglican Home Mission Society Ordinance 1981*.

Anglican Retirement Villages Diocese of Sydney Constitution Ordinance 1961 Amendment Ordinance 2016

The purpose of this ordinance was to amend the Anglican Retirement Villages Diocese of Sydney Constitution Ordinance 1961.

Diocesan Endowment Trust Ordinance 2016

The purpose of this ordinance was to re-declare the trusts of the property held in the trust fund known as the Diocesan Endowment, and for purposes related thereto.

Glebe Administration Ordinance 1930 Amendment Ordinance 2016

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

Malabar Trust Ordinance 2001 Amendment Ordinance 2016

The purpose of this ordinance was to amend the *Malabar Trust Ordinance 2001*.

Port Kembla Trust Ordinance 2001 Amendment Ordinance 2016

The purpose of this ordinance was to amend the *Port Kembla Trust Ordinance 2001*.

Lithgow Land Sale Ordinance 2016

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

Wollongong Regional Council Variation of Trusts Ordinance 2016

The purpose of this ordinance was to vary the trusts of certain land at Harrington Park and to provide for payment of funds held under the ACPT – South Creek Trust and for purposes incidental thereto.

Elections

New College Limited

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

Parramatta Endowment Fund, Trustees of

Mr Allan Piper was elected.

St Andrew's House Corporation

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and declared a vacancy with effect from 31 July 2016 for a person appointed as a See Nominee on the recommendation of the Archbishop.

Anglican Media Council

Safe Ministry Board

SCECGS Redlands Ltd

Social Issues Committee

Sydney Anglican Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Committee

Sydney Diocesan Superannuation Fund Board

The Illawarra Grammar School, The Council of

These matters were deferred.

Casual Vacancies

- (a) Anglican Education Commission – Professor Trevor Cairney had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.
- (b) Blue Mountains Grammar School Limited – the Rev Ramon Robinson had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a director.
- (c) Social Issues Committee – Dr Sumi Muthayya had resigned.
- (d) Synod Membership, Part 8 – Mr Lachlan Bryant had resigned as a Nominated Layperson following his election as a parish representative and a vacancy was declared for a lay person.
- (e) Sydney Diocesan Superannuation Fund, Board of – Mrs Carolyn Talbot had resigned and a vacancy was declared for an employer representative.

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 review of performance 2010-2015

A presentation was given.

Diocesan Endowment review of investment objective 2016

A presentation was given.

Diocesan Endowment – Provision for distribution in 2016 for spending by the Synod in 2017

Standing Committee noted a report from the Glebe Administration Board.

Ethical Investment Policy for the Diocesan Endowment

Standing Committee endorsed a revised ethical investment policy for GAB and ACPT.

SDS Strategic Plan for 2016-2018

Standing Committee received a report.

Financial Matters

Actions by the Finance Committee under delegated authority

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

Financial sustainability of Cathedral ministries

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

Mission Property Committee quarterly progress report

Standing Committee received a progress report provided under clause 9A(4) of the *Mission Property Ordinance 2002*.

Parish Financial Statements for 2015

Standing Committee noted a list of parishes whose net operating receipts in 2014 were more than \$250,000 but whose audited financial statements for 2015 had not been received by the Diocesan Secretary as of 30 May 2016.

Synod

3rd ordinary session of the 50th Synod

Standing Committee received a report.

14/13 Goal of a paperless Synod

Standing Committee agreed to amend the regulations made under the *Synod Membership Ordinance 1995* for the purposes of communicating with Synod members by email.

Conduct of the Business of Synod

Standing Committee requested the Diocesan Secretary to draft a bill for an ordinance to be considered at the next meeting with a view to the bill being promoted to the forthcoming session of Synod.

13/15 Study into effective church planting

Standing Committee requested that a working group comprising the Rev Raj Gupta, Bishop Peter Lin and Ms Nicola Warwick-Mayo consider the request in paragraph (c) of resolution 13/15 in light of the findings of the committee considering resolution 42/15 (Ministry progress and brownfields grants) and report to a future meeting of the Standing Committee.

45/15 Nomination process for electing the Archbishop

Standing Committee requested that a bill for an amending ordinance be prepared for consideration by the Standing Committee with a view to the bill being promoted to the forthcoming session of Synod.

Property Trust Annual Report

Standing Committee received a report and noted that it will be tabled at the forthcoming session of the Synod.

Proposal to reclassify Westmead as a parish

Standing Committee requested that a motion by which the Synod may assent to the reclassification of the provisional parish of Westmead be moved at the forthcoming session of the Synod.

Printing of reports for Synod

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

Other Matters

Strategic Research Group

Standing Committee noted a progress report.

Recognition of Soul Revival Church under the *Recognised Church Ordinance 2000*

Standing Committee –

- (a) noted a declaration of Soul Revival Church as a recognised church, and
- (b) extended its prayers and best wishes to the Rev Stuart Crawshaw and the members of the church as they continue their ministry in the fellowship of the Diocese.

Parish of Rockdale

Standing Committee noted a report regarding the St John's church and hall site, 431-431A Princes Highway, Rockdale.

Progress report from the Social Issues Committee

Standing Committee received a report.

Submission to the Sydney City Council regarding social sustainability

Standing Committee noted a submission to Sydney City Council regarding social sustainability by the Social Issues Committee.

Date of next meeting

Monday 27 June 2016.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 27 June 2016

Following a reading of Psalm 30, Mr Clive Ellis and the Rev Zac Veron opened the meeting in prayer.

Queen's birthday honours

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

Ms Anne Robinson – a member of the parish of St Andrew's, Roseville – a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for significant service to the community through regulatory and governance reform in the not-for-profit and charitable sectors, and to the law.

Mrs Beverley Earnshaw – a member of the parish of Sans Souci – a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for service to historical organisations, and as an author.

Mr Norman Ensor – a member of the parish of St John's, Padstow – a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for service to veterans and their families.

Mrs Noreen Fielding – a member of the parish of Concord Community Church – a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for service to the community of Concord.

Mrs Laurel Horton – a member of the parish of St Peter's, Cooks River – a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for service to the community through a range of organisations.

Mrs Margot Lander – a member of the parish of St Andrew's, Wahroonga – a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for service to the community of Ku Ring Gai.

Mr Brian Luhr – a member of the parish of Christ Church, St Laurence – a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for service to the Anglican Church of Australia.

Mrs Elaine Spring – a member of the parish of St Martin's, Ulladulla – a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for service to the community of the Sapphire Coast.

Minutes of previous meeting

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 30 May 2016.

Archbishop Glenn Davies DD

Standing Committee warmly congratulated Archbishop Glenn Davies on the award of a Doctor of Divinity degree (honoris causa) by Westminster Theological Seminary.

Membership of the Standing Committee

Standing Committee noted that this is the last meeting for Mr Grant Millard, thanked him for his dedicated service on Standing Committee over many years and prayed for God's continued blessing on him.

Appointment of Secretary

Standing Committee appointed Mr Doug Marr as Acting Secretary of the Standing Committee for the purpose of certifying the passing of any ordinances at this meeting.

Strategic and Other Significant Matters

Archbishop's Task Force on Same-Sex Marriage Plebiscite

Standing Committee received a report.

Amalgamation of Anglicare and ARV

Standing Committee received a report.

Ordinances

Hunters Hill Land Sale Ordinance 2016

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

Campbelltown Boundary Adjustment and Variation of Trusts Ordinance 2016

The purpose of this ordinance was to authorise a boundary adjustment of certain land and to provide for application of the proceeds.

Croydon Mortgaging Ordinance 2016

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

Elections

Anglican Education Commission

The Rev Dr Nicholas Foord was elected.

Social Issues Committee

Dr Chase Kuhn was elected.

Sydney Anglican Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Committee

Standing Committee approved of the Archbishop appointing Ms Glenda Devlin as a member of the Sydney Anglican Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Committee.

Synod Membership, Part 8

Dr Laurie Scandrett was elected with effect from 27 August 2016.

The Illawarra Grammar School, The Council of

Mr James Ackland, Ms Eleonore Johansson and Mrs Linda Ozols were elected.

Anglican Media Council
Blue Mountains Grammar School Limited
Safe Ministry Board
SCECGS Redlands Ltd
St Andrew's House Corporation
Sydney Diocesan Superannuation Fund Board

These matters were deferred.

Casual Vacancies

- (a) Mission Property Committee – Mr David Winley had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.
- (b) SCEGGS Darlinghurst – Mrs Judy Caldwell had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person to be appointed by the Secretariat on the recommendation of the Standing Committee.

- (c) William Branwhite Clarke College Council – the Rev Martin Kemp had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a member of the clergy.
- (d) Diocesan Resources Committee – the Rev Rick Smith had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.
- (e) Barker College, The Council of – Mr Mark S Tooker had resigned with effect from 30 June 2016 and a vacancy was declared for a lay person.

Financial Matters

Actions by the Finance Committee under delegated authority

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

Synod

3rd ordinary session of the 50th Synod

Standing Committee received a report.

28/15 Ministry in socially disadvantaged areas

Establishment of new sub-committee

Standing Committee agreed to establish the “Ministry in Socially Disadvantaged Areas Committee” (MSDAC) as a sub-committee of the Standing Committee, with the following terms of reference and membership –

- (a) The Committee is to be a central assessment and resourcing body promoting and advancing gospel ministry in socially disadvantaged areas of the Diocese, with the following objects –
 - (i) Understand and identify the nature of social disadvantage in the Diocese of Sydney so as to enable the continuation and development of suitably co-ordinated and sustainable ministry in these areas.
 - (ii) Develop a network of support among local churches so ministry in disadvantaged areas can be assisted with personnel and other resources.
 - (iii) Encourage and promote the recruiting and training of suitable ministry leaders to lead churches in socially disadvantaged areas.
 - (iv) Provide co-ordination of the various Anglican agencies that provide resources in socially disadvantaged areas.
 - (v) Develop appropriate education and training for those who live in socially disadvantaged areas.
 - (vi) Make recommendations to Anglican Community Services to provide funding for ministry units in socially disadvantaged areas, with the committee giving oversight and review of the ministry of funding recipients.
- (b) Membership of the Committee is to comprise: five members appointed by Standing Committee, one member appointed by Anglican Community Services and one appointed by Anglican Aid. At least one-third of members of the MSDAC must be members of the Standing Committee.
- (c) A report summarising the work of the Committee (including the names of its members) is to be given to the Synod at each ordinary session.

Co-ordination with Anglican Aid

Standing Committee requested Anglican Aid to consider the strategic use of its funds and that any grants it makes to ministry within the Diocese of Sydney be made in co-ordinated partnership with the committee.

Archbishop of Sydney Election Ordinance 1982 Amendment Ordinance 2016

Standing Committee requested that the bill for the *Archbishop of Sydney Election Ordinance 1982 Amendment Ordinance 2016* be promoted to the Synod.

Proposal to reclassify Glenhaven as a parish

Standing Committee requested that a motion by which the Synod may assent to the reclassification be moved at the forthcoming session of 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

Royal Commission Anglican Data Project

Standing Committee received a report from the Registrar and noted the Royal Commission Steering Committee is liaising with the Registrar and PSU about this matter.

Amendments to Faithfulness in Service

Standing Committee –

- (a) noted a circular letter from the General Secretary of the General Synod concerning amendments to *Faithfulness in Service*, and
- (b) appointed a committee to consider the proposed amendments and report back to the Standing Committee with recommendations.

Taskforce on Resisting Pornography

Standing Committee asked the Archbishop to establish a taskforce along the lines set out in a report prepared by the Rev Marshall Ballantine-Jones concerning the Taskforce on Resisting Pornography.

Standing Committee meeting place

Standing Committee agreed to hold its meeting on 25 July 2016 in the Heath Centre on level 5, St Andrew's Cathedral School, St Andrew's House.

Meeting dates for 2017

Standing Committee agreed to the following meeting dates for 2017 –

13 February	26 June	13 November
20 March	31 July	4 December
1 May	28 August	
29 May	18 September	

noting that the 17th General Synod is to be held 3 – 8 September 2017 and the 1st ordinary session of the 51st Synod is to be held on 9, 10, 11, 16 and 17 October 2017.

Date of next meeting

Monday 25 July 2016.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 25 July 2016

Following a reading of Psalm 31, the Rev Craig Roberts and Mr Geoff Kyngdon opened the meeting in prayer.

Minutes of previous meeting

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 27 June 2016.

Ordinances

Croydon Trust Ordinance 2016

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

Cooks River Trust Ordinance 2016

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

Yagoona Trust Ordinance 2004 Amendment Ordinance 2016

The purpose of this ordinance is to amend the *Yagoona Trust Ordinance 2004*.

Bishopscourt Sale Ordinance 2012 Amendment Ordinance 2016

The purpose of this ordinance is to amend the *Bishopscourt Sale Ordinance 2012*.

Ministry Training and Development Council Ordinance 1989 Amendment Ordinance 2016

The purpose of this ordinance is to amend the *Ministry Training and Development Council Ordinance 1989*.

Elections

Barker College, The Council of

Mr Gary Thursby was elected.

Diocesan Resources Committee

The Rev Andrew Bruce was elected.

Mission Property Committee

Mrs Emma Ellis was elected.

SCEGGS Darlinghurst Limited

Standing Committee recommended to the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat that it appoint Ms Gillian Wood to fill the vacancy for a person on the SCEGGS Darlinghurst Limited Board.

St Andrew's House Corporation

Standing Committee appointed Mr Watson as a See Nominee on the Council of St Andrew's House Corporation with effect from 31 July 2016.

William Branwhite Clarke College Council

The Rev Kenny Liew was elected.

Anglican Media Council
Blue Mountains Grammar School Limited
Safe Ministry Board
SCECGS Redlands Limited
Sydney Diocesan Superannuation Fund Board

These matters were deferred.

Casual Vacancies

- (a) Sydney Diocesan Superannuation Fund, Board of – Mr John Cross and Mr Stephen Poucher had resigned and vacancies were declared for 2 Employee Representatives.

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 – Report on Investment Performance June 2016

Standing Committee received a report.

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

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 2015 and April 2016.

Financial Matters

Actions by the Finance Committee under delegated authority

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

Regulation for the review of large receipts contributions to the Synod

Standing Committee received a report.

Removing borrowing limit for multiple organisations' ordinances.

Standing Committee asked the Diocesan Secretary to write to all organisations which have a borrowing limit and advise that Standing Committee will consider passing an ordinance to remove the borrowing limit of multiple diocesan organisations and ask whether each organisation wishes to have the removal of its borrowing limit included in that proposed ordinance.

Endowment of the See Committee internal management financial information

Standing Committee noted the internal management financial information produced for the Endowment of the See Committee.

Synod

Nominated Organisation under Part 6

Receipt of report

Standing Committee agreed to consider nominating an organisation under Part 6 of the *Synod Membership Ordinance 1995* at its next meeting.

Request for information

Standing Committee requested the Diocesan Secretary to provide for its next meeting a brief history of which organisations were organisations under Part 6 of the Synod Membership Ordinance for each triennium since Part 6 was established.

3rd ordinary session of the 50th Synod

Standing Committee received a report.

Conduct of the Business of Synod Ordinance 2000 Amendment Ordinance 2016

Standing Committee requested that a bill for the *Conduct of the Business of Synod Ordinance 2000 Amendment Ordinance 2016* be promoted to the Synod.

9/15 Licensing of incumbents

Standing Committee received an interim report and requested that a suitable form of the interim report be provided to the 2016 Synod.

42/15 Ministry progress and brownfields' grants

Standing Committee received a report and requested the Glebe Administration Board, the Diocesan Resources Committee, the Mission Property Committee and the Anglican Church Property Trust to provide comments on the proposal contained in the report.

46/15 Implementation of Diocesan Policy for dealing with allegations of unacceptable behaviour

Standing Committee received a report.

49/15 Anglican Schools Ministry Ordinance

Standing Committee requested that a bill for the *Anglican Schools Ministry Ordinance 2016* be promoted to the Synod.

51/15 Career Transition Management for Clergy and Stipendiary Lay Ministers

Standing Committee received a report.

Printing of reports for Synod

Standing Committee approved of the printing of reports about the following matters for the Synod –
Parish Funds Amalgamated Annual Financial Report for 2015
Synod Funds Amalgamated Annual Financial Report for 2015

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”) are available on SDS’s website www.sds.asn.au. 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) the practice of not printing these reports in the Synod Book this year will be continued. As in recent years, there will however be a suitable reference in the Synod Book to their availability on-line.’

Acts of the Archbishop-in-Council

Parramatta '54 Free Fund

The Archbishop-in-Council authorised the distribution of \$3,264 from the accumulated surplus of the Fund held by the Property Trust to pay the General Synod Office for the attendance and travel equalisation costs for 5 Sydney Bishops attending the March 2016 Australian Bishops’ Conference held in Clare, South Australia.

Parish of Watsons Bay

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

Other Matters

Gender Issues

Standing Committee requested the Diocesan Doctrine Commission prepare a position paper providing a Theology of Gender and Gender Identity, which includes issues related to Gender Dysphoria, for the Standing Committee meeting June 2017.

Date of next meeting

Monday 22 August 2016.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 22 August 2016

Following a reading of Psalm 32, the Rev Stephen Semenchuk and Mr Mark Payne opened the meeting in prayer.

Minutes of previous meeting

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 25 July 2016.

Ordinances

Merrylands Trust Ordinance 2016

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

South Sydney Trust Ordinance 2016

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

Watsons Bay (Special Arrangements) Ordinance 2016

The purpose of this ordinance is to specify certain administrative arrangements in respect to the parish of Watsons Bay.

Elections

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.

Anglican Media Council

Mrs Debbie Blackwell was elected.

Blue Mountains Grammar School Limited Safe Ministry Board SCECGS Redlands Limited

These matters were deferred.

Financial Matters

Actions by the Finance Committee under delegated authority

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

Recommended minimum stipend for 2017

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

Guidelines for the Remuneration of Parish Ministry Staff for 2017

Standing Committee received and approved the form of the *Guidelines for the Remuneration of Parish Ministry Staff for 2017*.

Mission Property Committee quarterly progress report

Standing Committee received a report from the Mission Property Committee.

Synod

3rd ordinary session of the 50th Synod

Standing Committee received a report.

Standing Committee's report to the Synod for 2016

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

33/13 Domestic violence and educating clergy

Standing Committee approved of the printing for Synod of a progress report from the Domestic Violence Task Force.

8/15 Alternative forms of Anglican Church

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

13/15 Study into Effective Church Planting Funding Church Planting in Urban Areas

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

27/15 Connection with our Muslim neighbours

Standing Committee –

- (a) approved of a report being printed for the forthcoming session of Synod, and
- (b) agreed to consider allocating time at Synod for a 10 minute presentation regarding the work of the committee.

41/15 Parental Leave for Parish Clergy Policy

Standing Committee requested that the bill for the *Parental Leave Ordinance 2016* be promoted to the Synod.

**42/15 Ministry progress and brownfields' grants
Funding for Urban Renewal**

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

50/15 Professional Pastoral Supervision for Clergy and Stipendiary Lay Ministers

Standing Committee received a report from the Chair of the Pastoral Supervision Working Party.

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

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

Royal Commission Steering Committee

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 –

Ordinances passed by the Standing Committee

Other Matters

Standing Committee Meeting Place

Standing Committee noted that, until long term arrangements for the Standing Committee's meeting place are clarified, it is proposed that future meetings of the Standing Committee usually be held in the Heath Centre on level 5, St Andrew's Cathedral School, St Andrew's House, subject to availability.

Date of next meeting

Monday 19 September 2016.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 19 September 2016

Following a reading of Psalm 33, the Rev Mat Yeo and Mr Lyall Wood opened the meeting in prayer.

Chief Executive Officer of Youthworks

Standing Committee noted the Rev Zac Veron has announced he will be stepping down from the position of Chief Executive Officer of Youthworks in 2017.

Minutes of previous meeting

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 22 August 2016.

Ordinances

South Sydney Trust Ordinance 2016

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

Anglican Education Commission Amendment Ordinance 2016

The purpose of this ordinance was to amend the *Anglican Education Commission Ordinance 2006* in accordance with the Synod's Governance Policy for Diocesan Organisations and for related purposes.

Dundas/Telopea Mortgaging and Leasing Ordinance 2016

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

Frenchs Forest Trust Ordinance 2016

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

Frenchs Forest Subdivision and Leasing Ordinance 2016

The purpose of this ordinance was to authorise a subdivision of certain land at Frenchs Forest and to authorise the granting of a lease over that same land.

Mission Property Committee Variation of Trusts (Leppington) Ordinance 2016

The purpose of this ordinance was to vary the trusts of certain land at Leppington.

Ministry Training and Development Further Amendment Ordinance 2016

The purpose of this ordinance was to amend the Ministry Training and Development Ordinance 1989.

Naremburn/Cammeray Trust Ordinance 2016

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

Naremburn/Cammeray Mortgaging Ordinance 2016

The purpose of this ordinance was to provide for the mortgaging of certain land at Naremburn and Cammeray and for the applications of the proceeds of mortgage.

Parramatta (Vesting of Property) Ordinance 2016

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

St Andrew's Cathedral Trust Ordinance 2016

The purpose of this ordinance was to vary the trusts on which certain property is held and to establish the ACPT – St Andrew's Cathedral Trust.

Elections

Glebe Administration Board

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

Sydney Diocesan Secretariat

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

Blue Mountains Grammar School Limited Safe Ministry Board SCECGS Redlands Limited

These matters were deferred.

Casual Vacancies

- (a) Robert Menzies College, Board of – Mr Peter Spencer had resigned as a director and 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.

Financial sustainability of Cathedral ministries

Standing Committee received a report from the Working Group appointed on 16 September 2013 to address the issue of the sustainability of the Cathedral's ministries and asked the Diocesan Resources Committee to bring a recommendation to Standing Committee as to how the long term property needs of the Cathedral might best be addressed.

Organisations' audited financial statements for 2015

Standing Committee noted that as of 8 September 2016 –

- (a) 3 organisations had not yet submitted their annual report for 2015 as required under clause 14 of the *Accounts, Audits and Annual Reports Ordinance 1995*,
- (b) 2 organisations with a 30 June year end (Anglican Aid and Anglican Community Services) have been given until 30 September to submit their Financial Statements and this year the third organisation with a June year has been given until 31 December 2016 due to special requirements associated with the merger, and
- (c) a summary of the organisations' reports received to date.

Synod

3rd ordinary session of the 50th Synod

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

Synod business paper for Monday 10 October 2016

Standing Committee approved the business paper for the meeting of the Synod on Monday 10 October 2016.

Synod Membership Ordinance 1995 Amendment Ordinance 2016

Standing Committee requested that a bill for the *Synod Membership Ordinance 1995 Amendment Ordinance 2016* be promoted to the Synod.

36/14 Further review of the Discipline Ordinance 2006

Standing Committee received a report.

2/15 Tertiary Education Ministry Oversight Committee

Standing Committee approved of a suitable form of a report being provided to the Synod.

9/15 Licensing of incumbents

50/15 Professional Pastoral Supervision for Clergy and Stipendiary Lay Ministers

51/15 Career Transition Management for Clergy and Stipendiary Lay Ministers

Standing Committee agreed to amend the terms of reference for the group constituted by the Standing Committee to undertake the work requested by the Synod in resolution 9/15 concerning the licensing of incumbents and that a motion be moved at the forthcoming session of the Synod

28/15 Ministry in socially disadvantaged areas

Standing Committee agreed to establish the "Ministry in Socially Disadvantaged Areas Committee" (MSDAC) as a sub-committee of the Standing Committee and requested that a suitable form of the report be provided to the Synod.

47/15 Syrian refugee crisis

Syrian Iraqi Refugee Response

Standing Committee approved of a suitable form of a progress report being provided to the Synod.

2/16 Approval of the merger of Anglicare and Anglican Retirement Villages Establishment of Anglican Community Services

Report for Synod

Standing Committee approved of a suitable form of a report being provided to the Synod.

Presentation at Synod

Standing Committee agreed to a presentation for up to 15 minutes immediately before the dinner break on Tuesday 18 October 2016 on progress of the merger of Anglicare and Anglicare Retirement Villages.

Gambling reform

Standing Committee requested that a motion be moved at the forthcoming session of the Synod

Asylum seekers

Standing Committee requested that a motion be moved at the forthcoming session of the Synod

Reports for Synod

Standing Committee approved of reports about the following matters being provided to the Synod –

Stipends, Allowances and Benefits for 2017

Acts of the Archbishop-in-Council

Archbishop's Christmas grant distributions

Standing Committee recommended to the Archbishop-in-Council that up to \$33,000 be applied from the Grant (Sisters) Endowment Fund for distribution at the discretion of the Archbishop for the purpose of Christmas grants.

Other Matters

Strategic Research Group

Standing Committee received a progress report.

Report from St Andrew's House Corporation

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

Date of next meeting

Monday 14 November 2016.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 14 November 2016

Following a reading of Psalm 34, the Rev Gavin Poole and Dr David Nockles opened the meeting in prayer.

Minutes of previous meeting

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 19 September 2016.

Strategic and Other Significant Matters

Stipend Continuance Insurance renewal

Standing Committee –

- (a) authorised SDS to proceed to calculate and charge the Stipend Continuance Insurance (“SCI”) component of the Parochial Cost Recovery (“PCR”) charge for 2017, and
- (b) delegated to the Finance Committee authority to approve the final form of SCI policy documentation with the insurer and to authorise the execution of this documentation by SDS on behalf of the Standing Committee.

Review of counselling under the Clergy Assistance Program

Standing Committee received a report and –

- (a) approved the continuation of the CAP for at least another year, and
- (b) approved an extension of the eligibility under the CAP to include the spouse of clergy licensed to parishes in the Diocese, with effect from 1 December 2016.

Ordinances

Christ Church St Laurence Trust Ordinance 2016

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

Dural District Land Sale Ordinance 2016

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

Liverpool Trust Ordinance 2016

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

Elections

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 and agreed not to nominate a further organisation under Part 6 for the 50th Synod.

Blue Mountains Grammar School Limited

Mrs Margaret Fallon was elected.

Glebe Administration Board

Election of members

Mr Ross Smith and Mr David Sietsma were elected.

Deferral of remaining vacancy

Consideration of the remaining vacancy on GAB was deferred.

Sydney Diocesan Secretariat

Election of members

Mr Ross Smith was elected.

Deferral of remaining vacancy

Consideration of the 2 remaining vacancies on SDS was deferred.

Appreciation for Mr Miller and McLoughlin

Standing Committee requested the Diocesan Secretary to convey its thanks to Mr Miller and Mr McLoughlin for their faithful service as members of the GAB and SDS, noting they have served continuously in these roles since 1999 and 2009 respectively.

**Parish Disputes Ordinance, Synod Pool
Parish Relationships Ordinance, Appeal Group
Parish Relationships Ordinance, Licensing Review Group
Parish Relationships Ordinance, Panel
Robert Menzies College, Board of
Safe Ministry Board
SCECGS Redlands Limited
Sydney Diocesan Superannuation Fund Board**

These matters were deferred.

Casual Vacancies

- (a) Blue Mountains Grammar School Limited – the Rev Andrew Schmidt had resigned and vacancy was declared for a director.
- (b) Affiliated Churches Committee – the Rev Bruce Hall had resigned.
- (c) Stipends and Allowances Committee – Mrs Stephanie Jefferson had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.
- (d) Barker College, the Council of – the Rev John Forsyth and Archdeacon Kara Hartley had resigned with effect from 31 December 2016 and vacancies were declared for 2 members of the clergy of the Anglican Church in Australia.
- (e) Macarthur Anglican School Council – Dr Edward Bryant had resigned and vacancy was declared for a person.

Sydney Diocesan Secretariat and Glebe Administration Board

Diocesan Cash Investment Fund

Standing Committee noted a report.

Diocesan Endowment – Report on Investment Performance September 2016

Standing Committee received a report.

Financial Matters

Actions by the Finance Committee under delegated authority

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

Policy discussion on recovery of costs incurred on behalf of parishes

Standing Committee confirmed that amounts received by a parish from another body or organisation to offset some or all of the stipends, wages and benefits of office holders licensed to the parish and/or staff employed by the parish who work for or are seconded to that other body or organisation do not qualify as “receipts to contra non- parish payments” for the purposes of clause 12(e) of the *Cost Recoveries Framework Ordinance 2008*, and hence such receipts should not be subtracted when calculating the net operating receipts of the parish.

Mission Property Committee quarterly progress report

Standing Committee received a report from the Mission Property Committee.

Superannuation

Standing Committee requested the Stipends and Allowances Committee to consult with Anglican National Superannuation and consider the likely superannuation needs at retirement of all clergy, and especially young ministers, children’s ministers and youth ministers, so that retirement is faced in “neither riches nor poverty” and to bring any recommendation to Standing Committee by July 2017.

Synod

Synod minutes of 17 October 2016

Standing Committee –

- (a) noted that 2 members of the Minute Reading Committee have signed the minutes, and
- (b) recommended that the Archbishop also sign them.

Summary of Proceedings of the 2016 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.

Synod attendances

Standing Committee noted statistics for Synod attendances.

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.

6/16 Protestant Reformation

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and endorsed the Reformation celebration events planned by Moore Theological College and the Cathedral in 2017.

33/16 Resourcing the management and development of parish property

Standing Committee received a letter from the Rev Simon Flinders.

Other Matters

Parish of Watsons Bay

Standing Committee received a report.

Date of next meeting

Monday 5 December 2016.

Report of the Standing Committee meeting held on 5 December 2016

Following a reading of Psalm 133, the Archbishop opened the meeting in prayer.

Resignation of Mr Mark Payne as CEO of the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat

Standing Committee noted that –

- (a) Mr Mark Payne resigned as CEO of the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat, and
- (b) Mr Robert Wicks was appointed as Acting CEO.

Standing Committee thanked Mr Mark Payne for his 25 years of service to the Standing Committee and Synod of this Diocese.

Prioritisation of Standing Committee's outstanding matters

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

The Rev Dr Raj Gupta

Standing Committee congratulated the Rev Dr Raj Gupta on being awarded a Doctor of Ministry from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, with his thesis entitled "Why do Sydney Anglican Churches struggle to grow beyond 200?".

Minutes of previous meeting

Standing Committee approved of the minutes of 14 November 2016.

Election of Bishop Geoff Smith as Archbishop of Adelaide

Standing Committee congratulated Bishop Geoff Smith on his appointment as the next Archbishop of Adelaide and extended its prayers and best wishes to Geoff as he commences in this role.

Strategic and Other Significant Matters

Contact persons for clergy spouses

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

Future residence for the Archbishop

Standing Committee received a report from the Registrar concerning a potential future residence of the Archbishop.

Ordinances

Brighton/Rockdale Trust Ordinance 2016

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

Brighton/Rockdale Land Sale Ordinance 2016

The purpose of this ordinance was to permit the sale of certain land at 431-431A Princes Highway, Rockdale and to provide for the application of the proceeds of sale.

Centennial Park Trust Ordinance 2016

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

Hunters Hill (Woolwich Sale Proceeds) Variation of Trusts Ordinance 2016

The purpose of this ordinance was to authorise the application of the proceeds of sale of certain land at 13 Margaret Street Woolwich.

Oakhurst Trust Ordinance 2005 Amendment Ordinance 2016

The purpose of this ordinance was to amend the Oakhurst Trust Ordinance 2005.

Randwick Vesting of Land Ordinance 2016

The purpose of this ordinance was to consent to the vesting of certain land at Randwick in the Anglican Church Property Trust Diocese of Sydney.

Rosemeadow (Hodkinson Estate) Variation of Trusts Ordinance 2016

The purpose of this ordinance was to vary the trusts of a bequest from the late James Hodkinson and for matters incidental thereto.

Synod Appropriations and Allocations Ordinance 2016

The purpose of this ordinance was to authorise financial appropriations and allocations for 2017 and for incidental matters.

Wollongong Trust Ordinance 2016

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

Wollongong (Cemetery) Transfer Ordinance 2016

The purpose of this ordinance was to permit the transfer of certain land at Wollongong to the State of NSW.

Shellharbour City Centre Land Sale Ordinance 2010 – extension of sale authority

Standing Committee extended the period in which certain land can be sold from 21 December 2016 to 30 June 2017.

Elections

Barker College, the Council of

The Rev Natalie Ray and the Rev Andrew Rees were elected.

Macarthur Anglican School Council

The Rev David Barrie was elected.

Robert Menzies College, Board of

Mr Paul Mendham was elected.

Sydney Diocesan Superannuation Fund Board

Standing Committee agreed to defer filling one employer representative vacancy and one employee representative vacancy on the Sydney Diocesan Superannuation Fund Board until the next ordinary session of the Synod.

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

These matters were deferred until after the next session of Synod.

**Blue Mountains Grammar School Limited
Glebe Administration Board
Sydney Diocesan Secretariat
Safe Ministry Board
Stipends and Allowances Committee
SCECGS Redlands Limited**

These matters were deferred.

Casual Vacancies

- (a) Department of Evangelism and New Churches Board – the Rev Matthew Yeo had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a member of the clergy.
- (b) Anglican Education Commission – Miss Wendy Philpott had resigned and a vacancy was declared for a person.
- (c) Barker College, The Council of – Mr Ian Miller had resigned with effect from 31 December 2016 and a vacancy was declared for a layperson.

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 Acting Chief Executive Officer

Standing Committee received a report concerning the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat.

Financial Matters

Actions by the Finance Committee under delegated authority

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

Finance and Loans Board update

Standing Committee received a report from the Finance and Loans Board.

Synod

6/16 Protestant Reformation

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary and authorised the publication of a calendar of events regarding Reformation celebration in February and August 2017 editions of the Southern Cross.

21/16 Membership structure of Mission Property Committee

Standing Committee appointed a committee comprising the Rev Phillip Wheeler, Canon Stephen Gibson and Mr Clive Ellis to undertake the work requested in resolution 21/16 and report to a future meeting of the Standing Committee.

33/16 Resourcing the management and development of parish property

Standing Committee noted that Synod passed resolution 33/16 in the following terms –

“Synod, noting the report ‘Funding for Urban Renewal’ and noting in particular the recommendation contained in draft Synod motion 8.5(b)(vi), requests that Standing Committee establish an appropriate task-force or committee (made up of people with relevant expertise) to serve as a resource to parishes in managing and developing parish property for gospel benefit.”

and –

- (a) noted that pursuant to clause 9(1)(e) of the *Mission Property Ordinance 2002* the Mission Property Committee is already responsible for providing advice and support to parochial units which seek to acquire land, sell or otherwise realise land, construct or renovate ministry buildings, develop land, or rationalise or better utilise their land (and has been doing so for a number of years),
- (b) requested the committee responsible for undertaking the review of the membership structure of the Mission Property Committee under Synod resolution 21/16 to take into account the responsibilities of Mission Property Committee under clause 9(1)(e) in conducting its review, and
- (c) requested the committee to conduct a review to determine the resources that would be necessary to allow the MPC to –
 - (i) develop some generic guidelines to assist parishes in determining the priorities for facilities development, and
 - (ii) be more proactive with regards to the development of the facilities of existing parishes.

34/16 Opening, closure, merger or takeover of Schools Corporation schools

Standing Committee received a report from the Diocesan Secretary.

Other Matters

Strategic Research Group

Standing Committee received a progress report.

Attendance in Sydney Anglican churches between 2002 and 2015

Standing Committee requested the Strategic Research Group to undertake analysis of attendance data and report back to Standing Committee.

Responsibilities of Anglican Youthworks and the Anglican Education Commission

Standing Committee appointed a committee to consider the current responsibilities of Anglican *Youthworks* and the Anglican Education Commission and report to Standing Committee with any recommendations.

Prayer Roster for 2017

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 13 February 2017.